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AN EXAMINATION OF REVELATION 10, PART 1 “THE BIRTH, MESSAGE, & MISSION OF THE SDA MOVEMENT”

1. In this study we will discover the birth of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, its history, its principal messages, and its mission.

2. Let us analyze Revelation 10:1-11.

3. How is the mighty angel described? Revelation 10:1,3 _____

4a. Who does this mighty angel represent? Who is this mighty angel? **Answer:** It is Jesus. An angel represents a messenger. Let us confirm this fact.

4b. *Clothed with a cloud:* Jesus is clothed with a cloud. See Exodus 13:21; Acts 1:9; Daniel 7:13; Revelation 1:7; Revelation 14:14.

4c. *Rainbow on His head:* Jesus has the rainbow over His head. The rainbow is above God's throne. Both Jesus and His Father share the throne. See Revelation 4:2,3; Revelation 3:21.

4d. *Face as the sun and feet as pillars of fire:* Jesus' countenance is as the sun and His feet as if they are burned in fire. See Revelation 1:13,15,16.

4e. *He cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth:* It is Jesus whose voice is as a lion's roar. He is described as the lion from the tribe of Judah. See Revelation 5:5; Job 37: 4-6; Hosea 11:10; Amos 3:8.

4f. *And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven.* Three things happen every time an angel comes down in scripture: 1) a prophecy is coming to an end, 2) God's people will be led out of bondage, and 3) God will use a human instrument [or movement] to deliver His people from bondage.

5. What three things happened when an angel came down and spoke with Moses by the burning bush? Exodus 3:1-4,8,17

6a. Who was the messenger used by God to deliver His people from Egyptian bondage? Exodus 3:1- 4, 10

Note: Even though Moses was the chief leader, we see that it was a movement that God used to lead His people from Egypt. Aaron, Miriam, and the 70 elders also led out in the movement to deliver.

6b. What was Moses delivering the people from? Exodus 3:10 _____

6c. What prophecy came to an end once Moses delivered God's people from Egypt? Genesis 15:13, 14; Exodus 12:51

7a. Who else did God call to deliver His people from bondage? Judges 6:2,11,13,14 _____

7b. Who were the Israelites in bondage to? Judges 6:1 _____

7c. How long were God's people in bondage to the Midianites? Judges 6:1 _____

Note: It was also a movement that God used, with Gideon at the head, to deliver His people. It started off with 32,000, then it was cut to 10,000, and then to 300 hundred men. Judges 7:1-7

Note: Based upon what was mentioned above, it means that in Revelation 10 when the mighty angel comes down, a prophecy is coming to an end, God's people will be delivered, and He is going to use a human instrument [movement] to lead the people.

8. What does Jesus have in His hand, and what is His position? Revelation 10:2 _____

9. What does Jesus do? Revelation 10:5,6 _____

10a. What is this little book that Jesus opens? **Answer:** Firstly, it is significant to note that this little book was once sealed, because Jesus opens it. This little book must refer to end-time prophecy. See Revelation 10:2,5,6.

10b. As we search the Holy Scriptures, there is only one book that has prophecies that were to be sealed until the end-time or the time of the end. It is the book of Daniel. See Daniel 12:4.

10c. Compare the account and scene of Daniel 12:4-7 with Revelation 10:2,5,6.

11. During what time period did the angel come down? Revelation 10:2, 6 **Answer:** 1798 -1844

12. We see that in Revelation 10, the angel coming down signifies God delivering His people during the time period of 1798 - 1844. During

this time, where were God's people being delivered from? **Answer:** Babylon. See The Great Controversy, the chapter entitled, "A Warning Rejected"

13. Who was the messenger, then messengers, that God used to deliver His people from spiritual bondage? **Answer:** William Miller, then Ellen White and the pioneer Adventists.

14. In Revelation 18, we see an angel coming down again. Based upon what we have looked at, what would it mean about God's people in these last days? **Answer:** God's people have gone back into bondage.

15. How have Seventh-day Adventists gone back into bondage? **Answer:** Sodomy in the churches, Sunday worship, calf style worship, perverted diet, etc.

16. Who will God use to deliver His people in these last days? Revelation 14:1 **Answer:** 144,000

17. Who will comprise the 144,000? Revelation 14:1,7; 10:5,6; **Answer:** Sabbath Keepers

Note: In Revelation 10:5, 6, these people have to be Sabbath keepers based on the context. They are declaring a message with Christ as the Creator and this message must go to all the world. Compare Revelation 14:7 and Exodus 20:8-11.

