

# Miller's Rules

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We've done about twelve presentations so far and they've started relatively simple but as we've built upon the material it does seem to get a little more complicated and maybe some of the issues we've discussed you may not be quite familiar with. There's one thing that we haven't discussed this week is information connected to the rules that we should be using when we study our Bibles. Even though I haven't explicitly stated it, I have been using rules that most of us are probably familiar with. As an example, we've used proof texting, which means to take a word or a phrase or a concept and trace its usage. Adventists are quite skilled at this. If you were to do a study with someone who's not an Adventist on the subject of the Sabbath, you would instinctively go to different passages in the Bible to teach them about the Sabbath. You would go to Old Testament passages to show them how to keep Sabbath and that teach the immutability of the Sabbath. Because we all know that when we come to the New Testament, you will find no solid verses that tell you to keep Sabbath. Unless you use this method of proof texting you can't prove to a non-Adventist that the Sabbath is still a requirement to keep for our time. Because they will use obscure or difficult text to try to prove that the Sabbath was done away with. Most of us here should be familiar with the technique that we would use to defend our position. It should not surprise us when I say that history repeats itself because we all know that it does. Let's turn to Matthew 24:35, Christ says, that his words shall remain to the end of the earth's history. 36, says that human wisdom will not be able to clearly understand when Christ's return is. 37, it talks about the history of Noah and it says, "as it was in the days of Noah it shall be the same in the days of the coming of the son of man." There's many concepts and ideas that we can get from the life of Noah but putting aside all what we might understand, we know that the story of Noah is the story about the Second Coming. Jesus says that directly. I've been sharing with you this week the concept that history repeats itself, it's not something that should be new and obscure to us. I have given many examples of how history repeats. As I said, the history of Noah is a parable

of the end of the World. We know that it has great light or information for us to understand as we begin to approach Christ Second Coming. We don't have to guess about the differences between the two histories because Scripture and Ellen White instructs us on what those differences would be. In the story of Noah, what was the world destroyed by? By a flood. But Peter tells us that at the end of the world what will the world be destroyed by then? Fire, not by a flood. He compares and contrasts two elements of nature that had been used by God to destroy. Water & Fire. I want to take the time to remind us about the rules that we have been using that I've weaved in my presentations in a subtle way. That it should really be understood clearly by each and everyone of us. One of the clearest examples of these rules that we should be using is codified in the history of the Millerites. William Miller put together a short article explaining how we should approach the study of God's Word. He developed what he called "fourteen rules." Ellen White wrote that she upholds William Miller's rules. The rules that we have been using extensively this week are rules 1-5, even though I never mentioned them directly. As we read these five rules that were written almost two hundred years ago you'll see that they resonate with your understanding of how to study. I want you to have the assurance that the rules that we are using to explain our understanding of end time prophecy are the same rules that God Church used at the beginning of Adventism. We could easily spend an hour with this first rule even though it's one sentence. We will take a bible verse and take every word in that verse and try to understand it's weight or direction in the context of that verse. We can have a better understanding of what that verse is trying to teach us. Most of us are either unwilling or unskilled to do that. We have problems here at the end of the world which are a consequence of the things that happened at the beginning of the world. Because of the sin of humanity after the flood, God sent a curse upon humanity. We tried to unite the power of human beings with the religion of God and a church/state relationship was formed to bring humanity into slavery. This was done in what is now known as the country of Iraq, in the Old Testament it's known as Shinar. It's a story that we all know. Men went into the plains of Shinar and formed a city called Babel. They tried to create a tower in the city which is a symbol of church and state. To prevent that

