# This Dispensation

This presentation is about the last dispensation on the line of the Priests from the perspective of Christ, the disciples, the agricultural model, and *The Great Controversy* chapters 39 and 40.

## **AD 27- First Temple Cleansing**

#### **AD 27**

We line up AD 27 from the line of Christ, with 2019 on the Priests' line. The dispensation right before Christ began his work on Earth, can parallel the dispensation right before we begin our work. That dispensation right before Christ's work started, began in AD 27. In AD 27, Christ was baptized in Jordan. Christ's baptism's main application is 2001, but it can be applied to 2019. Baptism is death according to Romans 6:4, which says, "Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life," so Christ's baptism can represent His death. Christ's death was the cross and the cross is also 2019, therefore Christ's baptism is 2019. Also at the baptism, the Holy Spirit descended, the Holy Spirit can be symbolized as rain, so the baptism began the Former Rain. When the Former Rain ends, the Latter Rain begins, so the Holy Spirit continues. The Latter Rain ends at the Close of Probation, 2019. The end is the beginning, so the end of the rain, 2019, parallels the beginning, 2001 (or AD 27). From Christ's birth 4 BC to His baptism was thirty years. Luke 3:21-23 says, "Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened, And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased. And Jesus himself began to be about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, which was [the son] of Heli." A priest begins their work when they are thirty years old, that's why Christ was baptized when He was thirty. "The process is this: John the Baptist, according to Luke, began to preach in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Cesar, in AD 26: now as he was a regular priest, he could not enter upon his office until he was thirty years of age, and as the Savior was but six months younger than John, and did, according to the same evangelist, begin his ministry when he was about 30, he must have entered upon it about six months later, which was in AD26 or 27." Himes Signs of the Times (HST) December 20, 1943 page 146 par. 10 We are priests, so from our birth to our baptism has to be thirty years. Christ's

We are priests, so from our birth to our baptism has to be thirty years. Christ's birth in 4 BC was the Time of the End which parallels 1989; thirty years from 1989 is 2019. Therefore, Christ's baptism AD 27 parallels 2019.

## The 40 Days

After Christ's baptism, He went into the wilderness for forty days. The forty days came right after AD27and that parallels 2019, so since we are in the time period right after 2019, we are in the 40 days.

"'And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness.' The words of Mark are still more significant. He says, 'Immediately the Spirit driveth Him into the wilderness. And He was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted of Satan; and was with the wild beasts.' 'And in those days He did eat nothing.'

"When Jesus was led into the wilderness to be tempted, He was led by the Spirit of God. He did not invite temptation. He went to the wilderness to be alone, to contemplate His mission and work. By fasting and prayer He was to brace Himself for the bloodstained path He must travel. But Satan knew that the Saviour had gone into the wilderness, and he thought this the best time to approach Him." *Desire of Ages 114.1,2* 

## The 1st Temptation

The first temptation (aimed at His hunger) was for Christ to turn stones into bread. "And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungered. And when the tempter came to him, he said, if thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Matthew 4:2-4. This temptation typifies part of the Priest's experience now. Stones can represent Gentiles, or the world. "Paul had now been working in the Gentile quarry, to bring out valuable stones to lay upon the foundation, which was Jesus Christ, that by coming in contact with that living stone, they might also become living stones." *Sketches from the life of Paul* 154.2

Bread represents a message.

"They have a message.... they are holding in their hands the bread of life for a famishing world." *Testimonies volume 5* 206.3

That temptation, for us, means that during this time, when we aren't receiving a message, some are being tempted to try to turn a message from the world into a message for us.

## The 2<sup>nd</sup> Temptation

The second temptation was for Christ to throw himself off the temple and expect the angels to protect Him. "Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in [their] hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any

time thou dash thy foot against a stone. Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God." Matthew 4:5-7.

"The tempter thought to take advantage of Christ's humanity, and urge Him to presumption. But while Satan can solicit, he cannot compel to sin. He said to Jesus, 'Cast Thyself down,' knowing that he could not cast Him down; for God would interpose to deliver Him. Nor could Satan force Jesus to cast Himself down. Unless Christ should consent to temptation, He could not be overcome. Not all the power of earth or hell could force Him in the slightest degree to depart from the will of His Father." *Desire of Ages* 125.1

Like Christ, this temptation for us is also presumption: we are tempted to put ourselves into harm's way and expect to be safe.

## The 3<sup>rd</sup> Temptation

The final temptation was for Christ to bow down and worship Satan so He could have control of the earthly kingdoms. "Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and showeth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve." Matthew 4:8-10. The temptation for us is to accept a worldly kingdom (the wrong geography), that means a secular kingdom or movement. In God's kingdom there are requirements, but in a secular kingdom there are no requirements. The Nethinims currently believe that reforms are not needed unlike this Movement, which believes that reforms are necessary, such as vows 17-20.

#### **Vow 17**

Is it your purpose to obey God's instruction to eat and drink to His glory by abstaining from all intoxicating liquors; tobacco in all its forms; heavily spice foods; chemical leavening agents; eating meat, both clean and unclean; avoiding other animal food stuffs such as eggs and dairy; narcotics in all its forms including tea, coffee, cola drinks; opiates, and all other harmful substances? 1 Corinthians 10:31; 3:16,17; Leviticus 11; Proverbs 23:29-30; Isaiah 66:15,17

#### **Vow 18**

Are you committed to following the Biblical principle of modesty in your dress?

In keeping with this principle, will you refrain from any style of dress that is out of keeping with the Biblical principles of modesty?

