

Dear Friend,

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The book of Revelation is full of cryptic symbols that can be baffling! One such reference is to the three woes found in Revelation 9 and 11. There are several speculators out there, walking around as self-supporting or conference ministers, that claim to know exactly what these woes represent and they are misleading so many with their speculations. I'm going to suggest a novel idea here that we allow the Bible and the SOP to give us clarity on these woes and where Inspiration stops giving light, I'm going to suggest that we become silent because Inspiration is!!!

Revelation 9:1-11 discusses the fifth trumpet. Within that trumpet is a 150 year time prophecy noted in verse 5 "And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented ***five months***: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man" and in verse 10 "And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men ***five months***." This 150 year period has always been understood as the time from 1299 to 1449 in which the Ottoman Moslem Empire would harass the Eastern Roman Empire. Following the mention of this period in history, John declares, "One woe is past; and, behold, there come two woes more hereafter." Revelation 9:12 The context of the first woe, coming on the heels of the mentioning of the expanding Ottoman Moslem Empire, would indicate that this first woe is the rise and expansion of Islam. This is very cut and dried and Biblical!

A second time period of 391 years and 15 days, mentioned in Revelation 9:15, piggybacks onto the 150 year time period, and begins where the 150 year time period ends. With the first 150 years ending in July of 1449, and adding the 391 years and 15 days, we arrive in August of 1840 when the Millerites believed the Ottoman Empire would submit to the allied powers. In Great Controversy, pgs. 334,335, Ellen White clearly applies these two time periods within these two trumpets to the Ottoman Turks. "In the year 1840 another remarkable fulfillment of prophecy excited widespread interest. Two years before, Josiah Litch, one of the leading ministers preaching the second advent, published an exposition of Revelation 9, predicting the fall of the Ottoman Empire. According to his calculations, this power was to be overthrown "in A.D. 1840, sometime in the month of August;" and only a few days previous to its accomplishment he wrote: "Allowing the first period, 150 years, to have been exactly fulfilled before Deacozes ascended the throne by permission of the Turks, and that the 391 years, fifteen days, commenced at the close of the first period, it will end on the 11th of August, 1840, when the Ottoman power in Constantinople may be expected to be broken. And this, I believe, will be found to be the case."--Josiah Litch, in Signs of the Times, and Expositor of Prophecy, Aug. 1, 1840. At the very time specified, 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. (See

Appendix.) When it became known, multitudes were convinced of the correctness of the principles of prophetic interpretation adopted by Miller and his associates, and a wonderful impetus was given to the advent movement. Men of learning and position united with Miller, both in preaching and in publishing his views, and from 1840 to 1844 the work rapidly extended.”

Thus, clear reasoning and the SOP have identified the first woe as the Ottoman-Moslem Empire of the Dark Ages. In fact, in the nearly 700 page masterpiece of the Great Controversy, this is the only time Ellen White makes reference to Islam!

The next mention of a woe comes in Revelation 11:14 where it reads, “The second woe is past; and, behold, the third woe cometh quickly.” The context for this statement is right after the mention of the French Revolution found in Revelation 11:1-13. Reason would indicate that the second woe that battered the world would be the horrors of the French Revolution that occurred between 1789-1797. The SOP concurs that Revelation 11:1-13 is the French Revolution. “The war against the Bible, carried forward for so many centuries in France, culminated in the scenes of the Revolution. That terrible out breaking was but the legitimate result of Rome's suppression of the Scriptures. (See Appendix.) It presented the most striking illustration which the world has ever witnessed of the working out of the papal policy-- an illustration of the results to which for more than a thousand years the teaching of the Roman Church had been tending. The suppression of the Scriptures during the period of papal supremacy was foretold by the prophets; and the Revelator points also to the terrible results that were to accrue especially to France from the domination of the "man of sin." Said the angel of the Lord: "The holy city shall they tread underfoot forty and two months. And I will give power unto My two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. . . . And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them. And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. . . . And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth. And after three days and a half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them." Revelation 11:2-11.

After the third woe is mentioned in Revelation 11:14, what follows are:

1. The judgment in 1844. (Rev. 11:15-19)
2. The war in heaven till the end of time. (Rev. 12)
3. The papacy and the rise of America. (Rev. 13)

There is no mention that the third woe has ever passed. Scripture is unclear as to what that woe is. Where Scripture is silent, we must be silent. Otherwise, it becomes a game of speculation and theory and that is very dangerous ground upon which to tread!! May the Lord strengthen us to never accept anything but that which is clear in Inspiration!

Before closing, here are some exciting letters from around the world.....

