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All Over the World

Daniel 8:14—“For two thousand three hundred days; then the sanctuary shall be cleansed.”

Daniel 8 presents an awesome prophecy. We know it as the 2,300 evenings and mornings prophecy. The biblical text reveals that at the end of this prophetic period, two things would happen: In heaven, the sanctuary would be cleansed, and on earth, the truths that had been “trampled underfoot” (verse 13) for 2,300 years would be restored. Today, we will turn our attention to the second point. Exactly at the end of the prophecy, in 1844, a group of people from different churches began to study the Bible thoroughly and realized that there were biblical truths that had been rejected or forgotten.

At first, they had no intention of starting a religious movement. Their only desire was to take those biblical truths to their churches. However, faced with the rejection of these truths, they decided, between May 20 and 24, 1863, to organize the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

All that prophecy is repeated in the book of Revelation, where the faithful remnant is commissioned to proclaim the truth throughout the earth, “to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people” (Revelation 14:6).

Because of the understanding of this worldwide mission call, the Seventh-day Adventist Church decided not to follow the system of government adopted by most Christian churches, namely “congregationalism.” This system of government places its emphasis on the local church, which guides most of the church’s plans and actions. This kind of approach limits the global vision and prevents all congregations from uniting to take the gospel to every part of the world.

Since our prophetic calling is worldwide, we must be guided by a system that is capable of sending the gospel and resources to every tribe, language, and nation quickly and effectively. That is why the Seventh-day Adventist Church decided to adopt the representative system, in which all churches are united in doctrine, mission, and resources so that the messages that were restored since 1844 will reach the entire planet quickly.

Appeal: If your Promise offering is distributed as suggested by the Combined Offering Plan (which is recommended and promoted by the General Conference), then 50 to 60% of it helps support the missionary work of your local church; 20 to 30% supports the regional missionary endeavors of your conference; and 20% always supports the World Missionary Fund (or World Budget), producing balanced support to all the world missionary endeavors of the church.

