

Lesson No. 2.

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Subject: REVIVAL & REFORMATION IN THE LIGHT OF THE 430 YEARS OF ABRAHAM AND EZEKIEL 4:

PURPOSE: To explain the upper half of the enclosed chart and show -

These two 430 year prophecies are designed to point out the cessation of the prophetic gift in the church and its re-manifestation in corroboration with the angel's message (E.W. 256:2) and now that the 2nd angel is joining "the third angel in a message to be given to the world" T.M. 300, there is to be "delay no longer". Rev. 10:6, R.V. margin.

2 uTG 10, 28:3, 29; Ans.#3, 60:2. That from the calling of Martin Luther (Revival) to the beginning of the sealing of the 144,000 (Rev. 7:1-8) in the church is 430 years. (1SR 116).

That it is clear there is 430 years from Luther's reformation to the purification of the church (1 S.R. 116).

Prophecy by Ezekiel gives information in detail from Luther's reformation to the marking of Ezekiel 9 and the unrolling of the scroll. (6T 17).

The typical 430 years of Abraham coincides with our time (1 S.R. 108:2) and runs parallel with the 430 years of Ezekiel 4.

The old prophecy (the type) gives details of the third angel's message to the fulfillment of Ezekiel 9 (1 S.R. 116).

The 430 prophetic years applied to Abraham and his seed overlap the 430 years of Eze. 4 and the perfect fulfillment is yet future, going out of Egypt at the antitypical Passover (slaughter of Ezekiel 9; 2 S.R. 275).

GEM THOUGHT:

"From the Crucifixion of Christ to the 'Augsburg Confession', ... constituted a period of 1500 years... So at the time appointed (1530), their power, Pagan and Papal, was broken... Therefore, the reformation by Luther falls under the fifth seal." 2 S.R. 212:1 and page 213:1.

REVIVAL AND REFORMATION: -- TWO DIFFERENT THINGS.

A. Revival - a renewal of spiritual life under the direction of the Holy Spirit (Amos 3:7; Hosea 12:13).

B. "Reformation signifies a reorganization" C.O.R. 121:4.

REFORMATION BLENDING WITH REVIVAL SIGNIFIES REORGANIZATION:

'God calls for a spiritual revival and a spiritual reformation. Unless this takes place, those who are lukewarm will continue to grow more abhorrent to the Lord, until He will refuse to acknowledge them as His children.

“A revival and a reformation must take place under the ministration of the Holy Spirit. Revival and reformation are two different things. Revival signifies a renewal of spiritual life. Reformation signifies a reorganization a change in ideas and theories, habits and practices... and in doing this work they must blend.” C.O.R. 121.

A. Moses started a revival that delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage, but ---

B. Organization came at Sinai, 430 years after Abraham's call to leave Ur. (Gal. 3:15-17; P. P. 760:3).

1. "... a symbol of re-organization of the church, - God Himself takes charge of the flock" 1 S.R. 100:1. The casting out of the antitypical bond woman and her son (Gal. 4:29) and giving of the new covenant. "... after those days (430 years), saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts;..." Heb: 8:10.

REVIVAL: must come before reformation can be established.

A. Follow closely the two roads to the kingdom (blue lines) on enclosed chart.

B. Start on top blue horizontal line:

1. Revival by Luther when he found the Bible at Erfurt - 1500 A.D., 1 S.R. 116.

2. "... 1500 - the time Martin Luther's call came, ... the time he started to prepare for the work of Reformation." 2 TG 39:18.

Ezekiel 4 Prophecy Divided Into TWO Parts -- 390 and 40 years.

A. 1500 A.D. + 390 = 1890 - S.D.A. rejects Righteousness by Faith, C.O.R. 42. (follow solid black line under the blue line).

B. 1890 + 40 = 1930 - this 40 years was one of the church's wandering in the wilderness of Scriptural speculation, yet the world was receiving light as Sr. White wrote the Conflict Series for the world.

1. 1930 date - sealing of the 144,000 - Rev. 7:1-8 starts -- a new message, begins in the church - the Lord's vineyard.