from happening, to protect His children, God sent a curse upon humanity and he confused our languages. It has been a curse as well as a blessing upon humanity because it's a protection. People who are in power cannot have the opportunity of controlling the whole earth because language barriers produce social barriers. Which leads to national barriers which always results in war. Even though it was never God's will that we would war one with another it still is a form of protection so that people can retain their identity. At the end of the world we face problems because God wants to communicate with the world but he has to use various languages to do that. The bible was written in two languages or three if you want to be particular. Hebrew, Greek and also Aramaic which is similar to Hebrew. The problem that humanity faces is that using those 2-3 languages, which none of us know, God needs to communicate with every single one of us through his word. That's why we rely on translations and most of the time it's done very well. There are some bible versions that are better than others but by and large, most bible versions do a good job when you are dealing on a moral level. But when you're dealing on a prophetic level, God's people need to be concerned about prophecy and we need to be more careful when dealing with the use of languages. Therefore a careful study of a verse where we want to understand each verse and it's usage in that verse we need to utilize tools. The most useful one for lay people like ourselves are Hebrew and Greek Dictionaries or Lexicons. What people have done is taken those Hebrew or Greek words and given them a number and each one of those numbers has a dictionary definition. Then in an English or French Bible, those English or French words are given their Hebrew or Greek equivalent. So that we can understand in a deeper way what those words mean. We wanted to share that technique so that you would know how to do that but we ran out of time. If you are going to understand the bible properly and you're going to try to enforce doctrine upon people, you need to ensure that you read the verse correctly. Again and again, God's Church has been guilty of enforcing doctrine upon its members without understanding the verse. That is rule number one. We're going to skip to rule number five. So, rule number five says that the bible or inspiration should be its own expositor. The word expositor means to expound, explain or interpret. The only safe way to approach scripture is to allow scripture to

define itself. In order to do that you need to follow certain rules and you need to understand how parables work. I'll give you an example. If I asked you what the word Glory means, in a congregation of this size we would have a number of different answers. The reason why this becomes so important is because today in Christianity there is a misunderstanding of what Grace means. Grace is connected to Glory. We already demonstrated if you were to go to Rev.14:7, there's a message from Heaven that says. "Fear God and give Him Glory, for the hour of His judgement has come." The verse before, Rev. 14:6, says that this three fold message is the Everlasting Gospel. If you want to understand what the Gospel is, it's connected to Glory because Glory is the second step and therefore we would want to understand what Glory meant. The Everlasting Gospel is the good news that Jesus is going to save His people which is the definition of Grace. Let's go to 1 Corinthians 15:42, 43 and 44. We are going to see what a biblical definition of Glory is. Verse 42, is talking about the human body in two phases. We're going to see the human body going down and the human body going up. You're going to see it in these three verses. It uses the word sown and the word raised. It describes each of those bodies because they're different and it's going to use a compare and contrast technique. The word that I want you to consider is that the bible would juxtapose two concepts. Verse 42, if I say corruption what do you say? Incorruption, do we all see that? 43 and 44 use the same technique. Let's go to 44, Christ says natural and you would say spiritual. Let's go back to 43, if I say dishonour you would say, Glory. There's the word Glory. 43 gives two examples of this. If I say weakness you would say power. This is not a coincidence, that you see 1,2,1 There's a pattern and a linguistic style. God is encoding information to us beyond the words themselves. He does it through patterns, it's a literary style. We can see that all of these are descriptions of a body that's sown and all of these are descriptions of a body raised or resurrected. If I were to ask you now what's the biblical definition of the word Glory because it's defined in the verse itself. You don't have to go to a dictionary and you don't have to ask a human being just like rule five says. We now know that Glory is power and this is the biblical definition of Glory. If we were to expound this thought we know that Grace is Power, to do what? We've already studied Genesis 3:15, it means power

