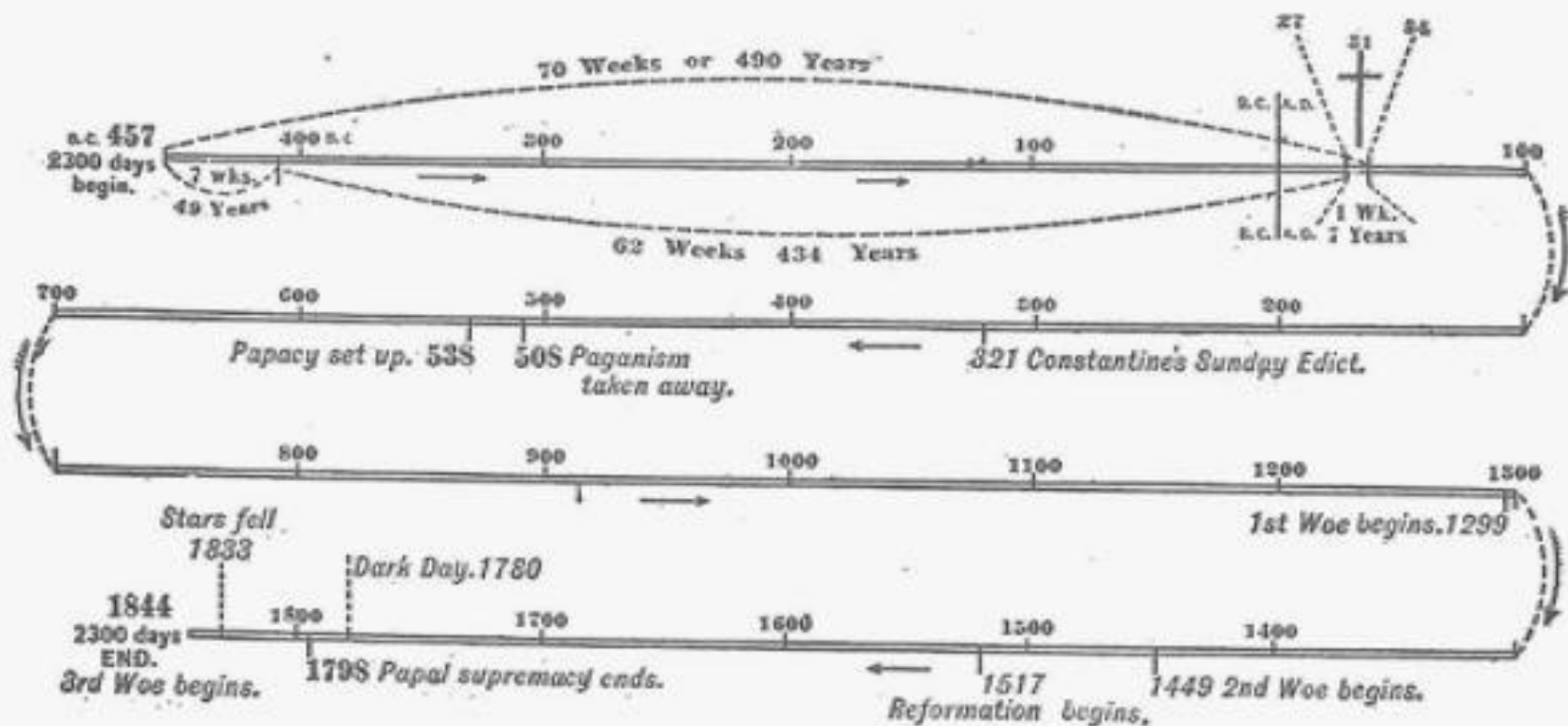


William Miller

William Miller, the greatest reformer of modern times, born in Massachusetts in 1782, was of poor but honorable parentage. Having a thirst for knowledge, he acquired considerable education by his own exertions. He served in the war of 1812, and was promoted to the rank of captain. Until 1816 he favored infidelity; but a careful study of the Bible for the purpose of refuting Christianity convinced him of his error, and opened to the world the then unexplored fields of prophecy. After much solicitation, he began his life work, the promulgation of the prophetic interpretations, especially in regard to the second advent, thus inseparably connecting himself with the great religious movement of 1844. The message soon became so wide-spread that invitations from all the principal cities of the United States, as many as possible of which he answered; and a revival such as had never been known sprang up in every denomination, extending even to Europe. Though disappointed in the time of the Second advent, by a misapplication of prophecy, the majority of his views proved themselves to be correct, and introduced a new era in the never-ending work of reformation. He devoted himself to the work which he had begun, both lecturing and writing until his peaceful death in 1849.

See Below



DATES EXPLAINED.

- B. C. 457. Date of commandment to restore and build Jerusalem. Dan. 9:1-2; Ezra 3:1.
- B. C. 408. End of 7 weeks, or 49 years. Work of building and restoring completed.
- A. D. 27. End of 62 plus 7 equals 69 weeks, or 483 years. Jesus baptized and begins his ministry.
- A. D. 31. Midst or middle of 10th week. Christ crucified.
- A. D. 34. End of the 10th week, or 490 years. Jews rejected. Gospel goes to the Gentiles.
- A. D. 508. Overthrow of Pagan Romanism. Beginning of the 1290 years.
- A. D. 538. Commencement of Papal supremacy. Beginning of the 1260 years.
- A. D. 1298. Close of the 1260 years. End of Papal supremacy.
- A. D. 1844. Close of 2300 days, or years. Beginning of the work of atonement or investigative judgment. sounding of 7th trumpet introducing third woe.

7 weeks equal 49 years.

62 " " 434 "

1 week equals 7 "

70 weeks equal 490 years.

Taking 457 B. C., Autumn, from 490, it is shown that the period extends to A. D. 1298 Autumn.

2300 minus 490 equals 1810.

A. D. 34 plus 1810 equals 1844.

DIAGRAM OF THE 70 WEEKS AND 2300 DAYS