

Ellen White and Literal Time concerning Last-day Events

What does Ellen White say about the
use of *literal time* concerning last-day events?

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Ellen White was shown in dreams and visions starting shortly after 1844 that the 2300 years was *a type* of what was to have a more complete fulfillment during the last-day events, —*the antitype*. I believe this is shown in the following twelve statements placing the *repeated* 2300 literal days in the near future; *all the events and times* of Daniel chapters 7-12 showing that it is the Mighty Angel, Christ, which is in control of the last-day events.

Please, take a moment to pray before reading this section.

Great subjects of the Spirit cannot be understood without
the enlightenment given with the Holy Spirit's Guidance.

***Prejudice blinds the mind,
and keeps the soul from understanding great truths.***

“The dignity and glory of Christ is our strength. The Holy Spirit's guidance leads us into all truth. The Holy Spirit takes the things of God and shows them unto us, conveying them as a living power into the obedient heart. We then have the faith that works by love and purifies the soul, which takes the perfect impress of its Author.” Letter 21a, 1895.
{Ev 166.4}

—May God Our Father Bless Your Study!

Statement #1

“Honored by men with the responsibilities of state and with the secrets of kingdoms bearing universal sway, Daniel was honored by God as His ambassador, and was given many revelations of the mysteries of ages to come. His wonderful prophecies, as recorded by him in **chapters 7 to 12** of the book bearing his name, were not fully understood even by the prophet himself; but before his life labors closed, he was given the blessed assurance that **“at the end of the days”** —*in the closing period of this world’s history*— he would **again** be permitted to stand in his lot *and place*. It was not given him to understand all that God had revealed of *the divine purpose*. “**Shut up the words, and seal the book,**” he was directed concerning his prophetic writings; these were to be sealed “even to *the time of the end*.” “Go thy way, Daniel,” the angel *once more* directed the faithful messenger of Jehovah; “for the words are **closed up** and **sealed** till *the time of the end*. . . . Go thou thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot *at the end of the days*.” Daniel 12:4, 9, 13.

“As we near the close of this world’s history, the prophecies recorded by Daniel demand our special attention, as they relate to the very time in which we are living. With them should be linked the teachings of the last book of the New Testament Scriptures. Satan has led many to believe that the prophetic portions of the writings of Daniel and of John the revelator cannot be understood. But the promise is plain that special blessing will accompany the study of these prophecies. **“The wise shall understand”** (verse 10), was spoken of the visions of Daniel that were to be unsealed in the latter days; and of the revelation that Christ gave to His servant John for the guidance of God’s people all through the centuries, the promise is, “Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein.” Revelation 1:3.” {PK 547.1, 2} (Emphasis supplied.)

Although Daniel was a valuable man in the three kingdoms he served, his primary focus throughout his life was on his calling, to be an ambassador for the God of Heaven. He “was given many revelations of *the mysteries* of ages to come” “as recorded by him in chapters 7 to 12.” These chapters are considered to be the *prophetic chapters* of his book and Ellen White *is being specific in calling attention to them*. Daniel did not at first understand the mysteries revealed in the visions he was asked to write down, which often resulted in physical illness as he struggled to understand. Dan 7:28; 8:27. “But before his life labors closed, he was given the blessed assurance that **“at the end of the days”** —*in the closing period of this world’s history*— he would **again** be permitted to stand in his lot *and place*.” The explanation and the *placement in time* of his prophecies was revealed to Daniel. He wrote them down so that we too will have this knowledge as we study his book.

“At the end of the days” is a phrase taken from the last verse of Daniel which is the explanation given to Daniel of the *proper placement in time* of his visions, “But go thou thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, *and stand in thy lot at the end of the days.*” Dan 12:13. This is “the man clothed in linen” —Jesus, who is speaking to Daniel. Dan 12: 6, 7.

I believe that Daniel knew that the *visions of time* had a placement in what we call the symbolic years, ending in 1844. Two of the reasons Daniel believed these *time prophecies* would be fulfilled in YEARS was (1) the fact that the 2300 days could **not** be fulfilled *as literal days* in Daniel’s time for if they had a starting place in his time (as did the nations of the same prophecies), they would have ended long before the end of his life. (2) Coupled with that is the explanation of *the 70 weeks*, which began at the same time the 2300 years began. Daniel gives to us the understanding he received from

Gabriel; the Hebrew meaning is “**a week (specifically, of years)**” [*Strong’s Hebrew* number H7620; [Dan 9:24](#); and is literally read *seventy weeks-of-years*] Thus, Daniel knew that the prophecies he was writing would be fulfilled hundreds and thousands of years into the future. (The disciples knew this also ([Luke 21:24](#)); they knew exactly where they were in Daniel’s time prophecies!) —That being said, there is another side to this coin and Daniel knew it. From the beginning to the end of his visions, Daniel became *increasingly confused* because even though he knew the time had a fulfillment as years, he kept hearing from Gabriel and Jesus that these same prophecies were to have their placement “at the time of the end” “at the end of the days.” [Dan 8:17](#); [12:13](#). This confusion is still alive and well today among the last generation and it should not be so! For Ellen White clarifies this statement of Daniel to mean—

—*In the closing period of this world’s history*— The dashes on both ends of this statement are used to give added clarification to the previous phrase. How are we to understand the phrase “**at the end of the days?**” She explains that it means “***in the closing period of this world’s history!***” Should we then conclude that the *closing period* is the ending of the 2300 symbolic years and associated times/events of 1844? **NO!** The end of the symbolic years was not “***the close of this world’s history!***” In context, Ellen White places Daniel’s *repeated* prophecies in the future of her writing. “***As we near the close of this world’s history, the prophecies recorded by Daniel demand our special attention, as they relate to the very time in which we are living.***” (Ellen White often placed herself among the last generation and last day events in her writings.)