Are you also committed to following the principles of simplicity, and health in your dress?

Will you refrain from wearing makeup; colorful nail adornments, and all forms of jewelry?

Will you endeavour to make your influence one that reflects the inner adornment, not the outward; a life that will attract people to Jesus and not yourself?

1 Timothy 2:9,10; 1 Peter 3:3,4; Exodus 33:5,6; Genesis 35:2-4; Deuteronomy 22:5; Isaiah 3:16-24

#### Vow 19

Recognizing the seriousness of the call of Christ upon your life, is it your purpose to refrain from all worldly amusements and sinful practices, such as dancing; card playing; board and video games; attending the theatre or cinema; reading novels; watching or participating in competitive sports; watching unprofitable television programs or movies; listening to world music; inappropriate use of the internet; and to shun all other questionable amusements?

1 John 2:15; James 1:27; 4:4

#### **Vow 20**

Do you accept the counsel given in Scripture but particularly in the Spirit of Prophecy to not dwell in the cities?

In selecting a location for a home do you agree that an uncrowded, retired, rural location, is to be preferred to overbuilt places?

Is it your desire, and purpose to forsake city living in favour of a more secluded location, away from the busyness and enticements so often encountered in urban centres?

Genesis 13:8-18; Matthew 24:15-18; Mark 13:14-16; Luke 21:20,21; Country Living

The three temptations of Christ in the forty days in the wilderness can all be applied to what the Movement is experiencing now since 2019.

## The end of the 40 days

After Christ had fasted for forty days and had defeated Satan He was totally exhausted. God then sent angels to minister to Him. They brought Christ food and told Him how God loved Him. He was strengthened by the food and comforted by their message and He was prepared for His work. The angels bringing Christ bread symbolizes the increase of knowledge. After having no bread for forty days Christ was given bread (that symbolizes a message) so this event is an increase of knowledge. From 2019 until the Increase of Knowledge in 2020 this Movement will get no new message, but at the Increase of Knowledge we will receive a message that will prepare us for our work.

"After the foe had departed, Jesus fell exhausted to the earth, with the pallor of death upon His face. The angels of heaven had watched the conflict, beholding their loved Commander as He passed through inexpressible suffering to make a way of escape for us. He had endured the test, greater than we shall ever be called to endure. The angels now ministered to the Son of God as He lay like one dying. He was strengthened with food, comforted with the message of His Father's love and the assurance that all heaven triumphed in His victory. Warming to life again, His great heart goes out in sympathy for man, and He goes forth to complete the work He has begun; to rest not until the foe is vanquished, and our fallen race redeemed." *Desire of Ages* 131.1

## The Marriage at Cana

The message that this Movement will get at the Increase of Knowledge will afterwards be formalized. Christ's message was formalized at the Marriage of Cana; there He performed His first miracle which was the first public proof that He was the Messiah: His message (and His work) was formalized.

"The miracle became known, and the very work Christ desired to see done was accomplished. The faith of the disciples was confirmed. This miracle was to them a convincing testimony that their Master was the world's Redeemer." *Signs of the Times* September 6, 1899, par. 5

The Marriage at Cana parallels our formalization in this dispensation.

## The First Temple Cleansing

The first Temple cleansing in Christ's time is 2021. As we have seen, AD27 was the baptism of Christ which was 2019. After the baptism, Christ went into the wilderness and was tested; that parallels the testing right now. Then we saw that the end of forty days and the Marriage at Cana parallels the Increase of Knowledge and Formalization. After the two middle waymarks, there is one more to end the dispensation, in Christ's time, this was the first Temple cleansing. The first temple cleansing marked the beginning of Christ's work, this was his first major event.

"In the cleansing of the temple, Jesus was announcing His mission as the Messiah, and entering upon His work." *Desire of Ages* 161.1 The first Temple cleansing parallels 2021 on our line. Like Christ, this will be the beginning of our work. 2021 is the beginning of the Levites' harvest; our work will be calling the Levites into this Movement.

## **In Summary**

So the dispensation from the baptism of Christ in AD 27 to the first Temple cleansing can overlay with the dispensation that we are currently in: from 2019 to 2021. The baptism of Christ when He was thirty years old can be November 9, 2019 when the Movement was thirty years old. After His baptism Christ went into the wilderness for forty days, in that time He fasted and then was tempted three times by the Devil. That experience parallels what this Movement is facing now; we looked at what those three temptations symbolize in our time: accepting the Nethinims' message, practicing presumption, and believing in an Earthly kingdom. After Christ had defeated Satan He was given bread paralleling our Increase of Knowledge this year. Later He performed His first miracle at the marriage at Cana- symbolizing our Formalization. Christ then began His work officially when He cleansed the Temple for the first time, that represents Panium in 2021 when we will begin our work for the Levites.

## The Cross - Pentecost

#### The Cross

Christ was crucified in AD 31 and we line that up with 2019. When Christ was crucified, everyone thought he failed in His mission. They began to mock him. After November 9, 2019 Future for America thought this Movement failed in our mission. They sent out an email mocking those who were still in this Movement. Both the Jewish leaders and Future for America thought Christ and the Priests had failed in their mission, but in reality, it was total victory.

## The 40 Days

Christ did not go to heaven right after He rose from the dead; He stayed on earth for forty days. "To whom also he showed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:" Acts 1:3 In that time, He explained, again, to the disciples what He had taught them before the cross. And He showed them how His ministry and death fulfilled prophecy, all to try to get them to understand what He had tried to teach them.

