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1. The last people of God just before Jesus comes again is described as a Remnant that keep the Commandments of God and the Faith of Jesus. (Rev 12:17; Rev 14:12).
2. These people we are told are Seventh Day Adventists. (Heb 4:3, 4, 9; Heb 9:28).

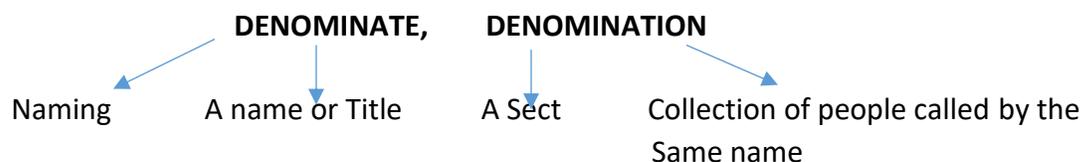
“And those who are seeking to understand this message will not be led by the Lord to make an application of the Word that will undermine the foundation and remove the pillars of the faith that has made Seventh Day Adventists what they are today.” Ellen G. White, Selected Message Book Two, p. 103.

“Theories will be continually agitated to divert the mind, to unsettle the faith. Those who have had the actual experience in the unfolding of the prophecies, have been made what they are today, Seventh Day Adventists by those prophecies.” Ibid, p. 115.

3. Observe the meaning of the word “denominate”.

“Denominate.... To give a name to; to call.....” The Concise English Dictionary p. 255.

“Denomination the act of naming; a name or title; a class or group... A collection of individuals called by the same name; a sect....” Ibid p. 255.



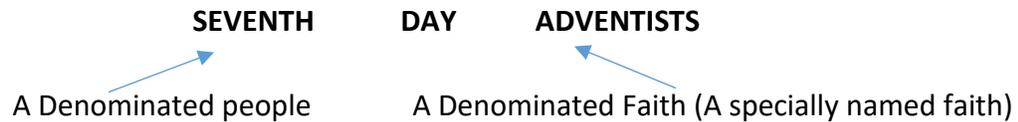
4. We are God’s denominated people as Seventh Day Adventists because of our denominated faith.

“Seventh day Adventists are now to stand forth separate and distinct, a people denominated by the Lord as His own.” Ellen G. White, Letters and Manuscripts Vol.18. (Letter 113), 1903.

“Who are these? – God’s denominated people – those who on this earth have witnessed to their loyalty. Who are they? – Those who have kept the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus; those owned the Crucified One as their Saviour.” Ellen G. White, Our High Calling, p.345.

5. We have a denominated faith that go back to the origins of Seventh Day Adventism.

“We are to hold fast the first principles of our denominated faith and go forward from strength to increased faith. Ever we are to keep the faith that has been substantiated by the Holy Spirit of God from the earlier event of our experience until the present time.” Ellen G. White, The Upward Look p. 346



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- Existing as a denomination separated from the other religions of Christendom, we are a single, remnant people with a particular named characteristics from a faith that created us in the founding event of our movement. A faith that is to last till the second coming of Christ. The founding of Adventism by God, made it a denomination separated from the religions that constitute Babylon. (Rev 14:6-8).

“At this time, when we are so near the end, shall we become so like the world in practice that men may look in vain to find God’s denominated people? Shall any man sell our peculiar characteristics as God’s chosen people for any advantage the world has to give? Shall the favor of those who transgress the Law of God be looked upon as of great value? Shall those whom the Lord has named His people suppose that there is any power higher than the great I AM? Shall we endeavor to blot out the distinguishing points of faith that have made us Seventh day Adventists? Our only safety is in standing constantly in the light of God’s countenance.” Ellen G. White, Letters and Manuscripts Vol. 20, 1905.



