Keepers of the Flame
Summary Points-Episode III

1. William Miller, a farmer, became a preacher of prophecy in August, 1831.
2. Justinian I facilitated the Roman Church to become a political power in 538 AD.
3. In 1798, secular government returned. Thus, the fulfillment of the 1260 day prophecy.
4. A day in prophecy is equal to one year.
5. Daniel 8:14 Prophecy: “Unto 2300 days, then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.”
6. Newton, known for scientific discoveries such as gravity, wrote more on theology. He proclaimed that you cannot know the interpretation of a prophecy, until the time of its fulfillment.
7. Returning to Miller -- He was born in 1782, the eldest of six children.
8. He married Lucy Smith at the age of 21, and subsequently became a deputy sheriff and then a captain in the U.S. army.
9. He was first a Deist, but then became a Christian in 1816.
10. He then began a systematic reading of the Bible verse by verse for the next two years.
11. He came to the conclusion that the Daniel 8:14 prophecy began at the decree to rebuild Jerusalem in 457 BC and that the prophecy would end in the 1840s. His understanding was that the cleansing of the sanctuary referred to the destruction of the earth at the Second Coming.
12. He began his ministry speaking at his brother’s home and when he returned, the invitations began to pour in.
13. At that time many Christians believed that the millennium would come before Christ’s Second Coming.
14. Samuel Snow actually preached on the setting of the exact date of October 22, 1844.
15. William Miller was one of the last to accept it.
16. The Miller group waited on Tuesday, October 22, 1844, at Ascension Rock for Christ to come.
17. When the day passed without the coming of Christ, the believers were bitterly disappointed.
18. Miller was right in the fact that the 2300-day prophecy did end in 1844.
19. Miller’s mistake was an honest misunderstanding of the phrase “Cleansing of the Sanctuary.”
20. It was the same kind of mistake the disciples made thinking that Christ was to become an earthly king.
21. We are not certain why God allowed this misunderstanding to continue.
22. William Miller died 5 years later, still in the hope of Christ’s soon return.