"For forty days Christ remained on the earth, preparing the disciples for the work before them and explaining that which heretofore they had been unable to comprehend. He spoke of the prophecies concerning His advent, His rejection by the Jews, and His death, showing that every specification of these prophecies had been fulfilled. He told them that they were to regard this fulfillment of prophecy as an assurance of the power that would attend them in their future labors. 'Then opened He their understanding,' we read, 'that they might understand the Scriptures, and said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.' And He added, 'Ye are witnesses of these things.' Luke 24:45-48.

"During these days that Christ spent with His disciples, they gained a new experience. As they heard their beloved Master explaining the Scriptures in the light of all that had happened, their faith in Him was fully established. They reached the place where they could say, 'I know whom I have believed.' 2 Timothy 1:12. They began to realize the nature and extent of their work, to see that they were to proclaim to the world the truths entrusted to them. The events of Christ's life, His death and resurrection, the prophecies pointing to these events, the mysteries of the plan of salvation, the power of Jesus for the remission of sins—to all these things they had been witnesses, and they were to make them known to the world. They were to proclaim the gospel of peace and salvation through repentance and the power of the Saviour." *Acts of the Apostles* 26.2, 27.1

That time parallels this present time because of the forty days. Now this Movement is reviewing our past- especially the previous dispensation. God is leading us to do this to make sure we understand what He has taught us. Most importantly, we need to fully understand and practice equality, which was the test of the previous dispensation. This is a time of revision just like in the time of Christ.

## The End of the 40 Days

The ascension of Christ parallels the Increase of Knowledge after 2019. After Christ was on earth for forty days, it was time for Him to leave. He brought the disciples to the Mount of Olives and ascended. When He did, Christ sent two angels and they told the disciples that Christ was going to return. For the disciples, this increased their knowledge.

"Upon reaching the Mount of Olives, Jesus led the way across the summit, to the vicinity of Bethany. Here He paused, and the disciples gathered about Him. Beams of light seemed to radiate from His countenance as He looked lovingly upon them. He upbraided them not for their faults and failures; words of the deepest tenderness were the last that fell upon their ears from the lips of their Lord. With hands outstretched in blessing, and as if in assurance of His protecting care, He slowly ascended from among them, drawn heavenward by a power stronger than any earthly attraction. As He passed upward, the awestricken disciples looked with straining eyes for the last glimpse of their ascending Lord. A cloud of glory hid Him from their sight; and the words came back to them as the cloudy chariot of angels received Him, 'Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.' At the same time there floated down to them the sweetest and most joyous music from the angel choir.

"While the disciples were still gazing upward, voices addressed them which sounded like richest music. They turned, and saw two angels in the form of men, who spoke to them, saying, 'Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven.'" *Desire of Ages* 830.3, 831.1 For us, this parallels the Increase of Knowledge in this year (2020). The angels told the disciples about the Second Coming, and the Increase of knowledge in 2020 will be about our Second Coming in 2021.

## Pentecost: The Outpouring of the Holy Spirit

Fifty days after Christ's ascension, Pentecost came. While the disciples were in one room, tongues of fire appeared above them, a symbol of them being full of the Holy Spirit.

"When on the Day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the disciples, they understood the truths that Christ had spoken in parables. The teachings that had been mysteries to them were made clear. The understanding that came to them with the outpouring of the Spirit made them ashamed of their

fanciful theories. Their suppositions and interpretations were foolishness when compared with the knowledge of heavenly things which they now received. They were led by the Spirit, and light shone into their once darkened understanding." *Counsels for the Church* 76.1

This was the formalization of the message for the disciples and is what prepared them for their work. For us, at the Formalization, things that weren't, will be made understandable, and the mysteries will be made clear.

## **Pentecost: The Work**

We line up Pentecost with 2021. At Pentecost, after the disciples received an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, they began to teach those who were still in the Jewish church.

"On the Day of Pentecost the disciples were thus endued with power from on high. But this promise of Christ's was not, any more than the prophecy of Joel, confined to that occasion. For He gave them the same promise in another form by assuring them that He would be with them always, 'even to the end of the world.' Matthew 28:20. Mark tells us in what sense and what manner the Lord was to be with them. He says, 'And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Mark 16:20. And Peter, on the Day of Pentecost, testified concerning the perpetuity of this operation of the Spirit which they had witnessed. When the convicted Jews said unto the apostles, 'What shall we do?' Peter answered, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ve shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.' Acts 2:37-39. This certainly provides for the operation of the Holy Spirit in the church, even in its special manifestations, to all coming time, as long as mercy shall invite men to accept the pardoning love of Christ." Patriarchs and Prophets 23.2

In 2021, we will take the message to those still in the Seventh-day Adventist church. This will be the time for the harvest of the Levites.

## **In Summary**

The time after the cross, which includes a forty day period, parallels the dispensation from 2019 to 2021 for the Priests. The cross is 2019.? The forty days after Jesus' resurrection where He reminded His disciples of His teachings and explained them more, is now, for us Priests. Now, we are reviewing our past history and it is becoming more clear. Just like He prepared the disciples in the forty days, God is preparing us for our future work. After that time Jesus ascended but when He did He sent two angels to give the disciples more truth; that typifies the Increase of Knowledge in this dispensation. Then on Pentecost Christ gave the disciples a large outpouring of the Holy Spirit- that further opened their minds to the truth and gave them power to do their work- which

first was teaching the Jews. At the Formalization in this dispensation the same will happen for us: we will understand the message clearly and have the Holy Spirit's power to teach the Levites. Finally, the last waymark in this dispensation on Christ's line was Pentecost when the disciples began to take the message back to the church. That is 2021 for us.

