

Lesson 100

2022 First Quarter Summary

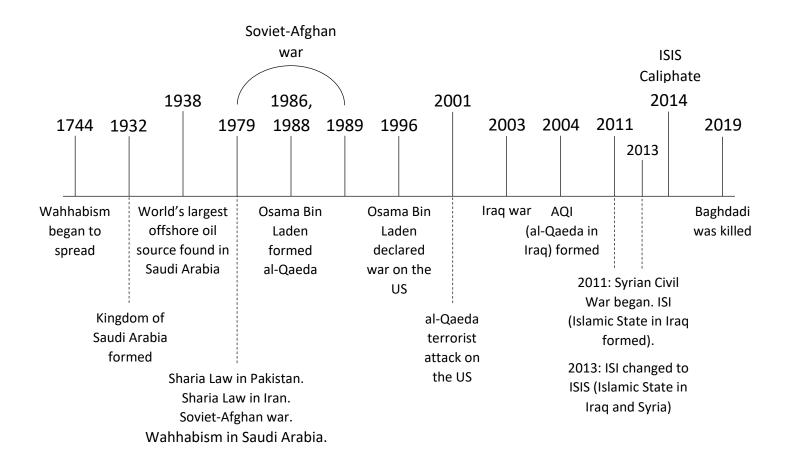
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We have come to the end of the first Youth Prophecy Group quarter of 2022. So in this meeting we are going to summarize all of the lessons. There were five of them (lessons 95 to 99) and they covered the topics of radical Islam, reform lines, and the Priests' Sunday Law in 2014.

Lesson 95- January 2, 2022

The History of Radical Islam

Lesson 95, The History of Radical Islam, was presented and published on January 2, 2022. In The History of Radical Islam, we began by looking at one of radical Islam's primary religions- Wahhabism. Wahhabism is a conservative religious belief; Wahhabis believe in strict, literal interpretation of the Qur'an and they want to establish a society based only on this interpretation. The founder of Wahhabism, Mohamed ibn Abdul Wahhab, began to spread his ideas in 1744 when he allied with the Saud royal family. In 1932, the kingdom of Saudi Arabia was founded, and as time passed on, the Saud family had to continue to support an extreme form of Islam in order to appear qualified to rule their kingdom. In 1938, oil was found in Saudi Arabia, making the royal family very rich, and allowing them to further spread Wahhabism. From 1979 to 1989, four important events dealing with Islam took place in four countries. In 1977, Zia, who was the leader of Pakistan's army, overthrew the government and imposed Sharia law- transforming Pakistan into an Islamic country. In 1978, Iran had a revolution in which Khomeini, a religious leader, rose to power and imposed Sharia law on the country-trying to make it an Islamic country. From 1979 to 1989 the Soviet-Afghan war took place. It was a proxy war between the USSR, who supported the communist government they appointed for Afghanistan, and the United States, who supported the Mujahedeen, an Islamic group. The last of the four major events was an event in Saudi Arabia. In 1979, there was a terrorist attack in Saudi Arabia, in which the terrorists claimed the royal family weren't religious enough to control the country. After the attack, the Saud family began to spread Wahhabism more strongly. They started funding Wahhabi preachers, set up Wahhabi schools, and in 1985 started printing a Wahhabi version of the Qur'an, which has become the most widespread version in the English speaking world. During the Soviet-Afghan war, a religious extremist called Osama bin Laden was invited to come to Pakistan. While he was there he started training fighters to help in the war. By 1988, he had formed the extremist group Al-Qaeda. After the war he offered his troops to the Saudi Arabia government but they refused and instead accepted the United States' help. This angered him and in 1996, he declared war on the United States. In 2001, Al-Qaeda attacked the United States, in which nearly 3,000 people were killed. During this time the United States was afraid of Iraq obtaining nuclear weapons. After 9/11, the United States used the excuse that since one of bin Laden's associates (al-Zargawi) was in Iraq, the Iraqi government must be helping him enlarge Al-Qaeda, and thus they must invade Iraq. In 2003, the United States invaded Iraq and finally left in 2011. In 2004, just after the Iraq war began, al-Zarqawi formed Al-Qaeda in Iraq (AQI). His group focused on local governments while bin Laden's Al-Qaeda focused on international governments, because of this, the two leaders didn't get along. In 2006, al-Zarqawi was killed, but AQI remained, just weakened. In 2011, the Syrian civil war began, which was between the President (Assad) and the rebels. In 2012, AQI distanced itself from Al-Qaeda by changing its name to Islamic State in Iraq (ISI). In 2012, Assad released a bunch of prisoners, and many of them joined ISI. Because of their large presence in Syria, ISI changed their name to ISIS- Islamic State in Iraq and Syria. In 2014, ISIS reached its height of power when it formed a caliphate. The caliphate controlled 33% of Syria and 40% of Iraq; they also named al-Baghdadi as their leader. Lastly, in 2019 the United States discovered where al-Baghdadi was hiding so they raided the compound and he was killed (well, technically he killed himself). ISIS later announced a new leader, and although it was weakened, ISIS was not defeated by the death of al-Baghdadi.



