Kids' Prophecy Corner

The History of the Millerites – The Fractals lines - A workbook





INTRODUCTION

The movement's understanding of the history of the Millerites has been growing. It is a fascinating history and with such prophetic significance that we have produced this curriculum. This comprehensive workbook is meant to serve as a guide to the rich truths contained in this history.

There are four main sections in this workbook (Parts 1, 2, 3, 4). Each part has subsections (A, B,C, D) which contain a lesson and questions to answer. You can do a subsection a day. If you do so, it will take you about a week to go through one section. Therefore within a month you will be done with this workbook.

If you do not know all the history covered you can go on the White Stone Foundation website and look for the Millerites' curriculum on the Kid's Prophecy Corner page. We also have other materials on the website that simplify many other important concepts.

Link: http://www.white-stone.ca/kids-prophecy-corner/

You can also watch videos on the Youth Prophecy Group YouTube page - particularly videos 55, 56, and 57. Their lessons can be used with this workbook.

Link: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeltzVajTXgSQRL-o2XOq_g

Some of the exercises will require you to do some research. Use YouTube or Google to learn about a topic. For readings use your Bible or the Spirit of Prophecy App.

You can work on this workbook on your own or with your parents. If there is something you do not understand do not hesitate to ask them.

May God help and bless you in your studies.

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Part 1 – Review of the Line of Alpha of Modern Israel.

There are five major way-marks in the Alpha line of Modern Israel: 1798, 1840, 1850, 1861, 1863.

A - 1798 - The Time of the End

- William Miller was raised up at the beginning of this history. He was an upright, honest-hearted farmer who once did not believe in the Bible. Yet because he sincerely desired to know the truth he was chosen by God to lead out in the proclamation of Christ's second coming. {GC 317.1}
- Angels of God visited him to guide his mind and open the prophecies to his understanding.
- "The commencement of the chain of truth" was given to him. These commencements were the years 677BC, 457BC, and 508AD. {1845 WiM, WMAD 11.2}
- 508AD marked the taking away of the "daily." This was when the
 influence of paganism was removed in much of the Roman Empire.
 This left a clear path for the Papacy to ascend to the throne of the
 world. The Papacy began to rule the world supremely in 538AD. This
 was the beginning of the period known as the dark ages which lasted
 for 1260 years.
- In 1798 at the end of the 1260 years, Pope Pius VI was taken captive by one of Napoleon's Generals.
- Since 1798 the book of Daniel has been unsealed, knowledge of the prophecies has increased, and many have proclaimed the solemn message of the judgment near. {GC 356.2}

B - 1840 – The Restraint of the Ottoman Empire

- August 11, 1840 is the second waymark.
- August 11, 1840 is an important date for the Millerites. Josiah Litch had predicted in 1838 that on August 11, 1840 the Ottoman Empire would fall or be restrained. {GC 335.1; GC 611.1}
- He used the day for a year principle established by William Miller.
- Litch applied the day for a year principle to the prophecy of the second woe in Revelation 9:12 (for more details refer to the following studies: History of the Millerites Curriculum, and Josiah Litch and Revelation 9 Part 8).
- This event marks the empowerment of the first angel's message because its fulfillment allowed the Millerite movement to grow. It was seen as a glorious manifestation of the power of God. {GC 611.1}.
- This event parallels 9/11 on the line of the 144,000.

C - 1850 - The Sunday Law

Reading: 1SG 273-276

- 1850 is the middle way-mark in the external line. It has the characteristics of a Sunday law.
- On **September 18, 1850** the **Fugitive Slave Act** was passed.
- This law required the capture and return of any slaves that escaped from their masters. It was passed because a slave named Harriet Tubman escaped slavery and helped many other slaves to escape.
- Sister White called slavery a sin. She compared it to the sins of Babylon. (See Spiritual Gifts Volume 1 page 273).
- The people had to make a choice to either obey the law which would cause the runaway slaves to suffer awful punishments, or they could choose to obey God and treat their "neighbours" as themselves.

For this reason we mark the waymark of 1850 as a Sunday Law.

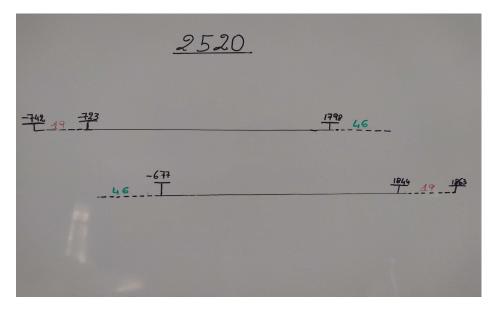
D - 1861 - Close of Probation

- We mark 1861 as the close of probation because this was when the judgement of God (the Civil War) began.
- This was the beginning of the Civil war and Sister White compared this period to the seven last plagues. {1T 264 Ch. 55}.
- Slavery had not been abolished and this displeased God. As a result the civil war broke out as a judgement upon them. This war is considered the deadliest of all the wars America has fought till this day.
- God's anger would not be appeased until the slaves were freed and considered to be humans.