From the great Pacific Northwest “For many years, I have studied the Bible without much fruit. However, after receiving your materials and Bible studies, I can truly say that I am learning so much. I’m thankful that you sent literature to me. It has made all the difference in my life. Thank you.” Makes the mass mailings all worth it and this is just one of many letters!

From Edward in Zambia “There is a secondary school at Nakonde a town bordering Zambia with Tanzania. A student called Phil Mbao has been listening to Kavu radio programs from his Samsung mobile phone which has an FM in build radio and he happened to tune in to our program and that time we were airing the Jesuits Agenda series. Phil who is a Catholic believer was confounded by that truth he heard by the end of the program. He was very sure that what the American was speaking were truths which their priests did not reveal to their members. This boy was determined to inform others at school and one of their teachers who was a very staunch Catholic believer. Phil carried his mobile phone to school which had an inbuilt FM radio and he got to the program. That time was in the night according to Zambian time and Phil went to the school to write assignments with his friends because there was no electricity at his home and most homes. Phil tuned to Kavu and the sermon which was there was about 9/11 Aftermath. His fellow students were so pleased and happy to hear these hidden secrets they never knew about. So they developed an interest to listen further for the next coming days. One day, they invited their Catholic teacher to listen with them and this time around you were talking about “Vatican Assassins.” Their teacher was quiet and wrote down the frequency and went home. That teacher was so surprised to hear all what he heard and the following day he tuned to his home radio and listened alone to the whole program. He was very surprised and shocked to hear strange hidden things and later he decided to prove what the American was talking about. He went to the Library and read the history of Europe and confirmed many truths you had talked about. He further went to have an audience with his parish priest alone in the night. He really wanted to know whether what the American was saying was truth. He found his parish priest in the night and confronted him with questions which he did not answer satisfactorily. That teacher knew that his priest was hiding some truths he asked him one question that tell me yes or no about what the American is saying on Kavu or I am ready to leave the Catholic faith. At that point, the priest saw how serious that teacher was and being his close church member, he told him that yes, what the American was saying was true but we as Catholics no longer kill nor do any harm to anybody. Then that priest revealed to that teacher something that surprised the teacher that he too listens to the American but has not left the church. That was something that caused the teacher to ask more questions to his priest about all the Assassins and several bad things about the Vatican. That priest admitted to the teacher that he was too small to change the system; he was just a priest to carry out orders from the superiors. The teacher asked the priest whether they shall be saved in staying and serving a wrong church. The priest said not at all. The priest said he too did not know many things about the Church until he listened to many things the American was talking about and when he (the priest) finishes what he wants to do, he shall quit working as a

priest and will be willing to marry and find his God somewhere else. The teacher was happy to hear that news and walked out. 10 days later that teacher was found dead along the road. It is believed that he was attacked by some unknown hired thugs who attacked him in the night when he was coming from visiting the same priest. In the meantime, Phil managed to contact me and shared with me this story. He has 3 friends who began to observe the Sabbath alone in that area. Phil told me that he left the Catholic Church last year and that on Sabbath they always listen to recorded sermons of the American on their mobile phones.” Only eternity will reveal the souls in the kingdom from these radio programs!!! Praise be to God!

From Kenya “Please send all the SOP books you can, especially the Great Controversy. The Conference here prints only rubbish for the people and I received a request from conference pastors for literature from us! I really appreciate for the love you have for us and for the work here. I have received other books surely it is a great commitment...I was studying the little booklet, another angel and I saw great light in it, publishing work goes hand in hand with a living preacher. Books are falling like leaves of autumn to prepare the coming of the Lord.”

From Uganda “We had end year revival meetings and in that meetings 3 people were baptized and we had the Lord’s Supper. Attendance was over 170 people total. In January we visited a family who had been calling us. It was very far in Entebbe. We went teaching them the message and we meet them and they accepted Jesus and the present truth and that church has been opened. A catholic family down in Ibanda visited and they accepted the message. All of them are the people who had been given books earlier calling us to go and teach them. The literature you send goes far and wide. Thank you.”

From Oregon “I was so disappointed to get your book in the mail. Christians should not be speaking out against other Christians. We should be uniting together to oppose the common enemy-Islam. Shame on you for speaking unkindly to our Catholic Christian brothers and sisters.” Do you understand now, friend, why all the mind conditioning being done today to make Rome look so good and Islam look so bad?!

### *Upcoming Appointments*

March 26 Jennings, OR (near Oregon City) Chris Graham 541-980-6142

April 22-26 taping in Lodi, CA with Danny Vierra

May 6-10 Chino Valley, AZ Pete and Mary Sanchez 928-710-5660

Blessings to you,

Pastor Bill