2. Thus, after 430 years from the 1st revival (by Luther) God starts another revival 1930 in the S.D.A. Church.

3. Church is watered (spiritual light) while the world suffers a drought (result of rejecting the S.R. Message of Righteousness by faith by S.D.A. (1930 - 1955) world fasts 40 years from 1915 to 1955.

4. As a result, deadly wound was healed in 1929 (1 S.R. 217:1, 2; Rev. 13:3).

REFORMATION: brought by a revival.

A. Above blue line, find black line starting with 1525 date on chart.

1. Luther's reformation actually began in 1525.
2. 1525 - date people at Worms accepted Protestantism. See Funk & Wagnall's Encyclopedia, under the subject "Worms".
3. (civil) historical record (Luther's marriage to Kathryn Von Bora on June 13, 1525) of Luther's reformation.

"This (marriage on June 13, 1525) was the real beginning of the Protestant Parsonage, which has showered the world with the choicest blessings. All the world ... sat up and took notice." "Martin Luther" by Dallman, p: 253.

"Dr. Martin shook the foundation of Rome's claims upon his life by two radical steps... writing the Ninety-five theses and taking a wife. His mental break with Romanism came when he placed the theses on the Castle Church door, but it was not until he married that his physical severance became complete." "Martin Luther - God's Man of Destiny" by Miller, p. 106.

"Luther felt that God commanded marriage as being right and honorable among all men and to sever forever his relationship with the Roman system he determined to cut short Katie's hood. Why Martin selected Katie a nun for his partner in this venture can well be seen from the fact that for him a former monk to marry a nun would make his testimony against the papal order the more decided and severe and the hostility of his enemies the more bitter" p. 110, same book as above.

B. Luther - papist of the straightest sort in 1517, G.C. 128 also 145-170. See Funk & Wagnall Enc., articles: "Luther." Worms

C. Luther started a revival in 1500 but it was not until 1525, that the reformation started - Protestantism accepted by the people of Worms, then -

1525 + 430 = 1955 - GOD BEGINS THE REFORMATION THAT IS TO BEING EVERLASTING PEACE AND RIGHTEOUSNESS:

D. Reformation (Judgment of the Living) now begins first at the house of God (1 Pet. 4:17), with those who have the greatest light.

1. "The prophecy by Ezekiel gives the information in detail from the beginning of Luther's reformation to Ezekiel 9, marking of the 144,000, and unrolling of the scroll. ('Not all in regard to this matter is yet understood, nor will it be understood until the unrolling of the scroll' 6T17)". 1SR 116.

C. This statement tells us that when the marking starts the scroll unrolls.

THEREFORE: - 1525 + 430 = 1955 - Marking of the 144,000 starts and the scroll unrolls.
MARKING TIME IS JUDGMENT TIME: - The time when we are to know more about the mark of the Beast (6T 17).

Since 1955 - beginning of marking and the parable of Eze. 24:1-3, we understand more about the mark of the beast.

1. "The beast is a man" Rev. 13:18; 2 S.R. 151:1; S.R. Jezreel Letter #5:5.
2. Nebuchadnezzar, minus his reason, was a beast (Dan. 4).
3. To follow man's interpretation of Scripture is to receive the mark of the beast (man).
4. The mark of the beast is first in force in the Church and then in the world. S.R. Jezreel Letter #2:5.
5. To receive God's mark (pure truth) is to accept the truth of the marking - Ezekiel 9 – His revealed truth. Even the mark of His Name by the man in Linen.

- a. New Name revealed at the beginning of the Judgment (harvest 1 S.R. 233:3; Isa. 62:2):
- b. "This time of Judgment is also called the time of harvests. 2 S.R. 164:2.

WE ARE SEALED BY THE TRUTH - 3T 267:0.

Three-Fold Seal of Early Writings p. 15 and Revelation 3:12 in prophecy:

1. GOD - Seal in the Law (Isa. 8:16; Rev. 14:6-11) truth of the Three Angel's Messages.

- a. God's name found in the 4th commandment.
- b. Shows His dominion and authority.
- c. Beginning of the 3-fold seal pointed out at the end of the 2300 day prophecy. (Dan. 8:14; Dan. 9:25) - a time prophecy movement showing when the Sanctuary was to be cleansed - Judgment of the Dead.
- d. Judgment message to be repeated for the Living. G.C. 383:0.