## The Harvest

## The Beginning of the Harvest

Another symbol that corresponds with our time currently is the harvest. The harvest is the last period of the Agricultural model. It begins at the Close of Probation.

"The tares and the wheat are to grow together until the harvest; and the harvest is the end of probationary time." *Christ Object Lessons* 71.3

"When the mission of the gospel is completed, the judgment will accomplish the work of separation. Christ saw how the existence of false brethren in the church would cause the way of truth to be evil spoken of. The world would revile the gospel because of the inconsistent lives of false professors. Even Christians would be caused to stumble as they saw that many who bore Christ's name were not controlled by His Spirit. Because these sinners were in the church, men would be in danger of thinking that God excused their sins. Therefore Christ lifts the veil from the future and bids all to behold that it is character, not position, which decides man's destiny.

"Both the parable of the tares and that of the net plainly teach that there is no time when all the wicked will turn to God. The wheat and the tares grow together until the harvest. The good and the bad fish are together drawn ashore for a final separation.

"Again, these parables teach that there is to be no probation after the judgment. When the work of the gospel is completed, there immediately follows the separation between the good and the evil, and the destiny of each class is forever fixed." *Christ Object Lessons* 122.2- 123.2

Therefore, the harvest for us Priests began in 2019, on November 9<sup>th</sup>, which was our Close of Probation.

## The Harvest/Separation

Harvest is a separation. In the harvest wheat is separated from the tares: "Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn. ... the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear." Matthew 13:30, 39-43.

The wheat in our line are the Priests: we are the ones who have been receiving the true message (or rain) and growing since 9/11- which was the sowing. The tares represent the Seventh-Day Adventist church who has rejected the message.

In this harvest time we are being separated from them. Also in the harvest time there is no more rain; rain represents a message. In this dispensation, instead of getting a new message this Movement is reviewing what God has taught (or tried to teach) us in the past dispensation and preparing for our work in the near future.

#### The Stone of Daniel 2

In Daniel 2 we also see a separation "Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands," Daniel 2:45. We know that the mountain is the Seventh-day Adventist church: or God's old kingdom. The stone represents Adventists who believe this message and come out of the church and become God's new kingdom. The stone is both Priests and Levites because both of those groups come out of Adventism. In Daniel 2 the mountain and stone separate. The full separation is not until the Sunday Law when both the Priests and Levites are separate from the church. But we can see that now, in this time of separation, the Priests are almost separated from the Seventh-day Adventist church.

#### The End of the Harvest

The time period of the harvest ends at the Second Coming. "'When the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come.' Christ is waiting with longing desire for the manifestation of Himself in His church. When the character of Christ shall be perfectly reproduced in His people, then He will come to claim them as His own. "It is the privilege of every Christian not only to look for but to hasten the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, (2 Peter 3:12, margin). Were all who profess His name bearing fruit to His glory, how quickly the whole world would be sown with the seed of the gospel. Quickly the last great harvest would be ripened, and Christ would come to gather the precious grain." *Christ Object Lesson* 69.1,2 The harvest for the Priests ends in 2021 at Panium, our Second Coming.

## **In Summary**

We are in the last phase of the agricultural model- which is the harvest. The harvest for the Priests began on November 9th and it will go to Panium in 2021. The harvest is the separation of the Priests from the Seventh-day Adventist church. But we also looked at the story of Daniel 2 and saw how the separation of the stone (the Priests and Levites) will not be complete until the Sunday Law. So at one level the Priests are being separated from the Seventh-day Adventist and at another the stone is just about half way separated from the church.

## The Close of Probation - The Second Advent

#### The Close of Probation

The Close of Probation for the Priests was November 9, 2019. Because, on the Priests' line November 9th lines up with the Close of Probation on the 144,000's line. At the Close of Probation, no more people can be saved. After November 9th no more people can become Priests because our thirty years of training to be Priests is over. But that day was just a type of Daniel 12:1- Jesus didn't stop mediating for us then, that happens at Daniel 12:1 "And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation [even] to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book." November 9th, just like the Close of Probation, is the beginning of the last dispensation of the line: the last phase of preparation.

## The Seven Last Plagues

After Jesus' intercession ends, which is the Close of Probation, the plagues will be poured out.

"When Christ ceases His intercession in the sanctuary, the unmingled wrath threatened against those who worship the beast and his image and receive his mark (Revelation 14:9, 10), will be poured out. The plagues upon Egypt when God was about to deliver Israel were similar in character to those more terrible and extensive judgments which are to fall upon the world just before the final deliverance of God's people." *Great Controversy* 627.3

We have seen that in our time, the Close of Probation was 2019, so there must be a plague after it. There is no doubt that there is a plague going around. This plague is the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (Covid-19). The coronavirus pandemic is the plague that parallels the plagues after the Close of Probation. Covid-19 is not only a serious event externally, it's prophetic internally.

We can prove that Covid-19 is prophetic through World War I as well.

#### World War I

#### 1908

In October of 1908, Austria-Hungary annexed Bosnia and Herzegovina. This annexation caused many of the neighboring countries such as Serbia to protest. This crisis forever damaged the relationship between Austria-Hungary and the other countries around it, resulting in steps toward the First World War. Bosnia was a sphere of influence of Serbia and they also were interested in expanding into it and Herzegovina. Serbia was one of Russia's sphere of influence but Russia was too weak at this point to defend their interests. Russia had been defeated in the Russo-Japanese War of 1904 and 1905. At the time of the war, the Russian people also began to realize that their country was in need of reforms and soon after a revolution broke out: there were strikes and military munities. This Russian Revolution, lasting from 1905-1907, and the loss of the Russo-Japanese War left Russia unable to defend Serbia when Bosnia was annexed by Austria-Hungary in 1908.

