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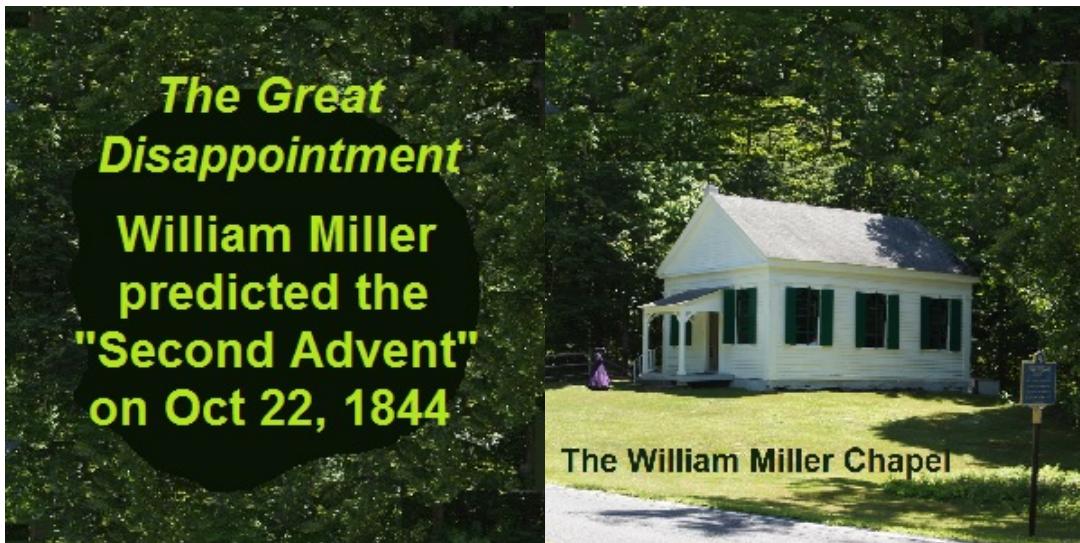
Consider this:

From time to time through the centuries of Gentile Christianity it has not been unusual for predictions of the end of the world to occur. At times, dates have even been set for the Great Tribulation and the return of Christ. Of course, none of these dates has so far proved to be accurate. William Miller, a Baptist minister, was the first American to figure dates for the "Second Coming of Christ"- sometime between March 21, 1843 and March 21, 1844.

Miller's followers, the Millerites, are estimated to have numbered somewhere

between 50,000 and 500,000. It has been reported that many were so convinced they sold their worldly possessions to attend camp meetings, waiting for Christ to return for them to whisk them away to heaven. When the expected "Advent" did not happen a new date was set, Oct 22, 1844. This date too, failed and came to be called "The Great Disappointment." A number of Adventist denominations descend from Miller's movement, also the Jehovah's Witnesses and some other groups.

Because of prophetic failures such as Miller's people are rightly skeptical about setting of prophetic dates. Yet, this trend to set prophetic dates for "the End" persists into the 21st century. Why is that?



The reason Bible researchers predict events in Scripture is because the Scriptures themselves invite timekeeping of prophetic events. This is especially true of the book of Daniel, which lays out a number of important prophetic timetables. Further, following the prophetic timetable for the coming of Messiah, devout 1st century Jews were expecting Him at the right time. As Paul wrote, "when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Torah" (Galatians 4:4). "The fullness of the time" here refers to the prophetic timetable foretelling His coming, found in the book of Daniel. The time of His second coming is also foretold, if only the prophecy is "unsealed."

Here, some might object, recalling that Scripture says we will not know the day and hour of His Return in advance. Some also repeat He is coming as "a thief in the night." Surely, this must mean we will not know the time of His Return in advance. (Lk 12:39+40)

Actually, it is only the damned that will experience His return as "a thief in the night." Those in the light will know! Here is Scripture for that:

"For you yourselves know full well that the day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night. While they are saying, "Peace and safety!"

then destruction will come upon them suddenly like labor pains upon a woman with child, and they will not escape. But you, brethren, are not in darkness, that the day would overtake you like a thief"

1 Thessalonians 5:2-4

Since true followers of Messiah will know, why have so many predictions been wrong? One very big reason for the failures is the failure of Christians to perceive Israel in the prophecies. The failed predictions generally involve prophecies that are directly stated as applying to Israel, and the Christian apologists apply them to "the Church" instead. Interestingly, Sir Isaac Newton, a great scientist and an even greater Bible researcher, explained why and how the prophecies of Daniel were sealed up. He understood and said that those time prophecies of the Return could only be understood AFTER Israel returned to the Land. Even though such an event seemed impossible in Newton's day, he knew from Scripture that Israel must return to the Land - an event that eventually occurred in the 20th century, after Newton was long dead. Contrary to ignorant statements by some, that Newton predicted a date of the Return, this speculation by Newton was never intended to be a prediction. It was just an off-the-cuff wild guess in his own private notes. Even so, his guess was in the 21st century.

When it comes to the reasons the time prophecies of Daniel could not be accurately known, Newton was right. Israel is the key to understanding the prophecies and the time. Now, the prophecies concerning Israel are unfolding according to the Scriptural timeframe, so now we can know the time.

While people make mistakes, the Scripture is flawless. As Messiah said: "the Scripture cannot be broken" (Jn 10:35). Just as surely as Messiah came the first time, and everything prophesied for His first coming occurred, so also with the final generation. The process of Israel returning to the Land is now in evidence. The final generation is here, and we are fast ticking off more and more prophecies being fulfilled. In fact, we are now moving rapidly toward the Great Tribulation, near the close of this decade. Only seven years after that, according to the Biblical timetable, Messiah will return to bring His Kingdom to the Earth.

While many fear the Great Tribulation, it is coming and you need to be ready. What will it look like when it comes in? Join us at our Tsiyon meeting tonight at Tsiyon.Net at 8 PM, CST for our latest *Fast Track* video entitled *The Tribulation Begins*.

Blessings and good health to you!

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PS - Join us next week for our latest prophetic video!



*Remember this: he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly.
He who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.* 2 Corinthians 9:6



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