“**He would again be permitted to stand in his lot and place.**” This is an interesting statement because we find that this is exactly what Scripture says about the *repeating of the little book of Daniel*. “And [the Mighty Angel, Jesus] said unto [the last generation], ***Thou must prophesy again*** before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.” [Rev 10:11](#).

Again —*pal’-in*; *Strong’s Greek* number G3825; [Rev 10:11](#); anew, back, once more, furthermore or on the other hand, to vibrate through the idea of oscillatory repetition, again. Root G906 to throw, more or less violent or intense. See also G3823 to wrestle.

Must—*dei*; The Mighty Angel says, “Thou ***must*** prophesy” —*Strong’s Greek* number G1163; [Rev 10:11](#); it is necessary —as in binding, behooved, needs, needful. Root G1210 to bind, to be betrothed, to pledge to give oneself in marriage.

Another observation is seen in the phrase “permitted to stand in his lot ***and place.***” The text being referred to is [Daniel 12:13](#), “But go thou thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, ***and stand in thy lot*** at the end of the days.” Scripture does not say “***and place.***” It appears that Ellen White is *again* emphasizing that the *little book of Daniel will be repeated* “as we near the close of this world’s history.” Daniel will have his place “at the end of the days.” This is the very reason why she also states “Then Daniel’s prophecies ***have their proper place*** in the first, second, and third angels’ messages *to be given to the world.*” {7BC 971.4}

“The book that was sealed was not the book of Revelation, but that *portion of the prophecy of Daniel* which related to the last days. . . The book of Daniel is now unsealed, and the revelation made by Christ to John is to come to all the inhabitants of the earth. By the increase of knowledge [from Daniel] a people is to be prepared to stand in the latter days.” {2SM 105.1}

“We are standing on the threshold of great and solemn events. Many of the

prophecies are about to be fulfilled in quick succession. Every element of power is about to be set to work. **Past history will be repeated**; old controversies will arouse to new life, and peril will beset God's people on every side. Intensity is taking hold of the human family. It is permeating everything upon the earth. . . . {TM 116.2}

[What kind of *past history* will be repeated? ~ **Prophetic history!** ~ For she continues to explain—]

“Study **Revelation** in connection with **Daniel**, **for history will be repeated** We, with all our religious advantages, ought to know far more today [about repeated prophetic history] than we do know.” {TM 116.3}

This last observation takes note of the list of phrases Ellen White quotes which are given as evidence for **when** Daniel “would **again** be permitted to stand in his lot and place” “in the closing period of this world’s history.” “**Shut up the words, and seal the book,**” he was directed concerning his prophetic writings; these were to be sealed “**even to the time of the end.**” “**Go thy way, Daniel,**” the angel once more directed the faithful messenger of Jehovah; “for the words are closed up and sealed **till the time of the end.** . . . Go thou thy way **till the end be:** for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot **at the end of the days.**” [Dan 12:4, 9, 13](#). (See also [Dan 8:17, 19, 26](#); [9:26, 27](#); [10:14](#); [11:27, 35, 40](#).)

There is a surprisingly large number of people who have *accepted* that the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation will be repeated, but they restrict in various ways what they feel doesn't fit. Some even split the visions of Daniel stating that his first vision(s) are *separate* from the last, concluding that the 2300 days is to be understood only as years, and the *times of Daniel 12* (1260; 1290; 1335) are to be interpreted only as literal days fulfilled in the last days. But, we should note in these statements that there are no limits set upon Daniel (or Revelation), events or time, as to *what will or will not be repeated*. There are no limits set on *specific verses*; nor do these statements *exclude* any of the prophecies, or *parts of a prophecy such as the time elements*.

There is so much in these two paragraphs which lead us to answers found in both Daniel and Revelation. Our study, as a whole, brings us to the understanding that the little book of Daniel will be repeated as the seven thunders in the last days of earth's history. **We are Daniel! We are John!** Pray that we are chosen to take part in these prophecies as they are repeated to the world with the three angels' messages, to be betrothed with *the oath* of “blessed assurance” that the Mighty Angel will re-create our soul temple in His image.

“It was not given [Daniel] to understand **all** that God had revealed [in his prophecies] *of the divine purpose,*” but it is given to the last generation of saints who find it wise **to watch the movements of the Mighty Angel in the Heavenly Sanctuary and move with Him!**

Statement #2

“In the Scriptures are presented truths that relate especially to our own time. To the period just prior to the appearing of the Son of man, the prophecies of Scripture point, and here their warnings and threatenings *pre-eminently apply*. The **prophetic periods of Daniel**, extending to the very eve of the great consummation, throw a **flood of light upon events then to transpire**. The book of Revelation is also replete with warning and instruction for the last generation. The beloved John, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, *portrays the fearful and thrilling scenes connected with the close of earth's history*, and presents the duties and dangers of God's people. None need remain in

ignorance, none need be unprepared for the coming of the day of God.” {RH Sept. 25, 1883 par. 6} (Emphasis supplied.)