#### June 28, 1914

Serbia hated that Austria-Hungary had annexed Bosnia-Herzegovina which contained more Serbs than any other ethnic group, and the Serbs that were there didn't like that either. There was an extremely powerful terrorist group in Serbia called the Black Hand (it was made up mostly of army officers) and they worked to free Serbs outside of Serbia from foreign rule. In May of 1914, they gave weapons to three men who were part of a secret revolutionary society in Bosnia, and then smuggled them out of Serbia, where they had met them, and back into Bosnia. The men had wanted the weapons because the heir of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, Franz Ferdinand, was coming to Bosnia-Herzegovina. He was also the inspector general of the army and he was going to attend some military events there; he was warned not to go because many of the people there didn't like Austro-Hungarian rule but he and his wife went anyway. After being there for a few days, on June 28, 1914, one of the three men who the Black Hand had given weapons to killed him and his wife. This terrorist attack enraged Austria-Hungary and gave them an excuse for a war with Serbia which they had wanted for a while.

## July 23, 1914

On July 23, 1914, Austria-Hungary sent an ultimatum to Serbia. Austria-Hungary demanded that Serbia end all anti-Austrian activities, punish any Serbians involved in the assassination of Franz Ferdinand, and allow Austria to conduct an investigation into the assassination despite the fact that Serbia was already doing an investigation. Austria-Hungary demanded an answer within 48 hours. Serbia complied with all of the requirements except the one that would

allow Austria-Hungary to conduct an investigation. This did not satisfy Austria-Hungary who was already set on war.

## July 28, 1914

Austria-Hungary continued to be angry at Serbia for killing Franz Ferdinand. On July 1, 1914, Germany had told Austria-Hungary that they would support them if Austria-Hungary chose to fight Serbia. Germany had also told them (the next day) that if they wanted to fight, to hurry, because the German army was ready to fight more than Russia, who had been backing Serbia. On July 28, 1914, Austria-Hungary declared war on Serbia, and invaded them. Since Serbia was their sphere of influence, Russia began rallying its troops to fight Austria-Hungary. Germany, who was backing Austria-Hungary, declared war on Russia and soon after, other countries began taking sides. The two sides in WWI were the Central Powers: Germany, Austria-Hungary, the Ottoman Empire, and Bulgaria; the other side was the Allied Powers: Great Britain, Russia, France (the Triple Entente), Japan, Italy, Serbia, and the United States (which was actually an "associated power"). July 28th was the beginning of both fronts of World War I.

## November 8, 1917

By 1917, Germany was tired of the war on the eastern and western front. So they devised a plan; in April they sent Vladimir Lenin, a Russian revolutionist exiled in Switzerland, back to Russia. He was a Bolshevik and he wanted to overthrow the Russian government and establish a communist government; he also wanted to end the war on the eastern front (Germany vs. Russia). So Germany decided to try to help him get in power so he could stop the war between Russia and themselves. There was a revolution already going on in Russia: the czar had abdicated on March 15th and the Russian Provisional Government had been set up. Germany sent the Bolsheviks money and weapons to aid the revolution they were starting. In November on the Gregorian calendar (October on the Julian calendar) Lenin and the Bolsheviks overthrew the government that had been put in place after the czar abdicated. On November 8th, 1917, they took the Winter Palace, the last obstacle before they had complete control of Russia. After the Bolsheviks took over Russia, Lenin became the leader and he began to change Russia and do exactly what Germany had sent him there to do.

## March 3, 1918

On March 3, 1918, the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk was signed between Russia and the Central Powers (which included Germany). In this treaty, Russia agreed to stop further invasions, concede territory to Germany, and pay Germany a lot of money. In simple words: Russia surrendered to Germany. This was the end of the eastern front of World War I.

## The Spanish Flu

The Spanish Flu pandemic began on March 11, 1918. It was called the Spanish Flu because it broke out in the time of World War I and during the war, most countries didn't have free media. Spain, who remained neutral throughout the war, did, so they began reporting on it first-that's why other countries thought it originated there. The Spaniards called it the French Flu though. However, it most likely originated in New York state. It infected one third of the world's population and killed 20-50 million people. At the time of the outbreak, there were no drugs to cure it and hospitals became overloaded. Citizens were told to stay home and wear masks, especially higher risk people like those over 65 years old and with other medical conditions. Having people stay at home was detrimental to the economy but the Spanish Flu was highly contagious. It could travel through the air from a sneeze or cough and infect a nearby person through their nose, eyes, or mouth. It originated from birds. The reason it spread so quickly and was so widespread is because soldiers were carrying it around the world and citizens lived very close and did not practice good hygiene back then. Also, a lot of people were simply weakened from the war.

## November 11, 1918

World War I began to end as Germany, Austria-Hungary, and the countries on their side began to be defeated by the Allies. On November 11, 1918, the countries who were against Germany signed an armistice with them, therefore making November 11, 1918, Armistice Day. The terms of the armistice included the withdrawal of German troops from enemy territories, the demobilization of the German army, the release of the prisoners Germany held captive and other regulations. Germany, who had been defeated, had no choice but to accept the terms.

