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Scope and Content

Grace Edith Amadon (1872-1945) received her education at Battle Creek College where she learned Greek and Latin. She was also proficient in music. In 1893 Miss Amadon was invited by the Seventh-day Adventist Mission Board to go to Cape Town, South Africa, to teach Greek, Latin, mathematics, and music at Claremont Union College. After returning from South Africa in about 1899, Amadon was in charge of the Battle Creek church school for two or three years. Between 1903 and 1912 she lived in Chicago where she served as a bacteriologist and taught pathology and other science subjects in a Chicago college. She later held jobs in the local southwestern Michigan area serving as a bacteriologist.

After spending more than twenty years caring for her elderly parents, Miss Amadon was invited by the General Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church to join a specially formed research committee in January 1939.

Grace Amadon made a distinct contribution to astronomical science by confirming the validity of the time prophecies of the Bible. She made contacts with associate astronomers of the United States Naval Observatory and several of her articles were accepted for publication by scholarly journals.

This collection contains Amadon's research concerning chronologies and time prophecies of the Bible. The collection is divided into the following categories:

Arrangement

In most parts, the present collection was arranged by the Adventist Heritage Center. The headings of the subject file and source documents, however, were assigned by Amadon herself and were retained during processing.

The main series or sections of the collection are:

- 1) correspondence;
- 2) Amadon's writings;
- 3) sources arranged by subject;
- 4) photostat sources.

Within each of these series are the following subject areas:

- 1) Ancient Jewish Calendation
- 2) Calendar Reform / Chronology
- 3) Crucifixion/Passover
- 4) Millerism / 1844 Date
- 5) Turkey / Trumpets (Revelation)

The researcher should note

- Some of Amadon's correspondence related to a particular subject are placed with the corresponding subject file.
- There are oversized documents in Box 21. These are listed in the associated subject areas so the research will know to also look in the oversize box.
- The photostat documents are placed under subject headings without any particular order.
- There is a list of photostats prepared by Amadon (Box 8 Fld 17).

Provenance

The collection was originally given to the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary while it was in Washington, DC. It was transferred later to the Adventist Heritage Center after the Seminary moved to Berrien Springs, Michigan.

Extent

22 boxes (8.58 linear feet)

Use

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I. Correspondence (sent and received)

- Box 1 Fld1 Albright, F. W.
- Box 1 Fld 2 Andreasen, M. L.
- Box 1 Fld 3 Draper, Glen H.
- Box 1 Fld 4 Froom, LeRoy E.
- Box 1 Fld 5 Olmstead, A. T.
- Box 1 Fld 6 Thiele, Edwin R.
- Box 1 Fld 7 Washburn, H. A.
- Box 1 Fld 8 With various astronomers

More correspondence is integrated under the following subject headings:

- Ancient Jewish Calendation
- Calendar Reform / Chronology
- Crucifixion / Passover
- Turkey / Trumpets (Revelation)
- Millerism and 1844 date
- J. H. Wierts Materials

II. Writings (by Grace Amadon)

Ancient Jewish Calendation

- Box 1 Fld 9 Articles:
 - “Ancient Jewish Calendation.” *Journal of Biblical Literature*, LXI, part IV, 1942.
 - “Ancient Jewish Calendation.” Original manuscript of the published article.
 - “Ancient Jewish Calendar Construction - No: 2.” *Ministry*, April, 1944.
 - “Ancient Jewish Calendar Construction II.” Original manuscript of the published article.
 - “Ancient Jewish Calendar Construction [I].” Unpublished paper.

