

THE ESTABLISHED PROPHETIC PREMISES

The Time Of The End

“No such message has ever been given in past ages. Paul, as we have seen, did not preach it; he pointed his brethren into the then far-distant future for the coming of the Lord. The Reformers did not proclaim it. Martin Luther placed the judgment about three hundred years in the future from his day. But since 1798 the book of Daniel has been unsealed, knowledge of the prophecies has increased, and many have proclaimed the solemn message of the judgment near.” *The Great Controversy*, 356.

The Message Formalized

“In 1833, two years after Miller began to present in public the evidences of Christ’s soon coming, the last of the signs appeared which were promised by the Saviour as tokens of His second advent. Said Jesus: ‘The stars shall fall from heaven.’ Matthew 24:29. And John in the Revelation declared, as he beheld in vision the scenes that should herald the day of God: ‘The stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.’ Revelation 6:13. This prophecy received a striking and impressive fulfillment in the great meteoric shower of November 13, 1833.” *The Great Controversy*, 333.

The Angel Descends

“**In the year 1840** another remarkable fulfillment of prophecy excited widespread interest. two years before, Josiah Litch, one of the leading ministers preaching the second advent, published an exposition of **Revelation 9**, predicting the fall of the Ottoman Empire. According to his calculations, this power was to be overthrown . . . **on the 11th of August, 1840**, when the Ottoman power in Constantinople may be expected to be broken. And this, I believe, will be found to be the case.’

“At the very time specified, Turkey, through her ambassadors, accepted the protection of the allied powers of Europe, and thus placed herself under the control of Christian nations. **The event exactly fulfilled the prediction.** When it became known, multitudes were convinced of the correctness of the principles of prophetic interpretation adopted by Miller and his associates, and a wonderful impetus was given to the advent movement. Men of learning and position united with Miller, both in preaching and in publishing his views, and **from 1840 to 1844 the work rapidly extended.**” *The Great Controversy*, 334–335.

The Second Angel's Message Arrives

“In June, 1842, Mr. Miller gave his second course of lectures at the Casco Street church in Portland [Maine]. . . . With few exceptions, **the different denominations closed the doors of their churches** against Mr. Miller.” *Testimonies*, volume 1, 21.

The 1843 Chart (May, 1842)

“I have seen that the 1843 chart was directed by the hand of the Lord, and that it should not be altered; that the figures were as He wanted them; that His hand was over and hid a mistake in some of the figures, so that none could see it, until His hand was removed.” *Early Writings*, 74–75.

The Tarrying Time: The First Disappointment

“As early as 1842 the direction given in this prophecy to ‘write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it,’ had suggested to Charles Fitch the preparation of a prophetic chart to illustrate the visions of Daniel and the Revelation. The publication of this chart was regarded as a fulfillment of the command given by Habakkuk. No one, however, then noticed than an apparent delay in the accomplishment of the vision—a tarrying time—is presented in the same prophecy. After the disappointment, this scripture appeared very significant: ‘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. . . . The just shall live by his faith.’” *The Great Controversy*, 392.

The Second Angel's Message Proclaimed

“The first and **second messages were given in 1843 and 1844**, and we are now under the proclamation of the third; but all three of the messages are still to be proclaimed. It is just as essential now as ever before that they shall be repeated to those who are seeking for the truth. By pen and voice we are to sound the proclamation, showing their order, and the application of the prophecies that bring us to the third angel's message. There cannot be a third without the first and second. These messages we are to give to the world in publications, in discourses, showing in the line of prophetic history the things that have been and the things that will be.” *Selected Messages*, book 2, 104.

Second Angel's Message Fulfilled In The United States

“The second angel's message of Revelation 14 was **first preached in the summer of 1844**, and it then had **a more direct application to the churches of the United States**, where the warning of the judgment had been most widely proclaimed and most generally rejected, and where the declension in the churches had been most rapid.” *The Great Controversy*, 389.

The Midnight Cry

“In the summer of 1844, midway between the time when it had been first thought that the 2300 days would end, and the autumn of the same year, to which it was afterward found that they extended, **the message was proclaimed in the very words of Scripture: ‘Behold, the Bridegroom cometh!’**”
The Great Controversy, 398.

Judgment

“For a time after the disappointment in 1844, I did hold, in common with the advent body, that the door of mercy was then forever closed to the world. This position was taken before my first vision was given me. It was the light given me of God that corrected our error, and enabled us to see the true position.

“I am still a believer in the shut-door theory, but not in the sense in which we at first employed the term or in which it is employed by my opponents.

“There was a shut door in Noah’s day. There was at that time a withdrawal of the Spirit of God from the sinful race that perished in the waters of the Flood. God Himself gave the shut-door message to Noah:

‘My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years’ (Genesis 6:3).

“There was a shut door in the days of Abraham. Mercy ceased to plead with the inhabitants of Sodom, and all but Lot, with his wife and two daughters, were consumed by the fire sent down from heaven.

“There was a shut door in Christ’s day. The Son of God declared to the unbelieving Jews of that generation, ‘Your house is left unto you desolate’ (Matt. 23:38).

“Looking down the stream of time to the last days, the same infinite power proclaimed through John:

“‘These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth’ (Revelation 3:7).

“I was shown in vision, and I still believe, that there was a shut door in 1844. **All who saw the light of the first and second angels’ messages and rejected that light, were left in darkness.** And those who accepted it and received the Holy Spirit which attended the proclamation of the message from heaven, and who afterward renounced their faith and pronounced their experience a delusion, thereby rejected the Spirit of God, and **it no longer pleaded with them.**

“Those who did not see the light, had not the guilt of its rejection. **It was only the class who had despised the light from heaven that the Spirit of God could not reach.** And this class included, as I have stated, both those who refused to accept the message when it was presented to them, and also those who, having received it, afterward renounced their faith. These might have a form of godliness, and profess to be followers of Christ; but having no living connection with God, they would be taken captive by the delusions of Satan. These two classes are brought to view in the vision--those who declared the light which they had followed a delusion, and the wicked of the world who, having rejected the light, had been rejected of God. No reference is made to those who had not seen the light, and therefore were not guilty of its rejection.” *Selected Messages*, book 1, 63.

