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1. The very name Seventh Day Adventists was given to us out of the prophecies that led to our development. We are told:

“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 these prophecies.” Ellen G. White, Selected Messages Book Two, p. 115.



2. Here is the idea of Seventh day Adventists in scripture.
 - a. The seventh day (which is the Sabbath) is God’s rest for the people of God. (Heb 4:3-5, 9).
 - b. The people of God look for the second coming (the advent) of Christ, hence they are Adventists. (Heb 9:28; 2Pet 3:10-14).



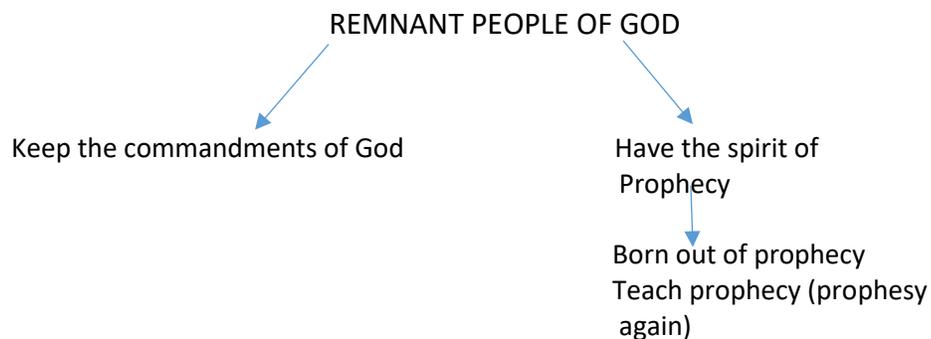
3. The line of prophecy that gives to us the pillars of the faith, making us Seventh day Adventists must be preserved, and is not to be attacked. This is the same as attacking the pillars.

*“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 have made Seventh day Adventists what they are today. The truths that have been unfolding in their order, as we have advance along the line of prophecy revealed in the Word of God, are truth, sacred, eternal truth today.” **ibid** p. 103.*

*“The great waymarks of truth, showing us our bearings in prophetic history are to be carefully guarded lest they be torn down and replaced with theories that would bring confusion rather than genuine light.” **ibid** p. 101.*

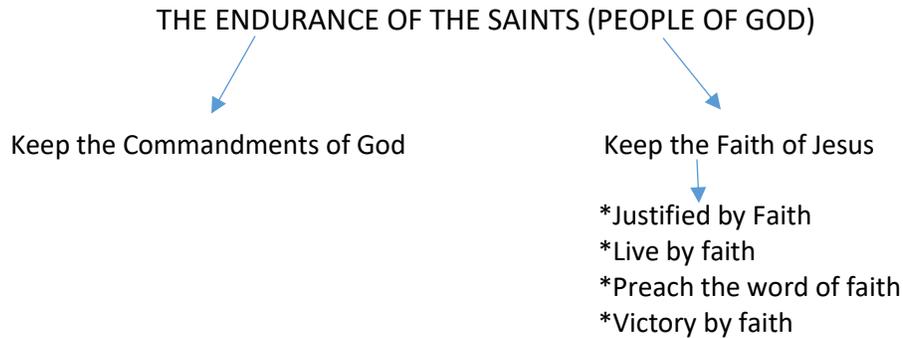


4. The people of God in the last days are identified as a “remnant” that keep the commandments of God and have the Testimony of Jesus which is the Spirit of Prophecy. They are a people of prophecy, i.e., they are born out of prophecy and teach prophecy, or prophecy again. (Rev 12:17; Rev 19:10; Rev 22:8, 9 Rev 10:11).



5. Again, the people of God in the last days are identified as keeping the commandments of God and the Faith of Jesus (Rev 14:12).
 - a. It is the Faith of Jesus, the Faith of God that they have. This is different to believing because it is sound doctrine that they preach (Jam 2:1; Rom 3:23; Rom 10:8; Gal 2:16).

- b. They are the just that 'lives by faith' because their victory over sin is faith (Rom 1:16.17; Heb 10:38; 1Jn 5:4).



6. An example of living by faith by the people of God can be seen in their keeping of the Seventh Day Sabbath.
- a. The sun was not created on the first day of the week, it was created on the fourth day of the week. Thus one cannot, by science, or solar calculations tell which day is the seventh day of the week. (Gen 1:5, 14-18).
- b. The Sabbath (the seventh day) is the third day after the creation of the sun. So how do we know that it is the seventh day? How do we know which is the first day of the week? The answer is simple. We are to look to the behavior of God, the Creator Himself. It is God, by Him keeping the Sabbath, tells us which day is the seventh day of the week. Thus we can know which day is the first day of the week (Gen 1:31; Gen 2:1-3).
- c. In the Sabbath clause of the Ten Commandments, God re-emphasizes the history of creation. And on the seventh day, He kept, rested and blessed it. Thus it is revealed truths from God to man, who was not there when God created the world in six days, that tell man which day is the seventh day, so man can keep it by faith. (Ex 20:8-11; Heb 4:3.4).
- d. Thus the Seventh day Sabbath is kept as a part of the law, not by science, but by Faith, the revealed truths of God. (Rom 3:30; 31).