E - 1863 - Second Advent

- 1863 marks the second advent in the Alpha history of Modern Israel. It was also the middle-point of the civil war.
- We call it the second advent because Christ could have returned in 1863. But because the beginning of Modern Israel is a history of failure this event did not happen.
- Why 1863? We use the chiastic structure of the 2520 to arrive at this year as marking the Second Coming.
- There are two 2520s and they form a chiasm an "ABBA" pattern.
- The first 2520 started in 742BC when Isaiah was given a prediction that Israel would be taken captive. 19 years later in 723BC that event was fulfilled. In the year 723 BC Hoshea the king of Samaria, Israel Northern Kingdom, was bound in prison by the Assyrians. The King of Assyria then besieged Samaria and brought the entire nation into captivity. When you add 2520 years to the year 723 BC you reach the year 1798.

- The second 2520 started in 677 BC which was 46 years after 723 BC.
 It started when Manasseh king of Judah, Israel's Southern Kingdom,
 was taken captive to Babylon (in 677 BC). It continued until Christ
 entered into the Most Holy place in 1844.
- Remember we talked about a chiasm. This is where it comes into place.
- From the prophecy of Isaiah we have **19 + 46** = 65 years that start the **scattering** of God's people.
- From 1798 to 1844, we have **46 years** for the **gathering** of God's people.
- To have a perfect Chiasm you have to add **19** years to the end of the 46 years (this is hidden treasure).
- And 1844 + 19 = 1863!
- So the Lord could have come back in the year 1863 to gather His people as the 2520 years of scattering end with God gathering His people again!

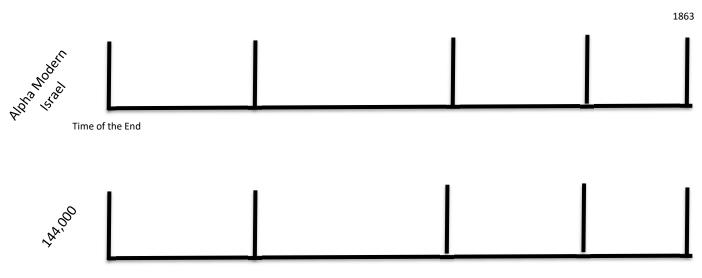


Summary: The five major way-marks in the line of the Alpha history of Modern Israel parallel the 5 major way-marks on the line of the 144,000. They are not perfectly identical however, they share quasi-self- similar

characteristics. These events impacted the world and were calculated to help people join the Millerites and be ready for the second coming of Christ.

It is now your turn to give a short summary of each waymark:

Complete the following Reform line of the Alpha of Modern Israel and make the parallel with that of the 144,000 (the Omega of Modern Israel):



Time of the End

Part 2 – The Nature of Fractals and Reform Lines

A - The Nature of Fractals

Fractals are an important concept when studying Reform Lines. They are a repeating pattern which occurs at different scales. But in order to understand and correctly apply them we need to define what they are.

There are different types of fractals. The most common are:

• **Exact self-similar**—the fractal is identical at all scales. Examples are the Koch snowflake or a fractal tree.



 Quasi self-similar—a fractal that presents the same pattern at different scales. But the repetitions of the pattern may include small copies of the entire fractal in distorted or modified forms. An example is the Mandelbrot set. Its satellites are approximations of the entire set, but not exact copies.



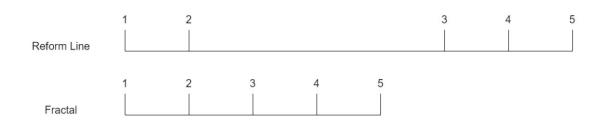
Statistical self-similar—a fractal that repeats a pattern
 "stochastically" so numerical or statistical measures are preserved
 across scales. Examples include randomly generated fractals like
 those on the coastline of Britain for which one would not expect to
 find a segment scaled and repeated as neatly as the repeated unit
 that defines fractals like the Koch snowflake.

Research: Research images of fractals on the internet and in nature. Identify those that are exact self-similar and those that are quasi self-similar. Make a list of examples below.

Exact self-similar fractals	Quasi self-similar fractals

B – The Structure Of The Reform Lines

Reform Lines follow a structure of five key way-marks and four dispensations. And each way-mark contains unique characteristics. Fractals of a Reform Line also contain five key way-marks and four dispensations.



Because the fractal is Quasi self-similar, the fractal is **a copy** of the Reform line, but it is not identical. Way-mark number five on the fractal is similar to way-mark number five on the Reform Line (but not identical). For example, if way-mark number four on the Reform Line is the "Close of Probation," way-mark number four on the fractal would also be the "Close of Probation." However on the fractal we would not literally say that Michael stands up and probation is closed.

If the fractals were Exact self-similar, the way-marks on both the Reform Line and the fractal line would be identical.

Summary: There are 3 different types of fractals – Exact, Quasi, and Statistically self-similar. Fractals that are studied in connection with Reform Lines are called Quasi self-similar fractals. They are similar but not identical to the bigger structure.