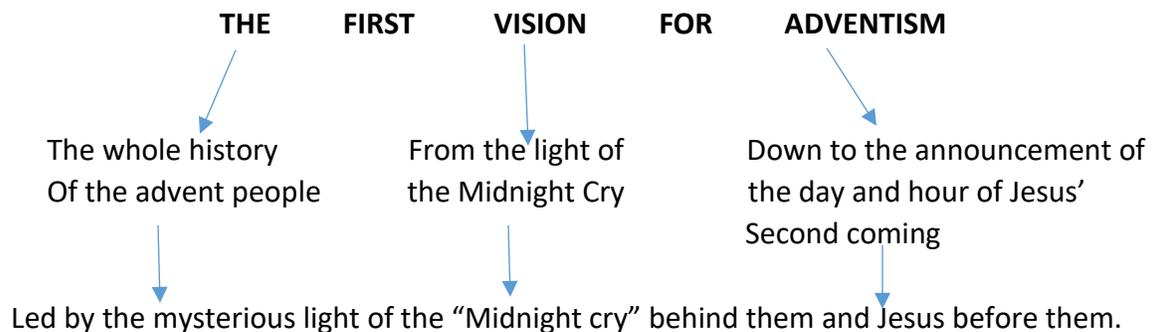
- In her very first vision, Mrs. White was warned by God to be careful that the light of 1844, which would lead us to eternal salvation to light our path until we know that real day and hour of Jesus’ second coming, be not lost along the way. For we had to tarry until Jesus come. She says,

“As God has shown me the travels of the Advent people to the Holy City... While I was praying at the family altar, the Holy Ghost fell upon me, and I seemed to be rising higher and higher, far above the dark world. I turned to look for the Advent people in the world, but could not find them, when a voice said to me, “Look again, and look a little higher.” At this I raised my eyes, and saw a straight and narrow path, cast up high above the world. On this path the Advent people were travelling to the city, which was at the farther end of the path. They had a bright light set up behind them at the beginning of the path, which an angel told me was the midnight cry. This light shone all along the path and gave light for their feet so that they might not stumble. If they kept their eyes fixed on Jesus, who was just before them, leading them to the city, they were safe. But soon some grew weary, and said the city was a great way off, and they expected to have entered it before. Then Jesus would encourage them

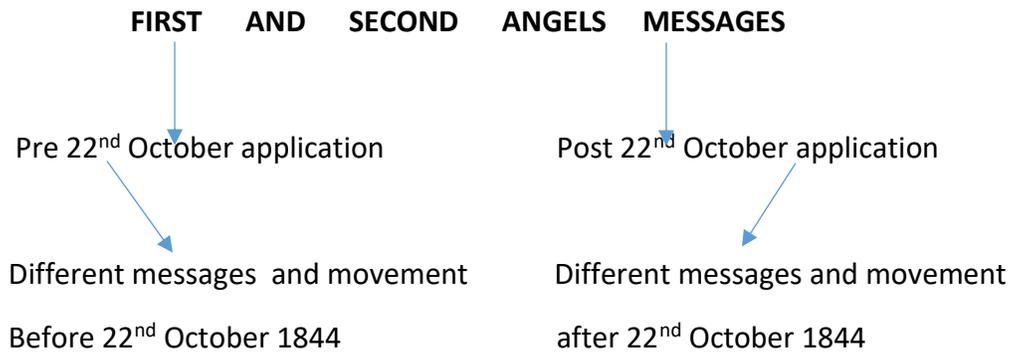
by raising His glorious right arm, and from His arm came a light which waved on the Advent band, and they shouted, "Alleluia!"

Others rashly denied the light behind them and said that it was not God that had led them out so far. The light behind them went out, leaving their feet in perfect darkness, and they stumbled and lost sight of the mark and of Jesus, and fell off the path down into the dark and wicked world below. Soon we heard the voice of God like many waters, which gave us the day and hour of Jesus' coming. The living saints, 144,000 in number knew and understood the voice, while the wicked thought it was thunder and an earthquake." "Ellen G White, Early Writings, p 13, 14-15.