Lesson 96- January 16, 2022

Reform Lines: Noah and Elijah

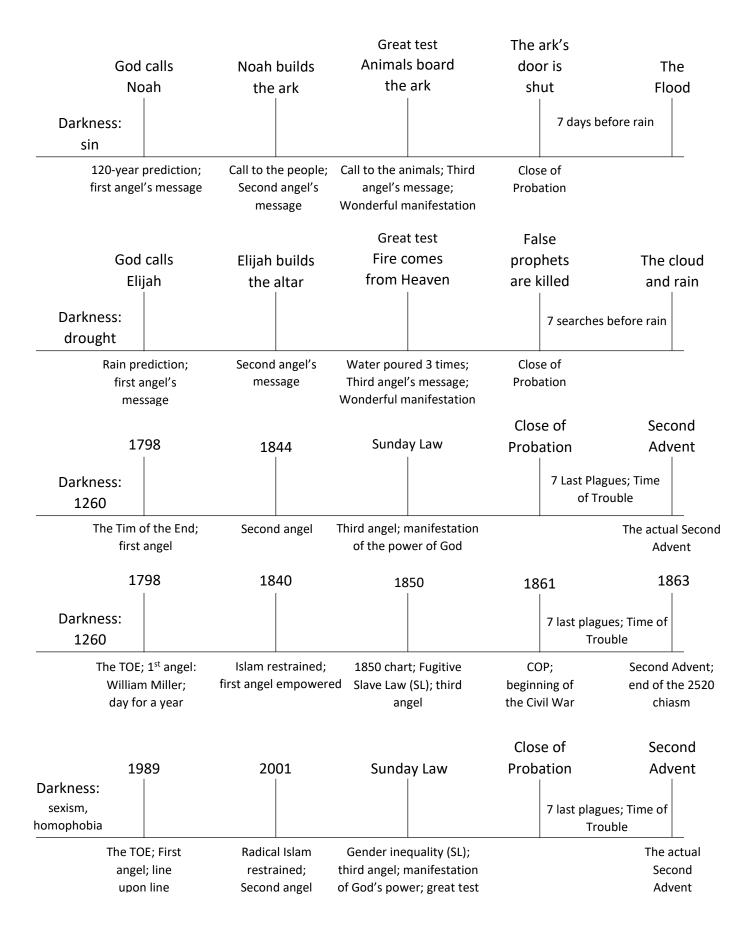
YPG Lesson 96 was titled Reform Lines: Noah and Elijah, and it was part one in a series on the major reform lines in this Movement. All reform lines have five major waymarks. Before the first waymark, there is darkness. At the first waymark God calls the first messenger which we mark as the arrival of the first angel. At the second waymark the church is complete and we mark the second angel there. The third waymark is the test, the third angel's message, and a wonderful manifestation of the power of God. The fourth waymark is the close of probation. Between the fourth and fifth waymark we mark a seven for the seven last plagues. The fifth and final waymark is the second Advent. We began by looking at the reform line of Noah. Before the first waymark, there was the darkness of sin that is talked about in Genesis 6. At the first waymark, God calls Noah and the 120-year prediction is made. At the second waymark, the Ark is complete and Noah calls the people to board. At the third waymark the animals board the Ark, and that was a wonderful manifestation of the power of God. At the fourth waymark, the door of the Ark is shut: the close of probation. Between the fourth and fifth waymarks are seven days without rain. At the final waymark the flood begins: at the second Advent the Earth will be destroyed again. Next, we looked at the line of Elijah. Before the first waymark is darkness, or drought. Then, at the first waymark, God called Elijah and gave him the prediction about rain. At the second waymark the church is built: Elijah builds an altar. At the third waymark fire comes from heaven, which is a wonderful manifestation of the power of God. Water is poured on the altar before that three times, representing the third angel's message. At the fourth waymark the false prophets are killed: it was their close of probation. Between the last two waymarks, Elijah sent his servant to check for rain seven times. At the fifth waymark the rain comes. Both the lines of Noah and Elijah fit the model of a reform line.

