

Brazil School of the Prophets: January-February 2019

11. Predestination (Part 2) - (15/01/19).

Two options for Millerite history

- We were considering how predestination works.
- Either Christ would have come and vs 40 would have to be completed (and the M were correct in their approach) or Christ would never have come and the only correct approach to vs 40 is ours. (assuming that Russia would never have risen).

We had some misconceptions

- Being in between verses. Would imply that 2018 isn't even recorded in the Scriptures.
- Christians have this concept of standing on the word of God. We would now be in a ditch or valley which is a symbol of the world (being lost).
- We were blind because of neglect.

Some quotes on the two options

- Are P,L,N original verses? Or they are not necessary in Millerite history?
- And also, where does their story end? We're seeing that from 1844 afterwards is not a separate history.
- We have not considered the B.O in our history (after Dn 12:1) and in Millerite history either.
- We've got a bad habit of working backwards.
- Why could the model of having 2 ToE work for Millerites?
- o Because it's one reform line. If it would end then you can't have 2 ToEs.
- If you can apply it 2 times, why not 3?
- Weather they're right with Syria or not, they couldn't use a Chiasm like we are.

Different rules:

- They would be using proof text in vs 40 and we use repeat and enlarge. Not breaking the rules?
- EGW says 'it's imminent'. Did she not know that there was going to be another generation (ours)?
- EGW never seems to say 'because you've failed 1888 you will not enter into Canaan'

like in the Exodus story where Moses did say that. She seems to keep the hope that if people repent then they could finish the work

The angels of God in their messages to men represent time as very short. Thus it has always been presented to me. It is true that time has continued longer than we expected in the early days of this message. Our Saviour did not appear as soon as we hoped. But has the word of the Lord failed? Never! It should be remembered that the promises and threatenings of God are alike conditional. 1SM 67.8

Had Adventists, after the great disappointment in 1844, held fast their faith, and followed on unitedly in the opening providence of God, receiving the message of the third angel and in the power of the Holy Spirit proclaiming it to the world, they would have seen the salvation of God, the Lord would have wrought mightily with their efforts, the work would have been completed, and Christ would have come ere this to receive His people to their reward. 1SM 68.1

Another quote:

When the third angel's message is preached as it should be, power attends its proclamation, and it becomes an abiding influence. It must be attended with divine power, or it will accomplish nothing. I am often referred to the parable of the ten virgins, five of whom were wise, and five foolish. This parable has been and will be fulfilled to the very letter, for it has a special application to this time, and, like the third angel's message, has been fulfilled and will continue to be present truth till the close of time. In the parable, the ten virgins had lamps, but only five of them had the saving oil with which to keep their lamps burning. This represents the condition of the Church. The wise and the foolish have their Bibles, and are provided with all the means of grace; but many do not appreciate the fact that they must have the heavenly unction. They do not heed the invitation, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

RH August 19, 1890, par. 3

- We misread that quote
- ToE as being a period is not our interpretation of vs 40. It's theirs, so should we still use it?