8. This vision reveals quite a lot to us. We need to consider the following points.
 - a. This is Mrs. White very first vision and it is about the whole history of the Advent Movement.
 - b. It covers from the real beginning of the Advent movement, down to when the last saints alive shall hear the day and hour of Jesus' second coming, like the pioneers failed to know.
 - c. The light that gives the Advent Movement the rational logic to continue is the light behind them; namely the "Midnight Cry".



9. We need to find out what is this so called Midnight Cry. Here is the Scriptural account. (Matt 25:1-13).
10. To understand the Midnight Cry we need to understand some important facts about the first and second angels' messages. (Rev 14:6-8)
 - a. There is a Pre-22nd October 1844 application of these messages.
 - b. There is a Post 22nd October 1844 application.



11. The Pre 22nd October 1844 application of the message is as follows.

- a. The 2300 yrs. of Dan 8:14 must begin from the going forth of the commandment to restore and rebuild Jerusalem (Dan 8:14; Dan 9:24, 25).
- b. But the mistake made was to start from the first day of the first Jewish month to calculate the date (Ezra 7:9, 11).
- c. This would lead Miller and others to think that the coming of Christ would be somewhere between March 21, 1843 to March 21, 1844. (This was the rabbinical reckoning which was false).
- d. When nothing happened by March 21st 1844, a new and corrected understanding was brought to the Millerite movement by Mr. Samuel Snow and others. Here are the corrections.
 - (i) The date should be checked for the 2300 years to start in the autumn of 457 bcb, which would lead to the year 1844acb in the autumn and not the spring (Ezra 7:7-9).

2300 Years DOES NOT reach to March 21st 1844 – spring in 1844acb
 2300 Years REACHES to August – September - autumn in 1844acb

- (ii) The Rabbinical calendar is not accurate and hence must not be used as a calculative tool in Biblical prophecy. The Karaite Method not practice by 1844 acb, they had abandoned this method for the rabbinical method at that time.

Using the Karaite Method of Calendrical calculations

Led to the date for 10th day of the seventh month in 1844acb

To be 22nd October, 1844 acb

“In the summer of 1844acb, midway between the time when it had been first thought that the 2300 days would end, and the autumn of the same year, to which it was afterward found that they extended, the message was proclaimed in the very words of Scripture: “Behold the Bridegroom cometh!” That which led to this movement was the discovery that the decree of Artaxerxes for the restoration of Jerusalem, which formed the starting point

for the period of the 2300 days, went into effect in the autumn of the year 457bcb, and not at the beginning of the year, as had been formerly believed. Reckoning from the autumn of 457, the 2300 years terminated in the autumn of 1844.” Ellen G White, **The Great Controversy**, p 398-399.

(iii) The Karaite method of following the biblical way of judging the beginning of the year by the biblical system, was referred to by those of the Advent people that had the Spirit of faith. This scripture illustrates (Lev 23:4012).

(iv) Christ is the Passover, Christ is the first fruits (wave sheaf) (1Cor 5:7; 1Cor 15:23, 20).

14 th First Month	Christ the Passover lamb slain
15 th First Month	First day feast of unleavened bread. Christ in the grave
16 th First Month	Wave sheaf of the first fruits – Christ resurrected (Barley grain must be ripe)

(v) The first day of the feast of unleavened bread was a ceremonial Sabbath. The second day, which is the third day from the Passover being slain, was the day the ripened grain was to be waved to symbolize the resurrection of Christ. But this grain had to be ripened first.

The Karaite look for the ripe grain first for the Passover first month. This is usually a month later to the celebration of the Rabbinical Jews, who created this calendar to please Emperor Julian of Rome. Thus the beginning of the year for the Jews, according to the Karaite, is a month later than the common March-April. It is April-May.

“Arguments drawn from the Old Testament types also pointed to the autumn as the time when the event represented by the “cleansing of the sanctuary” must take place. This was made very clear as attention was given to the manner in which the types relating to the first advent of Christ had been fulfilled. The slaying of the Passover Lamb was a shadow of the death of Christ. Says Paul: “Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.” (1Corinthians 5:7).

