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1

Look for the way-marks as you journey on, Look for the way-marks, passing one by one; Down thro' the ages, past the kingdoms four, Where are we standing? Look the way-marks o'er.

Chorus:

Look for the way-marks, the great prophetic way-marks, Down thro' the ages, past the kingdoms four. Look for the waymarks, the great prophetic waymarks; The journey's almost o'er.

2

First, the Assyrian kingdom ruled the world, Then Medo Persia's banners were unfurled; And after Greece held universal sway, Rome seized the scepter, Where are we today?

3

Down in the feet of iron and of clay, Weak and divided, soon to pass away; What will the next great, glorious drama be? Christ and his coming, And eternity. FOUNDATION PROGRESSIVE SABBATH ADVENT MINISTRIES (FPSAM), Inc.

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TEXT

"And Jesus increased in wisdom (Mental) and stature (Physical & Spiritual), and in favor with God (Spiritual) and man (Social)." Luke 2:52

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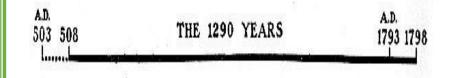
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20. What question was asked in the hearing of the prophet?			
"Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain saint which spake, <i>How shall be the concerning the</i> , and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden underfoot?" Daniel 8:13			
21. What answer was addressed to Daniel?			
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NOTE: In verse 13, R.V., the vision is clearly defined. It is "the vision concerning the continual burnt offering [or continual mediation], and the transgression that maketh desolate," which results in giving both the sanctuary and the people of God to be trodden underfoot. The time when the vision was to have its special application is stated in verse 17 to be "at the time of the end," or in the last days. This is additional proof that this prophecy was to find its complete fulfillment in papal Rome only, as pagan Rome passed away many centuries ago. The sanctuary and the twenty-three-hundred-day period here referred to are considered at length in succeeding readings.

22. What prophetic period begins at the time when the continual mediation of Christ was taken away by the Papacy?

"And from the time that the continual burnt offering shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be *a*______

and _____ days." Daniel 12:11, R.V.



NOTES: Inasmuch as the taking away of the continual mediation of Christ is made the beginning of a prophetic period, there must be some definite act at some definite time which, in form and intent, **takes from Christ His priestly work in the heavenly sanctuary**. This act was the official decree of an ecclesiastical council held at **Rome in 503 A.D.**, by which it was declared "that the Pope was judge as God's vicar, and could himself be judged by no one."

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See Hardouins "Councils," Vol. II, page 983; Labbe and Cossart's "Councils," Vol. IV, col. 1364; and Bower's "History of the Popes" (three-volume edition), Vol. I, pages 304, 305. The work of Clovis king of the Franks, who earned for himself the title of "the eldest son of the church" by his campaigns to subdue the kingdoms hostile to the Papacy, contributed much toward putting into practical effect this claim of the Papacy, which **finally resulted in establishing the Pope as the head of the Roman priesthood which has usurped the priestly work of Christ**, and has established another system of mediation in its place. This work of Clovis came to its climax in the period 503-508, and this period therefore becomes the natural one from which to date the **1290 years** of **Daniel 12:11**, which would accordingly end in the period 1793-98, at the same time as the **1260 years** of **Daniel 7:25**.

"With Rome would have fallen her bishop, had he not, as if by anticipation of the crisis, reserved till this hour the master-stroke of his policy, He now boldly cast himself upon an element of much greater strength than that of which the political convulsions of the time had deprived him; namely, **that the bishop of Rome is the successor of Peter, the prince of the apostles, and, in virtue of being so, is Christ's vicar on earth**. In making this claim, the Roman pontiffs vaulted at once over the throne of kings to the seat of gods: **Rome became once more the mistress of the world, and her popes the rulers of the earth."-***" The Papacy," by J. A. Wylie, page 34*.

23. What assurance was given to Daniel concerning the period of time mentioned in verse 14?

"And the vision of the evening and the morning which was told *is* ______ wherefore shut thou up the vision; for it shall be for many days." Daniel 8:26

NOTES: By the expression "**the vision of the evening and the morning**" reference is made to the vision concerning the twenty-three hundred days, as may be seen by referring to the marginal readings of **Daniel 8:14**.

The interpretation of the vision of chapter 8 closes without making any explanation of the long period of time which was mentioned to Daniel in the answer to the question, "How long shall be the vision?" This important feature was left to be interpreted later.

