



Lesson 34

9/11 and July 18th

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Testimonies volume 9 pages 11-13 is one of the most common Spirit of Prophecy passages in this movement used to prove 9/11 is a significant date. After the Twin Towers in New York fell on September 11, 2001, this movement discovered that an exact description of that was in the Spirit of Prophecy. Since then, this movement used that passage to prove 9/11 to anyone who opposed it. But recently, our understanding of this passage was corrected. In this lesson we will cover this movement's new understanding of 9T 11-13.

Testimonies volume 9 pages 11-13

“We are living in the time of the end. The fast-fulfilling signs of the times declare that the coming of Christ is near at hand. The days in which we live are solemn and important. The Spirit of God is gradually but surely being withdrawn from the earth. Plagues and judgments are already falling upon the despisers of the grace of God. The calamities by land and sea, the unsettled state of society, the alarms of war, are portentous. They forecast approaching events of the greatest magnitude. { 9T 11.1}

“The agencies of evil are combining their forces and consolidating. They are strengthening for the last great crisis. Great changes are soon to take place in our world, and the final movements will be rapid ones. { 9T 11.2}

“The condition of things in the world shows that troublous times are right upon us. The daily papers are full of indications of a terrible conflict in the near future. Bold robberies are of frequent occurrence. Strikes are common. Thefts and murders are committed on every hand. Men possessed of demons are taking the lives of men, women, and little children. Men have become infatuated with vice, and every species of evil prevails. { 9T 11.3}

“The enemy has succeeded in perverting justice and in filling men's hearts with the desire for selfish gain.

“Justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter.’ Isaiah 59:14. In the great cities there are multitudes living in poverty and wretchedness, well-nigh destitute of food, shelter, and clothing; while in the same cities are those who have more than heart could wish, who live luxuriously, spending their money on richly furnished houses, on personal adornment, or worse still, upon the gratification of sensual appetites, upon liquor, tobacco, and other things that destroy the powers of the brain, unbalance the mind, and debase the soul. The cries of starving humanity are coming up before God, while by every species of oppression and extortion men are piling up colossal fortunes. { 9T 11.4}

“On one occasion, when in New York City, I was in the night season called upon to behold buildings rising story after story toward heaven. These buildings were warranted to be fireproof, and they were erected to glorify their owners and builders. Higher and still higher these buildings rose, and in them the most costly material was used. Those to whom these buildings belonged were not asking themselves: ‘How can we best glorify God?’ The Lord was not in their thoughts. { 9T 12.1}

“I thought: ‘Oh, that those who are thus investing their means could see their course as God sees it! They are piling up magnificent buildings, but how foolish in the sight of the Ruler of the universe is their planning and devising. They are not studying with all the powers of heart and mind how they may glorify God. They have lost sight of this, the first duty of man.’ { 9T 12.2}

“As these lofty buildings went up, the owners rejoiced with ambitious pride that they had money to use in gratifying self and provoking the envy of their neighbors. Much of the money that they thus invested had been obtained through exaction, through grinding down the poor. They forgot that in heaven an account of every business transaction is kept; every unjust deal, every fraudulent act, is there recorded. The time is coming when in their fraud and insolence men will reach a point that the Lord will not permit them to pass, and they will learn that there is a limit to the forbearance of Jehovah. { 9T 12.3}

“The scene that next passed before me was an alarm of fire. Men looked at the lofty and supposedly fire-proof buildings and said: “They are perfectly safe.” But these buildings were consumed as if made of pitch. The fire engines could do nothing to stay the destruction. The firemen were unable to operate the engines. { 9T 13.1}

“I am instructed that when the Lord’s time comes, should no change have taken place in the hearts of proud, ambitious human beings, men will find that the hand that had been strong to save will be strong to destroy. No earthly power can stay the hand of God. No material can be used in the erection of buildings that will preserve them from destruction when God’s appointed time comes to send retribution on men for their disregard of His law and for their selfish ambition. { 9T 13.2}

“There are not many, even among educators and statesmen, who comprehend the causes that underlie the present state of society. Those who hold the reins of government are not able to solve the problem of moral corruption, poverty, pauperism, and increasing crime. They are struggling in vain to place business operations on a more secure basis. If men would give more heed to the teaching of God’s word, they would find a solution of the problems that perplex them. { 9T 13.3}

“The Scriptures describe the condition of the world just before Christ’s second coming. Of the men who by robbery and extortion are amassing great riches, it is written: ‘Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days. Behold, the hire of the laborers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth. Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter. Ye have condemned and killed the just; and he doth not resist you.’” James 5:3-6. { 9T 13.4}

Testimonies volume 9 pages 11-13 = 9/11?

In this movement we have made mistakes in the past. One of them was saying that *Testimonies volume 9* pages 11 through 13 were talking about 9/11. After the terrorist attacks on 9/11 this movement noticed that those events were like the ones described in 9T. On 9/11 two skyscrapers were destroyed, partially by fire. On 9T page 13 tall buildings were destroyed by fire. Also, when Ellen G. White had the dream that included this scene she was in New York City (according to 9T12.1). So we concluded that 9T pages 11-13 were talking about the terrorist attack on the Twin Towers in New York City. We also noticed that the section we thought was about 9/11 started on page 11- so we label the reference 9T11. But if we honestly look at 9T we should recognize that Ellen G. White was not talking about September 11, 2001.