to hate sin. Which in and of itself is a juxtaposition because if you hate sin, what is the opposite of hate? Love and sin is a transgression of the law. If you hate sin you therefore love the law. This is a technique that the bible uses over and over again. Rule #1 and #5 are rules that we have been using throughout this week. They might have been rules that you have been using for your own personal studies before we even met. We have been warned that if you rely upon the wisdom of man then you will cease to study your bible and now your left to accept the guess work of another human being. I just wanted to bring this to our attention that there are these 14 rules that Miller devised to help himself to study the Word of God. Also, Ellen White compared William Miller to Elijah because Elijah is identified by being the Fore Runner, the one that proceeds the Prince of the Covenant. Malachi 3, Isaiah 40 these stories that address Elijah as he begins to prepare the way for the Messiah to come. At the first Advent when Christ came upon the scene in AD 27 when he was baptized, who came before him? John the Baptist and who was he? Elijah. So, we know that there's Elijah 1, 1 Kings 18 then there's Elijah 2 who is John the Baptist. We have now developed a triple application that we've discussed this week already. There will be an Elijah 3 which is God's church at the end of the world. This is Adventism who has been raised up to prepare the way for the Second Advent. This is the natural, literal Jewish Nation and this is the spiritual symbolic Jewish Nation. Today there are no Jews or Gentiles, we've discussed that concept already. If you go to the New Testament and read Ellen Whites Commentary on these ideas we know that the 144,000 are going to be translated and never to see death. We've seen that Elijah at the end of the world is the symbol or representation of these two Elijah's that came before. John the baptist was killed, do we know why he was killed? It was because he criticized those who were in power. Do we know how many people it took to bring about his death? There was King Herod then there was Herodias. If you're familiar with the story, it's King Herod's birthday and his wife does what? She sends her daughter, who is his step-daughter, because Herodias is in an illegal marriage with Herod. Herodias was previously married to Herod's brother. Then she has her daughter dance before him on his birthday to deceive him, to trick him so that he would be obligated to give her something. Salome agrees to her

mother's scheme. Those three people are a symbol of the three agencies that will come against God's people at the end of the world. The Dragon, the Beast and the False Prophet, Revelation 16. What did they do with John the baptist when he stood against the threefold union? They killed him. What happened to Elijah when they tried to kill him? They weren't able to. There is this threefold enemy that John the baptist - Elijah is going to war against. This Elijah here and he's translated and who does he fight against when he goes to Mount Carmel? A King named Ahab who is married to Jezebel which is an illegal marriage. Compare and contrast with Herod and Herodias, King and Queen and an illegal marriage. Daniel 8:12 a relationship which is in transgression to God's law, Herodias's daughter deceives the King. We know that in Bible prophecy a woman is a symbol of a religious power or a church. Let's turn to Revelation 17:5, the papacy is going to be identified as a woman that's riding a beast. It's the picture work here on this chart. It's mystery Babylon, the papacy and she's riding upon a beast. Lets go to verse 2, it talks about the Kings of the Earth. If you were to read verses 1,2 and 3 this is repeat and enlarge. Verse 1, what is the woman sitting on? She's sitting on waters. Verse 3, she's sitting on a beast. If there's a woman sitting on waters and a woman sitting on a beast what do we know? That waters = beast. Now let's go to verse 2, what is the woman doing? Committing fornication with who? The Kings of the Earth. Here's the Earth and these are the Kings. So, the Kings and their nations are a symbol of the water and a symbol of the beast. This is proof texting using repeat and enlarge and following William Miller's rules, #5 and #1. The bible is being used to explain itself. Kings of the Earth of the Seas and the Beast. The woman sits on the Beast, she is the church. You now have a Church/State relationship but she has daughters, verse 5 calls them Harlots. We can go back to the story here of John the Baptist. It's got a woman, a King of the Earth and her daughter. We can see how the New Testament literal history is typifying what's going to happen at the end of the world. How did this young woman deceive her step-father the King? What did she do for him? She did a dance, it was a dance of deception. Let's go back to Elijah, he's on Mount Carmel and he's having a struggle with the King who is in an illegal marriage with a woman who's name is Jezebel. What is her job function? Her name is Jezebel and it's made up of

