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**THE GREAT CONTROVERSY, PT. 20: A GREAT RELIGIOUS AWAKENING.
TRUMP IN POLAND, POPE'S RELIGIOUS WAR IS HERE.
NATIONS CRY: WE WANT GOD! SDAs FALLING AWAY:
LA SIERRA ORDAINS WOMAN AS PASTOR & GAY PRIDE**

1a. What is the title of chapter 20 of *The Great Controversy*?

1b. Note: The following news reports show that influential people are calling for a Great Spiritual Awakening.

"God and His Rule Is America's Only Hope,' Says Pastor Tony Evans as He Calls Christians to Repentance" <http://www.christianpost.com/news/god-and-his-rule-is-americas-only-hope-says-pastor-tony-evans-as-he-calls-christians-to-repentance-132250/>

"Born-Again Gov. Bobby Jindal Prays for Spiritual Awakening" <http://www.charismanews.com/politics/46673-watch-born-again-gov-bobby-jindal-prays-for-spiritual-awakening>

"The Sixth Great Awakening: America's Only Hope" http://www.huffingtonpost.com/robert-j-morgan/sixth-great-awakening-americas-only-hope_b_3391348.html

"Why I Expect Great Spiritual Awakening This Year" <http://www.charismanews.com/opinion/46652-why-i-expect-great-spiritual-awakening-this-year>

"Bobby Jindal Invites Other 49 Governors to Attend National Prayer Rally: 'We Need an Appeal to Heaven for Heaven's Intervention'" <http://www.christianpost.com/news/bobby-jindal-invites-other-49-governors-to-attend-national-prayer-rally-we-need-an-appeal-to-heaven-for-heavens-intervention-132965/>

AZ Senator: Church attendance should be mandatory "I believe what's happening to our country is that there's a moral erosion of the soul of America," she said. "It's the soul that is corrupt. How we get back to a moral rebirth I don't know. Since we are slowly eroding religion at every opportunity that we have. Probably we should be debating a bill requiring every American to attend a church of their choice on Sunday to see if we can get back to having a moral rebirth..." <http://www.azfamily.com/story/28620533/az-senator-church-attendance-should-be-mandatory>

2. What is foretold in the prophecy of the first angel's message of Revelation 14:6,7?

A Great religious awakening under the proclamation of Christ's soon coming is foretold in the prophecy of the first angel's message of Revelation 14. An angel is seen flying "in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people." "With a loud voice" he proclaims the message: "Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come: and worship Him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters." Verses 6, 7. {GC 355.1}

3. Why does the Lord use an angel flying in the midst of heaven as the symbol carrying the everlasting gospel to the world?

The fact that an angel is said to be the herald of this warning is significant. **By the purity, the glory, and the power of the heavenly messenger,** divine wisdom has been pleased to represent the exalted character of the work to be accomplished by the message and the power and glory that were to attend it. And the angel's flight "in the midst of heaven," the "loud voice" with which the warning is uttered, and its promulgation to all "that dwell on the earth,"--"to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,"--**give evidence of the rapidity and world-wide extent of the movement.** {GC 355.2}

4. Which part of the first angel's message, the everlasting gospel, has never been preached in the days of the apostles and the Reformers? Revelation 14:7

The message itself sheds light as to the time when this movement is to take place. It is declared to be a part of the "everlasting gospel;" and it announces the opening of the judgment. The message of salvation has been preached in all ages; but this message is a part of the gospel which could be proclaimed only in the last days, for only then would it be true that the hour of judgment had come. {GC 355.3}

5. Note: The prophecies of Daniel 7:1-10 show us a succession of events leading down to the opening of the judgment. Let us consider these prophetic symbols and events.

6. Let us read Daniel 7:1-8 and consider the four world kingdoms of Bible prophecy. A beast represents a kingdom. See Daniel 7:17,23.

7. Note: Daniel 7:4 mentions a kingdom represented by a lion. The lion represents the kingdom of Babylon. See Jeremiah 50:43-45. Babylon ruled the world from 606 B.C. to 538 B.C.

8. Note: Daniel 7:5 mentions a kingdom represented by a bear. The bear kingdom that ruled the world after Babylon is the Medes and Persians. See Daniel 5:24-31. Medo-Persia ruled the world from 538 B.C. to 331 B.C.