The phrase “to the *period just prior* to the appearing of the Son of man” might be understood as a *general, unspecified period of time* just before Jesus second coming. But this is not the case here, is it?

Writing specifically, so that we may clearly understand, Ellen White clarifies that “the prophetic periods of Daniel” “extend to the very eve of the great consummation.” (The word *consummation* is used only one time in the Bible, [Dan 9:27](#), which in context is connected to the shortest time period of Daniel; the seventy weeks, [verse 24](#), in effect, specifically placing it in last-day events.)

And then, so that we understand the reason for why Daniel’s *time periods* are used in the last-day events, Ellen White states that “the *prophetic periods [plural] of Daniel*” “throw a *flood of light upon events then* to transpire,” “with warning and instruction *for the last generation*,” which “portrays the fearful and thrilling scenes connected with *the close of earth’s history*, and presents the duties and dangers of God’s people.”

***“None need remain in ignorance,
none need be unprepared for the coming of the day of God.”***

“Study [Revelation](#) in connection with Daniel,
for history will be repeated.

***. . . . We, with all our religious advantages,
ought to know far more today than we do know.***

“*Angels desire* to look into the truths that are revealed to the people who with contrite hearts are searching the word of God and praying for greater lengths and breadths and depths and heights of *the knowledge which He alone can give.*” {TM 116.3, 4}

The prophetic time periods of Daniel with their warnings and threatenings “*pre-eminently apply*”** to “the last generation.” That is to say, they are notable above, even surpassing *the historical prophecies*, —that’s because they take *their proper place of fulfillment as last-day events*. Their last-day fulfillment is *the antitype* and is therefore superior, and surpassing their historical counterpart prophecies in meaning and fulfillment —which was *the type*.

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\*\* ***Pre-eminently apply:*** Superior in excellence; or notable above all others; outstanding. Distinguished for something commendable or honorable. More important, skillful, or successful. *Webster’s 1828 Dictionary.*

### **What are the prophetic periods of Daniel?**

**2300 days** —[Dan 8:14](#)

**70 weeks** (490 days) —[Dan 9:24-27](#)

**1260 days** —[Dan 7:25](#); [12:7](#)

**1290 days** —[Dan 12:11](#)

**1335 days** —[Dan 12:12](#)

## Statement #3

¶1 “A wonderful connection is seen between the universe of heaven and this world. The things revealed to Daniel were afterward complemented by the revelation made to John on the Isle of Patmos. These two books should be carefully studied. *Twice* Daniel inquired, *How long shall it be to the end of time?* {TM 114.6}

¶2 “And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things? And He said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end. Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but *the wise shall understand.* And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days. Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to *the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days.* But go thou thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days.” [Dan 12:8-13 quoted] {TM 115.1}

¶3 “It was the Lion of the tribe of Judah who unsealed the book [of Daniel] and gave to John the revelation of what should be in these last days. RH, Feb 18, 1890. {TM 115.2}

¶4 “Daniel stood in his lot to bear his testimony which was sealed until the time of the end, when the first angel’s message should be proclaimed to our world. These matters are of *infinite importance* in these last days; but while “many shall be purified, and made white, and tried,” “the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand.” [Dan 12:10] How true this is! Sin is the transgression of the law of God; and those who will not accept the light in regard to the law of God will not understand the proclamation of the first, second, and *third* angel’s messages. The book of Daniel is unsealed in the revelation to John, and carries us forward to the last scenes of this earth’s history. {TM 115.3}

¶5 “Will our brethren bear in mind that we are living amid the perils of the last days? Read Revelation in connection with Daniel. Teach these things.” RH, Feb 18, 1890. Letter 59, 1896. {TM 115.4} (Emphasis supplied.)

As Christians, we are tired of this world of sin, so it is easy for our attention to be drawn to the *all important question* which we would love to have answered, **“How long”** will it be till we can go home to our Heavenly home? The disciples asked Jesus this question after He foretold the destruction of the temple. Matt 23:37, 38. “Tell us, *when* shall these things be? and *what* shall be *the sign* of thy coming, and *of the end of the world?*” Matt 24:1-3.

### How Long—

The first paragraph teaches us that Revelation complements Daniel. It is of infinite importance to us because the question regarding *remaining time* is not only used *twice* in Daniel (12:6 & 8:13), but *twice* in Revelation (6:10 & 10:6). The question is; **How long shall it be to the end of time?** The answer of *how long* is given in the next paragraph (¶2) and quotes two of the three *time periods* in Daniel 12, —the 1290 days and the 1335 days. We then conclude that Ellen White was NOT writing about the symbolic years, for the symbolic years only answer the question of *the end of prophetic time* (a-day-for-a-year), and *do not answer* the question, **“to the end of time.”** Furthermore, the symbolic years were completed (1290 years = 1798 / 1335 years = 1843) more than 45 years prior to this writing (1890) and throughout these paragraphs she is continually pointing forward from her time “to the last scenes of this earth’s history” as *the end of time*. (The third *time prophecy* of Daniel 12, the 1260 days, (*time, times, and an half*) is found in

[verse 7](#), and also answers the question *how long*. “When he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished.” See also [Dan 7:25, 26](#).)