THE SEVENTH DAY SABBATH

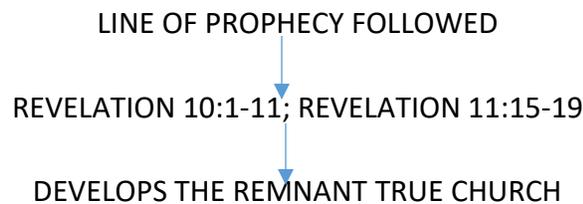
Position not known in chronology by the sun which was created on the fourth day of the week

Known to be such only because God kept it when He finished creating

Thus the Seventh Day Sabbath can be kept only by faith and not by solar calculations from science

7. What are the basic points of this study that we want to show? What is the general thesis of this study? Here is the answer.
 - a. The church of God in the last days that keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, does not just pop up or develop like a sect out of human initiative, that seeks to find meaning for its existence.
 - b. The last church develops in history as a continuation of the original apostolic church and as a continuation of the Reformation, back to original apostolic Christianity, and out of the falling away of the church.
 - c. A line of circumstances outlined in prophecy caused the development of the last day church, and these things must happen to cause God's church to exist today.
8. Here are the real circumstances of the development of the Seventh day Adventist saints.
 - a. A world-wide preaching of the coming of Christ to judge the world must first occur out of which Seventh Day Adventism emerged (Rev 10:1, 2).
 - b. The last church must emerge from the ending of a long chronological time period. (Rev 10:6).
 - c. The last church must face a point in Bible exegesis that is hidden from it for a time by the will of God, who instructs that it not be recorded or hidden (Rev 10:3, 4).
 - d. The development of the last church must be preceded by a great disappointment experienced by its lineal ancestors (Rev 10:8-10).

- e. The church of the last days must start at the time when the seventh trumpet sounds and the judgment starts (Rev 10:7; Rev 11:15-18).
- f. This church must by faith, see the second apartment of the heavenly sanctuary open at the end of a long chronological time prophecy (Rev 10:6, 7; Rev 11:15-19).
- g. The final church must discover the Law of God as the standard of the judgment. And in order not to offend in even one point, they must keep the Seventh day Sabbath (Rev 11:18, 19).
- h. With the rediscovery of the Seventh Day Sabbath and the judgment, the church must then possess the complete gospel. Thus they are instructed by God to give the final message to the entire world (Rev 10:7; Rev 11:18, 19; Rev 10:11).
- i. This must be the real circumstances for the rise, existence and development of the last remnant church of God. Those who do not share in this experience through prophetic education and understanding, do not stand as a part of the true church in spirit. They must follow this line of prophecy to finally reach the state of the last true church.



9. The events of Revelation 10 can be summed up as the following points.
- a. A word-wide preaching of the second coming of Jesus Christ (Rev 10:1, 2).
 - b. A long chronological period of time passes (Rev 10:5, 6).
 - c. A hiding of the day of Jesus' second coming, although this is what was being preached (Rev 10:4).
 - d. A rediscovery of the full gospel that was lost. (Rev 10:7).
 - e. A bitter experience of a great disappointment (Rev 10:8-10).
 - f. A commission to preach the fully rediscovered gospel to all the world.

permission of the Muslim Sultan of the Ottoman Empire. The checking is seen in Rev 9:13-15.

1 hour = 15 days 1 day = 1 year 1 month = 30 years 1 year = 360 years

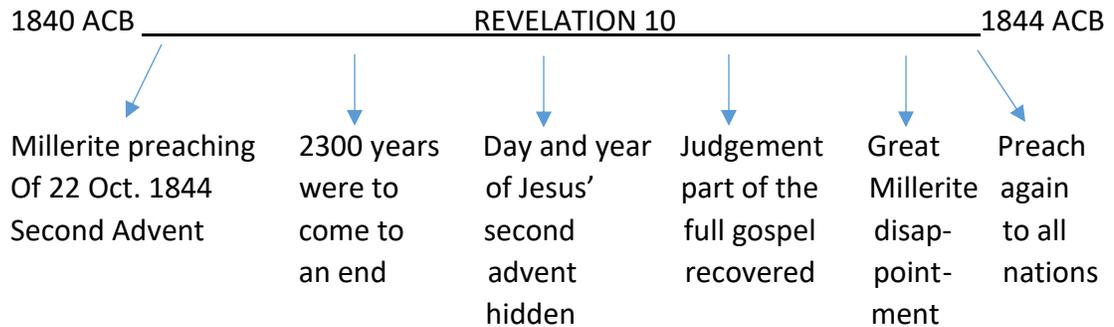
TOTAL 391 YEARS 15 DAYS

- a. The year 1449 acb added with 391 year and 15 days later leads us to the year 1840 acb (with 15 days into it).
- b. The longest chronological time prophecy is the 2300 days/years of Dan 8:14. Starting from the autumn of 457 bcb, will lead us into the autumn of 1844 acb (Dan 9:25).

$$1449 \text{ ACB} + 391 \text{ PLUS } 15 \text{ DAYS} = 1840 \text{ ACB}$$

$$457 \text{ BCB} + 2300 \text{ YEARS} = 1844 \text{ ACB}$$

- c. Thus it is between the years 1840 to 1844 that the events of Revelation 10 occur. Let us look at the following chart.



13. Why did God allow the great disappointment to happen? In many looking for Christ to come, when He did not come, this was supposed to produce a purging that would bring out the best spiritual traits in man. They were to form the last movement that would keep in sinfreeness while facing the mark of the beast and develop the 144,000 to bring in the second coming of Christ. As a result, a deeply spiritual remnant created were to prophesy again to the nations (Rev 10:11).

- a. Some second coming spiritual traits that were to develop is here seen. One of those traits is sinfreeness (Heb 9:28).