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Lesson 97- February 6, 2022

Reform Lines: Millerites and The Great Controversy

Our 97th lesson was the second part of our series on reform lines. In that lesson we looked at the reform lines of *The Great Controversy*, the Millerites, and the 144,000. We paralleled them with the pattern we uncovered in the previous lesson. The line of The Great Controversy covers what Ellen G. White said the end of the world would look like in that book. The first waymark on the line of *The Great Controversy* is 1798; she says that that year was the Time of the End and the first angel arrived. The next waymark is 1844. That year the second angel arrived according to Ellen White. The third waymark is the Sunday Law, Ellen White connects this waymark to the third angel and she also says that it will be a glorious manifestation of the power of God. The fourth waymark is the literal Close of Probation at the end of the world when Michael stands up. The fifth and final waymark is the Second Coming - the last thing that Ellen White says will happen in The Great Controversy. The next reform line that we looked at was the line of the Millerites. Their line begins just like The Great Controversy line. The first waymark is 1798: the Time of the End. That year the 1260 (darkness) ended and the pope was taken captive. We can simplify their first angel's message to the day for a year principle. The next waymark is 1840; in that year the first angel was empowered when the prediction of the restraint of Islam came true on August 11th. The middle waymark is 1850. The Fugitive Slave Law of 1850 was the Sunday Law for the Millerites. The fourth waymark is 1861- that was the beginning of the Civil War and their close of probation. Ellen White said that the Civil War was a punishment for slavery and she also compares it to the Time of Trouble. The last waymark on the line of the Millerites is 1863. That year was the end of the chiasm of the 2520, and if the Millerites would have been faithful, Jesus would have returned then. The last reform line that we reviewed in lesson 97 was our line - the line of the 144,000. This line began in 1989: the Time of the End, according to Daniel 11:40. In 1989, the Berlin Wall collapsed beginning the fall of the USSR. Before then there was darkness, like LGBTQ+ and gender discrimination. Based on the previous lines 1989 was when our first angel arrived (and our first angel's message was line upon line) and it is also when the first messenger is called (from the lines of Noah and Elijah). The second waymark is 2001. On 9/11, we saw the activity of radical Islam leading to their restraint - just like in 1840. Also in this year God's church is completed paralleling the ark and the altar. We also know from the previous lines that the second angel must have arrived in 2001. The third or middle waymark on the line of the 144,000 is the Sunday Law. The Sunday Law in the Millerites' history was different than the Sunday Law on The Great Controversy line (it was about slavery while in The Great Controversy it is about Sunday). Our Sunday Law will be about something different too, it will be about gender, and Ellen G. While says that the Sunday law will be the great test for God's people. It will also be a manifestation of the power of God like the middle waymarks on the lines of Noah, Elijah, and The Great Controversy. The fourth waymark on the 144,000's line is the Close of Probation, this exactly parallels the line of The Great Controversy and it also lines up with the symbolic close of probations in the times of Noah and Elijah. The Civil War from Millerite history parallels the Time of Trouble that follows the Close of Probation. The fifth waymark is the literal Second Advent, like on the line of *The Great Controversy*. The rain on the lines of Noah and Elijah also parallel the lake of fire. These are the lines that we looked at in lesson 97, and we tried to see how they all paralleled, explained, and proved our line: the line of the 144,000.



