



Preamble: “A study of **biblical apocalyptic** is both _____ and _____ – necessary because of the importance of the apocalyptic elements in the Bible itself, and possible if presuppositions of interpretation are subject to close scrutiny and the biblical text itself is made the focus of effort;” (“Biblical Apocalyptic,” *Handbook of SDA Theology*, Review & Herald, 2000, p. 784).

[* Best Bibles? Literal! It is a “span of time” (in Revelation 9:15)]

1. “The truths of the divine word can be best appreciated by an _____ Christian. **Christ can be best glorified by those who serve Him intelligently.** The great object of education is to enable us to use the power which God has given us in such a manner as to represent the religion of the Bible and promote the glory of God” (*Counsels to Parents, Teachers, and Students* 361.1).

2. “**The book of Revelation opens to the world what has been, what is, and what is to come;** it is for our instruction upon whom the ends of the world are come. It should be studied with reverential awe.... ‘Behold the **Lamb** of God, which taketh away the sin of the world” (*Gospel Workers* 148.1). **Rev 1:1 Focus?** _____!

3. “The Scripture is all true, but by _____ the Scripture men arrive at wrong conclusions.... Events in the train of prophecy that had their **fulfillment** away **in the past** are made future, and thus by these theories the faith of some is undermined” (2SM 102.2).

4. Based on Josiah Litch’s study, Ellen White wrote: “**In the year 1840** another remarkable _____ of prophecy excited widespread interest.... At the very time specified [i.e., 11 August 1840], Turkey, through her ambassadors, accepted the protection of the allied powers of Europe, and thus placed herself under the control of Christian nations. The event exactly fulfilled the prediction.

When it became known, multitudes were convinced of the correctness of the principles of _____ adopted by Miller and his associates, and a wonderful impetus was given to the [Millerite] advent movement” (*The Great Controversy* (334.4-335.1).

5. Respected historians (Columbia University, Stanford University, and Cornell University) confirm 1299 as start of Ottoman Empire.

6. Various newspapers in at least four countries affirm August 11: *The New York Spectator*, Sept 26, 1840, col. F: Under the sub-title “Turkey and Egypt,” it notes: “The arrival of the ‘_____’, at Alexandria [Egypt], on the 11th of August, created no little stir.”

7. The “ultimatum,” was *The Treaty of London* [15 July] 1840, of which a scholar of Islam states: “Clearly the _____ - _____ had rung for the Ottoman Empire;” (Sayyid Fayyuz Mahmud, *A Short History of Islam* [Karachi: Oxford University Press, 1960], 581).

8. *Morning Herald* [12.1.1840] queried: “Have we done aught to restore strength to the Ottoman empire?” Their answer shows the Ottoman Empire had failed: “We fear not. We fear that the Sultan has been reduced to the rank of a puppet; and that the sources of the **Turkish empire’s strength** are **irretrievably** _____.

9. Why did our Biblical view (of the 5th and 6th Trumpets) wither? “But only truth that is able to be continually brought out by research both as old and new, remains _____ to the **body of believers**. Any truth that rests on affirmation alone will be questioned and eventually abandoned” (Jon Stephanson, MA, *57).

10. Some significant concluding reflections (for all Adventists):

a. “If the Bible _____ is true, it can be verified by _____. If it cannot, we either do not understand history or the text” (*164).

b. Note the following: “Scripture must be compared with scripture. There must be careful _____ and prayerful _____. And **such study will be richly repaid**” (*Steps to Christ* 90.3).

c. If the fulfillment of the 5th & 6th Trumpets (as historically noted) is accepted we have extra reason to see **the Bible as inspired**.

d. “What will be the response of Muslims when they hear that the Bible verifies their role in chastising apostate Christianity?” (*165)

e. “The Daniel and Revelation Committee wishes to reaffirm to the world church the validity of the _____ approach to these two apocalyptic books. The committee sees it as the only sound method to use. Our pioneers did not follow ‘cunningly devised fables’ when they searched and preached the _____ of these prophecies. They passed on to us a rich heritage” (DARCOM, 6:176).

Early Adventists aptly recognized the role of Islam in Bible prophecy; as well as the appropriate use of the year-day principle for the historicist interpretation of apocalyptic prophecies. **Let us foster that wonderful legacy!**