- Box 1 Fld 10 Papers:
 The Ancient Jewish Beginning fo the Year.
 Chronological Outline–Table “X”.
 The Jewish Regnal Year: Neo-Babylonian and Persian
 Periods.
 The Place of Chronology in Our Modern System of Bible
 Study.
 The Jewish Calendar in the Fifth Century B.C. (Two copies).
 Jewish and Babylonian Time-Keeping in the Sixth Century
 B.C.
 A Restudy of the Assuan Papyri with a View of Determining
 the Synchronism of the Various Calendars In Use During
 the Persian Period.
 The Assyrian Eponym List.
 Early and Latter Rain.
- Box 1 Fld 11 Studies of Old Testament Synchronisms (based on Wood’s
 outline). Several working papers.
- Box 1 Fld 12 Tables:
 Comparative Chronologies of Neo-Babylonia, Persia, Egypt,
 and Israel, 627 B.C. - 443 B.C.
 Persian Kings.
 Construction of Aramaic Calendar in Time of Ezra and
 Nehemiah.
 Analogue of Ancient Egyptian, Jewish, and Macedonian
 Dates.
- Box 1 Fld 13 Shram Reckoning (mostly calculations related to Jewish
 kings and Old Testament timing).
- Box 1 Fld 14 Flood Calendar
 The Flood Chronicle. (A paper).
 Tables related to the dating of the Flood.
- Box 1 Fld 15 Mosaic Calendar
- Box 1 Fld 16 Ezekiel Calendar

Crucifixion / Passover

- Box 2 Fld 1 Articles:
- “Important Passover Texts in Josephus and Philo.” Reprint from *Anglican Theological Review*, vol. XXVII, No:2, Apr. 1945.
 - Important Passover Texts in Josephus and Philo. (Original manuscript of the published article).
 - “The Johannine-Synoptic Argument.” *Anglican Review* - 16079; Galley 34.
 - The Johannine Synoptic Argument. (Original manuscript of the published article).
- Box 2 Fld 2 Papers:
- The Crucifixion Date: A Bible and Calendar Argument.
 - The Crucifixion Date.
 - Significance of the Word “Passover” - Part I.
 - Significance of the Word “Passover” - Part II.
 - Date and Hour of the Crucifixion Passover.
 - Three Days and Three Nights.
 - Historical Confirmation of Crucifixion Calendar.
 - Chronology of the Seventieth Week.
 - Chronology of Paul’s Last Journey From Europe Into Asia.
 - The Prophetic Era.
 - Characteristics of Mosaic Luni-Solar Calendar.
- Box 2 Fld 3 Spirit of Prophecy Passover Argument.
- Collection of Spirit of Prophecy quotations related to the Passover.

Millerism / 1844 date

- Box 2 Fld 4 Papers:
- Report of Committee on Historical Basis, Involvement, and Validity of the October 22, 1844, Position (Part V).
 - Comments on the 1844 Chronology.
 - Millerite Computation of the October 22 Date.
 - How the Millerites Chose October 22.
 - Courageous Action of Millerites on “Jewish Calendar” Problem.
 - Brief Review of the New Views Regarding Millerite Chronology.
 - The 1844 Problem.
 - Was the Year 1844 an Embolismic Year?
 - Andreasen’s Review of Millerites.
 - Luni-Solar Time (A reply to Andreasen).

A Luni-Solar Calendar in Harmony With the Millerite
Reckoning.

[Scientific] Verification of Millerite Dates - 1844.

Table: The Variable Translation Period: An Interval of Lunar
Invisibility Ushering in Each Jewish Month.

Translations of various scientific documents (typed and hand
written).

Box 2 Fld 5 On Lunar Calendar.
On the Crucifixion Date.

Box 2 Fld 6 Various Translation. (typed).

Box 2 Fld 7 Various Translations. (hand written).

Box 2 Fld 8 Various Translations. (hand written).

Box 3 Fld 1 Various Translations. (hand written).

Box 3 Fld 2 Various Translations. (hand written).

Box 3 Fld 3 Various Translations. (hand written).

Box 3 Fld 4 Various Translations. (hand written).

Box 3 Fld 5 Various Translations. (hand written).

Turkey / Trumpets (Revelation)

Box 3 Fld 6 Papers:

Fifth Trumpet Early Turkish - Not Arab War I.

Fifth Trumpet Early Turkish – Not Arab War II.

Fifth Trumpet Early Turkish – Not Arab War II. (Seems to be a
second version).

[Fifth Trumpet]. (Missing first pages).

Criticism of the Interpretation of the Seven Trumpets.

The Turkish Empire I.

The Turkish Empire II.

