

# Ronald Numbers

- Wrote *Prophetess of Health*.
- Proves E.G.White plagiarized her teachings on health from the health reform movement.
- She insisted it all came from God.

# Walter Rea

- Adventist preacher for 33 years.
- While writing complete Bible commentary with only E.G.White's comments, discovered she plagiarized from other writers.
- Renounced his faith in White.

# Desmond Ford

- Top theologian.
- Fired for rejecting Adventist position on 'sanctuary.'
  - Proved it was unscriptural.
  - Convinced other Adventists.

# Seventh-Day Adventism (II)

I. History Of Adventism

II. White's Predictions  
Contradict Scripture

# Repeatedly calculate when Jesus will come

- Lk.12:33-40 ... 41-48 [39-40...45-46]
- 1 Th.5:1-6 – no one can *calculate* when Lord comes.
  - 1-2: as thief.
  - 3: when least expected.
  - 4-6: not in dark as others. Stay alert!

# When predictions fail, they change meaning of prediction

- 1843 ... Decided date right ... event wrong...
- Jesus entered second compartment of heavenly sanctuary . . .
  - During that period, opportunity for salvation of world was over
  - Only a small group of Adventists who accept Miller's message could be saved
- Became known as 'The Shut Door'

# Samuel Snow set date for second coming: Oct.22, 1844

- Jewish Day of Atonement
- Known as 'The seventh month movement'
- Period between five day camp-meeting of Aug. (1844) and Oct.22 became known as 'The midnight cry' (Mt.25:6)
- When Lord did not come, White's reaction was typical . . . (excuses, denials)



# Only those who knew of Christ's change in sanctuary (1844) saved

- Four different positions –
  1. Sanctuary was on earth
  2. Door of mercy was shut to all sinners in 1844
  3. Open only to those who learned of Lord's change
  4. It was now open to all. (What next??) **Contrast:**
- 2 Pt.3:9, He delays so people won't perish...
- Hb.6:19-20; 8:1, Jesus entered most Holy at His ascension
- Ac.7:48

## 1858: wrote 'The Plan of Salvation'

“After Adam’s fall, Jesus told them that he had been ‘pleading with his Father, and had offered to give his life a ransom, and take the sentence of death upon himself, that through him man might find pardon... Jesus bid the heavenly host be reconciled to the plan that His Father accepted’ ...Said the angel, ‘Think ye that the Father yielded up his dearly beloved Son w/o a struggle? No, no. It was even a struggle with the God of heaven, whether to let guilty man perish, or to give his beloved Son to die for them.’” Jesus had to go three times . . .

## 1849: the sick

- May not apply to earthly physicians . . .
- Have faith in God
  - Later had to change her position [she never held the position that going to a doctor was wrong] ? ?

## 1862: slavery

- ‘Impossible for slavery to be done away’
- 2 Tim.3; 2 Pt.1:3; Rv.22:18-19

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III. Old Law

# Miller taught 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Week . . .

- White: dream . . .
- She made 'Ten commandments perpetual'  
. . . separated moral and ceremonial law
  - Dt.5:1-3 ... Ro.7:1-7 ... Ga.3:22-24
    - Ex. 20:10
    - Lv. 26:43

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# We are not immortal

- We are unconscious at death

“It was a marvel to me that Satan could succeed so well in making men believe that the words of God [Ezk.18:4], but live eternally in misery... Death is w/o pain, w/o joy, w/o hatred” –The Great Controversy, Ch.19

- Contrast Lk.15:32; 1 Tim.5:6
- “Soul” = breath. No hell
  - Contrast Mt.10:28; Lk.16



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# White insisted that health reform was a matter of salvation

- ‘The gospel of health is to be firmly linked with the ministry of the word. It is the Lord’s design that the restoring influence of health reform shall be a part of the last great effort to proclaim the gospel message’ – White, *Counsels on Diet and Foods*, 75
- Vegetables, fruits and grains...no flesh
- Cheese, butter, eggs, meat... ~ ~ ~
  - Mk.7 (Ac.10) ... Lk.10:1,7-8
  - Col.2:14-17

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<sup>14</sup> having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. <sup>15</sup> Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it. <sup>16</sup> So **let no one judge you in food or in drink,** or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths, <sup>17</sup> which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ – Col.2:14-17

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VI. Church Organization

# General conference

- Responsible for spiritual and developmental plans of the church around the world
- President of world church: Ted N. C. Wilson
- Secretary: G. T. Ng
- Juan Rafael Prestol-Puesan, Treasurer
- Several VPs

# Where does Bible mention Adventist Church?

- Began in 1840s
- Earthly headquarters: Silver Spring, MD
- 12 'division' organizations, 76 union conferences, 371 local conferences
  - How differ from Watchtower / Catholicism?

NT church does not resemble SDA  
in name, organization, doctrine,  
view of OT, or prophecies