**Brief Timeline 1831 to 1910**

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

- **1831** William Miller begins preaching First Angel's Message (4SP207)
  - **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)
  - **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)
  - 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)

- **1863** Ministries: Organization (1860-63) (2Bio31) and Health (1863-66) (2Bio135)
  - “So many would be found unready”; “so long delay” (PH098, p. 16; also 2T194)

- **1872** Joseph Bates dies (EGWE34); Ministry: Education (2Bio334)

- **1878** J. N. Loughborough’s experience of value (The Great Second Advent Movement, pp. 484, 485)
  - **Meetings:** see 1Bio137; 139
  - **Publishing:** see 1Bio107; 127; 163

- **1881** James White dies (LS470)

- **1883** J. N. Andrews dies (3Bio296)
  - **Landmarks:** see CWE30; 1888, p. 518
  - 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)

- **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)

- **1893** R. F. Cottrell dies
  - “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)
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<td>If Satan has his way “the time of preparation will be prolonged” (&lt;i&gt;1888&lt;/i&gt;, p. 1525) Message shut “away from our people, in a great measure”; “has been in a great degree kept away from the world” (&lt;i&gt;Lt. 96&lt;/i&gt;, 1896; in &lt;i&gt;1888&lt;/i&gt;, p. 1575) “Great waymarks of truth” “are to be carefully guarded” (&lt;i&gt;Ms. 1&lt;/i&gt;, 1896; 17MR1)</td>
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<td>Dream she would rest in the grave before Christ came (&lt;i&gt;6Bio445&lt;/i&gt;) Had “the message of mercy” been given, “Christ would have come”&lt;sup&gt;2&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
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<td>Confusion still as to “what constitute the pillars of faith” (&lt;i&gt;1888&lt;/i&gt;, p. 1687)</td>
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<td>1902</td>
<td>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”&lt;sup&gt;4&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
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<td>1903</td>
<td>If people of God “had obeyed His word”, “would today be in the heavenly Canaan” Uriah Smith dies (&lt;i&gt;GCB&lt;/i&gt;, 3/30/03, par. 25) Need for “the gray-haired pioneers” to “stand in their place in His work to-day”&lt;sup&gt;5&lt;/sup&gt; 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”&lt;sup&gt;6&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
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<td>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”&lt;sup&gt;7&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
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<td>1906</td>
<td>Five documents: continued call to “strengthen our belief in the past experience”&lt;sup&gt;8&lt;/sup&gt; Need to “vindicate the advent message, the most important message that will ever come to the world” (&lt;i&gt;Ms. 125&lt;/i&gt;, 1907 in MR760, p. 30; written 1906)</td>
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<td>1908</td>
<td>Need “to publish the early experiences of the cause of present truth” (&lt;i&gt;SpM426&lt;/i&gt;) “The messages which the Lord gave us in the past are very important at this stage of the earth’s history.” (&lt;i&gt;Lt. 130&lt;/i&gt;, 1910; in &lt;i&gt;1888&lt;/i&gt; pp. 1811, 1812)</td>
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<sup>1</sup> 1888, pp. 1575, 1576; cf. pp. 1435, 1436

<sup>2</sup> AUCR, 10/15/98 par. 12

<sup>3</sup> Lt. 184, 1901; in 20MR312, 313

<sup>4</sup> Lt. 47, 1902; in 20MR219

<sup>5</sup> GCB, 4/14/03, par. 38

<sup>6</sup> Lt. 105, 1903; in 17MR344

<sup>7</sup> 10MR45; MR760, p. 14; MR760, p. 4 (see <i>Lest We Forget</i>, Vol. 12, Nos. 1 & 2 for extracts of ten documents)

<sup>8</sup> Lt 40, 1906; in MR760, pp. 20, 21 (see <i>Lest We Forget</i>, Vol. 12, No. 2 for extracts of five documents)