9. Note: Daniel 7:6 mentions a kingdom represented by a leopard. The leopard kingdom that ruled the world after the Medes and Persians is Greece. See Daniel 8:5-7 and 20,21. Greece ruled the world from 331 B.C. to 168 B.C.

10. Note: Daniel 7:7 mentions a kingdom represented by the dreadful and terrible beast. The dreadful and terrible beast that ruled the world after Greece is the Roman Empire. See Luke 2:1 and John 19:20. Rome ruled the world from 168 B.C. to A.D. 476.

11. Note: At this juncture, let us focus on Daniel 7:7,8.

12. How many horns are manifested in the Roman Empire? Daniel 7:7 _____
13. The “little horn” represents the Papacy. See Daniel 7:23-25. The Papacy ruled the world from A.D. 538 to A.D. 1798.
14. What event was shown to Daniel that would occur after the reign of the little horn, the Papacy? Daniel 7:9,10 _____
15. Note: Similar to how the Papacy rose and ruled the world leading up to A.D. 538, she will rise to world dominance in these last days.
16. How many horns are manifested in the Roman Empire? Daniel 7:7 _____
17. Note: The 10 horns represent 10 kingdoms. See Daniel 7:24.
18. What brought about the division of the Roman Empire into 10 different nations? _____

“Judgment came to Rome when these barbarians overran the empire with fire and sword, and the kingdom was divided into ten parts.” {1901 SNH, SDP 94.1}

“Here we find the fourth and last universal empire, Rome, the legs of iron. The clay of the feet and toes denotes the degeneracy which came into the kingdom, **and the ten kingdoms into which the Roman empire was finally divided by the incursions of the northern barbarians.**” {1878 UrS, TBI 35.3}

19. Note: The Roman Empire was divided into 10 nations, due to the attacks from barbarian tribes or terrorists.

20. What did emperor Justinian do, in order to combat the barbarian-tribes that were attacking and destroying lives within the nations?

“The Heruli, Goths, and Vandals, who conquered Rome, embraced the Arian faith, and became enemies of the Catholic Church. It was especially for the purpose of exterminating this heresy that Justinian decreed the pope to be the head of the church and the corrector of heretics...”The man of sin was raised to his presumptuous throne by the defeat of the Arian Goths, who then held possession of Rome, in A.D.538.” {1897 UrS, DAR 281.3}

21. As emperor Justinian united with the Pope of Rome to combat terrorism in the Roman Empire, who rose to prominence above church and state leaders? Daniel 7:8 _____

22. The “little horn” represents the Papacy. See Daniel 7:23-25. The “three horns” that the Papacy plucked up by the roots represent the Heruli, Goths, and Vandals.

23. Note: The Papacy rose to world dominance in a time period of great controversy between “Christianity” and Arianism. The Heruli, Goths, and Vandals, who terrorized the Roman Empire, embraced the Arian faith. The application is, we are living in a time when there is a great controversy between Christianity and radical Islam. The leaders of the nations are telling the people that those who embrace the ideologies of Islam are to be blamed for the acts of terror in the world. As the nations of the Roman Empire gave their power to the Papacy to combat the barbarians of old time, so the nations of today will give their power to the Papacy to combat radical Islam terrorists. The group that will be persecuted will be the saints of God. See Daniel 7:23-25.

24. Out of all the beasts of Daniel 7:1-8, which one did Daniel particularly focus on? What were reasons? Daniel 7:19-22 _____

25. Note: The following news reports show us that the “little horn”, the Papacy, is now becoming stout (chief, leader, captain, master) than all the world leaders.

26. Note: The recent speech of President Donald Trump in Poland confirms that the steps that led to the rise of the Papacy to combat “terrorists” and then the persecution of the God’s saints is happening presently.

