

## Prologue to AA Chapter 56 - Patmos

Elder Tess has taught us that the Priests are represented by John the Apostle. John was the last of the 12 disciples alive on earth. He was the remnant of the first church of Ephesus. He was God's servant...Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw. (Revelation 1:2).

The Priests in the present movement are likewise, the remnant in the last church of Ephesus. They are to bare witness to the word of God, the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that they have experienced and understood.

Elder Parminder has taught us about the parable-methodology concept of "repeat & enlarge" found in the Bible, as well as, the writings of Ellen G. White:

...This experience will be repeated in the last years of the history of the people of God, who have been established by His grace and power. Men whom He has greatly honored will in the closing scenes of this earth's history pattern after ancient Israel. 19LtMs, Ms 5, 1904, par. 9

So I want to keep in mind this idea that many similarities may occur in the the history of the Priests as were recorded about the apostle John of Patmos.

In contemplation of this viewpoint, I glanced back at the previous 3 AA chapters regarding John (53,54,55) to see how they might fit upon a line along with Chapter 56, 57 and 58.

Ancient & Modern Israel- Apostle John's experience as Priest/144K

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53-John the Beloved

55-Transformed by Grace

57-The Revelation

54-A Faithful Witness

56-Patmos

58-Church Triumphant

Ch. 53 - John the Beloved:

He seems to have enjoyed to a pre-eminent degree the friendship of Christ, and he received many tokens of the Saviour's confidence and love. He was one of the three permitted to witness Christ's glory upon the mount of transfiguration and His agony in Gethsemane, and it was to his care that our Lord confided His mother in those last hours of anguish upon the cross. AA 539.1

The Priests in these final days are surely experiencing “to a pre-eminent degree” the friendship of Christ and have received many tokens of His confidence and love. The Priests of this movement have been permitted to witness the transfiguration of Christ, His glory and His nature through their studies. This opportunity was also given their forerunners, the Millerites and the SDA Church. The present movement has been given the “care” of Christ’s church which may be symbolized by “His mother” (a beloved woman). The context in John’s time was the cross. The cross can be marked in our movement at 2019.

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Ch. 54 - A Faithful Witness:

The apostle's life was in harmony with his teachings. The love for Christ which glowed in his heart led him to put forth earnest, untiring labor for his fellow men, especially for his brethren in the Christian church. AA 546.2

Christ had bidden the first disciples love one another as He had loved them. Thus they were to bear testimony to the world that Christ was formed within, the hope of glory. "A new commandment I give unto you," He had said, "That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another." John 13:34. At the time when these words were spoken, the disciples could not understand them; but after they had witnessed the sufferings of Christ, after His crucifixion and resurrection, and ascension to heaven, and after the Holy Spirit had rested on them at Pentecost, they had a clearer conception of the love of God and of the nature of that love which they must have for one another... AA 547.2

After the descent of the Holy Spirit, when the disciples went forth to proclaim a living Saviour, their one desire was the salvation of souls. They rejoiced in the sweetness of communion with saints.....By unselfish words and deeds they strove to kindle this love in other hearts. AA 547.3

Priests have been taught that their lives must come into harmony with their teachings and that their first task is to take their message to the brethren in the SDA Christian church at large. A much greater understanding of "love thy neighbor" has been revealed through the study of John 13:34. There is now a better understanding of the evils of Nationalism, Sexism, and Homophobia. Recently Priests have been reminded that the jewels in heavenly crowns represent souls saved not just good deeds and that the loss of any soul will be sorely felt. After partaking symbolically in the experience of Jesus in Gethsemane and the Wilderness, they have a more compassionate ideal to strive for and a promise that more will be revealed as they prepare for the next waymark. 2021 will mark Pentecost, the sign for the Priests to begin the harvest of the Levites.

Ancient & Modern Israel- Apostle John's experience as Priest/144K-1-1

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Ch. 55 - Transformed by Grace:

In the life of the disciple John true sanctification is exemplified.....He yielded his resentful, ambitious temper to the molding power of Christ, and divine love wrought in him a transformation of character. AA 557.1

True sanctification comes through the working out of the principle of love. "God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him." 1 John 4:16. The life of him in whose heart Christ abides, will reveal practical godliness. The character will be purified, elevated, ennobled, and glorified. Pure doctrine will blend with works of righteousness; heavenly precepts will mingle with holy practices. AA 560.1

As they move forward on the reform line of the 144K, Priests will be transformed by grace as Christ abides in their hearts. They will be sanctified by practical godliness. Their characters will be purified, elevated, ennobled, and glorified. Their adherence to pure doctrine and holy practices will find them righteous when Michael stands up at the COP waymark.

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### Ch. 56 - Patmos

This chapter shares the experience of John leading up to the death decree put upon him and his exile to Patmos. It describes his life there, as he continues his commune with God and his living testimony as he awaits the visitation of Jesus Christ. It illustrates the persecution and time of trouble John lives through and how God's glory is reflected in his character. In that way, it shows John as a type of 144K.

### Ch. 57 - The Revelation

Jesus Christ comes to John to reveal the keys to open sealed book of Daniel. This becomes a type of 2nd Advent for the line of the 144K.

### Ch. 58 - The Church Triumphant

The overview and success of all those who strive to become citizens of heaven.

Presentations by both Elder Tess and Elder Parminder have revealed that the complexities of reform lines are emerging and that we must hold in our minds the concepts learned about the whole and the parts simultaneously. We have been introduced to the words Synecdoche and Metonymy which contrast the understanding of the big picture and the fractals, We also were recently reminded that symbols have different meanings and that events may have different symbols attached to them depending on the contexts referenced. In order to illustrate these ideas, I have attempted to show the locations for applications of AA Chapters 53, 54, 55, 56, 57 and 58 in a chart that represents a reform line.