

Brazil School of the Prophets: January-February 2019

12. Predestination (Part 3) - (15/01/19).

Thoughts of the afternoon class

- It's the captivity that produces the two groups. That's why we see Pharisees and Sadducees in the line of Christ. We know they're about to enter into a reform line, about to be saved, and the enemy wants to prevent that. He prevents them by not understanding their time of their visitation (Dn 9: the 69th and 70th week). That's the dynamics of the pharisees and Sadducees. We covered that this morning.

Predestination

- Does God know that Millerites are going to fail?
- Does God knowing the future, write the Bible in a way that excludes the Millerites and their understanding is all wrong? Or was it written in a way that for both of us is correct but with different approach.

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 [1MS 76.8 ESP]

A statement published in 1851 in Experience and Views, and found on page 49 [page 58, present edition] of Early Writings is quoted as proving my testimonies false: "I saw that the time for Jesus to be in the most holy place was nearly finished, and that time can last but a very little longer." 1SM 66.6

- There's 3 books: ExV, Supl and 1SG (=GC). They were bound into EW. These statement was written in 1851. Hence 'early' writings. People don't understand what she writes in the ExV and she explains it in the supplement.

- She's been accused as a liar and she says this:

As the subject was presented before me, the period of Christ's ministration seemed almost accomplished. Am I accused of falsehood because time has continued longer than my testimony seemed to indicate? How is it with the testimonies of Christ and His disciples? Were they deceived? 1SM 67.1

- Then she quotes that that's how God always speaks

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- Then she explains what SDAs had to do before Christ's coming and then:

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

- This is from MS4 1883
- So this is between 1850 and 1883

Moses saw the chosen people established in Canaan, each of the tribes in its own possession. He had a view of their history after the settlement of the Promised Land; the long, sad story of their apostasy and its punishment was spread out before him. He saw them, because of their sins, dispersed among the heathen, the glory departed from Israel, her beautiful city in ruins, and her people captives in strange lands. He saw them restored to the land of their fathers, and at last brought under the dominion of Rome. PP 475.1

He was permitted to look down the stream of time and behold the first advent of our Saviour. He saw Jesus as a babe in Bethlehem. He heard the voices of the angelic host break forth in the glad song of praise to God and peace on earth. He beheld in the heavens the star guiding the Wise Men of the East to Jesus, and a great light flooded his mind as he called those prophetic words, "There shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Scepter shall rise out of Israel." Numbers 24:17. He beheld Christ's humble life in Nazareth, His ministry of love and sympathy and healing, His rejection by a proud, unbelieving nation. Amazed he listened to their boastful exaltation of the law of God, while they despised and rejected Him by whom the law was given. He saw Jesus upon Olivet as with weeping He bade farewell to the city of His love. As Moses beheld the final rejection of that people so highly blessed of Heaven—that people for whom he had toiled and prayed and sacrificed, for whom he had been willing that his own name should be blotted from the book of life; as he listened to those fearful words, "Behold your house is left unto you desolate" (Matthew 23:38), his heart was wrung with anguish, and bitter tears fell from his eyes, in sympathy with the sorrow of the Son of God. PP 475.2

- Wouldn't have God had to prepare everything for the promise to be fulfilled? Like vs 40..?

- If God doesn't give them a Bible verse, He is complicit of the failure. We could blame Him like we blame Him about 1843 hidden mistake.

Dan 9:24 Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.

- Does it mean that there's going to be no more sin after that? Or that He's not going to forgive your sins anymore? Or that there's no more animal sacrifice. Could be positive or negative It doesn't seem negative. It seems to be written in a conditional way. But for Moses it was ugly. This is an example that even though God knows the fate, He writes it in a conditional way.

I was shown the company present at the Conference. Said the angel: "Some food for worms, [Sister Clarissa M. Bonfoey, who fell asleep in Jesus only three days after this vision was given, was present in usual health, and was deeply impressed that she was one who would go into the grave, and stated her convictions to others.] some subjects of the seven last plagues, some will be alive and remain upon the earth to be translated at the coming of Jesus." 1T 131.3

- This is written before 1888?

The hour will come; it is not far distant, and some of us who now believe will be alive upon the earth, and shall see the prediction verified, and hear the voice of the archangel, and the trump of God echo from mountain and plain and sea, to the uttermost parts of the earth. All creation will hear that voice, and those who have lived and died in Jesus, will respond to the call of the Prince of life. It will be heard in the dungeons of men, in the caverns of the deep, in the rocks and caves of the earth, only to be obeyed. It is the same voice that said, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest,"—the same voice which said, "Thy sins be forgiven thee." All those who have obeyed that voice when it said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me," will hear the "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." To them, that voice will mean,—rest, peace, and everlasting life. They will recognize it as the voice of one who has been touched with the feeling of their infirmities. RH July 31, 1888, par. 9