*All indicators* in these paragraphs for answering the question *how long*, are pointing us to the future, during the last-day events when it can truly be said that “the time of the end” is “at the end of the days.” [Dan 12:6, 9, 13](#). Therefore, the answers which are given in literal time in the book of Daniel (and Revelation), “*carries us forward to the last scenes of this earth’s history*.”

### Twice—

Ellen White states that “*twice Daniel inquired, How long*” and in Daniel 12 she answers the question *how long* by quoting the 1290 days and the 1335 days, and by association the 1260 days.

We are left to search out for ourselves *the other reference* in Daniel where *how long* is asked. We find it in [Daniel 8:13, 14](#). “*How long shall be the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot? And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.*”

The answers given in Daniel 8 and Daniel 12 are different time lengths, yet by context they are foretelling the same end-time events, —for the circumstances are the same! The *daily*, the (*transgression*) *abomination of desolation*, the *sanctuary* trodden under foot, and the *host* (*the holy people*) persecuted.

The sanctuary has NOT yet been cleansed; this is still a future event in the final atonement of sin, on the last Day of Atonement.

### The End of Time—

It is also interesting to note that Ellen White takes this opportunity to clarify the question in [Daniel 12:6](#) KJV, “How long shall it be to the end of these wonders?” by paraphrasing, “How long shall it be to the end of time?” Therefore, the answer she quotes gives both the events, *as well as the times!*

### The River of Time—

In the vision of Daniel 7, Daniel is in bed, when he is taken into vision and *placed at the seashore* where he sees four beasts *coming up out of the sea*. [Dan 7:1-3](#).

The answer of *how long* has a unique relationship with the rivers where Daniel had these visions. Daniel is standing by *the river Ulai* when he was given the vision of the ram, the goat, and the 2300 days. [Dan 8:2](#). Again, Daniel finds himself *by a river*, the *Hiddekel*, when receiving the vision he calls “the great vision.” (Dan 11 & 12; [Dan 10:4, 8](#).) In this last vision Daniel sees two angels, each standing on opposite banks of the river. [Dan 12:5](#). Then Daniel sees something remarkable; there is a man clothed in linen, *Jesus, who is walking on the river, symbolizing that He is in control of the river of prophetic time*. Daniel understands that this river is related to the *times* of the vision ([Dan 11:27, 29, 31, 35](#).), and seizes the opportunity to ask his question, How long shall it be to the end of time? [Dan 12:6](#). (It appears that Jesus, the Angel standing on the river, is directing the circumstances so that Daniel is thinking of the time of the vision in relation to the river on which He is standing.)

Daniel receives his answer, but in the process of hearing the answer, he is witness to a very special act. Daniel witnesses Jesus swearing an oath “*by him that liveth for ever,*” —His Father and Himself. [Dan 12:7](#) (John also sees this; [Rev 4:9, 10; 5:13; 10:6](#).) By

this act of swearing an oath, with both hands raised to His Father's throne, Jesus testifies to Daniel, and to us, that we can count on these prophecies being fulfilled by the guiding hand of the throne of God. Jesus is again saying, "I will make thee know what shall be in the last end of the indignation: for at the time appointed the end shall be." [Dan 8:19](#).

We witness often how the books of Daniel and Revelation work together explaining the plan of salvation and for the glory of our Heavenly Father, who through Jesus interacts among the nations and the church to the end of the great controversy. We see this interaction between the two books concerning *the end of the river of prophetic time*. Jesus, the Mighty Angel of Revelation 10, has the little book of Daniel in His hands. Where is Jesus standing? —At *the end of the river of prophetic time*, with "his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth." [Rev 10:1, 2](#). (He even brings the covenant of Daniel with Him. [Dan 9:24](#).) Now we see Jesus "lift up his [right] hand to heaven" (the little book of Daniel is in His left hand) and "swares by him that *liveth for ever and ever* ([Dan 12:7](#)), who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, *that there should be time no longer.*" [Rev 10:6](#). {See the next statement below: [7BC 971.7](#)}

Although we understand that the ending of the *symbolic river of time* is the completion of the day-for-a-year prophecies, we will soon see another fulfillment of these time prophecies when the little book of Daniel *repeats* (Rev 10:11) its prophetic periods, —*fulfilled as the seven thundering last-day events*.

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**PS:** In *Testimonies to Ministers* (published 1923) (the above statement) Daniel 12:8-13 is quoted with the times 1290 and 1335 days, which answers the question "how long shall it be to the end of time." **But** in the new *Manuscript Release* (published 1990) of these paragraphs the question is NOT answered because verses 11 & 12 *are . . . . left out!* {18MR 15.1}

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## Statement #4

¶2 “. . . the seven thunders . . . relate to future events which will be disclosed in their order. Daniel shall stand in his lot (teach the seven thunders) *at the end of the days*. John sees the little book (of Daniel) unsealed (future of this writing, 1900). Then Daniel's prophecies (understood as the seven thunders) *have their proper place* in the first, second, and third angels' messages to be given (as last-day events) to the world. *The unsealing of the little book* (of Daniel) was (and still is) *the message in relation to time.*" {[7BC 971.4](#)} (MS 59, 1900, pp. 8, 9.) (Emphasis supplied.)