Every Great Reformation

“The work of God in the earth presents, from age to age, a striking similarity in every great reformation or religious movement. The principles of God’s dealing with men are ever the same. The important movements of the present have their parallel in those of the past, and the experience of the church in former ages has lessons of great value for our own time.” *The Great Controversy*, 343.

History Of The Millerites

Matthew Twenty-five—The Experience

“The parable of the ten virgins of Matthew 25 also illustrates **the experience of the Adventist people.**” *The Great Controversy*, 393.

“I am often referred to the parable of the ten virgins, five of whom were wise, and five foolish. This parable has been and will be fulfilled to the very letter, for it has a special application to this time, and, like the third angel’s message, has been fulfilled and will continue to be present truth till the close of time.” *Review and Herald*, August 19, 1890.

Revelation Ten—The Events

“The special light given to John which was expressed in the seven thunders was a delineation of **events** which would transpire under the first and second angels’ messages.”

“After these seven thunders uttered their voices, the injunction comes to John as to Daniel in regard to the little book: ‘Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered.’ These relate to **future events** which will be disclosed in their order.” *The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, volume 7, 971.

- ❖ And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings. *Revelation* 10:11.

Daniel Twelve—The Purification Process

- ❖ Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand. *Daniel* 12:10.

A Prophetic Sealing

- ❖ But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased. *Daniel* 12:4.
- ❖ Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered. *Revelation* 10:4.

Knowledge

- ❖ My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children. *Hosea 4:6.*

An Increase Of Knowledge

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A Purification

“The remnant people of God, who keep His commandments, will understand the word spoken by Daniel, **‘Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.’** *This Day With God*, 84.

“The book that was sealed was not the book of Revelation, but that portion of the prophecy of Daniel which related to the last days. The Scripture says, ‘But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased’ (Daniel 12:4). When the book was opened, the proclamation was made, ‘Time shall be no longer.’ (See Revelation 10:6.) The book of Daniel is now unsealed, and the revelation made by Christ to John is to come to all the inhabitants of the earth. **By the increase of knowledge a people is to be prepared to stand in the latter days.** . . .

“In the first angel’s message men are called upon to worship God, our Creator, who made the world and all things that are therein. They have paid homage to an institution of the Papacy, making of no effect the law of Jehovah, but **there is to be an increase of knowledge on this subject.**” *Selected Messages*, book 2, 106–107.

The Wise And The Wicked

- ❖ None of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand. *Daniel 12:10.*

Daniel Stands In His Lot

“Daniel stood in his lot to bear his testimony which was sealed until the time of the end, when the first angel’s message should be proclaimed to our world.” *Testimonies to Ministers*, 115.

“When God gives a man a special work to do, he is to stand in his lot and place as did Daniel, ready to answer the call of God, ready to fulfill His purpose.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 6, 108.

“These relate to **future events** which will be disclosed in their order. **Daniel shall stand in his lot** at the end of the days.” *The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, volume 7, 971.

The Angels

“I have had precious opportunities to obtain an experience. I have had an experience in the first, second, and third angels’ messages. The angels are represented as flying in the midst of heaven, proclaiming to the world a message of warning, and having a direct bearing upon the people living in the last days of this earth’s history. No one hears the voice of these angels, for they are **a symbol to represent the people of God** who are working in harmony with the universe of heaven. Men and women, enlightened by the Spirit of God, and sanctified through the truth, proclaim the three messages **in their order.**” *Life Sketches*, 429.

Revelation Fourteen

“**The third angel** is represented as flying in the midst of heaven, **symbolizing the work of those who proclaim the first, second, and third angel’s messages**; all are linked together.” *Selected Messages*, book 3, 405.

Revelation Eighteen

“John saw ‘Another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the whole earth was lightened with his glory.’ Revelation 19:1. **That work is the voice of the people of God proclaiming a message of warning to the world.**” *The 1888 Materials*, 926.

“‘Another angel’ is to come down from heaven. **This angel represents the giving of the loud cry**, which is to come from those who are preparing to cry mightily, with a strong voice, ‘Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird’ (Revelation 18:1, 2).” *Selected Messages*, book 3, 412.

A Loud Voice

“The truth for this time, the third angel’s message, is to be proclaimed with a loud voice, meaning with increasing power, as we approach the great final test.” *The 1888 Materials*, 1710.

MILLERITE HISTORY REPEATED

The Same Angel

“The chronology of the events of Revelation ten is further ascertained from the fact that this angel is identical with the first angel of Revelation fourteen. The points of identity between them are easily seen:

- (1) They both have a special message to proclaim;
- (2) they both utter their proclamation with a loud voice;
- (3) they both use similar language, referring to the great Creator as the maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and the things that are therein; and
- (4) they both proclaim time, one swearing that time should be no more, and the other proclaiming that the hour of God's judgment has come.

“But the message of Revelation 14:6 is located this side of the commencement of the time of the end. It is a proclamation of the hour of God's judgment come, and hence must have its application in the last generation. Paul did not preach the hour of judgment come. Luther and his coadjutors did not preach it. Paul reasoned of a judgment to come, indefinitely future; and Luther placed it at least three hundred years off from his day. Moreover, Paul warns the church against any such preaching as that the hour of God's judgment has come, until a certain time. In 2 Thessalonians 2:1–3, he says: ‘Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, that ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. Let no man deceive you by any means; for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition,’ etc. Here Paul introduces to our view the man of sin, the little horn, the papacy, and covers with a caution the whole period of his supremacy, which, as already noticed, continued 1260 years, ending in 1798. In 1798, therefore, the restriction against proclaiming the day of Christ at hand ceased; in 1798, the time of the end commenced, and the seal was taken from the little book. Since that period, therefore, the angel of Revelation fourteen has gone forth proclaiming the hour of God's judgment come; and it is since that time, too, that the angel of chapter ten has taken his stand on sea and land, and sworn that time shall be no more.

“Of their identity there can be no question; and all the arguments which go to locate the one, are equally effective in the case of the other. We need not enter into any argument here to show that the present generation is witnessing the fulfillment of these two prophecies. In the preaching of the advent, more especially from 1840 to 1844, began their full and circumstantial accomplishment. The position of this angel, one foot upon the sea and the other on the land, denotes the wide extent of his proclamation by sea and by land. Had this message been designed for only one country, it would have been sufficient for the angel to take his position on the land only. But he has one foot upon the sea, from which we may infer that his message would cross the ocean, and extend to the various nations and divisions of the globe; and this inference is

strengthened by the fact that the Advent proclamation, above referred to, did go to every missionary station in the world.” *Uriah Smith, Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation*, 522.

