

and that then He will reward every man as His work shall be.<sup>3</sup>

The passages of Scripture which led Mr. Miller to this conclusion were mainly Daniel 8:14 and Daniel 9:24-27. In Daniel 8:14 we read, "And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed."<sup>4</sup> In Daniel 9:24-27 we read:

Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy. Know therefore and understand that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks; the street shall be built again and the wall, even in troublous times. And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week; and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consumation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.<sup>5</sup>

Mr. Miller interpreted these passages in the following way. In Daniel 8:14 he said that the days were years because "a day in symbolic prophecy represents a year"<sup>6</sup> as in Numbers 14:34 and Ezekiel 4:6. Therefore, he said that the 2,300 days were 2,300 years. He said that the sanctuary was the earth, and that the cleansing of the sanctuary was "the purification of the earth by fire."<sup>7</sup> Therefore, he said that at the end of these 2,300 years the earth would be purified by fire. Since the Bible taught that this would take place at the second coming of Christ, he concluded that the second coming of Christ

<sup>3</sup>Martin, op. cit., p. 26.

<sup>4</sup>Dan. 8:14.

<sup>5</sup>Dan. 9:24-27.

<sup>6</sup>Ellen G. White, The Triumph of God's Love, (Nashville: Southern Publishing Assoc., 1957), p. 192.

<sup>7</sup>Ibid., p. 208.