## June 28, 1919

On June 28, 1919, World War I officially ended with the Treaty of Versailles. The president of the United States: Woodrow Wilson, in January of 1918, had given a speech to the US Congress known as the Fourteen Points which was about how he wanted the world to look after the war. Germany liked his ideas and when the fighting stopped, as we have seen, on November 11th of that year, they thought the peace treaty that would actually end the war would mirror President Wilson's ideas. But it did not. There was a conference in early 1919 called the Paris Peace Conference where the peace treaties that ended WWI were drafted. The main three drafters were Davis Lloyd George (Prime Minister of Great Britain), Georges Clemenceau (Prime Minister of France), and Woodrow Wilson (President of the United States); another important leader there was Vittorio Orlando (Prime Minister of Italy). The Central Powers had no say so in the treaties and were not allowed in until their respective treaties were written,

and the Bolshevik Russian government was excluded altogether (though they had already signed a treaty with Germany ending the war between them). The most prominent (and the first) treaty was the Treaty of Versailles; it was to be between Germany and the Allied and the Associate Powers. The treaty was very hard on Germany: it said they were the main cause of the war, it made them give up some of their territories, it put limits on their military, and it made them have to pay a lot of money to the Allies for the damage caused by the war. This made the Germans mad but the Allies threatened to invade Germany if they didn't agree to sign it. So on June 28th, 1919, the Treaty of Versailles was signed by Germany and the Allied and associate powers (excluding the US which didn't ratify the treaty, so it made another one with Germany later). Germany now saw that they had lost the war badly. With the Treaty of Versailles World War I formally ended.

World War I parallels World War III.

#### World War III

#### 1989

From the line of World War I we saw the Bosnian Crisis of 1908. Austria-Hungary (a two-horned power representing the King of the North) took Serbia's sphere of influence: Bosnia. At the time, Serbia's more powerful ally, Russia, was too weak to defend its interest. Russia has just lost a war with Japan and was still under the effects of the 1905 revolution. In 1989, the United States (a two-horned power: the King of the North) took Iraq's sphere of influence, Kuwait, in the Gulf War. At the time, Iraq's more powerful ally, Russia, was too weak to help Iraq. Russia had just lost the cold war and was still under the effects of it.

#### 2001

June 28, 1914 parallels 2001 in our history. On June 28, 1914, there was a terrorist attack by Serbia which killed Archduke Franz Ferdinand who was from Austria-Hungary. On 9/11, there was a terrorist attack against the USA. In both histories there were terrorist attacks against the King of the North.

#### 2003

World War I tells us that there is an ultimatum after 9/11. The ultimatum in the history of WWI was a list of demands from Austria-Hungary (the King of the North) to Serbia (one of the King of the South's spheres of influence), and they gave them just forty-eight hours to accept to do them. On March 17th, 2003, George W. Bush gave Saddam Hussein, the leader of Iraq; a sphere of influence of the King of the South (Russia) forty-eight hours to leave Iraq or the

United States would attack. Saddam Hussein, however, didn't listen and instead prepared his country for war just like Serbia didn't fulfill all of the demands from Austria-Hungary.

## March 19, 2003

From the line of World War I, on July 28, 1914, Austria-Hungary (the King of the North) invaded Serbia. Serbia was a sphere of influence of Russia (the King of the South). On March 19th, 2003, the United States invaded Iraq. Iraq was a sphere of influence of Russia. In these histories the King of the North invaded a sphere of influence of the King of the South.

#### November 8, 2016

From World War I, November 8, 1917, lines up with 2016 in our history. On November 8, 1917, Lenin, who had been sent to Russia (King of the South) by Germany (King of the North), took over the Russian Government. World War I is an alpha history, so in our history it is flipped to the King of the South sending someone to take over the King of the North's government. In 2016, Russia began interfering in the USA's elections in Trump's favor; this parallels Lenin being sent to Russia previous to November 8, 1917. On November 8, 2016, exactly 101 years from 1917, Trump won the most delegates, setting him on the path to take over the US government. This was the taking over of the King of the North's government that had been typified in World War I by November 8, 1917.

## 2019 (November 9th)

As we know 2019 was the Battle of Raphia where the United States fought an information and proxy war with Russia. Russia (the King of the South) won and took many of the United States' spheres of influence. Many of Donald Trump's decisions that led to Vladimir Putin getting those spheres of influence were against the advice of his experienced officials; he basically surrendered his spheres of influence to Russia. The Treaty of Brest-Litovsk in World War I lines up with 2019, there the King of the South, Russia, surrendered to the King of the North, Germany. World War I is in an alpha history so we flip the battles when we make application to our line. Therefore, in our time the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk symbolizes the USA surrendering to Russia. The year 2019 was the defeat of the United States and the end of part one of the eastern front.

#### Covid-19

As we have seen, the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk parallels the battle of Raphia in 2019, which was a victory for Putin. Unfortunately, right after the Treaty, a pandemic hit the world. The Spanish flu was unexpected, and claimed tens of millions of lives. The reason it spread so much is because everyone was weakened by the war (World War I). So in our time, just like in history, Covid-19 hit the world right after the battle of Raphia- when people were "weakened" from war. The first known case of the virus was on November 17, 2019; that's just 8 days after November 9th even though Raphia was more than one day. The Spanish Flu was so wide spread because of the war; that means Covid-19 is so wide spread also because people are weakened by the war (Raphia). Raphia was an information war, that means people were not weakened physically- they were weakened mentally by Trump's conspiracy theories. Therefore, the real threat of Covid-19 is not the hundreds of thousands of lives it has claimed, the danger is the conspiracy theories about it, because that is where people are weak.