The Power of the Holy Spirit Manifested

“In history and prophecy the Word of God portrays the long continued conflict between truth and error. That conflict is yet in progress. **Those things which have been, will be repeated.** Old controversies will be revived, and new theories will be continually arising. But God’s people, who in their belief and fulfillment of prophecy have acted a part in the proclamation of the first, second, and third angels’ messages, know where they stand. They have an experience that is more precious than fine gold. They are to stand firm as a rock, holding the beginning of their confidence steadfast unto the end.

“A transforming power attended the proclamation of the first and second angels’ messages, as it attends the message of the third angel. Lasting convictions were made upon human minds. **The power of the Holy Spirit was manifested.** There was diligent study of the Scriptures, point by point. Almost entire nights were devoted to earnest searching of the Word. We searched for the truth as for hidden treasures. **The Lord revealed Himself to us. Light was shed on the prophecies, and we knew that we received divine instruction.**” *Selected Messages*, book 2, 109.

“The angel who unites in the proclamation of the third angel’s message is to lighten the whole earth with his glory. A work of world-wide extent and unwonted power is here foretold. **The advent movement of 1840–44 was a glorious manifestation of the power of God; the first angel’s message was carried to every missionary station in the world,** and in some countries there was the greatest religious interest which has been witnessed in any land since the Reformation of the sixteenth century; but these are to be exceeded by the mighty movement under the last warning of the third angel.” *The Great Controversy*, 611.

Repeated

“The whole earth is to be lightened with the glory of the Lord. The pure in heart shall see God. It is those who are following the Lamb whithersoever He goeth that will receive power from that angel that came down from heaven ‘having great power.’ **The first message is to be repeated proclaiming the second advent of Christ to our world. The second angels’ message is to be repeated,** ‘Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies’ [Revelation 18:2, 3].” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 16, 40.

“This scripture points forward to a time when the announcement of the fall of Babylon, as made by the second angel of Revelation 14 (verse 8), **is to be repeated,** with the additional mention of the corruptions which have been entering the various organizations that constitute Babylon, since that message was first given, in the summer of 1844.” *The Great Controversy*, 603.

Math

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Parallel

“God has given the messages of Revelation 14 their place in the line of prophecy, and their work is not to cease till the close of this earth’s history. The first and second angel’s messages are still truth for this time, and **are to run parallel with this which follows.** The third angel proclaims his warning with a loud voice. ‘After these things,’ said John, ‘I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power, and the earth was lightened with his glory.’ In this illumination, **the light of all the three messages is combined.**” *The 1888 Materials*, 804.

Two Angels

- ❖ And after these things **I saw another angel come down from heaven**, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. **And he cried mightily with a strong voice**, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. **And I heard another voice from heaven**, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities. *Revelation* 18:1–5.

Three Steps

- ❖ Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of **sin**, and of **righteousness**, and of **judgment**: Of sin, because they believe not on me; Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged. *John* 16:7–11.

Courtyard—Justification; Holy Place—Sanctification; Most Holy Place— glorification

- ❖ Thy way, O God, *is* in the sanctuary: who *is* so great a God as *our* God? *Psalms 77:13.*

The Perfect Fulfillment

“The Bible declares that before the coming of the Lord, Satan will work ‘with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness;’ and they that ‘received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved,’ will be left to receive ‘strong delusion, that they should believe a lie.’ 2 Thessalonians 2:9-11. Not until this condition shall be reached, and the union of the church with the world shall be fully accomplished throughout Christendom, will the fall of Babylon be complete. The change is a progressive one, and **the perfect fulfillment of Revelation 14:8 is yet future.**” *The Great Controversy*, 389.

- ❖ And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, Saying with a loud voice, **Fear God**, and give **glory** to him; for the hour of his **judgment** is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters. *Revelation 14:6–7.*

First Witness

A Message Rejected

“But at what a loss to those who had set themselves against God! It was His purpose that as men should go forth to found nations in different parts of the earth they should carry with them a knowledge of His will, that the light of truth might shine undimmed to succeeding generations. Noah, the faithful preacher of righteousness, lived for three hundred and fifty years after the Flood, Shem for five hundred years, and thus **their descendants had an opportunity to become acquainted with the requirements of God and the history of His dealings with their fathers. But they were unwilling to listen to these unpalatable truths; they had no desire to retain God in their knowledge;** and by the confusion of tongues they were, in a great measure, shut out from intercourse with those who might have given them light.” *Patriarchs and Prophets*, 120.

A Pronouncement

- ❖ And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. And the Lord said, Behold, the people *is* one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another’s speech. So the Lord scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city. *Genesis 11:5–8.*

Executive Judgment

- ❖ Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the Lord did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the Lord scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth. *Genesis 11:9.*

Second Witness

A Message Rejected

- ❖ O thou king, the most high God gave Nebuchadnezzar thy father a kingdom, and majesty, and glory, and honour: And for the majesty that he gave him, all people, nations, and languages, trembled and feared before him: whom he would he slew; and whom he would he kept alive; and whom he would he set up; and whom he would he put down. But when his heart was lifted up, and his mind hardened in pride, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and they took his glory from him: And he was driven from the sons of men; and his heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling was with the wild asses: they fed him with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven; till he knew that the most high God ruled in the kingdom of men, and *that* he appointeth over it whomsoever he will. And thou his son, O Belshazzar, hast not humbled thine heart, **though thou knewest all this**; But hast lifted up thyself against the Lord of heaven; and they have brought the vessels of his house before thee, and thou, and thy lords, thy wives, and thy concubines, have drunk wine in them; and thou hast praised the gods of silver, and gold, of brass, iron, wood, and stone, which see not, nor hear, nor know: and the God in whose hand thy breath *is*, and whose *are* all thy ways, hast thou not glorified: Then was the part of the hand sent from him; and this writing was written. *Daniel 5:18–24.*

A Pronouncement

- ❖ And this *is* the writing that was written, MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN. This *is* the interpretation of the thing: MENE; God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it. TEKEL; Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting. PERES; Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians. *Daniel 5:25–28.*

Executive Judgment

- ❖ In that night was Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans slain. *Daniel 5:30.*

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“The Bible declares that before the coming of the Lord, Satan will work ‘with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness;’ and they that ‘received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved,’ will be left to receive ‘strong delusion, that they should believe a lie.’ 2 Thessalonians 2:9-11. Not until this condition shall be reached, and the union of the church with the world shall be fully accomplished throughout Christendom, will the fall of Babylon be complete. The change is a progressive one, and **the perfect fulfillment of Revelation 14:8 is yet future.**” *The Great Controversy*, 389.