2. NEW JERUSALEM - Seal- Truth (A.A. 590; Isa. 40:10; Isa. 62:11).

- a. Seal is in the message of Angel from the East (Rev. 7:1-8). Has truth about the Kingdom to be established in the East - Palestine.
- b. Angel (anti-typical 1st angel) has 2nd part of 3-fold seal for the 144,000. Israelites - 12 tribes. (Rev. 7:1-8).
- c. Beginning of second part of the 3-fold seal is pointed out by the 430 year prophecy of Eze. 4 - which began at the end of the 430 years - in our time.

(1). Note black line below "Kingdom Road" (wide blue horizontal line) on enclosed chart.

(2). Start with date 1500 - Revival by Luther when he found the Bible at Erfurt (1 S.R. 116; 2 TG 38:18).

(3). ADD: $1500 + 430 = 1930$ - time revival. (sealing of Rev. 7:1-8) began - shows a time prophecy movement - announcing the Judgment of the Living, (brought by the Shepherd's Rod Message).

3. JESUS' NEW NAME - final seal of 144,000.

- a. The third part of 3-fold seal - a message revealing Jesus' new name for the 144,000 E.W. 15.
- b. The antitypical 2nd angel -- Rev. 18:1 (T.M. 59) reveals message with "new name" "Behold, the Bridegroom (Christ- BRANCH) cometh".
- c. The beginning of the New Name seal is pointed out by the 430 year prophecy of Ezekiel - in our time.

1. Note heavy black vertical line "above "Kingdom Road" (blue line) with date of 1525 at top, see enclosed chart. (1 S.R. 116).

2. Start with date 1525 - Reformation by Luther (Funk & Wagnall's Encyclopedia, article on "Worms").
3. ADD: 1525 + 430 = 1955 - time the message comes revealing Jesus' new name which marks one for deliverance during the Harvest, first in the church, then in the world.

SHOWING:

- a. The Harvest-Judgment has begun in the house of God, (1 Pet-4:17; SR233:3).
- b. Harvest is the Judgment (2 S.R. 164:1).
- c. Judgment of the Living (date) made known in prophecy same as the other 2 parts of the 3 fold seal.

SUMMARY: Details of the Third Angel's Message.

ACCORDING TO EZEKIEL'S PROPHECY: 390 and 40 years.

1525 + 390 = 1915 - death of Sr. White, God's servant, who had a message to give to the world.

1915 + 40 years (light given for the church while world fasted) = 1955 beginning of the movement

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The Branch, which is to complete the reformation for the church and proclaim the "Loud Cry" (harvest-Rev. 18:1) - first to the church - then to the world.

ACCORDING TO ABRAHAM'S PROPHECY:400 and 30 years.

"We have first, a period of 400 years, and then it was extended to 430 years." 1 S.R. 109:2.

"... the old prophecy (the type) only gives the details from the beginning of the third angel's message to the fulfillment of Eze. 9. 1 S.R. 116. You will also note in 1 S.R. p. 222 "... that one (Ezekiel) overlaps the other (Abraham)". "... that the 430 prophetic years originally applied to Abraham and his seed, OVERLAP the 430 of Ezekiel 4. The 430 years of Ezekiel should terminate in 1929, or 1930, but the perfect fulfillment of the prophetic period of Abraham in its anti-type is yet in the future (going out of Egypt)". 2 S.R. 275:2.

Take two sticks that are the same length and lay parallel, one on the other, and if the one end OVERLAPS or extends beyond the end of the other, it necessarily would be shorter on the other end. So it is with the two 430 year prophecies --(Ezekiel & Abraham). For Abraham's prophecy (being the same length of time, 430 years), to overlap Ezekiel's, it would have to start at a later date.

"... Ezekiel's prophecy is intended to point forward to the announcement of the predicted reformation, (1525 + 430 = 1955Read 1 TGr. 8-24:3)and the one through Abraham, to its completion (Ezekiel nine) ". 2 S.R. 275:2.

