

1831*

William Miller begins preaching about his new discoveries in the Bible



1839*

Joseph Bates joins the Millerites



1844

October 22: The Great Disappointment



1845

J.N. Andrews accepts Miller's teachings on the seventh-day Sabbath



1846

Joseph Bates' article on the biblical seventh-day Sabbath convicts James & Ellen White



1849

James White begins publishing a periodical that's now called the Adventist Review



1851

Ellen White publishes her first book: A Sketch of the Christian Experience and Views of Ellen G. White



1852

First Adventist printing press is established in Rochester, New York



1855

Biblical research supports the Sabbath timing, beginning sunset Friday and ending sunset Saturday



1860

October 1: Delegates name the denomination "Seventh-day Adventist"



THE HISTORY OF THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH



1863

General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is established



1866

First Adventist-owned and operated medical institution is established



1868

First Adventist camp meeting is held



1872

Opening of first Adventist-sponsored school



1874

First Adventist College opens; GC launches educational society; First missionary, J.N. Andrews, sent to Europe



1879

Adventist membership reaches 16,000



1888

The Great Controversy is first published



1901

Adventist membership reaches 75,000



1915

Death of Ellen G. White



TODAY

Adventist membership exceeds 21 million