The Turkish Empire.

The "August 11" Date.

The Josiah Litch Prediction.

Box 3 Fld 7

Landmark of Prophecy I.

Landmark of Prophecy II.

Landmark of History – July 27, 1299 – No. 1.

Landmark of History – July 27, 1299 – No. 2.
Analysis of the Periods of the Revelation: A Study of
Symbolism.
Chapter Outline of the Revelation.
Chapter Outline of the Revelation. (Second version).

- Box 3 Fld 8 Quotations (Compiled by Grace Amadon).
Quotations From the Spirit of Prophecy on the Prophecies in the
Books of Daniel and Revelation.
Symbols and Scenes in the Revelation As Mentioned in the
Spirit of Prophecy.
Hand-written quotations and others.

III. Subject File and Source Documents

Ancient Jewish Calendation

- Box 4 Fld 1 Books:
Andrews, J. N. *The Commandment to Restore and to Build
Jerusalem*. Battle Creek, MI: Steam Press, 1965.
Pusey, E. B. *Daniel the Prophet: Nine Lectures Delivered in the
Divinity School of the University of Oxford. With Copies
Notes by the Rev. E. B. Pusey*. NY: Funk & Wagnalls, 1885.
(Typed pages: 186-190).
- Box 4 Fld 2 Articles:
Albright, W. F. "The Seal of Eliakim and the Latest Preexilic
History of Judah, with Some Observations on Ezekiel."
Reprint from *Journal of Biblical Literature*, vol. LI, Part II,
1932.
Thiele, Edwin R. "The Chronology of the Kings of Judah and
Israel." *Journal Of Near Eastern Studies*, Jul. 1944.
Owen, Eugene D. "The Sabbatical Year." Reprint from
Agricultural History, Jan. 1938.
Poebel, A. "The Assyrian King List From Khorsabad." Reprint
from *Journal of Near Eastern Studies*, Jul. and Oct. 1942,
Jan. 1943. (This is a series of articles).
- Box 4 Fld 3 Parker, Richard A. "Ancient Jewish Calendation: A
Criticism." *Journal of Biblical Literature*, Vol. LXIII, Part II,
1944. (A reprint).
The American Journal of Semitic Languages and Literature,
Apr. 1911.
Hastings, James. "Calendar" (Jewish), in *Encyclopedia of
Religion and Ethics*. NY: Scribner's Sons, 1908-1926.

Box 4 Fld 4 Papers:

Wood, Lynn H. The Relationship of the Jewish (Aramaic) Calendar During the Persian Period as Shown by the Assuan Papyri.

Amadon, Grace. The Jewish Calendar in the Fifth Century B.C. Various materials (parts of papers?).

Box 4 Fld 5 Quotations, Tables and Translations.

Box 4 Fld 6 Correspondence (G. Amadon correspondence with R. A. Parker).

Calendar Reform/Chronology

Box 4 Fld 7 Articles:

Wilson, P. W. "Discussion of Leap Week." *Journal of Calendar Reform*, Mar., 1935.

Weitz, Rabbi Martin M. "'Time' in Jewish History." *Journal of Calendar Reform*, Dec., 1937.

Fraenkel, Dr. Abraham Adolf. "Against Extra Days!" *Journal of Calendar Reform*, Fourth, Fourth Quarter, 1942.

Journal of Calendar Reform, First Quarter, 1944.

Journal of Calendar Reform, Second Quarter, 1944.

Journal of Calendar Reform, Fourth Quarter, 1944.

Box 4 Fld 8 *The American Journal of Semitic Languages and Literature*, Jul. 1941.

The American Journal of Semitic Languages and Literature, Oct. 1941.

Box 4 Fld 9 Correspondence (correspondence with Dr. Jean Nussbaum).

The original contents of the following four folders was later found to be misplaced and belonged in fact to the D. E. Rebok Papers. That collection came to the Center along with the Amadon papers. The contents of these folders are general religious articles and newspaper clippings that are totally out of context with the Amadon papers.

Box 4 Fld 10 Empty.

Box 5 Fld 1-3 Empty.