27. It is a profound honor to stand in this city, by this monument to the Warsaw Uprising, and to address the Polish nation that so many generations have dreamed of: **a Poland that is safe, strong, and free.** We are also pleased that **former President Lech Walesa, so famous for leading the Solidarity Movement**, has joined us today, also...**Poland is the geographic heart of Europe, but more importantly, in the Polish people, we see the soul of Europe...**Think of that — Chopin, **Saint John Paul II. Poland is a land of great heroes.** <http://www.nbcnews.com/politics/donald-trump/here-s-full-text-donald-trump-s-speech-poland-n780046>

28. In blazing headlines Time magazine, February 24, 1992, recounted how these two men conspired to rid Eastern Europe of the evil of Communism. The cover story was headlined **“Holy Alliance: How Reagan and the Pope conspired to assist Poland’s Solidarity movement and hasten the demise of Communism.”** <http://content.time.com/time/covers/0,16641,19920224,00.html>

29. **You were supported in that victory over communism by a strong alliance of free nations in the West that defied tyranny... We are confronted by another oppressive ideology — one that seeks to export terrorism and extremism all around the globe...** Today, the West is also confronted by the powers that seek to test our will, undermine our confidence, and challenge our interests. **To meet new forms of aggression, including propagand, financial crimes, and cyberwarfare, we must adapt our alliance to compete effectively in new ways and on all new battlefields.**

30. And when the day came on June 2nd, 1979, and **one million Poles gathered around Victory Square for their very first mass with their Polish Pope, that day, every communist in Warsaw must have known that their oppressive system would soon come crashing down. They must have known it at the exact moment during Pope John Paul II’s sermon when a million Polish men, women, and children suddenly raised their voices in a single prayer.** <http://www.nbcnews.com/politics/donald-trump/here-s-full-text-donald-trump-s-speech-poland-n780046>

31. Note: Read between the lines. Pope Francis, in an unprecedented move, spoke at a joint session of Congress in 2015 and conducted Mass in Philadelphia. <http://abcnews.go.com/US/pope-francis-holds-final-mass-philadelphias-benjamin-franklin/story?id=34080571>

32. **A million Polish people did not ask for wealth. They did not ask for privilege. Instead, one million Poles sang three simple words: “We Want God.”** As I stand here today before this incredible crowd, this faithful nation, we can still hear those voices that echo through history. Their message is as true today as ever. **The people of Poland, the people of America, and the people of Europe still cry out “We want God.”** <http://www.nbcnews.com/politics/donald-trump/here-s-full-text-donald-trump-s-speech-poland-n780046>

33. Divine intervention! EU leaders will turn to the POPE over plans to revive struggling bloc <http://www.express.co.uk/news/politics/773508/European-Union-EU-leaders-Pope-Francis-Rome-Summit>

34. **Together, with Pope John Paul II, the Poles reasserted their identity as a nation devoted to God.** And with that powerful declaration of who you are, you came to understand what to do and how to live. **You stood in solidarity against oppression, against a lawless secret police, against a cruel and wicked system that impoverished your cities and your souls.** And you won. Poland prevailed. Poland will always prevail.... **For Americans, Poland has been a symbol of hope since the beginning of our nation.** <http://www.nbcnews.com/politics/donald-trump/here-s-full-text-donald-trump-s-speech-poland-n780046>

35a. As a second witness, after what event did Paul say that we are to look for the judgment and the second coming of Jesus?
2 Thessalonians 2:1-4

36b. Note: The Papacy ruled the world from A.D. 538 to A.D. 1798

When the early church became corrupted by departing from the simplicity of the gospel and accepting heathen rites and customs, she lost the Spirit and power of God; and in order to control the consciences of the people, she sought the support of the secular power. The result was the papacy, a church that controlled the power of the state and employed it to further her own ends, especially for the punishment of "heresy."... It was apostasy that led the early church to seek the aid of the civil government, and this prepared the way for the development of the papacy--the beast. Said Paul: "There" shall "come a falling away, . . . and that man of sin be revealed." 2 Thessalonians 2:3. So apostasy in the church will prepare the way for the image to the beast. {GC 443.4}

37. Note: The following news reports show that there is a falling away from truth going on within the Seventh-day Adventist Church. This means that the Papacy is about to return to world dominance, the Mark of the Beast crisis with persecution for God people is near, the close of the Investigative Judgment and the second coming of Jesus is even at the doors.