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Part 3 – The Fractals In The Millerite Line

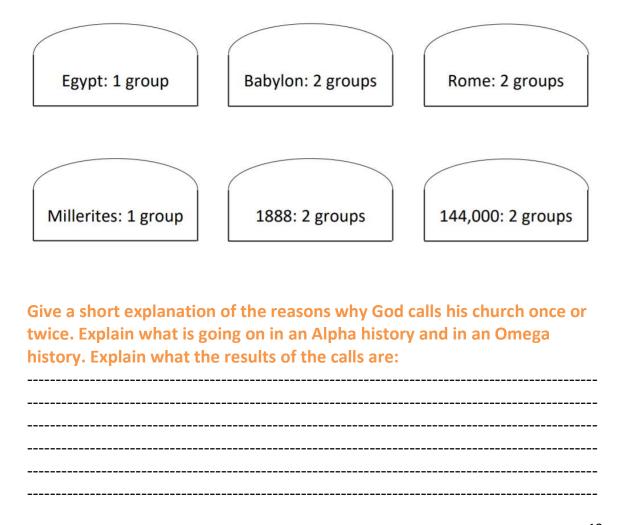
A – The groups

Personal reading: Exodus 12; Ezra 7, 8.

- When we talk about fractals we are talking about a Quasi selfsimilar work that God does in order to gather His people.
 Depending on the history we are in God makes either one call or two calls to his church.
- In an Alpha history such as the Alpha of Ancient Israel or the Alpha of Modern Israel God makes one call for his church.
- In the time of Moses God called his people once to come out of Egypt. They all left Egypt together. God did not make a second call.
- It is the same in the Alpha history of Modern Israel. God called his church once.
- However there are histories where God called his people twice.
 When Israel left their captivity in Babylon God made two calls
 through his servant Ezra. Only one part of the Hebrews left at the
 first call. Among them were the **Priests**. But when Ezra started
 counting the people he realized there were no **Levites**. He had to
 send some of his chief men back to Babylon to repeat the call to
 come out of Babylon. So in this story two groups were called the
 Priests and the Levites.
- It is from this history that we get the terms "Priests," "Levites," and "Nethinim."
- In an Omega history we see two groups as well. In the time of the Roman captivity the disciples were the first group called. The next was the rest of the Jewish church at Pentecost.

- Between the Alpha and the Omega histories of Modern Israel there is the 1888 time-period. This period parallels the Babylonian captivity where there were also two calls for the church.
- In our period, the Omega of Modern Israel, there are also two calls. One for the Priests from 1989 to 2021 and another for the Levites beginning in 2021.

Summary: To Gather His people God made either one call or two calls for the church. In an Alpha history, when His people are in a scattered condition or when a church is being formed, God makes one call. Whereas in an Omega history God visits his denominated people and gives two calls for the church. Often in an Alpha history the calls (including those made to the world) end in failure. Whereas in an Omega history they end in success.



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B – The Millerite Fractals

In the Alpha history of Modern Israel there is one call for the church and one for the world.

1-The call for the church

Because there is only one call for the Church there are no "Levites" gathered in this history. And the call to the church in this line can parallel that of the Priests in the Omega history of Modern Israel (1989 to 2021). But it must be remembered that such a comparison is of **Quasi Self-Similar** fractals and not **Exact Self-Similar** ones.

1798 – Time of the end

- This way-mark is the same in the big line and represents the Time of the End.
- The same dynamic is seen in the line of the Priests in the end of Modern Israel.
- The time of the end in the Omega history of Modern Israel is 1989; which is the same in the line of the 144,000.

August 11, 1840 - The restraint of the Ottoman Empire

- This way-mark is the same as in the big line.
- It is the same for the Priests in the Omega history 9/11 is the same way-mark for both Priests and in the line of the 144,000.

July 21, 1844 – Midway

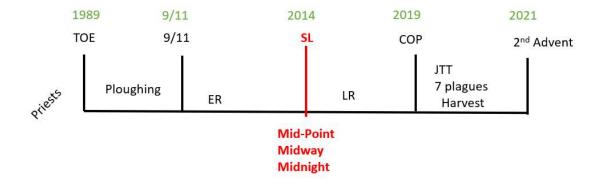
- The middle way-mark in the Alpha history of Modern Israel is July 21, 1844 where Ellen White says the Midnight Cry began to sound.
- The cry (the Midnight Cry) was first given at the Tabernacle in Boston on July 21, 1844 by Samuel Snow.
- July 21 and October 22 mark the mid-point between the first disappointment and the Great Disappointment.
- The date of April 19, 1844 also marks the beginning of the Tarrying Time.

At Midnight a cry was raised, the bridegroom is coming, go ye out to meet him. Then all the virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps." **We have already shown that the tarrying time for the bridegroom by**

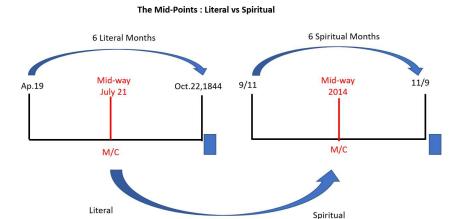
the prophetic periods was six months, beginning the 19th April down to 22nd October, 1844. The Midnight of this dark stupid time would be about July 20th. S. S. Snow gave the true Midnight Cry in the Tabernacle in Boston at this time, and it was received by the virgins in a different light from what it ever was before. {1847 JB, BP2 72.1}



We can identify the midpoint in the Omega line of Modern Israel.
 What is the third way-mark? It is the Sunday Law; or 2014 in the fractal of the Priests. So 2014 marks the symbolic mid-point or "midway." It is midway between 9/11 and 2019.