Executive Judgment—1844

The Prophetic Mirror

- ❖ For the time *is come* that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if *it first begin* at us, what shall the end *be* of them that obey not the gospel of God? *1 Peter* 4:17.

1A: Revelation 6:12—The Year 1755

“These signs were witnessed before the opening of the nineteenth century. In fulfillment of this prophecy there occurred, in the year 1755, the most terrible earthquake that has ever been recorded. Though commonly known as the earthquake of Lisbon, it extended to the greater part of Europe, Africa, and America.” *The Great Controversy*, 304.

2A: Revelation 11:11—In 1793

“It was in 1793 that the decrees which abolished the Christian religion and set aside the Bible passed the French Assembly. Three years and a half later a resolution rescinding these decrees, thus granting toleration to the Scriptures, was adopted by the same body.” *The Great Controversy*, 287.

3A: Waters Dried Up—Daniel 11:36; 1798

“The 1260 years of papal supremacy began in A.D. 538, and would therefore terminate in 1798. At that time a French army entered Rome and made the pope a prisoner, and he died in exile.” *The Great Controversy*, 287.

4A: Manifestation Of The Power Of God

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6A: Door Closes God’s People

- ❖ And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed. *Daniel* 8:14.

6B: Door Closes For God’s People

- ❖ And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. *Revelation* 13:11.
- ❖ He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon. *Daniel* 11:41.

5B: Door Closes On Babylon

- ❖ And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation *even* to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. *Daniel* 12:1.
- ❖ He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. *Revelation* 22:11.

4B: Manifestation Of The Power Of God

- ❖ And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled. And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth. *Revelation* 15:8; 16:1.

3B: Waters Dried Up

- ❖ And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared. *Revelation* 16:12.

2B: Armageddon

“Would we know the result of making void the law of God? The experiment has been tried. Terrible were the scenes enacted in France when atheism became the controlling power. It was then demonstrated to the world that to throw off the restraints which God has imposed is to accept the rule of the cruelest of tyrants. When the standard of righteousness is set aside, the way is open for the prince of evil to establish his power in the earth.” *The Great Controversy*, 584.

“The centralizing of wealth and power; the vast combinations for the enriching of the few at the expense of the many; the combinations of the poorer classes for the defense of their interests and claims; the spirit of unrest, of riot and bloodshed; the world-wide dissemination of the same teachings that led to the French Revolution—all are tending to involve the whole world in a struggle similar to that which convulsed France.” *Education*, 228.

1B: A Great Earthquake

- ❖ And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done. And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, *and* so great. *Revelation* 16:17, 18.

THE THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE

Revelation 10

“The mighty angel who instructed John was no less a personage than Jesus Christ. Setting His right foot on the sea, and His left upon the dry land, shows the part which He is acting in the closing scenes of the great controversy with Satan. This position denotes His supreme power and authority over the whole earth. The controversy had waxed stronger and more determined from age to age, and will continue to do so, to the concluding scenes when the masterly working of the powers of darkness shall reach their height. Satan, united with evil men, will deceive the whole world and the churches who receive not the love of the truth. But the mighty angel demands attention. He cries with a loud voice. He is to show the power and authority of His voice to those who have united with Satan to oppose the truth.

“After these seven thunders uttered their voices, the injunction comes to John as to Daniel in regard to the little book: **‘Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered.’ These relate to future events which will be disclosed in their order.** Daniel shall stand in his lot **at the end of the days.** John sees **the little book unsealed. Then Daniel’s prophecies have their proper place in the first, second, and third angels’ messages to be given to the world.** The unsealing of the little book was the message in relation to time.

“The books of Daniel and the Revelation are one. One is a prophecy, the other a revelation; one a book sealed, the other a book opened. John heard the mysteries which the thunders uttered, but he was commanded not to write them.

“The special light given to John which was expressed in the seven thunders was **a delineation of events which would transpire under the first and second angels’ messages.** It was not best for the people to know these things, for their faith must necessarily be tested. In the order of God most wonderful and advanced truths would be proclaimed. The first and second angels’ messages were to be proclaimed, but no further light was to be revealed before these messages had done their specific work. This is represented by the angel standing with one foot on the sea, proclaiming with a most solemn oath that time should be no longer.

“**This time**, which the angel declares with a solemn oath, is not the end of this world’s history, neither of probationary time, but of **prophetic time**, which should precede the advent of our Lord. That is, **the people will not have another message upon definite time. After this period of time, reaching from 1842 to 1844, there can be no definite tracing of the prophetic time.** The longest reckoning reaches to the autumn of 1844.

“**The angel’s position**, with one foot on the sea, the other on the land, **signifies the wide extent of the proclamation of the message.** It will cross the broad waters and be proclaimed in other countries, even to all the world. **The comprehension of truth, the glad reception of the message, is represented in the eating of the little book.** The truth in regard to the time of the advent of our Lord was a precious message to our souls.” *The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, volume 7, 971.

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The Principles Of Prophetic Interpretation

"In the year 1840 another remarkable fulfillment of prophecy excited widespread interest. two years before, Josiah Litch, one of the leading ministers preaching the second advent, published an exposition of Revelation 9, predicting the fall of the Ottoman Empire. . . .

"At the very time specified, Turkey, through her ambassadors, accepted the protection of the allied powers of Europe, and thus placed herself under the control of Christian nations. The event exactly fulfilled the prediction. When it became known, multitudes were convinced of **the correctness of the principles of prophetic interpretation adopted by Miller and his associates, and a wonderful impetus was given to the advent movement.** Men of learning and position united with Miller, both in preaching and in publishing his views, and from 1840 to 1844 the work rapidly extended." *The Great Controversy*, 334–335.