38. La Sierra University Church Celebrates Ordination of Beverly Maravilla...At La Sierra University, **she started as a psychology major but with direction of Sam Leonor, Lida Biswas, and Steve Hemenway in La Sierra's Spiritual Life Office, she entertained the possibility of professional ministry**...July marks six years since she joined the La Sierra team. **She continues to participate in improv acting and is an aspiring powerlifter**...Following a ministerial charge from **SECC Executive Secretary Jonathan Park, SECC President Sandy Roberts officially welcomed Beverly Maravilla to ordained pastoral ministry in the Adventist Church.** Sandra Roberts: "So Elder Beverly Maravilla, I get to continue welcoming you... **On behalf of your church, your colleagues, the World Church,** thank you for faithfully answering your call. **And I am really proud to have you as a pastor in the Southeastern California Conference."** **Following the homily, the three pastors invited all those gathered to join in the laying on of hands for the prayer of ordination.** <http://spectrummagazine.org/article/2017/06/29/la-sierra-university-church-celebrates-ordination-beverly-maravilla>

39. The Glendale City Seventh-day Adventist Church under Pastor Todd Leonard, of the Southern California Conference has devoted every Sabbath of the month of June to coincide with LGBT themes in their afternoon services Urban Liturgy, which culminated June 24 with a gay pride party on the church premises. This is what the monthly line-up looked like:

"June 3: "Straight but Not Narrow: Being a Good Ally." Daneen Akers will talk about the ministry that straight people can provide by being an ally to the LGBTQ individuals in their lives.

June 10: "Sincere and Well-Meaning...but Unfaithful." Pastor Todd will look at some of the typical philosophies and bible texts that Christians use to do a tightrope balancing act where they try to be kind to LGBTQ people while still condemning their relationships in order to stay faithful to their interpretation of scripture. There is another approach.

June 17: "AIDS: What We Need to Know Now." Alex Dubov, professor of Christian Ethics at Loma Linda University and an internationally-recognized epidemiological ethicist, will talk about the progress and remaining challenges related to this disease.

June 24, 3:00p: "I AM: An LGBTQ Lexicon." Arleene Chow will facilitate a shared presentation and first-person discussion to help us better understand the meanings, and in a number of cases, put a face to, the evolving terminology we use to describe our identities and orientations.

June 24: 6:00p: PRIDE Party. City Church courtyard." <https://www.facebook.com/urbanliturgy/>

Just in case you had to do a double-take, let me assure you that this church did have its pride party. Please see the attached flyer here <http://glendalecitychurch.org/?event=urban-liturgy-june-24-300-p-m-multipurpose-room-pride-party-600-p-m>.

It was also on their event page on Facebook: which states, "If it's Gay Pride month, there should be a Gay Pride party! So Urban Liturgy is hosting one on Saturday night, June 25 beginning at 6:00 pm. Invite your friends--gay, straight, and everyone else...ALL ARE WELCOME--to come for great food, fun and music. We'll feature a number of live performers, including DJ Reeach providing a good groove all evening." [https://www.facebook.com/events/1084062391655683/?acontext=%7B%22source%22%3A%2C%22source_newsfeed_story_type%22%3A%22regular%22%2C%22action_history%22%3A%22\[%7B%5C%22surface%5C%22%3A%5C%22newsfeed%5C%22%2C%5C%22mechanism%5C%22%3A%5C%22feed_story%5C%22%2C%5C%22extra_data%5C%22%3A%5C%22%2C%22has_source%22%3Atrue%7D&source=3&source_newsfeed_story_type=regular&action_history=\[%7B%22surface%22%3A%22newsfeed%22%2C%22mechanism%22%3A%22feed_story%22%2C%22extra_data%22%3A%5C%22%2C%22has_source%22%3Atrue%7D\]&has_source=1&pnref=story](https://www.facebook.com/events/1084062391655683/?acontext=%7B%22source%22%3A%2C%22source_newsfeed_story_type%22%3A%22regular%22%2C%22action_history%22%3A%22[%7B%5C%22surface%5C%22%3A%5C%22newsfeed%5C%22%2C%5C%22mechanism%5C%22%3A%5C%22feed_story%5C%22%2C%5C%22extra_data%5C%22%3A%5C%22%2C%22has_source%22%3Atrue%7D&source=3&source_newsfeed_story_type=regular&action_history=[%7B%22surface%22%3A%22newsfeed%22%2C%22mechanism%22%3A%22feed_story%22%2C%22extra_data%22%3A%5C%22%2C%22has_source%22%3Atrue%7D]&has_source=1&pnref=story)

40. Where is the outcry? In attendance yet again was a distinguished elder of the Hollywood Seventh-day Adventist Church, Rhonda Dinwiddie, the first open SDA "transgender" elder, who had this to say via facebook,