This is the second paragraph of seven which was written fifty-six years after the last fulfillment of the symbolic time prophecies (2300 years) of the *little book* of Daniel. ([Click here](#) to read all paragraphs.) Daniel's prophecies are an outline of events which were structured in symbolic time, a-day-for-a-year.

¶4 “. . . This is represented by the angel standing with one foot on the sea, proclaiming with a most solemn oath that time should be no longer." {[7BC 971.6](#)}

A partial fulfillment is expressed here by only showing Jesus' right foot on the sea (not included here is His left foot on the land), and proclaiming by oath "*that time should be no longer.*" **What kind of time ends?** The *subject* in these paragraphs is *time* which



is related to understanding the book of Daniel (and the seven thunders), therefore, that time would relate to the prophecies of Daniel. The next paragraph gives the explanation.

¶5 “This *time*, which the angel declares with a solemn oath, is not the end of this world’s history, neither of probationary time, but of prophetic time, which should precede the advent of our Lord. That is, the people will not have another message upon definite time. After this period of time, reaching from 1842 to 1844, there can be no definite tracing of the prophetic time. The longest reckoning reaches to the autumn of 1844.” {7BC 971.7}

I believe that this is the most misused paragraph in Ellen White’s writings! If we understand what the subject of this paragraph is, *prophetic time*, then we will not misunderstand the meaning of this paragraph. The definition of *prophetic time* is given as “The longest reckoning reaches to the autumn of 1844.” Thus, *prophetic time* is the symbolic time which was used to explain the 2300 years, starting in BC 457 and ending October 22, 1844. We can then understand that when “Daniel’s prophecies (understood as the seven thunders) have their proper place in the first, second, and third angels’ messages to be given (as last-day events) to the world,” that *prophetic time*, a-day-for-a-year, will NOT be used. We can then conclude that in the *repeated* prophecies of Daniel, in *the antitype*, a-day-for-a-day is to be used to give His prophecies the structure of what Christ is doing for the last generation!

It is necessary for the *symbolic prophetic time* of the type, a-day-for-a-year, **to end**—so that the *literal time* prophecies of the antitype can **begin** the last-day events of the seven thunders.

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## Statement #5

Dear Brother Eli Curtis; . . .

“The Lord has shown me in vision, that Jesus rose up, and shut the door, and entered the Holy of Holies, at the 7th month 1844; but Michael’s standing up (Dan. 12:1) to deliver his people, *is in the future*. {WLF 12.4}

“This will not take place, until Jesus has finished his priestly office in the Heavenly Sanctuary, and lays off his priestly attire, and puts on his most kingly robes, and crown, to ride forth on the cloudy chariot, to “thresh the heathen in anger,” and deliver his people. [Hab 3:12] {WLF 12.5}

“Then Jesus will have the sharp sickle in his hand, (Rev. 14:14) and then the saints will cry day and night to Jesus on the cloud, to thrust in his sharp sickle and reap. {WLF 12.6}

“This will be the time of Jacob’s trouble, (Jer. 30:5-8) out of which, the saints will be delivered by the voice of God. {WLF 12.7}

“I believe the Sanctuary, to be cleansed at the end of the 2300 days, is the New Jerusalem Temple, of which Christ is a minister. The Lord shew me in vision, *more than one year ago* [1846], that Brother Crosier had the true light, on the cleansing of the Sanctuary, &c; and that it was His will, that Brother C. should write out the view which he gave us in the *Day-Star, Extra*, February 7, 1846. I feel fully authorized by the Lord, to recommend that *Extra*, to every saint. {WLF 12.8}

“*I pray that these lines may prove a blessing to you, and all the dear children who may read them.*” {WLF 12.9} April 21, 1847 (Emphasis supplied.)

A letter, written to Eli Curtis by Ellen White, was included in the little pamphlet A Word to the Little Flock which was circulated soon after the disappointment of 1844 to give hope to the Advent people by stating the reasons for misunderstanding the event.

Ellen White has a few issues with Brother Curtis and points out some things she agrees with and some things she disagrees with. Each paragraph presents events which are yet future in the placement of last-day events. Then she states what she believes: that the Heavenly Sanctuary is to be cleansed at the end of the 2300 days!

It is clear to me that she can only be talking about the *repeated* prophecies of Daniel in literal days for she well knew that the Heavenly Sanctuary was **NOT** cleansed at the end of the 2300 symbolic years of *prophetic time*. In this letter, she places the cleansing of the Heavenly Sanctuary with the very last events of time, —during the time of Jacob’s trouble, when Michael stands up and lays off His priestly attire, puts on His kingly robes in preparation for coming to the earth, and the saints are delivered by the voice of the Father. *Absolutely amazing!* Ellen White knew about the *repeating of the little book of Daniel*, the ending of prophetic time, —the years, and the use of literal time in days for the completion of redemption by Christ in the Heavenly Sanctuary more than a year **before** the writing to Brother Curtis, April 21, 1847, —January, February, 1846.