• It is important to remember that 2014 is a symbolic mid-point in the history of the Priests as it does not correspond with the Sunday Law way-mark in the big line (that of the 144,000); nor does it correspond with the literal number of days between July 21, and Oct 22, 1844.



Research: We haven't discussed of the characteristics of the Sunday Law for the Priests in 2014. Ask your parents about what constitutes the Sunday Law in 2014 and list the different components below.

October 22, 1844 – Close of Probation

- On October 22, 1844 the Millerites experienced the Great
 Disappointment as Christ did not come. Out of 50,000 people only 50
 continued on to receive new light from Heaven. The majority fell
 away.
- Sister White connects this experience to a shut door.

"I was shown in vision, and I still believe, that there was a shut door in 1844. All who saw the light of the first and second angels' messages and rejected that light, were left in darkness. And those who accepted it and received the Holy Spirit which attended the proclamation of the message from heaven, and who afterward renounced their faith and pronounced their experience a delusion, thereby rejected the Spirit of God, and it no longer pleaded with them". {1SM 63.9}

 We mark this event as the close of probation because there was a shut door. It developed two groups of people - one which followed God into the Most Holy Place of the Heavenly Sanctuary, and another that remained in the Holy Place and came under the delusions of Satan.

1850 - The Second Coming

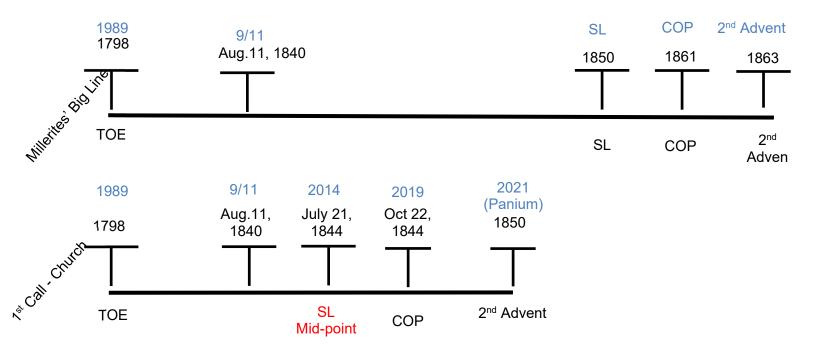
- 1850 marked the end of the gathering for the Millerites in the fractal.
- At that point they were ready to start a work for the world.
- On November 1, 1850 sister White had a vision where God showed her the necessity of producing another chart. This was the 1850 chart which was produced to help bring more people to a knowledge of the truth.

The Lord showed me that the 1843 chart was directed by his hand, and that no part of it should be altered; that the figures were as he wanted them. That his hand was over and hid a mistake in some of the figures, so that none could see it, until his hand was removed. {RH November 1, 1850, par. 11}

God showed me the necessity of getting out a chart. I saw it was needed and that the truth made plain upon tables would affect much and would cause souls to come to the knowledge of the truth.—Letter 26, 1850, p. 1. (To Brother and Sister Loveland, November 1, 1850.) {5MR 202.4}

- This way-mark parallels 2021 for the Priests. The Priests will be ready
 to start a work at this point a work for the church, not for the world.
 They will gather the Levites. This is the difference with the Alpha line.
 In our Omega history there are two calls for the church whereas in
 the Alpha history there was only one call for the church.
- Another point is the fact that in 1850 God's church fell into a Laodicean condition. There were external events taking place which if understood would have prepared them for 1850. But because they had already fallen into a Laodicean condition they took in errors that the second angel's message and its messenger (Samuel Snow) did not

- correct. Their errors made them blind and they therefore did not understand where they stood prophetically. This led to their failure.
- If we compare the above with our time the movement today is in a history of success because the second messengers (Elder Tess and Elder Parminder) corrected the mistakes of the first messenger (Elder Jeff Pippenger). They teach equality and correct methodology.



2. - The Call For the World

When we observe fractals, groups follow one another but they do not start at the same way-mark. For example the Levites in the Omega history of Modern Israel started their journey in 2001 which is one way-mark later than the Priests who began their journey in 1989. Likewise for the fractal of the world for the Millerite "Nethinim." Their line started one way-mark later in 1840.

August 11, 1840

- Following the fall of the Ottoman Empire the Advent movement of 1840-44 took off. This movement was a glorious manifestation of the power of God.
- Many realized that the prophetic time calculations made by the Millerites were correct.
- When compared to the line Priests in the end of Modern Israel this way-mark can be seen to be their "9/11."

July 21, 1844

- This is their second way-mark.
- It marks the beginning of their Early Rain.
- When compared to the Omega history it is also their "2014" waymark.