#### 2021

From the line of World War I we saw that on November 11, 1918, Germany (the King of the North) surrendered to the Allies. This was from an alpha history. So, in 2021, we will see the surrender of Russia (the King of the South) to the United States.

## The Sunday Law

At the end of World War I in 1919, the King of the North, Germany, was officially defeated. This date lines up with the Sunday Law in our history. World War I is an alpha history, so it is flipped to the King of the South being defeated in our omega history. The King of the South, who is Russia, will actually have been defeated since 2021, like Germany had been since 1918. But those defeats were just deadly wounds, which resulted in the death of those powers- the Treaty of Versailles at the end of World War I, and for Russia in our history the Sunday Law.

## Covid-19 vs the Spanish Flu

The Spanish Flu of 1918 and Covid-19 of 2019 are very much alike. We lined up the history of World War I with World War III. From that line upon line we know the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk lines up with November 9, 2019. Eight days after the treaty, the Spanish Flu pandemic began. Eight days after November 9, 2019 the Coronavirus pandemic began. Both viruses are highly contagious and infect the same population the hardest and require the same measures to mitigate the spread.

## The Spanish flu killed more than 50 million people. These lessons could help avoid a repeat with coronavirus

By Holly Yan, CNN Updated Thursday April 16, 2020

(CNN) A pandemic ravaged the world like wildfire, killing more than 50 million people globally and about 675,000 in the US.

"The intensity and speed with which it struck were almost unimaginable -- infecting one-third of the Earth's population," the World Health Organization said.

That was the 1918 influenza pandemic. The virus was often called the "Spanish flu," even though it didn't originate in Spain.

Fast-forward to 2020, and the novel coronavirus is also spreading with astonishing speed.

Some of the painful lessons learned from the 1918 pandemic are still relevant today -- and could help prevent an equally catastrophic outcome.

#### **Lesson #1:** Don't let up on social distancing too soon

During the Spanish flu pandemic, people stopped distancing too early, leading to a second wave of infections that was deadlier than the first, epidemiologists say. In fact, one large gathering near the end of the first wave in 1918 helped fuel the deadlier second wave.

In San Francisco, when the number of Spanish flu cases was almost down to zero, "the city fathers said, 'Let's open up the city. Let's have a great big parade downtown. We'll all take off our masks together,'" epidemiologist Dr. Larry Brilliant said.

"Two months later, because of that event, the great influenza came back again roaring."

On the other side of the US, Philadelphia suffered a similar fate.

Even though 600 sailors from the Philadelphia Navy Yard had the Spanish flu in September 1918, the city didn't cancel a parade scheduled for September 28, 1918.

Three days later, Philadelphia had 635 new cases of the Spanish flu, according to the University of Pennsylvania Archives & Records Center.

"Quickly, Philadelphia became the city with the highest influenza death toll in the US," Penn research states.

By contrast, St. Louis -- which scheduled a similar parade but canceled it -- fared much better.

"The next month, more than 10,000 people in Philadelphia died from pandemic flu, while the death toll in Saint Louis did not rise above 700," the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said.

Of course, different places will reach different peaks at different times. But just because one place moves past a so-called peak with coronavirus doesn't mean cases or deaths there can't rise again.

"The image that we have of this epidemic curve, we say we're going to reach a 'peak' -- we look at it, it looks like Mt. Fuji in our minds ... a single, solitary mountain," Brilliant said.

"I don't think it's going to look like that. I think a better image is a wave of a tsunami, with echoed waves that follow. And it's up to us, how big those other waves will be."

**Lesson #2:** Young, healthy adults can be victims of their strong immune systems The 1918 pandemic killed many young adults who were otherwise healthy, said John M. Barry, professor at the Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine.

About two-thirds of the deaths then were among people ages 18 to 50, "and the peak age for death was 28," said Barry, author of "The Great Influenza: The Story of the Deadliest Pandemic in History."

In the years leading up the 1918 flu pandemic, the life expectancy in the US was in the early 50s. But in just one year after it struck, the average US life expectancy dropped by 12 years.

As of 2017, the average US life expectancy was 78.6 years. And with coronavirus, the elderly and those with underlying health problems are at higher risk for severe complications.

Yet many young, healthy people are also getting severely sick with or dying from Covid-19.

One reason the 1918 flu was so deadly for young adults was because the outbreak started during World War I, when many soldiers were in barracks and in close proximity with each other.

"The US military training camps obviously had high mortality," Barry said. There's no world war now, but important lessons remain: Young, healthy people are not invincible. And their strong immune systems might work against them. Looking back at the Spanish flu, scientists now believe an "immune system overreaction contributed to high death rates among otherwise healthy young adults in 1918," wrote Dr. Richard Gunderman, chancellor's professor of medicine at Indiana University.

A century after that pandemic, hyperactive immune systems could also be contributing to young people's deaths from coronavirus, CNN Chief Medical Correspondent Dr. Sanjay Gupta said. These overly strong responses are often called cytokine storms.

"In some young, healthy people, a very reactive immune system could lead to a massive inflammatory storm that could overwhelm the lungs and other organs," Gupta said.

"In those cases, it is not an aged or weakened immune system that is the problem -- it is one that works too well."

## **Lesson #3:** Don't throw unproven drugs at the virus

Yes, there have been major medical and technological advances in the past 102 years. But the Spanish flu and the novel coronavirus pandemics share two major challenges: the lack of a vaccine and the lack of a cure.

Back in 1918, remedies "varied from the newly developed drugs to oils and herbs," according to a Stanford University research post. "The therapy was much less scientific than the diagnostics, as the drugs had no clear explanatory theory of action."