Parable Of The Ten Virgins

"I am often referred to the parable of the ten virgins, five of whom were wise, and five foolish. This parable has been and will be fulfilled to the very letter, for it has a special application to this time, and, like the third angel's message, has been fulfilled and will continue to be present truth till the close of time." *Review and Herald*, August 19, 1890.

"Now comes the word that I have declared that New York is to be swept away by a tidal wave? This I have never said. I have said, as I looked at the great buildings going up there, story after story, 'What terrible scenes will take place when the Lord shall arise to shake terribly the earth! **Then the words of Revelation 18:1–3 will be fulfilled.**' The whole of the eighteenth chapter of Revelation is a warning of what is coming on the earth. But I have no light in particular in regard to what is coming on New York, only that I know that one day the great buildings there will be thrown down by the turning and overturning of God's power. From the light given me, I know that destruction is in the world. One word from the Lord, one touch of his mighty power, and these massive structures will fall. Scenes will take place the fearfulness of which we can not imagine." *Review and Herald*, July 5, 1906.

Islam Restrained

“Every nation in every region now has a decision to make. Either you are with us, or you are with the terrorists.” — *President George W. Bush.*

Repeats The First

“**The angel who unites in the proclamation of the third angel’s message is to lighten the whole earth with his glory.** A work of world-wide extent and unwonted power is here foretold. **The advent movement of 1840–44 was a glorious manifestation of the power of God;** the first angel’s message was carried to every missionary station in the world, and in some countries there was the greatest religious interest which has been witnessed in any land since the Reformation of the sixteenth century; but these are to be exceeded by the mighty movement under the last warning of the third angel.” *The Great Controversy*, 611.

“Many who heard the first and second angels’ messages thought they would live to see Christ coming in the clouds of heaven. Had all who claimed to believe the truth acted their part as **wise virgins**, the message would ere this have been proclaimed to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. But five were wise and five were foolish. The truth should have been proclaimed by the ten virgins, but only five had made the provision essential to join that company who walked in the light that had come to them. The third angel’s message was needed. This proclamation was to be made. Many who went forth to meet the Bridegroom under the messages of the first and second angels, refused the third angel’s message, the last testing message to be given to the world.

“**A similar work will be accomplished when that other angel, represented in Revelation 18, gives his message.** The first, second, and third angels’ messages will need to be repeated. The call will be given to the church, ‘Come out of her, My people, that ye be not partakers of her sins.’ ‘Babylon, the great, is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. . . . Come out of her, My people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues: for her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities’ [Revelation 18:2–5].

“Take each verse of this chapter, and read it carefully, especially the last two: ‘And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived. And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth.’

“The parable of the ten virgins was given by Christ Himself, and every specification should be carefully studied. **A time will come when the door will be shut.** We are represented either by the wise or the foolish virgins. We cannot now distinguish, nor have we authority to say, who are wise and who foolish. There are those who hold the truth in unrighteousness, and these appear outwardly like the wise.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 16, 269–270.

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The Voice Of The Bridegroom

- ❖ For thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will cause to cease out of this place in your eyes, and in your days, **the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride.** And it shall come to pass, when thou shalt show this people all these words, and they shall say unto thee, Wherefore hath the Lord pronounced all this great evil against us? or what *is* our iniquity? or what *is* our sin that we have committed against the Lord our God? Then shalt thou say unto them, Because your fathers have forsaken me, saith the Lord, and have walked after other gods, and have served them, and have worshipped them, and have forsaken me, and have not kept my law; And ye have done worse than your fathers; for, behold, ye walk every one after the imagination of his evil heart, that they may not hearken unto me: Therefore will I cast you out of this land into a land that ye know not, *neither* ye nor your fathers; and there shall ye serve other gods day and night; where I will not show you favour. Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that it shall no more be said, The Lord liveth, that brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt; But, The Lord liveth, that brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the lands whither he had driven them: and I will bring them again into their land that I gave unto their fathers. *Jeremiah* 16:9–15.

The Events Connected With The Close Of Probation

The First Angel's Message

“I saw the disappointment of the trusting ones, as they did not see their Lord at the expected time. It had been God's purpose to conceal the future and to bring His people to a point of decision. Without the preaching of definite time for the coming of Christ, the work designed of God would not have been accomplished. **Satan was leading very many to look far in the future for the great events connected with the judgment and the end of probation.** It was necessary that the people be brought to seek earnestly for a present preparation.” *Early Writings*, 245–246.

The Third Angel's Message

“The events connected with the close of probation and the work of preparation for the time of trouble, are clearly presented. But multitudes have no more understanding of these important truths than if they had never been revealed. Satan watches to catch away every impression **that would make them wise unto salvation,** and the time of trouble will find them unready.

“When God sends to men warnings so important that they are represented as proclaimed by holy angels flying in the midst of heaven, He requires every person endowed with reasoning powers to

heed the message. **The fearful judgments denounced against the worship of the beast and his image (Revelation 14:9–11), should lead all to a diligent study of the prophecies to learn what the mark of the beast is,** and how they are to avoid receiving it. But the masses of the people turn away their ears from hearing the truth and are turned unto fables. The apostle Paul declared, looking down to the last days: ‘The time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine.’ 2 Timothy 4:3. **That time has fully come. The multitudes do not want Bible truth, because it interferes with the desires of the sinful, world-loving heart; and Satan supplies the deceptions which they love.”** *The Great Controversy*, 594.

The Last Scenes

“The scenes connected with the working of the man of sin are the last features plainly revealed in this earth’s history. The people now have **a special message to give to the world, the third angel’s message.** Those who, in their experience, have passed over the ground, and acted a part in the proclamation of the first, second, and third angels’ messages, are not so liable to be led into false paths as are those who have not had an experimental knowledge of the people of God.” *Selected Messages*, book 2, 102.

- ❖ Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand. *Daniel* 12:10.