"Went to the second Pride Party last night, again at the Glendale City SDA Church. Met old friends a made new friends. What a great time!" <https://www.facebook.com/rhonda.dinwiddie.90?fref=ts>

41. What did the Lord tell Daniel would happen at the "time of the end" which is 1798? Daniel 12:4 _____

42. The advent movement was likened unto what other movement? How extensive were these movements? _____

Like the great Reformation of the sixteenth century, the advent movement appeared in different countries of Christendom at the same time. In both Europe and America men of faith and prayer were led to the study of the prophecies, and, tracing down the inspired record, they saw convincing evidence that the end of all things was at hand. In different lands there were isolated bodies of Christians who, solely by the study of the Scriptures, arrived at the belief that the Saviour's advent was near. {GC 357.1}

43. What year did Joseph Wolff arrive at his exposition of the prophecies pointing to the time of the judgment? What title was given to Joseph Wolff? _____

In 1821, three years after Miller had arrived at his exposition of the prophecies pointing to the time of the judgment, Dr. Joseph Wolff, "the missionary to the world," began to proclaim the Lord's soon coming. Wolff was born in Germany, of Hebrew parentage, his father being a Jewish rabbi. While very young he was convinced of the truth of the Christian religion. {GC 357.2}

44. How did Joseph Wolff respond to those who urged from the scripture, "Of that day and hour knoweth no man"? _____

To those who urged from the scripture, "Of that day and hour knoweth no man," that men are to know nothing concerning the nearness of the advent, Wolff replied: **"Did our Lord say that that day and hour should never be known? Did He not give us signs of the times, in order that we may know at least the approach of His coming, as one knows the approach of the summer by the fig tree putting forth its leaves? Matthew 24:32.** Are we never to know that period, whilst He Himself exhorteth us not only to read Daniel the prophet, but to understand it? and in that very Daniel, where it is said that the words were shut up to the time of the end (which was the case in his time), and that 'many shall run to and fro' (a Hebrew expression for observing and thinking upon the time), 'and knowledge' (regarding that time) 'shall be increased.' Daniel 12:4. Besides this, our Lord does not intend to say by this, that the approach of the time shall not be known, but that the exact 'day and hour knoweth no man.' **Enough, He does say, shall be known by the signs of the times, to induce us to prepare for His coming, as Noah prepared the ark."**--Wolff, Researches and Missionary Labors, pages 404, 405. {GC 359.2}

45. How extensive and far-reaching was the ministry of Joseph Wolff? _____

During the twenty-four years from 1821 to 1845, Wolff traveled extensively: in Africa, visiting Egypt and Abyssinia; in Asia, traversing Palestine, Syria, Persia, Bokhara, and India. He also visited the United States, on the journey thither preaching on the island of Saint Helena. He arrived in New York in August, 1837; and, after speaking in that city, he preached in Philadelphia and Baltimore, and finally proceeded to Washington. **Here, he says, "on a motion brought forward by the ex-President, John Quincy Adams, in one of the houses of Congress, the House unanimously granted to me the use of the Congress Hall for a lecture, which I delivered on a Saturday, honored with the presence of all the members of Congress, and also of the bishop of Virginia, and of the clergy and citizens of Washington.** The same honor was granted to me by the members of the government of New Jersey and Pennsylvania, in whose presence **I delivered lectures on my researches in Asia, and also on the personal reign of Jesus Christ."**--Ibid., pages 398, 399. {GC 360.2}

46. What did Joseph Wolff suffer in order to carry the message of the judgment to a large part of the habitable globe? _____

Dr. Wolff traveled in the most barbarous countries without the protection of any European authority, **enduring many hardships and surrounded with countless perils. He was bastinadoed and starved, sold as a slave, and three times condemned to death. He was beset by robbers, and sometimes nearly perished from thirst. Once he was stripped of all that he possessed and left to travel hundreds of miles on foot through the mountains, the snow beating in his face and his naked feet benumbed by contact with the frozen ground.** {GC 361.1} Thus he persevered in his labors until the message of the judgment had been carried to a large part of the habitable globe. {GC 361.3}

47. By what means did people in world receive the message of the judgment hour? _____

To William Miller and his colaborers it was given to preach the warning in America. This country became the center of the great advent movement. It was here that the prophecy of the first angel's message had its most direct fulfillment. **The writings of Miller and his associates were carried to distant lands. Wherever missionaries had penetrated in all the world, were sent the glad tidings of Christ's speedy return. Far and wide spread the message of the everlasting gospel:** "Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come." {GC 368.1}