In 2020, there is widespread speculation about whether hydroxychloroquine -- a drug used to treat malaria, lupus and rheumatoid arthritis -- could help coronavirus patients.

President Donald Trump has touted hydroxychloroquine, saying, "What do you have to lose? Take it." After that, some started hoarding the drug -- even though it's still being tested and might not even work against coronavirus.

A recent study found hydroxychloroquine did not help hospitalized coronavirus patients -- instead, some patients developed abnormal heart rhythms.

"This provides evidence that hydroxychloroquine does not apparently treat patients with Covid 19," said Dr. Paul Offit, an infectious disease specialist at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

"Even worse, there were side effects caused by the drug -- heart toxicities that required it be discontinued."

Doctors in Brazil and Sweden have also raised concerns about using chloroquine, a drug very similar to hydroxychloroquine, on coronavirus patients because of heart problems.

The bottom line: It's still not clear whether some drugs will cause more harm than good in the fight against coronavirus."

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The seven last plagues of Revelation 16 and the Spanish Flu of World War I are both proof that Covid-19 is an event of Bible prophecy that is supposed to take place in this time in history.

## The Death Decree

After the Close of Probation (Daniel 12:1) there will be an increase of knowledge just like in all the other dispensations. That waymark is the Death decree.

"The same argument many centuries ago was brought against Christ by the 'rulers of the people.' 'It is expedient for us,' said the wily Caiaphas, 'that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not.' John 11:50. This argument will appear conclusive; and a decree will finally be issued against those who hallow the Sabbath of the fourth commandment, denouncing them as deserving of the severest punishment and giving the people liberty, after a certain time, to put them to death.

"The people of God will then be plunged into those scenes of affliction and distress described by the prophet as the time of Jacob's trouble. 'Thus saith the Lord: We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace.... All faces are turned into paleness. Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.' Jeremiah 30:5-7." *Great Controversy* 615.2, 616,1

The Death decree is the Increase of Knowledge on the Second Coming in that dispensation and it parallels 2020. Also we will have some form of Jacob's Time of Trouble in that time. That time is this year.

## The Voice of God

The Formalization in that history is the "Voice of God". This will be when we get the day and hour of Christ's Second Coming: time.

"The voice of God is heard from heaven, declaring the day and hour of Jesus' coming, and delivering the everlasting covenant to His people. Like peals of loudest thunder His words roll through the earth. The Israel of God stand listening, with their eyes fixed upward. Their countenances are lighted up with His glory, and shine as did the face of Moses when he came down from Sinai. The wicked cannot look upon them. And when the blessing is pronounced on those who have honored God by keeping His Sabbath holy, there is a mighty shout of victory." *Great Controversy* 640.2

Of course, God won't speak it from heaven- we'll understand it through the lines. At the Formalization of this dispensation we will get the exact date of Panium, the Second Coming for the Priests.

## The Second Coming

The last waymark on all lines can be represented by the Second Advent because that's the end of God's work on earth, and therefore the end of the reform line. The last waymark of the last dispensation of the Priests is 2021. At the actual Second Coming on the 144,000's line, the line will end and they will begin teaching all the other people in Heaven. Similarly, at 2021 the line of the Priests ends and we take on a new role: teaching the two other groups. "Soon there appears in the east a small black cloud, about half the size of a man's hand. It is the cloud which surrounds the Saviour and which seems in the distance to be shrouded in darkness. The people of God know this to be the sign of the Son of man. In solemn silence they gaze upon it as it draws nearer the earth, becoming lighter and more glorious, until it is a great white cloud, its base a glory like consuming fire, and above it the rainbow of the covenant. Jesus rides forth as a mighty conqueror. Not now a 'Man of Sorrows,' to drink the bitter cup of shame and woe, He comes, victor in heaven and earth, to judge the living and the dead. 'Faithful and True,' 'in righteousness He doth judge and make war.' And 'the armies which were in heaven' (Revelation 19:11, 14) follow Him. With anthems of celestial melody the holy angels, a vast, unnumbered throng, attend Him on His way. The firmament seems filled with radiant forms—'ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands.' No human pen can portray the scene; no mortal mind is adequate to conceive its splendor. 'His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of His praise. And His brightness was as the light.' Habakkuk 3:3, 4. As the living cloud comes still nearer, every eye beholds the Prince of life. No crown of thorns now mars that sacred head; but a diadem

of glory rests on His holy brow. His countenance outshines the dazzling brightness of the noonday sun. 'And He hath on His vesture and on His thigh a name written, King of kings, and Lord of lords.' Revelation 19:16." *Great Controversy* 640.3

## **In Summary**

One of the main dispensations that we use to illustrate the dispensation of the Priests that we are in now is the dispensation from the Close of Probation to the Second Coming. Both are the last dispensation of their line. The Close of Probation is November 9, 2019 which was the COP for us Priests. Next, comes the seven last plagues which represent Covid-19. We also looked at World War I and saw how Covid-19 is paralleled by the Spanish Flu. Both pandemics started eight days after the waymark that is the end of the Eastern front (November 9th and March 3, 1918). Then, back to the Close of Probation to the Second Coming dispensation, we looked at the Death decree which is the Increase of Knowledge for us in 2020. Then, the voice of God gives His people the day and hour of Jesus' Coming- that is the Formalization where we will get the time for Panium. Lastly, Panium is the Second Coming for the Priests. The actual Second Coming and 2021 are the last waymark on the line of the 144,000 and the Priests, respectively.

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