

THE SURE WORD OF PROPHECY

The Book of **DANIEL**

IN the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it.

2 And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with some of the vessels of the house of God, which he brought to the land of Shinar to

defile himself, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.

9 Now ^{Hos. 9:3} God had brought Daniel into the favor and goodwill of the chief of the eunuchs.

10 And the chief of the eunuchs said to Daniel, "I fear my lord the king, Gen. 39:21
11 he appointed your food and
12 he see your

1 PETER 1:15 *FF*

- More sure—firm, secure, certain, dependable, reliable, trustworthy
- Word—*logos*, speech, utterance, a communication through speech or other means
- Prophecy—declarations of the mind, will, or knowledge of God
- Know this **first**—prophecy is of no private or *one's own*
- Interpretation—explanation, an unraveling
- **Second**—there are false prophets—*pseudoprophētēs*—pretending
- **First**—2 Peter 3:3
- **Second**—2 Peter 3:7, 8

PROPHECIES

- Genesis 3:15
- Genesis 6
- Genesis 15
- Deuteronomy 28
- Daniel
- Micah
- Matthew 24, Mark 13, Luke 21
- John 16
- 2 Peter 3
- Revelation

1872 FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE #7

That the word's history from specified dates in the past, the rise and fall of empires, and chronological succession of events down to the setting up of God's everlasting kingdom, are outlined in numerous **great chains of prophecy**; and that these prophecies are now all fulfilled except the closing scenes.

- In current statement of fundamental beliefs, there is no reference to any specific prophetic chain, no reference to any specific fulfilled prophecy (such as Daniel 2) or to the 2,300 day prophecy, or any other fulfilled prophecy. To be fair, the 1872 principles do not mention Daniel 2, either, but do mention the 2,300 days and Daniel 8:14.
- The baptismal vow asks: Do you accept and believe that the Seventh-day Adventist Church is the remnant church of Bible prophecy and that people of every nation, race, and language are invited and accepted into its fellowship? Yet, the fundamental beliefs do not present what that Bible prophecy is.

- The current statement simply says: The almost complete fulfillment of most lines of prophecy, together with the present condition of the world, indicates that Christ's coming is imminent.
- There is also a belief on the gift of prophecy, which focuses on the ministry of Ellen White.

- Romans 12:6
- 1 Corinthians 12:10

All that **prophecy** has foretold as coming to pass, until the present time, has been traced on the pages of history, and we may be assured that all which is yet to come will be fulfilled in its order. The final overthrow of all earthly dominions is plainly foretold in the word of truth. In the prophecy uttered when sentence from God was pronounced upon the last king of Israel is given the message: (*Ed 178, 179*)

“Thus saith the Lord God; Remove the diadem, and take off the crown: ... exalt him that is low, and abase him that is high. I will overturn, overturn, overturn, it: and it shall be no more, until He come whose right it is; and I will give it Him.” Ezekiel 21:26, 27.

The crown removed from Israel passed successively to the kingdoms of Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome. God says, “It shall be no more, until He come whose right it is; and I will give it Him.” (*Ed 179*)

With intense interest he studied the books of Daniel and the Revelation, employing the same principles of interpretation as in the other scriptures, and found, to his great joy, that the prophetic symbols could be understood. Angels of Heaven were guiding his mind, and opening to his understanding prophecies which had ever been dark to God's people.

Link after link of the chain of truth rewarded his efforts; step by step he traced down the **great lines of prophecy**, until he reached the solemn conclusion that in a few years the Son of God would come the second time, in power and glory, and that the events connected with that coming and the close of human probation would take place about the year 1843. (4SP 205.2)

**WHAT ARE THESE GREAT
LINES OF PROPHECY?**

- Daniel 2
- Daniel 7
- Daniel 8
- Daniel 9
- Daniel 11
- Revelation

We need to study the working out of God's purpose in the **history of nations** and in the **revelation of things to come**, that we may estimate at their true value things seen and things unseen; that we may learn what is the true aim of life; that, viewing the things of time in the light of eternity, we may put them to their truest and noblest use. (*FLB 168*)

All who join the ranks of Sabbathkeepers should become diligent Bible students, that they may know the pillars and groundwork of the truth. They should study **prophetic history**, which has brought us down point by point to where we are at the present time. This is God's plan for our school.

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