The sheaf of first fruits, which at the time of the Passover was waved before the Lord, was typical of the resurrection of Christ. Paul says, in speaking of the resurrection of the Lord and of all His people: “Christ the first fruits; afterward they that are Christ’s at His coming.” (1Corinthians 15:23). Like the wave sheaf, which was the first ripe grain gathered before the harvest, Christ is the first fruits.... These types were fulfilled, not only as to the event but as to the time.” Ellen G White, **The Great Controversy** p 399

IN THE YEAR 1844 ACB

The First Jewish Month Began
Not in March – April but in April – May

A Sep – Oct, seventh month is too early for a 22nd Oct day of Atonement

An Oct- Nov seventh month is a very good time for a 22nd Oct day of atonement

- (vi) All this is agreed by the Spirit of Prophecy which continues with these important details. It is true that the Millerites and Mr. Snow did know that one was to look for one moon later than the rabbinical year to start the new year of 1844acb. This would lead to a seventh month and a tenth day calculation that was on 22nd October, 1844. Here is what we are told.

“In like manner the types which related to the Second Advent must be fulfilled at the time pointed out in the symbolic service. Under the Mosaic system the cleansing of the sanctuary or the great Day of Atonement, occurred on the tenth day of the seventh Jewish month (Lev 16:29,34), when the High Priest, having made an atonement for all Israel, and thus removed their sins from the sanctuary, came forth and blessed the people. So it was believed that Christ, our great High Priest, would appear to purify the earth by the destruction of sin and sinners, and to bless His waiting people with immortality. The tenth day of the seventh month, the great Day of Atonement, the time of the cleansing of the sanctuary, which in the year 1844 fell upon the twenty second of October, was regarded as the Lord’s coming. This was in harmony with the proofs already presented that the 2300 days would terminate in the autumn and the conclusion seemed irresistible,” **ibid** p 399-400

- e. Another issue with the Midnight Cry is that when the above corrections to the Millerite calculations were being corrected, the churches that rejected the Lord’s coming, and did not like His second coming, fell even lower in their moral state, and by not accepting the call to prepare for Christ’s coming, the Protestant Churches became fallen like the Catholic Babylon. This is now Rev 17:3-6.

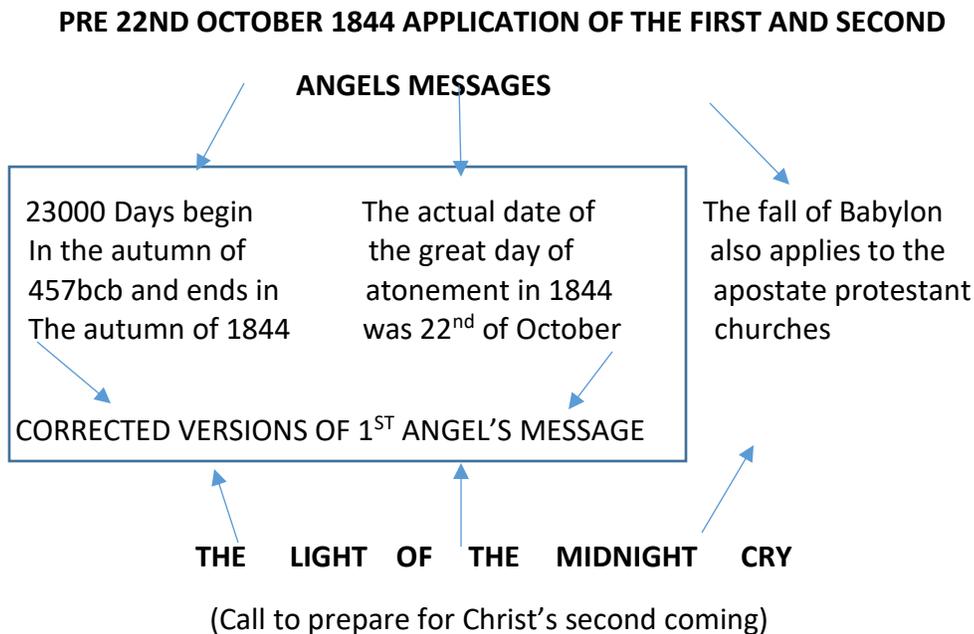
“The second angel’s message of Revelation 14 was first preached in the summer of 1844 and it then had a more direct application to the churches of the United States, where the warning of the judgment had been most widely proclaimed and most generally rejected, and where the declension in the churches had been most rapid.” **ibid** p 389.