The message pointing to 1844 as the time of the Lord's coming was also given in Great Britain. **Advent publications from the United States were widely circulated. Books and journals were republished in England.** And in 1842 Robert Winter, an Englishman by birth, **who had received the advent faith in America, returned to his native country to herald the coming of the Lord.** Many united with him in the work, and the message of the judgment was proclaimed in various parts of England. {GC 362.2}

It was while preparing a sermon from Revelation 21 for advent Sunday that the light of Christ's second coming broke in upon Bengel's mind. The prophecies of the Revelation unfolded to his understanding as never before. Overwhelmed with a sense of the stupendous importance and surpassing glory of the scenes presented by the prophet, he was forced to turn for a time from the contemplation of the subject. In the pulpit it again presented itself to him with all its vividness and power. **From that time he devoted himself to the study of the prophecies, especially those of the Apocalypse, and soon arrived at the belief that they pointed to the coming of Christ as near. The date which he fixed upon as the time of the second advent was within a very few years of that afterward held by Miller.** {GC 363.3}

48. Particularly, among many others, who was converted by the message of the first angel of Revelation 14? _____

In South America, in the midst of barbarism and priest-craft, Lacunza, a Spaniard and a Jesuit, found his way to the Scriptures and thus received the truth of Christ's speedy return. Impelled to give the warning, yet desiring to escape the censures of Rome, he published his views under the assumed name of "Rabbi Ben-Ezra," representing himself as a converted Jew. Lacunza lived in the eighteenth century, but it was about 1825 that his book, having found its way to London, was translated into the English language. **Its publication served to deepen the interest already awakening in England in the subject of the second advent.** {GC 363.1}

49. Which age group did Gausson begin to evangelize first? Explain his reasons. _____

"I desire this to be understood," he afterward said, speaking of his object in this undertaking, "it is not because of its small importance, but on the contrary because of its great value, that I wished to present it in this familiar form, and that I addressed it to the children. I desired to be heard, and I feared that I would not be if I addressed myself to the grown people first." **"I determined therefore to go to the youngest. I gather an audience of children; if the group enlarges, if it is seen that they listen, are pleased, interested, that they understand and explain the subject. I am sure to have a second circle soon, and in their turn, grown people will see that it is worth their while to sit down and study. When this is done, the cause is gained."**--L. Gausson, Daniel the Prophet, vol. 2, Preface. {GC 365.1}

The effort was successful. As he addressed the children, older persons came to listen. The galleries of his church were filled with attentive hearers. Among them were men of rank and learning, and strangers and foreigners visiting Geneva; and thus the message was carried to other parts. {GC 365.2}

50a. What happened in Scandinavia regarding the adults and the children preaching the judgment hour message? _____

In Scandinavia also the advent message was proclaimed, and a widespread interest was kindled. Many were roused from their careless security to confess and forsake their sins, and seek pardon in the name of Christ. But the clergy of the state church opposed the movement, and through their influence some who preached the message were thrown into prison. In many places where the preachers of the Lord's soon coming were thus silenced, God was pleased to send the message, in a miraculous manner, through little children. As they were under age, the law of the state could not restrain them, and they were permitted to speak unmolested. {GC 366.2}

50b. Note: Read also Matthew 21:8-16.

51. Why was Gausson chiefly persecuted? _____

Though one of the most distinguished and beloved of preachers in the French language, Gausson was after a time suspended from the ministry, **his principal offense being that instead of the church's catechism, a tame and rationalistic manual, almost destitute of positive faith, he had used the Bible in giving instruction to the youth.** He afterward became teacher in a theological school, while on Sunday he continued his work as catechist, addressing the children and instructing them in the Scriptures. His works on prophecy also excited much interest. **From the professor's chair, through the press, and in his favorite occupation as teacher of children he continued for many years to exert an extensive influence and was instrumental in calling the attention of many to the study of the prophecies which showed that the coming of the Lord was near.** {GC 366.1}

52. What did the few advent preachers from various denominations have to do, in order to be faithful to God's calling upon their lives? Which group of men largely comprised the preachers? _____