An Increase Of Knowledge

“The book that was sealed was not the book of Revelation, but **that portion of the prophecy of Daniel which related to the last days.** The Scripture says, ‘But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased’ (Daniel 12:4). When the book was opened, the proclamation was made, ‘Time shall be no longer.’ (See Revelation 10:6.) The book of Daniel is now unsealed, and the revelation made by Christ to John is to come to all the inhabitants of the earth. **By the increase of knowledge a people is to be prepared to stand in the latter days. . . .**

“In the first angel’s message men are called upon to worship God, our Creator, who made the world and all things that are therein. They have paid homage to an institution of the Papacy, making of no effect the law of Jehovah, but **there is to be an increase of knowledge on this subject.”** *Selected Messages*, book 2, 106–107.

“Placing the Bible in their hands, he continued: ‘You have little knowledge of this book. You know not the Scriptures nor the power of God, nor do you understand the deep importance of the message to be borne to a perishing world. The time past has shown that both teachers and students know very little in regard to the awful truths which are living issues for this time. **Should the third angel’s message be proclaimed in all lines to many who stand as educators, it would not be understood by them.** Had you the knowledge which comes from God, your whole being would proclaim the truth of the living God to a world dead in trespasses and sins. But books and papers that contain little of present truth are exalted, and men are becoming too wise to follow a ‘Thus saith the Lord.’” *Testimonies*, volume 6, 165.

“This is the work God has given to every teacher. As educators you have not that knowledge that comes from God. Had you this knowledge, your whole being would proclaim the truth of the living God to a world dead in trespasses and sins. **You know not the message God has given for this time.** You are as **blind men leading the blind.** Students leave the school with a false education, which it takes them years to unlearn. The past has shown that both teachers and students know very little in regard to the message which should be proclaimed at this time. **Should the third angel's message be proclaimed in all its lines to many who profess to be educated, it would not be understood by them.** Human theories and wisdom are exalted, and men are becoming too wise to follow a plain ‘Thus saith the Lord.’” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 13, 267.

“**The peculiar work of the third angel has not been seen in its importance.** God meant that his people should be far in advance of what they are today. But now, when the time has come for them to spring into action, they have the getting ready to do. When Satan made his advances, it was high time for the watchmen on the walls of Zion to arouse and counteract his efforts to obtain the advantage. It is not in the order of God that light has been kept from our people,—the very present truth which they needed for this time. **Not all of our ministers who are giving the third angel's message, really understand what constitutes that message.** The National Reform movement has been regarded by some as of so little importance that they have not thought it necessary to give much attention to it, and have even felt that in so doing, they would be giving time to questions distinct from the third angel's message. May the Lord forgive our brethren for thus interpreting the very message for this time. The third angel's message comprehends more than many suppose. **What interpretation do they give to the passage which says an angel descended from heaven, and the earth was lightened with his glory?** This is not a time when we can be excused for inactivity. If this work, which was so essential, had been taken up by our ministers, there would be today a far different state of things in all our churches.” *Review and Herald*, December 11, 1888.

Reform Message

“To prepare a people to stand in the day of God, a great work of **reform** was to be accomplished. God saw that many of His professed people were not building for eternity, and in His mercy He was about to send a message of **warning to arouse** them from their stupor and lead them **to make ready** for the coming of the Lord.” *The Great Controversy*, 309–311.

“We are living in the closing scenes of this earth's history. Prophecy is fast fulfilling. The hours of probation are fast passing. We have no time—not a moment—to lose. Let us not be found sleeping on guard. Let no one say in his heart or by his works: ‘My Lord delayeth His coming.’ Let the message of Christ's soon return sound forth in earnest words of **warning**. Let us persuade men and women everywhere to repent and flee from the wrath to come. Let us **arouse** them to immediate **preparation**, for we little know what is before us. Let ministers and lay members go forth into the ripening fields to tell the unconcerned and indifferent to seek the Lord while He may be found. The workers will find their harvest wherever they proclaim the forgotten truths of the Bible. They will find those who will accept the truth and will devote their lives to winning souls to Christ.” *Testimonies*, volume 8, 252–253.

A Fearful Message

“Thousands were led to embrace the truth preached by William Miller, and servants of God were raised up in the spirit and power of Elijah to proclaim the message. Like John, the forerunner of Jesus, those who preached this solemn message felt compelled to lay the ax at the root of the tree, and call upon men to bring forth fruits meet for repentance. Their testimony was calculated to arouse and powerfully affect the churches and manifest their real character. And as **the solemn warning to flee from the wrath to come was sounded**, many who were united with the churches received the healing message; they saw their backslidings, and **with bitter tears of repentance and deep agony of soul**, humbled themselves before God. And as the Spirit of God rested upon them, they helped to sound the cry, ‘Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come.’” *Early Writings*, 233.

“The most fearful threatening ever addressed to mortals is contained in the third angel’s message. That must be a terrible sin which calls down the wrath of God unmingled with mercy. Men are not to be left in darkness concerning this important matter; the warning against this sin is to be given to the world before the visitation of God’s judgments, that all may know why they are to be inflicted, and have opportunity to escape them. Prophecy declares that the first angel would make his announcement to ‘every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people.’ The warning of the third angel, which forms a part of the same threefold message, is to be no less widespread. It is represented in the prophecy as being proclaimed with a loud voice, by an angel flying in the midst of heaven; and it will command the attention of the world.” *The Great Controversy*, 450.

The Laodicean Message

“I was shown that the testimony to the Laodiceans applies to God’s people at the present time, and the reason it has not accomplished a greater work is because of the hardness of their hearts. But God has given the message time to do its work. The heart must be purified from sins which have so long shut out Jesus. **This fearful message will do its work.** When it was first presented, it led to close examination of heart. Sins were confessed, and the people of God were stirred everywhere. Nearly all believed that this message would end in the loud cry of the third angel. But as they failed to see the powerful work accomplished in a short time, many lost the effect of the message. I saw that this message would not accomplish its work in a few short months. **It is designed to arouse the people of God, to discover to them their backslidings, and to lead to zealous repentance, that they may be favored with the presence of Jesus, and be fitted for the loud cry of the third angel.** As this message affected the heart, it led to deep humility before God. Angels were sent in every direction to prepare unbelieving hearts for the truth. The cause of God began to rise, and His people were acquainted with their position. If the counsel of the True Witness had been fully heeded, God would have wrought for His people in greater power. Yet the efforts made since the message has been given, have been blessed of God, and many souls have been brought from error and darkness to rejoice in the truth.” *Testimonies*, volume 1, 186.