October 22, 1844

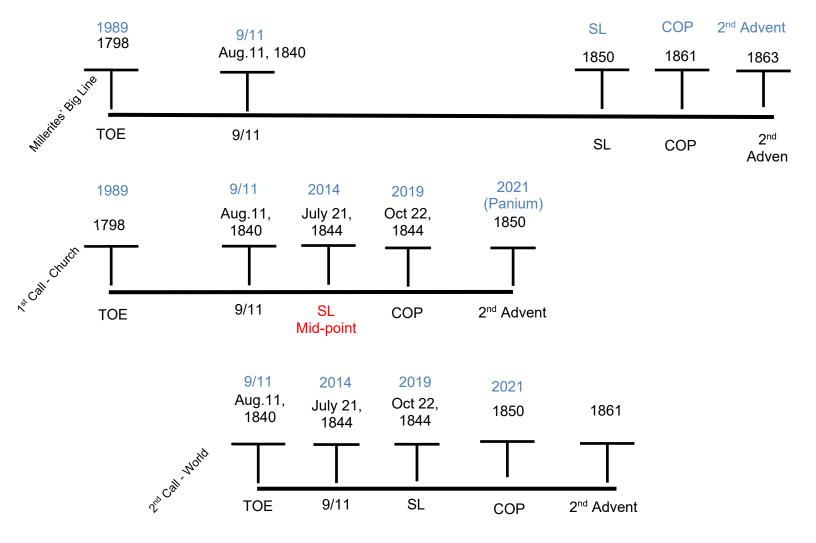
- This third way-mark marks the beginning of their Latter Rain.
- It is also their "2019" or SL way-mark

1850

- This fourth way-mark marks the close of probation.
- It is their "2021" way-mark.

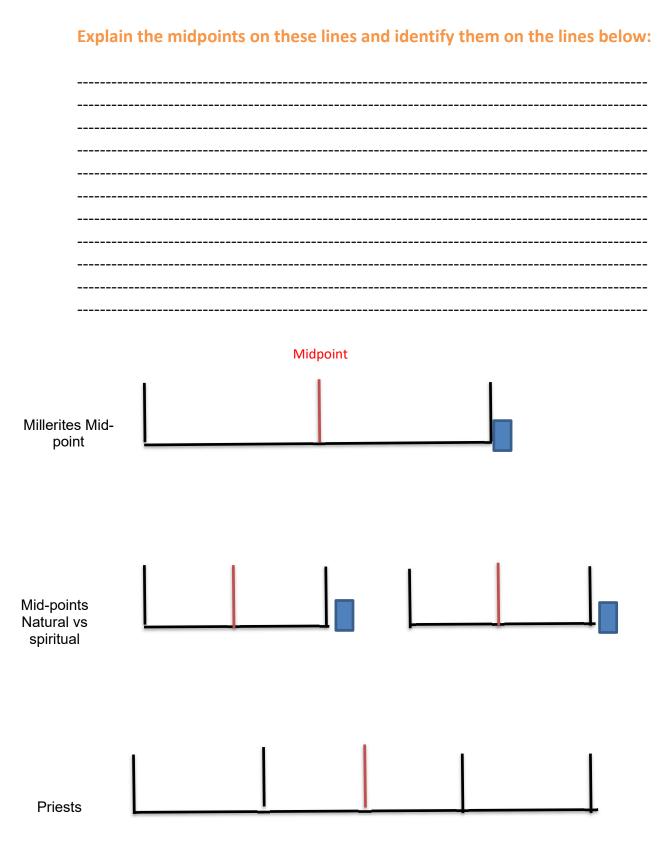
1861

- This is the last way-mark and it represents their "second coming."
- 1861 was the beginning of the civil war.



Summary: In the Alpha history of Modern Israel God made one call to the church and another to the world. If the Millerites did not fall into a Laodicean condition Christ would have come in 1863. But the Millerites did fall so their history ended in failure. We can line up their history with ours — The Omega of Modern Israel. But our history is one of success. In this history God visits the church twice with a call to the Priests and another to the Levites. And Elders Tess and Parminder corrected the mistakes made by Elder Jeff.

Fill the blanks: Name the different lines of the Alpha of Modern Israel. Add the dates and what they represent.										
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Part 4 – The Dispensation 1844 – 1850

The dispensation of 1844 to 1850 is particularly important to understand because it corresponds with the dispensation of 2019 to 2021 for the Priests. If we want to better comprehend the time we are in now we need to compare and contrast the two.

Between 1844 and 1850 the Millerites are in a scattering time. The Great Disappointment happened on October 22, 1844 and only 50 people remained in the truth.

However God prepared them to go to work by 1850. He gave them the truth about the sanctuary being in heaven and not on earth. He gave them the truth about the Sabbath and they produced the 1850 chart.

But they also had to pay attention to **external events**. Without proper attention they would fail to see a complete picture of what they needed to understand. And they would ultimately fail to understand the complete work of salvation for their time.

So let us have a look at the external events during that time period.

A - 1844

Research: Watch short documentaries on:

History of Texas

Presidential election of 1844

Henry Clay James K. Polk

Martin Van Buren

John Tyler

1 - The Subject of Texas



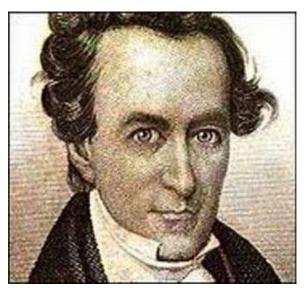
- Many Americans embraced the concept of Manifest Destiny. This was the idea that they had a God given right to take over all the land between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, regardless of who happened to be living there. At that time mostly Native Americans, Mexicans, and descendants of the Spanish lived in the West. Many settlers came to the West for economic reasons and to pursue happiness.
- At that time Northern Mexico included what are now Texas, Arizona, Utah, Nevada, New Mexico, and California.
- independent there were few people living there. So to encourage economic development Mexico granted a huge tract of land to Moses

 Austin. Austin's son Stephen started to sell small parcels of that land to Americans until there were 7,000 Anglo-Saxon Americans living there. But Mexico was angered by this and banned immigration to Texas.



