

**Lesson:** 70      **Increase of Knowledge.**      **Part A**      **Volume:** 7

**Notes:** "Never was there such activity of invention within the history of mankind as at the present day." - *Phrenological Journal, April, 1871.*

"More has been done, richer and more prolific discoveries have been made, grander achievements have been realized, in the course of the **fifty years of our lifetime than in all the previous lifetime of the race.**" - *London Spectator.*

Some of the principal inventions and discoveries of modern times are the following:-

Balloon in 1798.

Gas for lighting purposes in 1798.

Cast-iron plough in 1800.

Steel pen in 1803.

Steamboat in 1807.

Steam printing-press in 1811.

Revolver 1825

Railway-cars in 1825.

Lucifer-match 1829.

Mower and reaper in 1833.

Electric telegraph in 1837.

Electrotyping in 1837.

Photography in 1839.

Sewing-machine in 1846.

Anesthesia in 1846.

Submarine cable in 1851.

Machine-gun in 1861.

Monitor war-ship in 1862.

Automatic air-brake in 1872.

Telephone in 1876.

Phonograph in 1877.

Electric railway in 1879.

Modern seismograph in 1880.

Linotype in 1885.

Steam-turbine in 1888.

Roentgen or X-ray in 1895.

Wireless telegraphy in 1895.

Motion pictures in 1895.

Monotype in 1896.

Radium in 1902

Aeroplane, first successful flying, Dec. 17, 1903.

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## *The Foundation Bible Lessons*

### **PART 7:**

## **Coming Events and Signs of the Times**

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### **MISSION STATEMENT**

Foundation Progressive Sabbath Advent Ministries (FPSAM), Inc. exists to build upon the four **PILLARS** (*Mental, Physical, Spiritual and Social*) that **GUIDED** Jesus' life.

#### **VISION**

All Foundation Progressive Sabbath Advent Ministries (FPSAM), Inc. members will use the four pillars to establish and build their personal life and that of others.

#### **SLOGAN**

"Don't Accommodate Eliminate"

#### **MOTTO**

"Building on FOUR"

#### **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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### 1. According to the words of the angel to Daniel, when might the world look for an increase of knowledge?

"But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, *even to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_*: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased."

**Daniel 12:4**

**NOTE:** The prophecies of Daniel were not to be shut up till the *end*, for then there would be no time either to develop knowledge or to use the knowledge thus acquired, but until "*the time of the end*," which refers to a short period just preceding the end. During this time there was to be a wonderful increase of knowledge. Especially were the prophecies of the Book of Daniel to be unsealed, studied, and understood at this time.

### 2. Until what time were the saints to be persecuted under the Roman power?

"And some of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make them white, *even to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_*: because it is yet for a \_\_\_\_\_ appointed." **Daniel 11:35**

**NOTE:** The time of the end, as shown by this text, was even then, in the days of Daniel, an appointed time, in the mind of God. This is not strange, when we learn that in the Scriptures both the judgment and the end itself are said to be appointed times. **Acts 17:31; Daniel 8:19.** The close of the period allotted for this persecution (**1798**) was to mark the beginning of "the time of the end." See reading in Lesson 51 of this series.

### 3. According to the prophecy, how long was the power represented by the little horn, or papal Rome, to persecute the saints?

"And he shall speak great words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High. . . . and they shall be given into his hand *until a time and times and the dividing of time.*" **Daniel 7:25**

**NOTES:** As shown in the reading on "The Kingdom and Work of Antichrist," Lesson 51, this expression, "a time and times and the dividing of time," represents **1260 years**, extending from the year **533-538 A.D.**, the time of the decree of Emperor Justinian recognizing the Pope as head of all the churches and the successful campaign against Arianism, to the period 1793-98, when as a result of the French Revolution, the papal power received its deadly wound and the Pope was carried into captivity. This, then, locates the beginning of "the time of the end" in **1798**.

**Note:** Up to that point the Book of Daniel, as a whole, was to be closed up; in other words, not understood by the people. But when the power that had placed this embargo on the Word of God, and had tried to shut it away from the people, was broken, then **light of all kinds, Biblical, scientific, inventive, and industrial, began to shine and penetrate in every direction.**

It is a singular and striking fact that immediately following the overthrow of the papal power in **1798**, Bible societies, tract societies, and Sunday schools sprang up in large numbers. The London Religious Tract Society was organized in **1799**, the British and Foreign Bible Society in **1804**, the American Bible Society in **1816**, and the American Tract Society in **1825**. The **Bible has now been translated into more than four hundred and fifty languages and dialects**, and sent to every part of the globe. Before that time access to the Bible was confined to comparatively few. Now the humblest person may possess it, and is as free to read and study it as is the most exalted in the land. A little more than one hundred years ago there was not a Sunday school in the world, the first one being organized by Robert Raikes, at Gloucester, England, in **1784**. Now there are more than 285,000 such schools, with over 28,000,000 officers, teachers, and pupils.

### 4. What may be said of the developments in the line of scientific inventions since 1798?

These have been remarkable, phenomenal, and without parallel in the history of the world. The people of a century and a quarter ago knew nothing of **steamships, steam and electric railways, telegraphs, telephones, photographs, phonographs, sewing-machines, anesthetics, submarine cables, linotypes, monotypes, motion pictures, X-rays, aeroplanes, wireless telegraphy**. Were they to be raised from the dead, they would be as much astonished at all these things as would the people of four thousand years ago.

**NOTES:** "Of a verity, this is the age of invention."- **Scientific American**.

"The great facts of the nineteenth century stand out so conspicuously above the achievements of any preceding century that it would be affectation of humility not to recognize and speak of them."- **Union Handbook, 1870**.

"The most striking characteristic of our times is the rapid strides which the world is making in science, general intelligence, and inventions."- **Chicago Republican, March 14, 1872**.