“The message given us by A. T. Jones, and E. J. Waggoner is the message of God to the Laodicean church, and woe be unto anyone who professes to believe the truth and yet does not reflect to others the God-given rays.” *The 1888 Materials*, 1053.

“The Lord in His great mercy sent a most precious message to His people through Elders Waggoner and Jones. This message was to bring more prominently before the world the uplifted Saviour, the sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. It presented justification through faith in the Surety; it invited the people to receive the righteousness of Christ, which is made manifest in obedience to all the commandments of God. Many had lost sight of Jesus. They needed to have their eyes directed to His divine person, His merits, and His changeless love for the human family. All power is given into His hands, that He may dispense rich gifts unto men, imparting the priceless gift of His own righteousness to the helpless human agent. This is the message that God commanded to be given to the world. **It is the third angel's message**, which is to be proclaimed with a loud voice, and attended with the outpouring of His Spirit in a large measure.” *Testimonies to Minsters*, 91.

“The time of test is just upon us, for the loud cry of the third angel has already begun in the revelation of the righteousness of Christ, the sin-pardoning Redeemer. **This is the beginning of the light of the angel whose glory shall fill the whole earth.**” *Selected Messages*, book 1, 362.

“An unwillingness to yield up preconceived opinions, and to accept this truth, lay at the foundation of a large share of the opposition manifested at Minneapolis against the Lord's message through Brethren [E.J.] Waggoner and [A.T.] Jones. By exciting that opposition Satan succeeded in shutting away from our people, in a great measure, the special power of the Holy Spirit that God longed to impart to them. The enemy prevented them from obtaining that efficiency which might have been theirs in carrying the truth to the world, as the apostles proclaimed it after the day of Pentecost. The light that is to lighten the whole earth with its glory was resisted, and by the action of our own brethren has been in a great degree kept away from the world.” *Selected Messages*, book 1, 234.

“Instead of stimulating doubt, strengthen faith by every word, attitude, and practice. Make known that we have a living Saviour, a real, spiritual life, to receive and to impart. Guide others who are now on sliding sand to plant their feet on solid rock. There are souls to be **revived**, many to receive the joy of salvation into their own souls. They have erred, they have not been building a right character; but **God has joy to restore to them**, even the joy of His anointed. **This will give efficiency and happiness and sanctified assurance, a living testimony.** Tell the poor desponding ones who have gone astray from straight paths, tell them they need not despair. There is healing, cleansing for every soul who will come to Christ. There is a balm in Gilead, there is a physician there.” *Testimonies to Southern Africa*, 71.

The Midnight Cry Message

- ❖ While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. *Matthew 25:5-7.*

Time

“That which led to this movement was the discovery that the decree of Artaxerxes for the restoration of Jerusalem, which formed the starting point for the period of the 2300 days, went into effect in the autumn of the year 457 BC, and not at the beginning of the year, as had been formerly believed. Reckoning from the autumn of 457, the 2300 years terminate in the autumn of 1844.” *The Great Controversy*, 398–399.

New Light, Connected With Message Of The Hour, Concludes When Door Closes

- ❖ And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name. Here is the patience of the saints: here *are* they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. *Revelation* 14:9–12.

- ❖ And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over. He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many *countries* shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, *even* Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon. He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape. But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians *shall be* at his steps. But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many. And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him. *Daniel* 11:40–45.

EATING THE LITTLE BOOK

- ❖ And the voice which I heard from heaven spake unto me again, and said, Go *and* take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel which standeth upon the sea and upon the earth. And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, Give me the little book. And he said unto me, Take *it*, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey. And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter. *Revelation 10:8–10.*

“The comprehension of truth, the glad reception of the message, is represented in the eating of the little book. The truth in regard to the time of the advent of our Lord was a precious message to our souls.” *The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, volume 7, 971.

“Never are we absent from the mind of God. God is our joy and our salvation. Each of the ancient prophets spoke less for their own time than for ours, **so that their prophesying is in force for us.** ‘Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come’ (1 Corinthians 10:11). ‘Not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into’ (1 Peter 1:12).

“The Bible has been your study-book. It is well thus, for it is the true counsel of God, and it is the conductor of all the holy influences that the world has contained since its creation. We have the encouraging record that Enoch walked with God. If Enoch walked with God, in that degenerate age just prior to the destruction of the world by a flood, we are to receive courage and be stimulated with his example that we need not be contaminated with the world but, amid all its corrupting influences and tendencies, we may walk with God. We may have the mind of Christ.

“Enoch, the seventh from Adam, was ever prophesying the coming of the Lord. This great event had been revealed to him in vision. Abel, though dead, is ever speaking of the blood of Christ which alone can make our offerings and gifts perfect. **The Bible has accumulated and bound up together its treasures for this last generation. All the great events and solemn transactions of Old Testament history have been, and are, repeating themselves in the church in these last days.** There is Moses still speaking, teaching self-renunciation by wishing himself blotted from the Book of Life for his fellow men, that they might be saved. David is leading the intercession of the church for the salvation of souls to the ends of the earth. The prophets are still testifying of the sufferings of Christ and the glory that should follow. **There the whole accumulated truths are presented in force to us that we may profit by their teachings. We are under the influence of the whole.** What manner of persons ought we to be to whom all this rich light of inheritance has been given. **Concentrating all the influence of the past with new and increased light of the present, accrued power is given to all who will follow the light.** Their faith will increase, and be brought into exercise at the present time, awakening an energy and an intensely increased earnestness, and through dependence upon God for His

power to replenish the world and send the light of the Sun of Righteousness to the ends of the earth.” *Selected Messages*, book 3, 338–339.