Lesson 98- February 20, 2022

The Sunday Law in 2014 part 1

Lesson 98, The Sunday Law in 2014 part 1 was presented and published on February 20, 2022. In this lesson we looked at several significant events in 2014 that contributed to the Sunday Law. Understanding 2014 will help us understand the upcoming Sunday Law. One event was the purge of the moderates. In 2014, Republicans took control of both the House and Senate. They also replaced moderate Republicans such as Eric Cantor with more conservative ones such as Dave Brat. Another 2014 event was connected to the previous event. After Republicans won the majority in Congress they started blocking Obama from appointing court judges so a Republican president could fill those seats. On the subject of court judges, in 2014 there was an important court case. That year the Supreme court ruled on a court case called Burwell v. Hobby Lobby Stores Inc. Hobby Lobby stores had sued the United States Department of Health and Human Services for requiring them to provide birth control to their employees. The court sided in Hobby Lobby's favor. Another event dealing with gender equality was the HERO act. In 2014, the city of Houston, Texas passed the Houston Equal Rights Ordinance (HERO)- it was a law meant to protect LGBTQ+ people from discrimination. But the law was later repealed as a result of opposition from Republicans. Another city in the United States, Flint, Michigan, was having problems of their own during this time. In 2014, the city of Flint changed their water source to the Flint river to save money. But the river was filthy and it caused a water crisis. The city didn't do much for a while, but finally as of 2021 the city says the water is clean and safe. On the subject of crises, another crisis was taking place in 2014. Climate change didn't start in 2014, but that year the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) released its Fifth Assessment Report (AR5) on the world's climate. They warned the world of the effects of Climate change, and that action needed to be taken right away. The next event we looked at in 2014 was the founding of a company called Cambridge Analytica. It is a sub-company of Strategic Communication Laboratories (SCL). SCL is a company in England that uses personal data to make profiles of people so they can manipulate them for political reasons. Cambridge Analytica was formed to do this in the United States. Most of their work focused on manipulating people to vote Republican in the 2016 election. Dealing with information, in 2014 Russia hacked the US State Department. They breached an unclassified computer system, and even got back in after they were kicked out. Officials say this was part of a plan to influence the 2016 election. Lastly, we looked at the SDA and Baptist churches. In 2014, both churches released statements on LGBTQ+ equality. In their statements they condemned transgender equality saying it's against God's will. The Baptist church published theirs first and the SDA church followed suit. Those are the Sunday Law events we looked at in lesson 98.

Sunday Law Events

The United States Government

In 2014, moderate Republicans were replaced with conservative ones- the party was "purged". In 2014, Republicans began to block Obama from appointing judges to courts. In 2014, the US
Supreme Court sided
with Hobby Lobbyallowing them to
refuse to provide birth
control methods.

In 2014, the Houston
Equal Rights
Ordinance (HERO) was
passed but later
repealed.









United States and World Crises

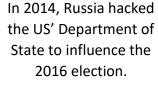
In 2014, the city of Flint in Michigan changed its water supply, causing a contamination crisis.

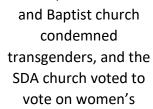
In 2014, the UN
Intergovernmental
Panel on Climate
Change released AR5warning the world of
the effects of climate



Information War and SDA & Baptist Churches

In 2014, Cambridge Analytica began to work by collecting people's information to manipulate them.





In 2014, both the SDA







Lesson 99- March 6, 2022

The Sunday Law in 2014 part 2

YPG Lesson 99 was titled *The Sunday Law in 2014 part 2*. It was part 2 of a series on the events that happened in 2014, making up the Sunday Law for the Priests. First, we started with the rise of Erdogan in Turkey. He became the president in 2014 and immediately began taking control of the country, even going as far as implementing a new constitution. Next, we looked at the rise of Modi in India. Modi, too, is a dictator. Like Trump, he poses himself as the CEO of India while persecuting Muslims and politicizing India's army, among other things. Then we looked at ISIS. In 2014, ISIS completed its takeover of large parts of Iraq and Syria and declared a caliphate. That same year, the United States began airstrikes in Syria in attempts to suppress ISIS. Then we looked at what happened in other countries in 2014. In 2014, Putin began the Internet Research Agency (IRA). The job of the IRA is to pretend to be people and spread disinformation online. In that same year, Russia also invaded Crimea at the request of the deposed Ukrainian president. In March, Crimea became a part of Russia. China and Russia also strengthened their ties in 2014. This was in response to the fact that sanctions had been placed on Russia and they needed a way to still bring money in and out of the country. In 2014, China began to persecute Uyghurs in Xinjiang in response to a terrorist attack. Their rights are being violated, they are being forced to undergo psychological indoctrination and work in factories. This same year the Hong Kong Umbrella Revolution took place. This was because China proposed to change the Hong Kong electoral system, giving them access to control who ran for a government position. Lastly, we looked at REPAM. In 2014, the Catholic church set up REPAM, the purpose of which is to see to the needs of Indigenous Catholics in South America. In Lesson 99, we looked at ten events that happened in 2014, showing us that the National Sunday Law, like 2014, will not be one law, but many events put together.

Sunday Law Events

Authoritarians

In 2014, Erdogan began to rise in Turkey

In 2014, Modi began to rise in India.





ISIS

In 2014, the ISIS caliphate was formed.

In 2014, the US began strikes in Syria





Russia and China

In 2014, the IRA became active.

In 2014, Russia invaded Ukraine.

In 2014, Russia and China formed an alliance.







In 2014, China began persecuting minorities.

In 2014, the Hong Kong Umbrella Revolution took place.





The Papacy

In 2014, the Catholic Church began REPAM.



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Link to YPG Zoom meetings which are at 10:00am Pacific Time on the 1^{st} and 3^{rd} Sundays of the month: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87170293849</u>