

BRIEF TIMELINE 1831 TO 1910

The Messages, the Landmarks, and the Ministries - The Delay and the Importance of Our History

1830		
		1831 William Miller begins preaching First Angel's Message (4SP207)
1840		Landmark: Second Coming; Ministries: Meetings and Publishing
		1844 Second Angel's Message begins to sound (GC389)
		Midnight Cry Message begins to sound (GC398-400)
		Passing of the time (GC403, 429, 431)
		Third Angel's Message begins to sound (GC432; EW254)
1850		Landmarks: Cleansing of Sanctuary, 3 Angels Messages, Commandments of God, Faith of Jesus (neglected), Sabbath, Non-immortality of Wicked
		1852 Laodicean Message begins to sound (EW107)
		1858 Don't "move a block or stir a pin" (looking back) (EW258; compare page iv)
		A message coming: earth would be "lightened with his glory" (looking forward) (EW277; compare page iv)
1860		1863 Ministries: Organization (1860-63) (2Bio31) and Health (1863-66) (2Bio135)
		1868 "So many would be found unready"; "so long delay" (PH098, p. 16; also 2T194)
		1872 Joseph Bates dies (EGWE34); Ministry: Education (2Bio334)
1870		1878 J. N. Loughborough's experience of value (<i>The Great Second Advent Movement</i> , pp. 484, 485) Meetings: see 1Bio137; 139
		1881 James White dies (LS470) Publishing: see 1Bio107; 127; 163
		1883 J. N. Andrews dies (3Bio296) Landmarks: see CWE30; 1888, p. 518
1880		If Millerites had accepted "the message of the third angel and in the power of the Holy Spirit proclaimed it to the world", "Christ would have come ere this"
		"Unbelief, murmuring, and rebellion", "worldliness, unconsecration, and strife"
		"have kept us in this world of sin and sorrow so many years" (1SM68,69)
		1886 Message beginning that "will lighten earth with its glory" (1888, p. 166)
1890		1888 Loud Cry Message bringing "the faith of Jesus" to join "the commandments of God" (1888, p. 1073; cf. p. 217 "the law and the gospel going hand in hand")
		1889 J. H. Waggoner dies (1888, pp. 714-719)
		1890 Loughborough needed to build faith in the "rise and progress" of message, to counter "this unsettled state of unbelief" in "the light that God has given"
		1892 Message "the past few years, is immense in its importance, reaching into heaven and compassing eternity"; Satan "made every effort to cover up, to confuse minds, to make of none effect" (Lt. 22, 1892; PH002, pp. 23-28)
		"Nothing to fear for the future except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and his teaching in our past history" (Lt. 32, 1892; in GCDB 1/29/1893)
		R. F. Cottrell dies
		1893 "If every watchman had given the trumpet a certain sound, the world might ere this have heard the message of warning" (Lt. 77, 1893; in 1888, p. 1129)
		1894 If people of God "had done their appointed work as the Lord ordained, the whole world would have been warned," "Jesus would have come" (16MR38)

1895	<p>1895 Message continuing of “the law in Christ” but opposed at the heart of the work¹</p> <p>1896 If Satan has his way “the time of preparation will be prolonged” (1888, p. 1525)</p> <p>Message shut “away from our people, in a great measure”; “has been in a great degree kept away from the world” (Lt. 96, 1896; in 1888, p. 1575)</p> <p>“Great waymarks of truth” “are to be carefully guarded” (Ms. 1, 1896; 17MR1)</p>
1900	<p>1898 Dream she would rest in the grave before Christ came (6Bio445)</p> <p>Had “the message of mercy” been given, “Christ would have come”²</p> <p>1899 Confusion still as to “what constitute the pillars of faith” (1888, p. 1687)</p> <p>1901 Light of past 10 years “assented to” but “elements of unbelief” prevented light from being acted upon (GCB, 4/3/01, par. 1)</p> <p>“May have to remain in this world because of insubordination many more years”³</p> <p>1902 Need for “the old hands, the aged workers”; many “have fallen asleep in Jesus”; “greatly appreciate the help of those who left alive”; “value their testimony”⁴</p> <p>1903 If people of God “had obeyed His word”, “would today be in the heavenly Canaan” Uriah Smith dies (GCB, 3/30/03, par. 25)</p> <p>Need for “the gray-haired pioneers” to “stand in their place in His work to-day”⁵</p> <p>Need to “do as the Lord directed Moses to do”, “to rehearse ... all the dealing of the Lord”; record of experience “in the early history of our work must be republished”; many “ignorant of the ways in which the Lord wrought”; must “take up the review of our experiences from the beginning of our work”⁶</p>
1905	<p>1904 Crisis: “make of no effect the truth for this time”; “not a stone is to be moved in the foundation of this truth—not a pillar moved” (Lt. 237, 1904; 19MR311)</p> <p>1905 Ten documents: need to reaffirm the foundations—“the fundamental principles that are based upon unquestionable authority”—reprint; repeat; reproduce; Kellogg “under Satan’s special guidance”; Ballenger “led by satanic agencies”⁷</p> <p>1906 Five documents: continued call to “strengthen our belief in the past experience”⁸</p> <p>Need to “vindicate the advent message, the most important message that will ever come to the world” (Ms. 125, 1907 in MR760, p. 30; written 1906)</p>
1910	<p>1908 Need “to publish the early experiences of the cause of present truth” (SpM426)</p> <p>1910 “The messages which the Lord gave us in the past are very important at this stage of the earth’s history.” (Lt. 130, 1910; in 1888 pp. 1811, 1812)</p>

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1. 1888, pp. 1575, 1576; cf. pp. 1435, 1436
2. AUCR, 10/15/98 par. 12
3. Lt. 184, 1901; in 20MR312, 313
4. Lt. 47, 1902; in 20MR219
5. GCB, 4/14/03, par. 38
6. Lt. 105, 1903; in 17MR344
7. 10MR45; MR760, p. 14; MR760, p. 4 (see *Lest We Forget*, Vol. 12, Nos. 1 & 2 for extracts of ten documents)
8. Lt 40, 1906; in MR760, pp. 20, 21 (see *Lest We Forget*, Vol. 12, No. 2 for extracts of five documents)

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