The smiting of the first born (the priest) S.D.A. will release modern Israel from the bondage of sin. (Egypt).

"The Passover was to be both commemorative and typical, not only pointing back to the deliverance from Egypt, but forward to the greater deliverance... from the bondage of sin. We must appropriate to ourselves the virtue of the atoning sacrifice." PP 277:1.

"... If it becomes necessary for us to know ahead of time the day and hour of the purification of the church, the antitypical Passover, we will be told." 2 TGr.41-3:3. Read also Isa. 31:5; 41:11; 31:4; Zech. 14:1; Isa. 4:3.

It is evident the Lord wants us to know when Ezekiel 9 (antitypical Passover) is, for through the 430 year prophecies, it is made known by the antitypical 2nd angel Revelation 18:1.

"... The pale horse rider was to have power over a fourth part of the earth. We divide 6,000 into four equal parts, and we have 1500 years. Therefore, the cruel and unjust persecution by Rome was to lose its power at the end of the 1500 years or the fourth part. That is exactly what happened. At that time Martin Luther arose against the papacy and inflicted the deadly wound, by the instrument of truth 'the just shall live by faith'. And the result was that Protestantism came on the stage of action in opposition to the papacy. Up to the beginning of the fifteenth century the papacy reigned supreme as a king of kings, by the iron arm of the state in the garb of so called spiritual authority; but at that time her power was broken.

"From the crucifixion of Christ to the 'Augsburg Confession', a document compiled by Luther, constituted a period of 1500 years. This document was signed by the protestant states and adopted as their creed, and was a protest against the pope. So at the time appointed (1530), their power, Pagan and Papal, was broken... Thus perfectly fulfilling the symbolical prophecy that 'power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth'. Here is a truth that overthrows the idea that the earth has been in existence for longer than 6,000 years

"The closing of one seal and the opening of the other consumed a period of thirty years. Thus the fourth seal closed in 1530 A.D., up to which period the pale horse rider was to have power. Therefore, the reformation by Luther falls under the fifth seal." 2 S.R. 212:1, 2; 213:1.

CONCLUSION: "Augsburg Confession" -- infliction of the deadly wound to the Papacy 1530 + 430 = 1960..... to the purification of the church (Eze. 9, Passover) - antitypical Israel, 144,000 going out of antitypical Egypt, according to the oil from the golden "bowl" (Spirit of Prophecy). 2 S.R. 275:2; see also chart on page 270.

The 430 years as it applied to Abraham in the type according to P.P. 760:3 says, "The period of four hundred and thirty years dates from the promise given to Abraham when he was commanded to leave Ur of the Chaldees. The four hundred years of Gen.15:13 dates from a later period ...not only a time of sojourning., but of affliction. This, according to the Scriptures, must be reckoned from thirty years later, about the time when Ishmael, 'he that was born after the flesh, persecuted him (Isaac) that was born after the Spirit'. Gal. 4:29" "We therefore have a 30 year period to deal with first... This coincides with Sarah protesting against Agar and Ishmael when 'they departed from the house of Abraham, and the assurance of the covenant of promise that was made with Isaac." 1SR 109:2. In the prophecy in its type we have 30 years, (follow enclosed chart in upper left hand corner) and 400 years, or 430 years from the call of Abraham to leave Ur to the Passover.

"These types were fulfilled, not only as to the event, but as to the time. On the fourteenth day of the first Jewish month, the very day and month on which, for fifteen long centuries, the Passover lamb had been slain, Christ, having eaten the Passover with His disciples, instituted that feast which was to

commemorate His own death. G.C. 399:3. From the Passover in Egypt to the crucifixion is 1500 years.

The antitypical - when Israel by promise (144,000) goes out of modern Egypt, the world.

"From the crucifixion of Christ to the Augsburg Confession' (1530), a document compiled by Luther, constituted a period of 1500 years." 2 S.R. 212:1. Antitypical 430 years: "We have first a period of 400 years, and then it was extended to 430 years." 1 S.R. 109:2.

1530 + 400 = 1930

to the revival in the church - antitypical Luther, (Righteousness by Faith) V.T.H., Prepares for the reformation. (6 T 21:1).