Crucifixion / Passover

Box 5 Fld 4 Articles:

Sharp, F. L. "The Year of Crucifixion." *The Evangelist*, Jul 1927.
The Gathering Call, Mar-Apr, 1938. (See pp. 10).

Box 5 Fld 5 Papers:

Amadon, Grace. The Crucifixion Date.

Amadon, Grace. Important Passover Texts in Josephus and Philo.

Amadon, Grace. Significance of the Word "Passover" - Part II.
Miscellaneous materials.

Box 5 Fld 6 Correspondence.

Box 5 Fld 7 Charts and Tables.

F. C. Gilbert Materials

Box 5 Fld 8 Preparation fo the Passover: Preparation for the Sabbath.
The Calendar: Especially as Related to the Tenth Day of the Seventh Month, 1844.
The Jewish Calendar.
The Sign of the Prophet Jonas.

J. H. Wierts Materials (Folders contain some correspondence)

Box 5 Fld 9 Wierts Analysis. (Mostly Wierts criticism of the "Report of Committee on Historical Basis, Involvement, and Validity of the October 22, 1844, Position (Part V)," written by Grace Amadon. (See: Box2 Fld4).

Box 6 Fld 1 Reply / Criticism of the Wierts Analysis.

Karaite Calendar

Box 6 Fld 2 Karaite Calendars: 1936-37; 1937-38; 1938-39. Cairo (Karaite Israel Rabbinate, Egypt).

Box 6 Fld 3 Quotations, translation and other materials related to Karaite Calendar.

Box 6 Fld 4 LeRoy Froom's correspondence.

LeRoy Froom Materials

- Box 6 Fld 5 History of Prophetic Interpretation. (Class Syllabus).
- Box 6 Fld 6 History of Prophetic Exposition and Eschatology. (Class Syllabus).
- Box 6 Fld 7 Extra Materials for the above Syllabus. (Duplicated pages).

Millerism/1844 date

- Box 7 Fld 1 Papers:
 - Complete Report of Committee on Historical Basis, Involvement, and Validity of the October 22, 1844, Position. [Photocopy]
 - Parts of the complete report:
 - Froom, LeRoy Edwin. Part II: Chronological Development up to October 22, 1844.
 - Wood, Lynn Harper. Part IV: Date of Artaxerxes' Decree to Restore and Build Jerusalem.
 - Amadon, Grace Edith. Part V: Crucifixion Date, and Astronomical Soundness of October 22.
 - Amadon, Grace Edith. Comments on the 1844 Chronology.
 - Amadon, Grace Edith. Millerite Computation of the October 22 Date.
 - Luni-Solar Time (a reply to Andreasen).
- Box 7 Fld 2 William Miller's letters.
- Box 7 Fld 3 Millerite Chronology - quotes and charts.
- Box 7 Fld 4 Millerite Chronology - quotes and miscellaneous materials.
- Box 7 Fld 5 Correspondence (with R. L. Odom, *The Watchman*, and others).

Tables

- Box 8 Fld 1 Moon Calendar Tables.
- Box 8 Fld 2 Moon's Velocity.
- Box 8 Fld 3 Computation of Moon Place in Crucifixion Period [Brown].
- Box 8 Fld 4 Tables on Lunar Meridian Problems.
- Box 8 Fld 5 Original Moon Reckoning for 31 A.D.

Box 8 Fld 6 Computation on Moon's Anomaly.

Box 8 Fld 7 Finding Moon's Age. Lunar Meridian.

Box 8 Fld 8 Miscellaneous materials related to Moon Calendar/Tables.

Box 8 Fld 9 Ginzels Tables.

Box 8 Fld 10 Egyptian Tables.

Box 8 Fld 11 Tide Tables.

Turkey / Trumpets (Revelation)

Box 8 Fld 12 Books:

Gibbons, Herbert Adams. *The Foundation of the Ottoman Empire: A History of the Osmanlis Up to the Death of Bayezid I (1300-1403)*. NY: The Century Co., 1916.