• Even though slavery was already abolished in Mexico they allowed Americans to bring slaves.

- Austin and some Tejano elites demanded greater autonomy and the right to use slave labour. But this turned into a revolt which on March 13, 1836 led to the killing of 188 Americans including Davy Crockett. But the Americans retaliated and defeated the army of the Mexican Captain Santa Anna at the battle of San Jacinto.
- Mexico was forced to recognize Texas' independence.

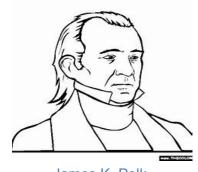


Moses Austin



- Texas became the Lone Star Republic and quickly decided that it would be better off joining the United States. And so in 1837 Texas' Congress requested to join the union.
- The answer was negative however because Texas wanted to be a slave state. And the addition of a slave state to the union would have disrupted the balance of slave to non-slave states represented in the Senate. So Andrew Jackson and Martin Van Buren ignored Texas.



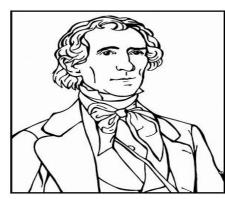


In 1844 most Southerners supported the annexation of Texas as long as it became a slave state. So in the election of 1844 many supported **James K. Polk** rather than **Henry Clay** who was a compromiser. Polk was elected in 1844 and the following year Texas was accepted in the union as a slave state.

James K. Polk

2 -The Presidential Election of 1844

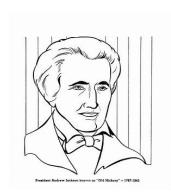
- The 15th presidential election in American history took place from Friday November 1st to Wednesday December 4th, 1844.
- President John Tyler had taken over after William
 Henry Harrison died. However he remained at odds
 with the Whig party (the Liberals) who stopped
 supporting him, as well as with the Democratic Party
 (the conservatives). At odds with both of the major
 political parties in the country he tried to start a
 third-party movement for re-election hoping that
 many who agreed with him on the annexation of
 Texas would support him.



John Tyler

 The annexation of Texas divided not only the country but the Democratic Party. In 1844 Martin Van Buren was the Democratic Party's presidential nominee. He opposed the annexation. However many influential Southern Democrats like John Calhoun and Andrew Jackson supported it.





Andrew Jackson

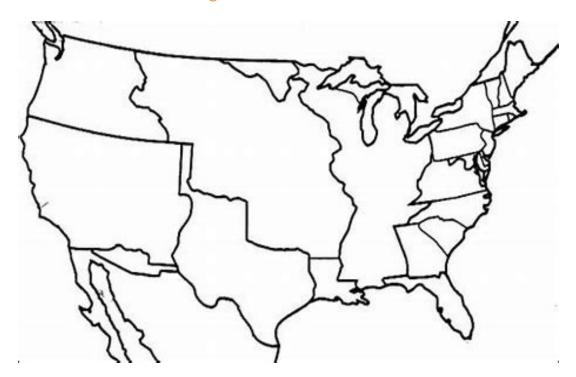
 At the Democratic National Convention three nominees were discussed at first: Martin Van Buren, James Buchanan a senator from Pennsylvania, and Lewis Cass the Ambassador to France. Then seemingly out of nowhere came James Polk - a former Governor of Tennessee and former Speaker of the House joined the race. Polk had originally entered the convention hoping to be the nominee for Vice President and by the end of the convention he was the most popular person.

- The Whig party was firmly against the annexation of Texas. After abandoning John Tyler they turned to **Henry clay** to be their candidate. Clay was basically the founder of the Whig party.
- Clay set an agenda that he believed would appeal to both southern slave owners who did not want to annex Texas as doing so risked making their land less valuable and slaves more expensive; and to Northerners who did not want slavery to expand further west.
- The situation became more complicated when John Tyler dropped out of his run for re-election and threw his support behind Polk. But clay was still confident he would win the election.
- But as the election drew near many important persons supported Polk on account of his belief in Manifest Destiny. This was the belief that it was the United States destiny to expand from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean. Polk wanted to expand the country's border whenever and wherever possible. And more and more people began to agree with him. Polk called for not only adding Texas to the union, but the territories of California and Oregon also.
- That was why James Polk won and become the 11th President of the United States. Polk received 170 electoral votes while Clay received 105. However the popular vote was much closer with Polk getting 49.5 percent and Clay getting 48.1 percent of the vote. 20 percent more Democrats came out and voted in this election compared to the 1840 election.
- At age 49 Polk was the youngest to become president up to that point in American history. He served only one term and he went straight to work after his win. A little over one year in office Polk had half of Oregon at war with Mexico over Texas following its annexation.