And this, in fact, this is the very point that the generation of 1844 misunderstood, for Ellen White says, “It was not best for the people (of 1844) to know these things (the repeating of Daniel as the seven thunders), for their faith must necessarily be tested. In the order of God most wonderful and advanced truths would be proclaimed. The first and second angels’ messages were to be proclaimed, but no further light (on the seven thunders) was to be revealed before these messages (the first and second angels) had done their *specific work*.” (See ¶4 of [7BC 971.6](#))

If we then believe the knowledge of *the seven thunders* is beginning to be understood (not yet the fulfillment), then that would very well *place us on the very door step of the reality of the third angel’s message!*

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## Statement #6

“Jesus did not come to the earth as the waiting, joyful company expected, to cleanse the sanctuary by purifying the earth by fire. I saw that they were correct in their reckoning of the prophetic periods; prophetic time closed in 1844, and Jesus entered the most holy place to cleanse the sanctuary *at the ending of the days.*” {EW 243.2} (Emphasis supplied.)

- **Where did Jesus move to after 1844?** —The Most Holy Place of the Heavenly Sanctuary.
- **What is the final act He is to complete?** —The cleansing of the Heavenly Sanctuary from the sins of the repentant saints.
- **When will this act be finished?** —At the end of the 2300 literal days. “Unto two thousand and three hundred days [24 hour creation days]; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.” [Dan 8:14](#).

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## Statement #7

“How important, then, that every mind contemplate often the solemn scene *when the judgment*

*shall sit* [Dan 7:9-14] and the books shall be opened, when, with Daniel, every individual must stand in his lot, **at the end of the days.**” [Dan 12:13] {Ev 221.3} (Emphasis supplied.)

This “solemn scene” is the time of judgment for the living, when the *color coded seven-fold everlasting covenant* is made with a very special group at "the ending of the [2300] days? Dan 9:24, 4; Rev 10:1.

1. To finish the transgression
2. To make an end of sins
3. To make reconciliation for iniquity
4. To bring in everlasting righteousness
5. To seal up the vision
6. To seal up the prophecy
7. To anoint the Most Holy.

“Him that overcometh will I *make a pillar* in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him *the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God*, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and *I will write upon him my new name.*” Rev 3:12.

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## *Statement #8*

[1] The **coming** of Christ as our high priest to the most holy place, for the cleansing of the sanctuary, brought to view in Daniel 8:14; [2] the **coming** of the Son of man to the Ancient of Days, as presented in Daniel 7:13; [3] and the **coming** of the Lord to His temple, foretold by Malachi [Mal 3:1-5], ***are descriptions of the same event***; and this is also represented by the [4] **coming** of the bridegroom to the marriage, described by Christ in the parable of the ten virgins, of Matthew 25. {GC 426.1} (Emphasis supplied.)

I believe this paragraph to be the most important explanation of last-day events given to the last generation!

The *events and times* of this paragraph will have ***their more direct application in the very near future, and will take place among the seven thunders.***

When we as a people ***truly understand*** what this paragraph means as it relates to events on earth and events in the Heavenly Sanctuary, ***we will no longer be asleep!*** (Matt 25:1-13.)

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## *Statement #9*

“As a people, we should be *earnest students of prophecy*; we should not rest until ***we become intelligent in regard to the subject of the sanctuary***, which is brought out in the visions of Daniel and John. This subject sheds great light on our present position and work, and gives us unmistakable proof that God has ***led us in our past*** experience. It explains our disappointment in 1844, showing us that the sanctuary to be cleansed was **not** the earth, as we had supposed, but that Christ then entered into the most holy apartment of the heavenly sanctuary, and is there *performing the closing work* of His priestly office, ***in fulfillment of the words of the angel to the prophet Daniel, “Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.”*** {RH, November 27, 1883 par. 9} {Ev 222.3}

“Our faith in reference to the messages of the first, second, and third angels was *correct*. ***The great waymarks we have passed are immovable***. Although the hosts of hell may try to tear them from their foundation, and triumph in the thought that they have succeeded, yet they do not succeed. These pillars of truth stand firm as the eternal hills, unmoved by all the efforts of men combined with those of Satan and his host. We can learn much, and should be constantly searching the Scriptures to see if these things are so. ***God’s people are now to have their eyes fixed on the heavenly sanctuary, where the final ministration of our great High Priest in the work of the judgment is going forward, —where He is interceding for His people.***” {RH, November 27, 1883 par. 10} {Ev 223.1} (Emphasis supplied.)

The subject of these two paragraphs is that “we become **intelligent** in regard to the **subject of the sanctuary**, which is brought out in the visions of Daniel and John”. . . . that we “are now to have [our] eyes fixed on the heavenly sanctuary, where the **final** ministration of our great High Priest in the work of the judgment is going forward.”

**Twice** the question is asked in Daniel, “**How long**” will it be to the end of time? ([Dan 8:13](#); [12:6](#)) In these paragraphs, Ellen White quotes the other one answer given for “How long.” (See [Statement #3](#).) Why? Because the final work of judgment performed by Jesus in the Heavenly Sanctuary involves a work of preparation for and by the living saints, and Jesus gives the time table of events so that they will be prepared for their final judgment; so that they will be able to stand. ([Rev 6:17](#); [20:12](#); [15:2](#).) “Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.” [Amos 3:7](#)

**Praise God for such clarity, —for His love!** Christ is in the Heavenly Sanctuary “performing the closing work of His priestly office, in fulfillment of the words of the angel to the prophet Daniel, “***Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.***” ([Dan 8:14](#)) Jesus did not perform this work in 1844, but at that time went into the last and final phase of atonement. It is during the last events of earth’s history that Jesus ***will finish the last Atonement***, on the ***last Day of Atonement*** at the ***end of the 2300 literal day prophecy!*** ([Rev 10:7](#).) ([Rev 10:7](#).)