two words, the God Baal and she's a high priestess. The subject of the High Priestess is an important subject because someone has asked me a question about high priestesses. I'm going to try to address this question later this evening so please try to keep that in mind (*if I remember*). If you're a high priestess, who are you in charge of? Just like the High Priests are in charge of Priests, High Priestesses are in charge of Priests. There's Ahab, Jezebel, and what are they doing on Mount Carmel? They are struggling with the priests of Baal to understand who the true God is. What do these priests of Baal do to try to deceive the people? They build an altar and what do they do around the altar? They dance around the altar to deceive the people. A threefold enemy comes against Elijah 1 and a threefold enemy comes against Elijah 2. There is going to be a threefold enemy that comes against Elijah 3. Revelation 16, the Dragon, the Beast and the False Prophet. What happened to Elijah 1? He got translated. Elijah 2 got killed. History is going to repeat and this Elijah 3 is God's Church. It's Spiritual Israel. In Spiritual Israel some of us will be translated and some of us are going to be beheaded or killed. Why? For the Word of God and the testimony that they give. Those who are translated the bible gives them a name, it's the 144,000. The 144,000 are part of Spiritual Israel and Spiritual Israel is the Seventh Day Adventist Church. It's from this Church that God is going to translate the 144,000, he's going to extract them out of this Church. However, they are not the only people because there is a faithful Adventist who will be killed. They too will be taken to bare testimony to God's Word. I have already given you at least three other triple applications this week. I gave you the destruction of Jerusalem. I gave you the Sunday law, I also gave you Rome. Yesterday, I gave you the Woes which is Revelation 8, 9, 10 and 11. This is a symbol of Islam. Rome is Pagan, Papal and Modern Rome. The Sunday Law in 321 and 538. We are rapidly headed to the fulfillment of all five triple applications. We are already in the history where these things have begun to be fulfilled. We are now coming into the closing scenes of the modern fulfillment of all of these histories. As I began this week, it's not a coincidence that the movement that I represent is now desiring an explanation of end time prophecy. I believe it's a fulfillment of His will that we've been able to come here this week to share with you these truths. I can clearly see from my

understanding of prophecy in particular when we discussed the Everlasting Gospel that we start thinking about these three messages. However, in the second message there are two groups that are formed. There's a group of people and they travel along this journey and the first angel comes to them and it's not apparent at first if they all accept. By the time you come to the second step the people will have to start showing what they believe. You will see that some people exhibit righteousness and others fall away into Babylon or the wicked world below as Ellen White describes in her very first vision. If you can remember that we spoke about Noah, I just want to give a brief overview of that story. I think most of us are familiar with it. The story is about a man that God communicates with and even before Noah begins to build God describes this man as righteous. In fact he says Noah is the only righteous man on earth. Everyone else on earth all they do is think evil all the time. So you see there are two groups. Then God tells Noah that in 120 years I'm going to destroy this earth with a flood. But in order to save those people who are willing to repent there is an opportunity for them. For those of us who were here yesterday and heard this study, how many people were saved? Eight, eight is a symbol. The world was washed with water and in the New Testament that flood is going to be used as a symbol of what? Baptism, because it washes the sins away. Who comes out of that flood? Eight people because eight if I just use this picture work and say that this is water now and not earth, you're resurrected out of water. It's connected to the number eight. This was a big boat and I can assure you that Noah was not the only one that built that boat, I'm not guessing because Ellen White tells us. There were two types of people that helped him. There were those who believed in his mission, he convinced them. As he preached they became convicted and they said they would help him. They were volunteer workers. They gave their time, their money and their strength to build this Ark, that was one group. There was another group, well just call them the professionals because Noah had enough wealth to hire people. He hired professional carpenters to help build the Ark and these workers were in it for the money. When they finished their job they went away. The people that helped Noah some of them died in the faith but the rest lost their faith and walked away. All that was left were eight people, which is a symbol of resurrection. Do we know how many levels were on



this Ark? It was three levels because it's a symbol of the Everlasting Gospel. There was a door that was open. Remember we spoke about an open and shut door? All the symbology in end time prophecy is coded in the story of Noah. Is Noah the Ark? No. Is the Ark Noah? No. They are symbols of two different things. We should all be familiar with Matthew 25, then shall the Kingdom of Heaven be likened unto Ten Virgins, five who were wise and five who were foolish. What are those virgins doing? They're going to a Wedding. Whose wedding are they going to? The bride and the bridegroom. The Virgins are not the bride and the bride is not the Virgins. These are bridesmaids who are there to help the bride. The bible repeatedly through many parables shows us that the church or the Ark is not the same as the individuals in the church. We are guests, we are not the bride, the church is the bride and we are the guests. How does Noah preach? With a hammer and nails and everytime he strikes that wood that was a sermon. As his presentation builds he comes to a day in the 120th year when the Ark is complete then what does Noah do? He's finished working and he's going to give his last sermon which was a Loud Cry. This Loud Cry was given to the people, these people who had been watching him for 120 years. At this point in earth history people don't die young because before the flood they lived for centuries. These people had systematically rejected him. All the people that once joined him had moved to the side of the enemy. These people do not like this man, they openly oppose him. This is their last chance to come onto the Ark and be saved because this is the Loud Cry that's going to be given to these people. I want to tell you that every single one of these people understands who God is. This is a symbol primarily of God's church and the rejection of the Cry to be saved before the flood comes. After they've had their opportunity and they reject something suddenly happens and there's a thunderous noise. The sky goes dark and not with rain clouds, what suddenly happened? Animals led by Angels now direct themselves to the Ark. I'm going to show it this way in two streams. One stream is clean and the other stream is unclean. Those two streams of animals are not to be understood as animals for us because this is a parable. Let's go to this chart. Every single animal in this chart is a symbol of what? Human Beings, these animals are a symbol of humanity. Some who are clean and some who are unclean.