Testimonies volume 9 pages 11-12.3 = Pre COP

Testimonies volume 9 page 11 is speaking about the time just before the Close of Probation. The agencies of evil were combining their forces. Robberies, strikes, and murders were taking place on every hand. Men built buildings that rose story after story. These buildings “were erected to glorify their owners and builders.” “Those to whom these buildings belonged were not asking themselves: ‘How can we best glorify God?’ The Lord was not in their thoughts.” During this time the Spirit of God was being withdrawn from the earth. God wouldn’t forbear with these people for much longer.

Testimonies volume 9 page 13 = COP

Ellen G. White continues to speak about the buildings. In 9T 12.3 she says the “time is coming when in their fraud and insolence men will reach a point the Lord will not permit them to pass”. At the beginning of this paragraph, you can clearly see that this fraud and insolence is the “exaction” that people did to gain money to build the buildings. Ellen G. White ends the paragraph saying that these people “will learn that there is a limit to the forbearance of Jehovah.” The next paragraph (9T 13.1) is when the buildings get destroyed. The builders had reached the limit of their fraud and insolence. This destruction can’t be 9/11 because God didn’t have enough of their fraud and insolence at that point- 9/11 wasn’t the limit. In the next paragraph (9T 13.2) she says, in speaking about the destruction of the buildings, “the hand that had been strong to save will be strong to destroy.” This is another reason that this isn’t 9/11 because at 9/11, God didn’t stop saving. At what point can people no longer be saved? At the Close of Probation. Also, God’s forbearance will be up- like Ellen G. White said- and when His forbearance has reached its limit there will be destruction. This vision is of the Close of Probation, not 9/11. We can’t look at the buildings being destroyed and say it has to be 9/11, when we actually study the passage, no doubt it’s the Close of Probation.

9/11 is a harbinger

September 11, 2001 was a harbinger or sign pointing to the Close of Probation because what happened on 9/11 parallels the event in 9T, therefore we know they must be connected. We saw that 9T pages 11-13 were talking about the history around the Close of Probation. At the Close of Probation, according to the passage, God's forbearance will end and He will destroy some buildings. The destruction of the Twin Towers foreshadows the destruction at the Close of Probation. To awaken us to the fact that the COP is near 9/11 happened; God destroyed some buildings, but His forbearance didn't end. September 11, 2001 was a harbinger of the Close of Probation; 9/11 followed the pattern of 9T pages 11-13, but that passage is actually talking about the COP. That event (9/11) lets us know that the Close of Probation is near, using the correct methodology lets us see this.

Testimonies volume 9 page 28

“In the visions of the night a very impressive scene passed before me. I saw an immense ball of fire fall among some beautiful mansions, causing their instant destruction. I heard someone say: ‘We knew that the judgments of God were coming upon the earth, but we did not know that they would come so soon.’ Others, with agonized voices, said: ‘You knew! Why then did you not tell us? We did not know.’ On every side I heard similar words of reproach spoken. { 9T 28.1}

“In great distress I awoke. I went to sleep again, and I seemed to be in a large gathering. One of authority was addressing the company, before whom was spread out a map of the world. He said that the map pictured God’s vineyard, which must be cultivated. As light from heaven shone upon anyone, that one was to reflect the light to others. Lights were to be kindled in many places, and from these lights still other lights were to be kindled. { 9T 28.2}

“The words were repeated: ‘Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savor, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden underfoot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.’ Matthew 5:13-16. { 9T 28.3}

“I saw jets of light shining from cities and villages, and from the high places and the low places of the earth. God’s word was obeyed, and as a result there were memorials for Him in every city and village. His truth was proclaimed throughout the world.” { 9T 28.4}

Testimonies volume 9 page 28 = pre COP

In *Testimonies volume 9 page 28*, Ellen White saw an impressive scene. She saw mansions. They were built to glorify their owner and builder. We can compare them to the buildings on page 12. Before those buildings were destroyed, God's spirit was being withdrawn. Before these mansions were destroyed, God's spirit must have been withdrawing. Page 11 was just before the Close of Probation, so the beginning of page 28 must be just before the Close of Probation too. Both pages 12 and 28 are the same vision. Page 28 is a repeat and enlarge of page 12.

Testimonies volume 9 page 28 = COP

Testimonies volume 9 pages 11-13 and page 28 are both speaking about the Close of Probation. Page 28 is a repeat and enlarge of pages 11-13. The mansions and the buildings are both big; they are the same. Since the buildings were destroyed at the Close of Probation, the mansions are also destroyed at the COP, and therefore the fire ball is the hand of God (9T13.2). These two visions are the exact same- they tell us of the destruction at the COP. There is one more element to the vision in page 28 though; it says that there were people that knew the destruction was coming but didn't warn the owners of the mansions. We know that the COP is coming so we are those people. This vision shows us that if we don't warn people that the Close of Probation is coming, when it comes, we'll be the blame. There is hope though, in the next paragraph (9T 28.2) Ellen G. White has another vision. In this vision there is a group of people and they are looking at a map of the world. When light from heaven shines on the people, they spread it to others, and they in turn spread it to more people. This second vision is telling us what will happen if we spread the truth- the world will be warned and when the COP comes, no one can blame us for not telling them. Of course, we are not supposed to warn the world now, we are to warn it when the Nethinims' (world's) harvest comes.

FFA and July 18, 2020

FFA has refused to learn how to study inspiration using the correct methodology. They currently teach that 9T page 28 is talking July 18, 2020. They believe that on that day radical Islam will use a nuclear bomb (a fireball) to attack Nashville, Tennessee (in the United States). They got the location because Ellen G. White was in Nashville when she had the dream recorded on 9T page 28 (Ms 188 1905 [par. 13]). They are using the same wrong methodology that they used for 9T11 on 9T28. But as we have seen both passages are talking about the Close of Probation not 9/11 or July 18, 2020.