“We can learn much, and should be constantly searching the Scriptures to see if these things are so.”

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## Statement #10

“We are not of that **class who define the exact period of time** that shall elapse before the coming of Jesus the second time with power and great glory. Some have set a time, and when that has passed, their presumptuous spirits have not accepted rebuke, but they have set another and another time; but many successive failures have stamped them as false prophets. “The secret things belong unto the Lord our God; but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children forever.” [[Deut. 29:29](#)] Notwithstanding the fact that there are false prophets, ***there are also those who are preaching the truth as pointed out in the Scriptures***. With deep earnestness, with honest faith, prompted by the Holy Spirit, they are stirring minds and hearts ***by showing them that we are living near the second coming of Christ, but the day and hour of His appearing are beyond the ken of man***; for “of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but My Father only.” [[Matt. 24:36](#)]

“***But there is a day that God hath appointed for the close of this world’s history.*** . . .” [March 21, 1895.] {FE 335.1, 2} (Emphasis supplied.)

Ellen White was not of that generation “who define *the exact period of time* that shall elapse before the coming of Jesus the second time,” for Jesus did not cleanse the Heavenly Sanctuary in 1844. But it was her generation who defined the appointed time

of *the type* of Daniel’s prophecies, who foretold *the end* of symbolic time, —a-day-for-a-year. Unfortunately, many did not accept the new truth about the Heavenly Sanctuary and continued to set time for the second coming of Jesus.

But there is a “class” of people —*the last generation*— who will “*define the exact period of time that shall elapse before the coming of Jesus.*” They will understand ([Dan 11:32](#); [12:3](#), [10](#).) the meaning of the 2300 symbolic year type, and will properly interpret and teach the meaning of the 2300 literal day antitype, its *events*, its *times*, and its *appointed days*, in preparation to stand during the last acts of redemption.

Isn’t it interesting that **ancient Israel** was deceived by the same misunderstandings of time and events concerning the coming of Jesus!

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## Statement #11

“Such subjects as [1] the sanctuary, in connection with [2] the 2300 days, [3] the commandments of God and [4] the faith of Jesus, **are perfectly calculated to explain the past** Advent movement and show what *our present position* is, *establish the faith of the doubting*, **and give certainty to the glorious future.** These, I have frequently seen, were *the principal subjects* on which *the messengers* should dwell.” {EW 63.2} (Emphasis supplied.)

This statement should now reveal more of Christ and His Righteousness than we have ever seen before. There is no doubt that the Sanctuary shows its connection to the 2300 symbolic years, and displays the working out of the plan of Redemption. The grand design of God tells of His love in **the type and the antitype** of the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation, and it is in the final *repeated* fulfillments that we see the finishing of **the Last Great Day of Atonement**. When we eat of the little book of Daniel during the last seven thundering events we will “**give certainty to the glorious future.**”

The *messengers* are **not** the sleeping wise; and of course, they are **not** the sleeping foolish. **They are not asleep and it is they who herald the events of the Heavenly Sanctuary!** [Matt 25:1-13](#).

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## Statement #12

A serious question must be asked concerning the following section. Can this section in *Early Writings, End of the 2300 Days*, be entirely applied to the events and time leading up to and including 1844? The Heavenly Sanctuary **was not cleansed** in 1844, therefore **the wedding could not have been completed**. That would mean that **the cleansing and the wedding are still future**, which are to take place with these other last-day events, completing the plan of salvation at the “*End of the 2300 Days!*” The setting of these paragraphs is among last-day events, when the “an exceeding bright light” explains the cleansing and the wedding, during a time when Satan is impersonating Christ here on earth. We often assume that this section is showing events associated with the end of the 2300 symbolic years, but is that what is being said here?

The section title before and after the *End of the 2300 Days* section is—

***The Last Plagues and the Judgment***

and

***Duty in View of the Time of Trouble***

which demonstrates that this section is taking place among these last-day events.

## *End of the 2300 Days*

I saw a throne, and on it sat *the Father and the Son*. I gazed on Jesus' countenance and admired His lovely person. The Father's person I could not behold, for a cloud of glorious light covered Him. I asked Jesus if His Father had a form like Himself. He said He had, but I could not behold it, for said He, "If you should once behold the glory of His person, you would cease to exist." Before the throne I saw the Advent people —*the church and the world*. I saw two companies, one **bowed** down before the throne, *deeply interested*, while the other **stood** uninterested and careless. Those who were bowed before the throne would offer up their prayers and **look to Jesus**; then He would look to His Father, and appear to be pleading with Him. A light would come from the Father to the Son and from the Son to the praying company. Then I saw ***an exceeding bright light*** come from the Father to the Son, and from the Son it waved over the people before the throne. ***But few would receive this great light***. Many came out from under it and immediately resisted it; others were careless and did not cherish the light, and it moved off from them. Some cherished it, and **went** and bowed down with the little praying company. ***This company all received the light and rejoiced in it, and their countenances shone with its glory.*** {EW 54.2}

