

Chart of the Ages - Background

Orlando Bible Students Special Study – Sunday, January 28, 2024



Habakkuk 2:2-3 KJV “And the LORD answered me, and said, **Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.**

References: QB:729, R-621, R-1475, R-5374

- 1) **What is the purpose of the Chart of the Ages (“the vision”)?** *Hab. 2:2; 1st Volume A11:1; Eph. 6:19; Matt. 24:14*

- 2) **Who is the target audience of the Chart?** *Hab. 2:2; 1 Cor. 9:24; Matt. 7:7; Mark 7:14; 2 Cor. 2:14*

- 3) **What is the timeframe of the vision and when was the Chart originally published?** *A COPY OF the Chart of the Ages was sent to all Watch Tower subscribers in July, 1881. That same year it was presented and explained in the widely distributed publication, Food for Thinking Christians. This entire pamphlet also appeared as a special Watch Tower issue for September, 1881; its size, when folded, was that of a standard newspaper.
*Hab. 2:3; C89:2; Dan. 12:1,4,9,12**

- 4) **What do the words “it shall speak” signify?** *“In this diagram, or chart ... we have sought to aid the mind through the eye, to understand something of the progressive character of God’s plan; also, the progressive steps which must be taken by all who ever attain to the divine nature.”
*Hab. 2:3; 1 Cor. 2:9; Col. 1:26-27; Luke 8:10; Heb. 11:3; Col. 2:2 (NLT)**

- 5) **What are some of the differences in the 1881 Chart and today’s Charts?**
See page 2 attachments to compare

- 6) **What warning did the Pastor give us about reading too much into the Chart?** *Q53:1; 2 Tim. 2:15*