The testimony of the prophecies which seemed to point to the coming of Christ in the spring of 1844 took deep hold of the minds of the people. As the message went from state to state, there was everywhere awakened widespread interest. **Many were convinced that the arguments from the prophetic periods were correct, and, sacrificing their pride of opinion, they joyfully received the truth. Some ministers laid aside their sectarian views and feelings, left their salaries and their churches, and united in proclaiming the coming of Jesus. There were comparatively few ministers, however, who would accept this message; therefore it was largely committed to humble laymen. Farmers left their fields, mechanics their tools, traders their merchandise, professional men their positions; and yet the number of workers was small in comparison with the work to be accomplished.** The condition of an ungodly church and a world lying in wickedness, burdened the souls of the true watchmen, and they willingly endured toil, privation, and suffering, that they might call men to repentance unto salvation. Though opposed by Satan, the work went steadily forward, and the advent truth was accepted by many thousands. {GC 368.2}

53. How did the church treat and react to many of the faithful believers in the advent movement? _____

Many were persecuted by their unbelieving brethren. In order to retain their position in the church, some consented to be silent in regard to their hope; but others felt that loyalty to God forbade them thus to hide the truths which He had committed to their trust. Not a few were cut off from the fellowship of the church for no other reason than expressing their belief in the coming of Christ. Very precious to those who bore this trial of their faith were the words of the prophet: "Your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for My name's sake, said, Let the Lord be glorified: but He shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed." Isaiah 66:5. {GC 372.3}

54. What Christian fruit and experience were manifested in the lives of the believers in the judgment hour message? _____

Sinners inquired with weeping: "What must I do to be saved?" Those whose lives had been marked with dishonesty were anxious to make restitution. All who found peace in Christ longed to see others share the blessing. The hearts of parents were turned to their children, and the hearts of children to their parents. The barriers of pride and reserve were swept away. Heartfelt confessions were made, and the members of the household labored for the salvation of those who were nearest and dearest. Often was heard the sound of earnest intercession. Everywhere were souls in deep anguish pleading with God. Many wrestled all night in prayer for the assurance that their own sins were pardoned, or for the conversion of their relatives or neighbors. {GC 369.2}

None who experienced this hope and trust can forget those precious hours of waiting. For some weeks preceding the time, worldly business was for the most part laid aside. The sincere believers carefully examined every thought and emotion of their hearts as if upon their deathbeds and in a few hours to close their eyes upon earthly scenes. There was no making of "ascension robes" (see Appendix); but all felt the need of internal evidence that they were prepared to meet the Saviour; their white robes were purity of soul--characters cleansed from sin by the atoning blood of Christ. Would that there were still with the professed people of God the same spirit of heart searching, the same earnest, determined faith. Had they continued thus to humble themselves before the Lord and press their petitions at the mercy seat they would be in possession of a far richer experience than they now have. There is too little prayer, too little real conviction of sin, and the lack of living faith leaves many destitute of the grace so richly provided by our Redeemer. {GC 373.1}

54. Why did the Lord allow the Millerites to continue to proclaim the wrong event that they believed would occur on October 22, 1844, even though they had the correct calculation of the prophecy of Daniel 8:14 _____

God designed to prove His people. His hand covered a mistake in the reckoning of the prophetic periods. Adventists did not discover the error, nor was it discovered by the most learned of their opponents. The latter said: "Your reckoning of the prophetic periods is correct. Some great event is about to take place; but it is not what Mr. Miller predicts; it is the conversion of the world, and not the second advent of Christ." {GC 373.2}

55. What scripture did a Christian neighbor give to Joseph Wolff to read and that lead to his conversion? _____

When only seven years old he was boasting to an aged Christian neighbor of the future triumph of Israel at the advent of the Messiah, when the old man said kindly: "Dear boy, I will tell you who the real Messiah was: He was Jesus of Nazareth, . . . whom your ancestors have crucified, as they did the prophets of old. **Go home and read the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah, and you will be convinced that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.**"--Ibid., vol. 1, p. 7. Conviction at once fastened upon him. He went home and read the scripture, wondering to see how perfectly it had been fulfilled in Jesus of Nazareth. Were the words of the Christian true? The boy asked of his father an explanation of the prophecy, but was met with a silence so stern that he never again dared to refer to the subject. This, however, only increased his desire to know more of the Christian religion. {GC 357.3}