I saw the Father rise from the throne, [SEE PAGE 92] and in a flaming chariot ***go into the holy of holies*** within the veil, ***and sit down***. Then Jesus ***rose up*** from the throne, and the *most* of those who were bowed down ***arose with Him***. I did not see one ray of light pass from Jesus to the careless multitude after He arose, and they were left in perfect darkness. Those who arose when Jesus did, kept their eyes fixed on Him as He left the throne and led them out a little way. Then He raised His right arm, and we heard His lovely voice saying, "***Wait here; I am going to My Father to receive the kingdom; keep your garments spotless, and in a little while I will return from the wedding and receive you to Myself.***" Then a cloudy chariot, with wheels like flaming fire, surrounded by angels, came to where Jesus was. He stepped into the chariot and was borne to the holiest [Most Holy], where the Father sat. There I beheld Jesus, ***a great High Priest***, standing before the Father. On the hem of His garment was a bell and a pomegranate, a bell and a pomegranate. Those who rose up with Jesus would send up their faith to Him in the holiest [Most Holy], and pray, "***My Father, give us Thy Spirit.***" Then ***Jesus would breathe upon them the Holy Ghost. In that breath was light, power, and much love, joy, and peace.*** {EW 55.1}

I turned to look at the company who were still bowed before the throne; ***they did not know that Jesus had left it***. ***Satan appeared*** to be by the throne, trying to carry on the work of God. I saw them ***look up*** to the throne, and pray, "***Father, give us Thy Spirit.***" Satan would then breathe upon them an unholy influence; in it there was light and much power, ***but no sweet love, joy, and peace***. Satan's object was to ***keep them deceived*** and ***to draw back*** and ***deceive God's children***. {EW 56.1} (Emphasis supplied.)

I believe that a book could be written about this section in *Early Writings!* (It is clear that we have a great deal more study to do!) The events in these three paragraphs show the working of the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit in the last segment of time, —the 2300 days. For the moment, let's look at why one group is saved and the other lost.

We need to have a clear picture of who is standing and who is kneeling before the throne. Among the Advent people there is the church and the world. Those represented as of the world are not bowed, but ***stand uninterested and careless***. The other group is bowed before the throne and all appear to be "deeply interested" and "praying" to be *enlightened during* these events portrayed in the Heavenly Sanctuary. But, reading more carefully, we see that among the bowed, praying company, there are actually two groups. There are some who are praying for the light, but in reality "immediately resist" the great light which explains these events and they do "not cherish the light, and it moves off from them." Because they do not receive this great light, they do not see Jesus move, and

thus, *they do not go with Him into the next division of His Sanctuary ministrations*. The void is immediately filled with the impersonation of Jesus by Satan, **not** in the Heavenly Sanctuary, but on earth. Satan appears in various places on earth saying that he is Jesus, trying to carry on the work of forgiving the people's sin and healing their diseases. This group "did not know that Jesus had left." When they did "look up," it was too late! **What happened?** *They were "bowed" with their eyes spiritual closed*, and when the time came to *watch Jesus move and move with Him*, "they did not know" for they *did not see Him*.

Interestingly, it appears that there are some of the world (those standing) who are not participants of the bowing company, but who are observing, and learn to "cherish" the light and "bow down with the little praying company."

Praise God that some who are "bowed before the throne," as they are praying, are "looking to Jesus" and watching His movements in the Heavenly Sanctuary. With their eyes fixed on Jesus, they know the light is coming and when the time comes they receive the great light and arise with Him when He goes in before His Father in the Most Holy. Their attitude is purposeful, and when Jesus stands up, they "*keep their eyes fixed on Him.*" They receive the solemn oath just before He goes into the wedding! It is they who pray the personal prayer for the Latter Rain, "My Father, give us Thy Spirit." And it is they who are given the Holy Spirit of "*light, power, and much love, joy, and peace*" just before Jesus goes into the wedding. This group is bowed and praying before the moving throne (*the changing events*), *and they keep their eyes open, watching for and participating in the final events of the Heavenly Sanctuary!* "*This company all received the light and rejoiced in it, and their countenances shone with its glory.*"

Is it possible that Ellen White in her very *Early Writings* understood and gave us this detailed account of the events surrounding the cleansing of the Heavenly Sanctuary and the wedding, which would be fulfilled during and at the end of the 2300 literal days? And is it possible that just like the ten bridesmaids, we too are asleep (all of us, even the wise) to the greatest events which are now poised and ready to be fulfilled? Four generations have passed and what has each generation done with this information since it was given just after 1844, —1846-1900? And more importantly, what are we going to do with this light? *Will prejudice fill up our souls?* Will we be caught *looking in the wrong direction* when we should have *our eyes fixed on Jesus in the Heavenly Sanctuary, moving with Him in the final events of redemption?* We should *strive daily* to seek and know Him who sits on the throne so that we can call Him—

***"My Father!"***

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### ***Prejudice Blinds the Mind!***

**The generations previous to 1844  
found it hard to understand the 2300 year type  
because the time was written in days!**

**The generations since 1844  
find it hard to understand the 2300 day antitype  
because we believe the time to be fulfilled in years!**

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