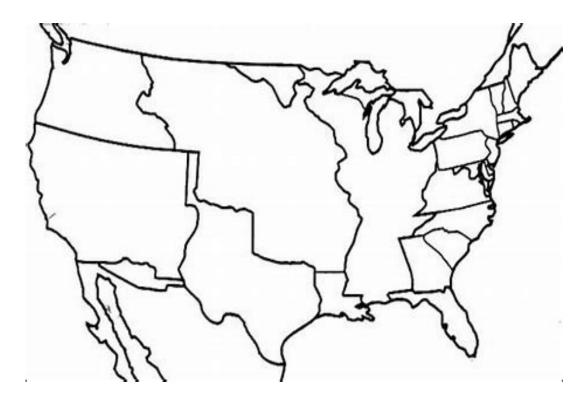
Answer the following questions:

	Why is it important to look at the history between 1844 and 1850?
2	What is Manifest Destiny?
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	Explain the history of Texas leading to its annexation in your own words. You can refer to the comic strip on the last page of the workbook

4. Map it: Color Texas in <u>1844-1845</u> in orange and the then northern Mexican territories in green.



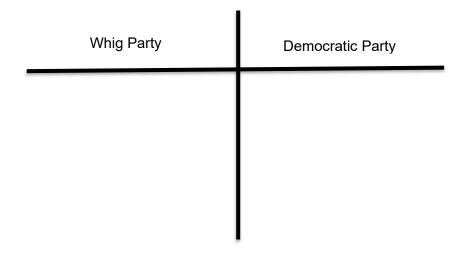
5 – Map it: Color the Northern states of 1844 in blue and the Southern states of 1844 in red. Name them.



6 – Who were the two main candidates in the 1844 US Elections?	
7 – On what subjects did they differ? Explain.	

8 - Explain what happened during the 1844 Election and why James Polk won.
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Research: There are two main political parties in 1844: The Whig party (the Liberals who later became the Republican party) and the Democrat Party (The conservatives). Make a chart of what their agenda was. (Use YouTube or google to find the information).



B – 1845 Annexation of Texas

- Definition of Annexation: Annexation means adding or incorporating a territory previously outside a given jurisdiction. Such as the annexation of Texas into the United States of America.
- Definition of a Joint Resolution: A measure approved by both houses of the United States Congress (the House of Representative and Senate) and signed by the president.

Your turn to write what you understood:



- President John Tyler pre-empted James Polk on the issue of Texas' Annexation by drafting a proposal on 27 February 1844 and presenting the bill to annex Texas on March 1, 1845.
- But this proposal was under the Benton Compromise which stated that the eastern half of Texas would be a slave state and the western half would be a free state.
- When James Polk took office he continued to support the policy.
 However he did so with the idea that Texas would be a slave state.
- Texans approved of the popular bill which was signed by President Polk on December 29, 1845. Texas was then admitted as the 28th state of the Union by joint resolution as a slave state.

Watch Expansion by Purchase and Treaty Slide 08 Annexation of Texas: https://youtu.be/WPhih4mUTLU

Sources: <a href="http://www.american-historama.org/1841-1850-westward-expansion/texas-annexation.htm#:":text=Texas%20Annexation%20for%20kids%20-%20Mexican%E2%80%93American%20War%20The,southern%20boundary%20of%20Texas%20at%20the%20Rio%20Grande.

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C - 1846 - 1848

 Mexico was angered by the decision to annex Texas as they claimed Texas as their own. The annexation led to the Mexican-American war.





- The war was fought from April 25, 1846 to February 2, 1848.
- Then President-elect Polk used the argument that the Mexicans had "shed blood upon American soil." But this was not quite true because at that time the soil in question was not American. But Polk used that as a pretext nevertheless.
- The real motivation for the war his idea of Manifest Destiny. To reach his goals Polk would have used any means necessary including war.
- Polk also wanted to purchase California from Mexico but they said no. So he decided to use another tactic. He sent troops under future president Zachary Taylor to the disputed Rio Grande border in Texas,

and to Mexico's provinces of Alta California, and Santa Fe de Nuevo México.

- As expected Mexico was angered by this and fighting broke out between American and Mexican forces.
- It was the first war fought by American troops primarily on foreign soil as most of the fighting was done in Mexico.
- Santa Ana's army was defeated in February 1847 but Mexico refused to give up. So Winfield Scott captured Mexico City itself in September.
- A final peace treaty, the treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, was signed in 1848 under which Mexico confirmed the annexation of Texas and their ceding California also. In return the U.S paid 15 million dollars and freed Mexico. The object behind Manifest Destiny had been accomplished.

Write a summary of what you have understood:

Map it: Color the territories America gained after the Mexican American war. Mark the Rio Grande Border where the war started.



Watch Khan Academy: The Mexican-American Civil war: https://youtu.be/QKRYLUIGIWc

 $\textbf{Sources}: \underline{\texttt{https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mexican\%E2\%80\%93American_War}$

Crash course: War and Expansion # 17

D - 1850

Research: 1820 Missouri compromise 1850 compromise

36° 30° line

 Following the end of the Mexican-American War the controversial issue of slavery arose once again. With all the extra land conquered from Mexico the debate arose as to whether those new territories would be slave states or free states.



• This issue was not new. In the year 1820 the Missouri compromise was adopted. Henry Clay proposed a bill that would allow Maine to enter the Union as a free state, and Missouri to enter as a slave state. It promised that no slavery would be allowed in any state north of the 36° 30° line in the future. This pleased both the abolitionists and the anti-abolitionist. That is why it is called a compromise. It held the Union together and staved off a complete break between the Northern and Southern states for a little more than 30 years.

