

THE EARLY ADVENT MOVEMENT

1. To what event and time does the close of the sixth trumpet bring us? — The passing of the independence of the Ottoman Empire into the hands of the powers, August 11, 1840.

2. What indicates a short interval thereafter before the beginning of the seventh trumpet? Rev.11:14.

3. What events associated with the seventh trumpet fix the time of its beginning? The beginning of the judgment ("the time of the dead, that they should be judged"), and the opening of the most holy in the heavenly temple. Verses 18, 19.

4. When did these events take place in heaven? Dan. 8:14. At the close of the 2,300 years in 1844. (See Lessons Four and Five for account of the 1844 Advent Movement.)

5. As the sounding of the sixth trumpet closed, what view was given the prophet? Rev. 10:1. Note 1.

6. What did the angel have in his hand? What was his attitude? Verse 2. Note 2.

7. What was the first solemn burden of the message

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represented by the angel? Verse 6. Note 3.

8. What book dealing with prophetic time and the latter days was especially opened to the world in the Advent Movement of this period? — The book of Daniel.

9. What command had been given Daniel regarding the book of his prophecy? Dan. 12:4.

10. In the vision of Revelation 10, what indicates the opening of Daniel's book of prophecy? Verses 2 (last part), 8. Note 4.

11. What disappointment came to those who first raised the cry of the ending of prophetic time? — They fully expected the Lord to come in 1844, and the time passed, and no coming One appeared.

12. What view in John's vision foreshadowed this bitter experience in the Advent Movement? Verses 9, 10; also verse 1, the cloud suggesting obscurity.

13. What view of truth had been obscured to their eyes? — They thought the cleansing of the sanctuary, at the Close of the 2,300 years of Dan. 8:14, to be Christ's second coming to cleanse the earth by fire, whereas it was the opening of His final ministry in the heavenly sanctuary.

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14. Instead of the year 1844 marking the close of the Gospel message to men, what new commission was given to John as representing the church? Verse 11.

15. What was to come in the days of the sounding of the seventh trumpet, beginning in 1844? Verse 7.

16. What is the mystery of God now being finished? Eph. 3:3-9; Col. 1:26-28. Note 5.

NOTES

1. The preaching of the Gospel is committed to men and not to angels. 2Cor. 5:19. Yet, in the symbolism of Revelation, angels are repeatedly used to represent evident activities in the church on earth in the preaching of Gospel messages to men. And there is something more than symbolism in this representation, as angels join as unseen helpers in the work of the church for the world. Heb. 1:14. Wherever the servant of God on earth goes with the message, with him will angels go, and it may well be that to a mighty angel is committed the general oversight of this or that special movement; for the view we get of heaven shows order and system in the angelic hosts.

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2. The attitude indicates the world-wide proclamation of his message by land and sea.

3. The time of the end had come, and the thoughts of men were to be directed to the second coming of Christ. The moment was at hand when the last sands of time were to run out from the last hour-glass of definite prophetic time. No longer would prophetic time periods point the way in history toward the approaching end. The longest time-period in prophecy, the 2,300 days, or years, of Dan. 8:14 (reaching from the commandment to restore Jerusalem, 547 B.C. to 1844), was now to close. The event was signaled by the great Advent proclamation, sounded by land and sea to all the world in the years just preceding 1844.

4. The book of Daniel is the only prophetic book giving the specific time of the cleansing of the sanctuary, the finishing work of Christ's ministry. It is the only book that was declared shut and sealed to the time of the end. The words in Revelation 10 indicate a book that had been shut, which then was to be opened. The great Advent Movement was based on the opening of the prophecies, particularly of Daniel, to the understanding of men, for the time was at hand. The preaching of these prophecies stirred the world in the 1844 times.

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5. The mystery of God is the Gospel. When its work is finished and Christ closes His ministry for sin, it is evident that all who will be saved at His coming will have allowed grace to finish its work in the heart. To the believer living at the close of probation, the finishing of the mystery means a preparing of the soul for translation to heaven, — the life to be pure, clean, unselfish, holy, every evil disposition over-come.