1930 + 30 = 1960

antitypical Passover for modern Israel - the church. "We are repeating the history of that people." 5 T 160:2.

Fold the chart over at the cross and you will find that type and antitype are perfectly fulfilled. One side of the prophecy, as to years, perfectly matches the other side - one a perfect reflection of the other.

The cross of Christ (see chart) is the dividing line from the call of Abraham to the fulfillment of the promises to him.

The command is: "And the Lord answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon the tables, that he may run that readeth it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry" Hab. 2:2, 3.

"And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein." Isa. 35:8.

"There is a great work to be done, and every effort possible must be made to reveal Christ as the sin pardoning Saviour, Christ as the sin-bearer, Christ as the bright and morning Star; and the Lord will give us favor before the world until our work is done. While the angels hold the four winds, we are to work with all our capabilities. We must bear our message without any delay... Human souls are hanging in the balance. They will either be subjects for the kingdom of God or slaves to despotism of Satan." 6T 20-21.

Yours to understand the PERFECT fulfillment of the 430 years of Abraham & Ezekiel 4.

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Note:

Correction on Chart: Under "Egypt" reference is 1 S.R. 107.
Emphasis and parentheses in quotation ours, unless otherwise designated.

The Wise Shall Understand --

"We shall advance in true spiritual knowledge, only as we realize our own littleness, and our entire dependence upon God;

"It is sometimes the case that men of intellectual ability, improved by education and culture, fail to comprehend certain passages of Scripture, while others who are uneducated, whose understanding seems weak and whose minds are undisciplined will grasp the meaning, finding strength and comfort in that which the former declare to be mysterious, or pass by as unimportant. Why is this? -- It has been explained to me that the latter class do not rely on their own understanding. They go to the Source of light, the One who has inspired the Scriptures, and with humility of heart ask God for wisdom, and they receive it But our success in finding it, does not depend so much on our intellectual ability as on our humility of heart, and the faith which will lay hold upon divine aid" 5T 704:1,2.

"Whenever men are not seeking, in word and deed, to be in harmony with God, then, however learned they may be, they are liable to err in their understanding of Scriptures, and it is not safe to trust to their explanations. When we are truly seeking to do God's will, the Holy Spirit takes the precepts of his word, and makes them the principles of the life, writing them on the tablets of the soul. And it is only those who are following the light already given that can hope to receive the further illumination of the Spirit. This is plainly stated in the words of Christ, 'If any man will do His will, he shall know of the doctrine.'"

"Those who look to the Scriptures to find discrepancies, have not spiritual insight. With distorted vision they will see many causes for doubt and unbelief in things that are really plain and simple. But to those who take God's word with reverence, seeking to learn His will that they may obey it, all is changed. They are filled with awe and wonder as they contemplate the purity and exalted excellence of the truths revealed. Like attracts like. Like appreciates like. Holiness allies itself with holiness, faith with faith. To the humble heart and the sincere, inquiring mind, the Bible is full of light and knowledge. Those who come to the Scriptures in this spirit, are brought into fellowship with prophets and apostles. Their spirit assimilates to that of Christ, and they long to become one with him." 5T 705:1, 2.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Continue to turn in funds for passage to Holy Land until further notice.

Those going, but who are waiting to collect monies on savings, etc., write explanation so your name may be included on the passenger list.

Those sponsoring others on the trip send list and explanation to the Odessa Office.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THOSE WHO ARE DETERMINED TO GO TO THE HOLY LAND WHO DO NOT HAVE THE MEANS:

Submit to the Odessa Office the following information:

1. A complete record of tithe paid to the Branch for the past 12 months, with signature of Leader and Secretary locally, or from Odessa Office.
2. A complete record of tithes and offerings paid to other than the Branch for the past 12 months.
3. A verification of your passport permission to leave the Country. State if you have it already.
4. Record of income for the past 12 months.
5. Statement of how much you can send in on fare after everything is sold from personal effects.

Rush this information at once to the Odessa Office for consideration.

Note: Those who have paid a faithful tithe will receive first consideration when applying for financial help on their fare to the Holy Land.

For all official dates and information consult Branch Literature or contact Odessa Office.