

of The Day Star which was a Millerite publication in Cincinnati, Ohio.

This new interpretation was adopted by Mrs. Ellen G. White, and was supported by her "revelations."

With regard to the relationship between this new interpretation and the message which the Millerites previously proclaimed, Mrs. White said that the time element in the message which the Millerites previously proclaimed was wrong. However, Mrs. White said that God allowed the Millerites to make that mistake in order that the people might go through "the test of a definite time."<sup>21</sup> Mrs. White said that this test revealed to the people whether they really loved the Lord or the world, for if they really loved the Lord, they were "ready to renounce their worldly hopes and ambitions"<sup>22</sup> on October 22, 1844 A.D., and to "welcome with joy the advent of the Lord."<sup>23</sup> If they were not ready to do this, Mrs. White said that they really did not love the Lord as they professed, but that they loved the world, and that this "test of a definite time" was sent in order "to arouse them to seek the Lord with repentance and humiliation."<sup>24</sup>

Although Mrs. White gave this explanation for the mistake which the Millerites made in the event which they said would take place, the fact remains that the Millerites made that mistake, and that apart from Mr. Edson's new interpretation of the sanctuary in Daniel 8:14, there never would have been a Seventh-day Adventist denomination. Thus the importance of Mr. Edson's new

<sup>21</sup>White, op. cit., p. 209.

<sup>22</sup>Ibid.

<sup>23</sup>Ibid.

<sup>24</sup>Ibid.