Knolles, Richard. *The Generall Historie of the Turkes*. Adam Islip, 1638. (Oversized document. See: Box22 Fld1)

Box 8 Fld 13 Articles:

Daniells, A. G. "Does the History of Turkey and Egypt Since 1798 Fulfill the Prophecy of Dan. 11:40-44?" *Review and Herald*, Jan. 9, 1913 - Apr. 30, 1914.

Butler, S. M. "The Eastern Question." *Review and Herald*, Sep. 3, 1914.

"Voluntary Surrender of the Sultan, August 11, 1840." *Review and Herald*, Aug. 8, 1935. (A copy).

Box 8 Fld 14 Papers:

Fifth Trumpet Early Turkish - Not Arab War II.

The Turkish Empire I.

The Turkish Empire II.

Landmarks of Prophecy - I.

Landmarks of Prophecy - II.

Miscellaneous materials.

Box 8 Fld 15 Correspondence

Box 8 Fld 16 Charts and Tables

IV. Photostats

(These are photostat source documents. Most of the materials are in Latin, German, and/or Greek languages).

Box 8 Fld 17 Record of Photostats (done by Amadon).

Box 8 Fld 18 Ancient Calendars/Astronomy. (Mostly documents about the origins of the Babylonian, Egyptian, Greco Roman chronologies and other nations' calendars. Twenty-two folders plus three oversized folders. (For oversized documents see: Box 22 Fld 2, 3, 4).

Box 9 Fld 1-6 Ancient Calendars/Astronomy.

Box 10 Fld 1-7 Ancient Calendars/Astronomy.

Box 11 Fld 1-6 Ancient Calendars/Astronomy.

Box 12 Fld 1-3 Ancient Calendars/Astronomy.

Box 12 Fld 4-6 Ancient Jewish Calendation. Documents dealing with the Jewish calendar, chronology of the Old Testament, charts and other related materials. Twenty-two folders plus two oversized folders. (For oversized documents see: Box 22 Fld 5, 6).

Box 13 Fld 1-7 Ancient Jewish Calendation.

Box 14 Fld 1-3 Ancient Jewish Calendation.

Box 15 Fld 1-6 Ancient Jewish Calendation.

Box 16 Fld 1-3 Ancient Jewish Calendation.

Box 16 Fld 4-7 Crucifixion / Passover. Four folders related to the crucifixion and Passover events plus one oversized folder. (For oversized documents see: Box 22 Fld 7).

Box 17 Fld 1-2 Karaite Calendars.

Box 17 Fld 3-4 Millerism and 1844 date.

Box 17 Fld 5-8 Moon Tables. Mostly charts. Three folders plus two oversized folders. (For oversized documents see: Box 22 Fld 8, 9).

Box 18 Fld 1-6 Turkey/Trumpets (Revelation). Photostats about the history and prophecies about the Byzantine (Turkish) Empire.

Box 19 Fld 1 Turkey/Trumpets (Revelation).

Box 19 Fld 2-7 Miscellaneous photostats. These documents are not necessarily related to the above categories. They were assigned as "miscellaneous" by Grace Amadon. Twelve folders and one oversized document. (For oversized documents see: Box 22 Fld 10).

Box 20 Fld 1-6 Miscellaneous photostats.

Box 21 Fld 1-10 Oversized documents.

This box contains all of the oversized documents that would not fit in the regular boxes. The numbering of each oversized document is given in the inventory listing under the subject heading where each document belonged initially. For additional help a list of the oversized documents' subjects follows:

Fld 1 Turkey / Trumpets (Revelation)

Fld 2-4 Ancient Calendar / Astronomy

Fld 5-6 Ancient Jewish Calendation

Fld 7 Crucifixion / Passover

Fld 8-9 Moon Tables

Fld 10 Miscellaneous

Box 22 Printing plates for charts (22 plates).
Microfilm reels and other rolls of photographic film containing at least some of the photostatic copies. (8 boxes).

Removed Items

Nevins, William. *Practical Thoughts*. New York: American Tract Society, 1836.

Johnson, O. A. *Sabbath, Sunday, and Friday in the Light of the Bible and History*. College Place, WA: Walla Walla College, 1922.

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