Who are unclean animals a symbol of? Were told in Acts 10, there Gentiles. If these are Gentiles, use juxtaposition and compare and contrast. This is the Gentiles and this is the church. Who are these people? We see at the very first prophecy which is a parable, it speaks about the end of the world. When God calls his church he gives them two opportunities. When Christ comes 2000 years after this event, at the beginning of his ministry what does he do? He cleans the Temple, that's the first call. At the end of his ministry what does he do? He cleans the Temple which is the second opportunity. Then what happens? They go to the Gentiles. There are two calls to the church followed by the Gentiles. How many Adventists have any idea that the story of Noah is an adult story not a children's story? This is a story about the end of the world and I want to remind us that it's connected with a time prophecy. What happens after the animals get on the Ark? The door shuts but before we go there the door is open and these people can be saved. They get onto the Ark but this person starts to get nervous. What stops this person running up here hiding behind an elephant and sneaking onto the Ark? Could they have done that? Most people would say yes but we know they can't even though the door is open for one group its now closed for this group. Noah has got his eye and his mouth and it's focused where? At this person, he's speaking to this person. He's calling him and suddenly the cloud and the noise happen and where is Noah's attention now? Is it here? It's changed. Is Noah calling him? No, now his attention is focused on the animals, he's taking care of the animals. How many of us can repent by ourselves? Can we self repent? Yes, we can because we can do what Judas Iscariot did and say sorry because I took the money but I'll give it back so that everything can be OK. What did he do after that? He killed himself because he repented when he saw the consequences. Self repentance is not genuine repentance because repentance is a gift from God. Lets go to John 6:44, unless Noah invites you onto the Ark, are you allowed on the Ark? No, unless I draw you, no one can come to the Father. No one can come onto the Ark unless they are drawn onto the Ark. The animals didn't come uninvited because angels drew them. So, when they get on the Ark and Noah's attention shifts from him to them even though the door is open these people cannot enter. We should be very afraid because once God's church (*part1*) has lost their

opportunity they don't get a second opportunity when the servants of God turn their attention to group two. I want to summarize before we close. We've seen that we need to use rules and we gave an example of how we should use these rules. We see that Glory is power and that the bible should interpret itself. I gave you a fifth example of a triple application. I showed you that the 144,000 are Adventists because this is Spiritual Israel and many in God's church are going to be martyred. Thousands if not millions because that was prefigured in the history of John the Baptist when he fought against the threefold enemy. But when Elijah fought against the threefold enemy he was translated. These two stories give us explicit details about what's about to happen to this church. Were already in the midst of a battle with a threefold enemy, many will be translated and more will be martyred. The threefold enemies are the Dragon, the Beast and the False Prophet. Spiritual Israel is Adventism. We know that history repeats because Christ told us in Matthew 24. The story of Noah, the story of the flood is the story of the end of the world. How many of you have ever considered the details or the intricacies of this story? Why did God waste his time giving you all this information? It wasn't so that our children could go to bed at night after listening to a story. That serves a purpose but it was for us, the 120, the message to the church twice, the shut door, all of these components are encoded prophecies to show us what's about to happen at the end of the world. We have to be very careful about how we decode that information and apply it. However, at a very simple level any of us can see what this story is about. I'm sure that all of you could stand up and explain this story because you're all familiar with it and it's easy to see what the prophetic message is. Let's pray, Heavenly Father, we thank you. I want to ask and pray for a blessing upon the study of your Word today.

We pray in Jesus's name

Amen