f. These corrections to the Millerite exegesis was what constituted the Midnight Cry to help show and prove that the Protestant churches that rejected the Lord's second coming had become fallen Babylon.

“Near the close of the second angel’s message, I saw a great light from heaven shining upon the people of God. The rays of this light seemed bright as the sun. And I heard the voices of angels crying, “Behold the Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet Him!” This was the midnight cry, which was to give power to the second angel’s message.” Ellen G White, Early Writings, p 238.

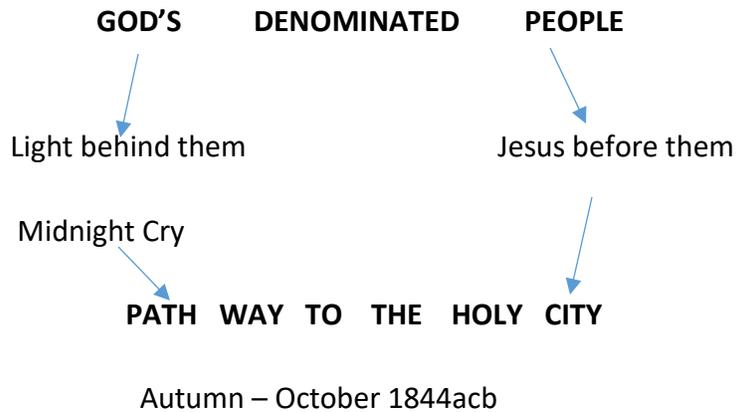
g. Thus the Pre 22nd October, 1844 application of the first and second angels’ messages is as follows:

- (i) The 2300 years starts in the autumn of 457bcb, and ends in the autumn of 1844acb.
- (ii) The date of the Day of Atonement according to sound calendrical reasoning is the 10th day of the seventh month which in 1844 fell on October – November, or on 22nd October 1844acb.
- (iii) The fall of Babylon also applies to the apostate Protestant Churches who do not love Christ’s second appearing.
- (iv) The Pre 22nd October 1844 application of the first and second angels’ messages in a corrected form, is the light of the Midnight Cry.



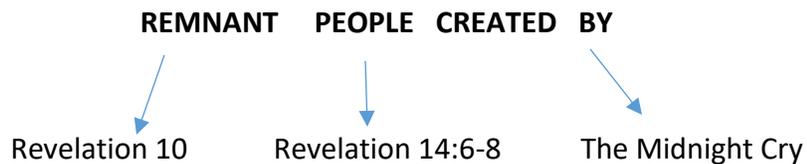
12. Thus the light that is behind the Advent movement of the last days, which they must not deny or else they would be lost in darkness and fall off the pathway is the Midnight Cry.

“They had a bright light set up behind them at the beginning of the path, which an angel told me was the midnight cry. This light shone all along the path and gave light for their feet so that they might not stumble.” Ellen G White, Early Writings, p 14.



Those who reject this, deny the Midnight Cry and are lost.

13. Thus in a summary; the creation of God’s final remnant people that keep His commandments and the faith of Jesus; they have the Spirit of Prophecy. They are a denominated remnant separated from the other religions that are now Babylon, and was created by the Great Advent Movement of Rev 10:1-11, by the preaching of the first and second angels’ messages, and the Midnight Cry.



CREATED A DENOMINATED PEOPLE WITH A DENOMINATED FAITH

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