In 1850 Henry Clay proposed another bill commonly known as the
 1850 compromise. The main components of this bill were:

- Slave trade would be banned in the nation's capital Washington DC. But slavery would be allowed to continue.
- California would enter the Union as a free state.
- The state of Texas would be reduced in size and would receive \$10,000,000 in compensation.
- Utah and New Mexico would decide whether they would be slave or free states.
- A fugitive slave law which would penalize authorities and people who did not try hard enough to capture fleeing slaves; and which offered rewards to those who captured slaves.

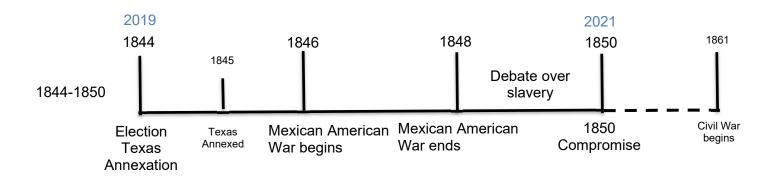
- The 1850 compromised was passed on September 18, 1850 and it pleased the Northern sates and Southern states.
- This compromise was too much for God however.
 According to Sister White's words the United States was filling the cup of its iniquity.
 She called it one of the sins of Babylon in Spiritual Gifts vol.1 p. 273 -276.1



- The compromise became the cause of the civil war which was a
 direct judgement from God. But God was especially angry with the
 Northern states which professed to be for the freedom of black
 people but compromised with the slave states to save the union.
- When we make a spiritual application the compromisers today are the Democrats like President-elect Joe Biden. Biden is a centrist just like French president Emmanuel Macron. He says he is for equality, yet he does not support defunding the police who often target black people and other minorities unfairly. He is ready to compromise to not lose the popular vote. This is a dangerous position. God is not pleased with centrists.
- In France, President Emmanuel Macron decided to restrict home schooling because of terrorist acts produced by radical Islamists.
 Instead of addressing the real problem, which is the respect of the rights of all and the isolation of visible minorities, he preferred to take measures that will please each political party.
- What do centrists look like in the movement? Here are a few examples but ask you parents for other examples:

- You believe in equality yet if someone does something wrong you ask that they not suffer any consequences.
- You know we have to get rid of all sexism, yet you want to wear make up or jewelry.
- You know racism is wrong, yet you don't like your neighbour who is Muslim.
- You believe in equality, yet if your fiancé is from a country where dowry is a custom, you want to have the choice to accept it.

Summary: We have covered the dispensation of 1844-1850 which parallels our dispensation from 2019 to 2021. There was no Sunday Law agitation during that time period. Issues such as slavery, inequality, and nationalism took centre stage. President James Polk believed in Manifest Destiny. He thus had great ambitions to see America extend its borders from East to West. People in the southern states were happy with him. He represents Donald Trump who also had the great ambition of making America great again. Trump has pleased his Republican and white Evangelical base in much the same way Polk garnered the support of the south. Polk had only one term just like Trump. President-Elect Joe Biden is a centrist or compromiser. He represents the party that compromised in 1850. Between 1846-1848 there was war. In our time we should expect to see agitation of the subjects of inequality and nationalism which will cause Biden and his party to compromise in 2021. In the movement we have to be diligent, particularly in this dispensation, to not compromise. God is not pleased with compromisers and compromisers will not be able to do the work that will open up in 2021.

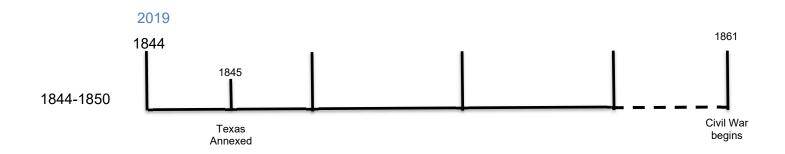


Your turn to write down what you understood:

Map it: Color the slave states red and the non-slave states green. Draw the 36° 30° line.

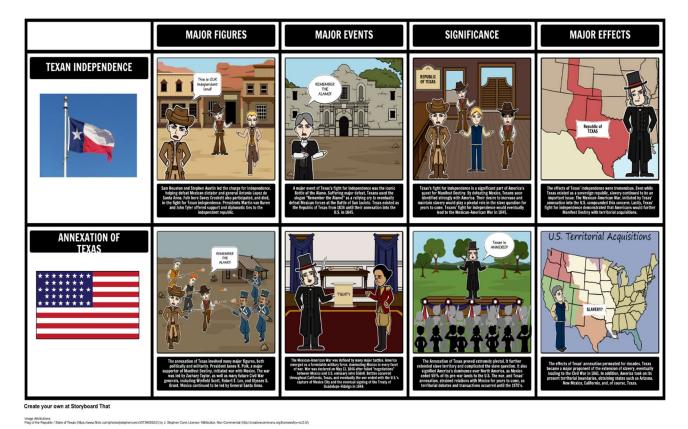


Fill the blanks:



Audiobook: read or listen to the chapter called "The sins of Babylon" (p. 273) in Spiritual gift Vol.1. Have a discussion with your parents about the subject.

Reading: Read that summary on the history of Texas: https://www.storyboardthat.com/lesson-plans/us-territorial-expansion-1783-1959/annexation-of-texas



The End