18. In Revelation 10:7 it says, "the mystery of God should be finished." What is mystery of God that should be finished in us? Colossians 1:27 _____

Note: This points to victory over sin and having God's character perfected in us. **See Notes Below For Additional Study On Revelation 10.**

Note: There are many prophecies in the book of Daniel that were fulfilled. However, specific prophecies for the last days would be revealed to the world beginning at a certain date. These end-time prophecies comprise "The LittleBook."

Note: The book of Daniel and the book of Revelation should be viewed as one complete book. The end-time prophecies that are sealed up until "the time of the end" are seen being opened in the book of Revelation.

19. When is it stated that the words or prophecies of Daniel would be opened and that knowledge of Daniel's end-time prophecies would increase? Daniel 12:4 _____

20. What time period is connected to "the time of the end?" Daniel 12:4,6,7 _____

21. How long is "time, times, and 1/2 time" when God's people would be scattered or persecuted? Daniel 12:4,6,7; Revelation 12:14; Revelation 12:6 _____

Note: One prophetic day represents one literal year. See Numbers 14:34 and Ezekiel 4:6.

Note: 1260 days represent 1260 years.

22. When did the 1260 years of Papal persecution of God's people begin and end? **Answer:** 538 to 1798.

"The periods here mentioned--'forty and two months,' and 'a thousand two hundred and threescore days'--are the same, alike representing the time in which the church of Christ was to suffer oppression from Rome. **The 1260 years of papal supremacy began in A.D. 538, and would therefore terminate in 1798.** At that time a French army entered Rome and made the pope a prisoner, and he died in exile. Though a new pope was soon afterward elected, the papal hierarchy has never since been able to wield the power which it before possessed." {GC 266.3}

Note: The year 1798 is the "Time of the End." At this date the end-time prophecies of Daniel would be studied and revealed to the world.

Note: In addition, Revelation 10 begins in the year 1798, because the little book is opened in that year. Write 1798 beside Revelation 10:2.

Note: Revelation 10 is revealing that Jesus started and orchestrated a spiritual and a religious movement that begun sometime after 1798. And that the leaders of that movement emphasized the prophecies from the book of Daniel and the Revelation.

23. Which specific prophecy of Daniel would the preachers emphasize? **Answer:** The prophecy of Daniel 8:14. Let us confirm this fact.

24. Once the little book is opened what is said? Revelation 10:6 _____

25. What is longest time prophecy in the book of Daniel? Daniel 8:14 _____

26. When did the 2300 years begin and end? **Answer:** They began in the year 457 B.C. and ended in the year 1844 A.D. Study Daniel 9:24-26. Read **The Great Controversy**, pages 326.2 to 328.2, and the chapter entitled, The American Reformer.

Note: Revelation 10:6 reveals the year 1844. Write 1844 beside Revelation 10:6.

“And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven, and swore by him that liveth for ever and ever, 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’ (Revelation 10:5, 6). **This message announces the end of the prophetic periods. The disappointment of those who expected to see our Lord in 1844** was indeed bitter to those who had so ardently looked for His appearing. It was in the Lord's order that this disappointment should come, and that hearts should be revealed.” {2SM 108.1} {Mar 18.3}

“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}

Note: Revelation 10:2-6 covers the time period of 1798 through 1844. In 1798 the little book was opened. 1844 signaled the end of prophetic periods; in other words no more prophetic events based on time setting.

Note: History does reveal that there was only one group of people emphasizing the prophecies of Daniel, especially Daniel 8:14, and the prophecies of Revelation that spanned the time period of 1798 to 1844. This spiritual movement was called the Great Advent Movement. The chief preacher was William Miller. William Miller's followers were mainly called the Millerites. For more information read *The Great Controversy*, the chapters entitled “An American Reformer,” “Light Through Darkness,” “A Great Religious Awakening,” “A Warning Rejected,” “Prophecies Fulfilled,” and “What is the Sanctuary.”

27. How widespread and extensive was the Millerite movement to be, based upon Bible prophecy? Revelation 10:2,5. **Answer:** It was a worldwide movement. Consider that Jesus had the little book open with His feet covering land and sea. This position of His feet signifies that the revelation of Daniel's prophecies would go worldwide. Indeed it did!

“The message of Revelation 14, proclaiming that the hour of God's judgment is come, is given in the time of the end; and the angel of Revelation 10 is represented as having one foot on the sea and one foot on the land, showing that **the message will be carried to distant lands, the ocean will be crossed, and the islands of the sea** will hear the proclamation of the last message of warning.” {2SM 107.3} or {Mar 18.2}