- ❖ And he said unto me, Son of man, stand upon thy feet, and I will speak unto thee. And the spirit entered into me when he spake unto me, and set me upon my feet, that I heard him that spake unto me. And he said unto me, Son of man, **I send thee to the children of Israel**, to a rebellious nation that hath rebelled against me: they and their fathers have transgressed against me, *even* unto this very day. For *they are* impudent children and stiffhearted. I do send thee unto them; and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God. And they, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear, (for they *are* a rebellious house,) yet shall know that there hath been a prophet among them. And thou, son of man, be not afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words, though briars and thorns *be* with thee, and thou dost dwell among scorpions: be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they *be* a rebellious house. And thou shalt speak my words unto them, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear: for they *are* most rebellious. But thou, son of man, hear what I say unto thee; **Be not thou rebellious** like that rebellious house: **open thy mouth, and eat that I give thee**. And when I looked, behold, an hand *was* sent unto me; and, lo, a roll of a book *was* therein; And he spread it before me; and it *was* written within and without: and *there was* written therein lamentations, and mourning, and woe. Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, **eat that thou findest; eat this roll, and go speak unto the house of Israel. So I opened my mouth, and he caused me to eat that roll**. And he said unto me, Son of man, **cause thy belly to eat, and fill thy bowels with this roll that I give thee. Then did I eat it; and it was in my mouth as honey for sweetness**. And he said unto me, Son of man, go, get thee unto the house of Israel, and speak with my words unto them. **For thou art not sent to a people of a strange speech** and of an hard language, *but* to the house of Israel; Not to many people of a strange speech and of an hard language, whose words thou canst not understand. Surely, had I sent thee to them, they would have hearkened unto thee. But **the house of Israel will not hearken unto thee**; for they will not hearken unto me: for all the house of Israel *are* impudent and hardhearted. Behold, I have made thy face strong against their faces, and thy forehead strong against their foreheads. As an adamant harder than flint have I made thy forehead: fear them not, neither be dismayed at their looks, though they *be* a rebellious house. Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, all my words that I shall speak unto thee receive in thine heart, and hear with thine ears. And go, get thee to them of the captivity, unto the children of thy people, and speak unto them, and tell them, Thus saith the Lord God; whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear. Then the spirit took me up, and I heard behind me a voice of a great rushing, *saying*, Blessed *be* the glory of the Lord from his place. *I heard* also the noise of the wings of the living creatures that touched one another, and the noise of the wheels over against them, and a noise of a great rushing. So the spirit lifted me up, and took me away, and I went in bitterness, in the heat of my spirit; but the hand of the Lord was strong upon me. Then I came to them of the captivity at Telabib, that dwelt by the river of Chebar, and I sat where they sat, and remained there astonished among them seven days. And it came to pass at the end of seven days, that the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Son of man, **I have**

made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me. *Ezekiel 2:1–3:17.*

- ❖ O Lord, thou knowest: remember me, and visit me, and revenge me of my persecutors; take me not away in thy longsuffering: know that for thy sake I have suffered rebuke. **Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O Lord God of hosts.** I sat not in the assembly of the mockers, nor rejoiced; I sat alone because of thy hand: for thou hast filled me with indignation. Why is my pain perpetual, and my wound incurable, *which* refuseth to be healed? wilt thou be altogether unto me as a liar, *and as waters that fail*? Therefore thus saith the Lord, If thou return, then will I bring thee again, *and* thou shalt stand before me: and if thou take forth the precious from the vile, thou shalt be as my mouth: let them return unto thee; but return not thou unto them. And I will make thee unto this people **a fenced brazen wall:** and **they shall fight against thee**, but they shall not prevail against thee: for I *am* with thee to save thee and to deliver thee, saith the Lord. And I will deliver thee out of the hand of the wicked, and I will redeem thee out of the hand of the terrible. *Jeremiah 15:15–21.*

The Wicked

- ❖ Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand. *Daniel 12:10.*

“I saw a company who stood well guarded and firm, giving no countenance to those who would unsettle the established faith of the body. God looked upon them with approbation. I was shown three steps—the first, second, and third angels’ messages. Said my accompanying angel, **‘Woe to him who shall move a block or stir a pin of these messages. The true understanding of these messages is of vital importance. The destiny of souls hangs upon the manner in which they are received.’** I was again brought down through these messages, and saw how dearly the people of God had purchased their experience. It had been obtained through much suffering and severe conflict. God had led them along step by step, until He had placed them upon a solid, immovable platform. I saw individuals approach the platform and examine the foundation. Some with rejoicing immediately stepped upon it. Others commenced to find fault with the foundation. They wished improvements made, and then the platform would be more perfect, and the people much happier. Some stepped off the platform to examine it and declared it to be laid wrong. But I saw that nearly all stood firm upon the platform and exhorted those who had stepped off to cease their complaints; for God was the Master Builder, and they were fighting against Him. They recounted the wonderful work of God, which had led them to the firm platform, and in union raised their eyes to heaven and with a loud voice glorified God. This affected some of those who had complained and left the platform, and they with humble look again stepped upon it.

“I was pointed back to the proclamation of **the first advent of Christ**. John was sent in the spirit and power of Elijah to prepare the way of Jesus. Those who rejected the testimony of John were not benefited by the teachings of Jesus. Their opposition to the message that foretold His coming placed them where they could not readily receive the strongest evidence that He was the Messiah. Satan led on those who rejected the message of John to go still farther, to reject and

crucify Christ. In doing this they placed themselves where they could not receive the blessing on the day of Pentecost, which would have taught them the way into the heavenly sanctuary. The rending of the veil of the temple showed that the Jewish sacrifices and ordinances would no longer be received. The great Sacrifice had been offered and had been accepted, and the Holy Spirit which descended on the day of Pentecost carried the minds of the disciples from the earthly sanctuary to the heavenly, where Jesus had entered by His own blood, to shed upon His disciples the benefits of His atonement. But the Jews were left in total darkness. They lost all the light which they might have had upon the plan of salvation, and still trusted in their useless sacrifices and offerings. The heavenly sanctuary had taken the place of the earthly, yet they had no knowledge of the change. Therefore they could not be benefited by the mediation of Christ in the holy place.

“Many look with horror at the course of the Jews in rejecting and crucifying Christ; and as they read the history of His shameful abuse, they think they love Him, and would not have denied Him as did Peter, or crucified Him as did the Jews. But God who reads the hearts of all, has brought to the test that love for Jesus which they professed to feel. All heaven watched with the deepest interest the reception of the first angel’s message. But many who professed to love Jesus, and who shed tears as they read the story of the cross, derided the good news of His coming. Instead of receiving the message with gladness, they declared it to be a delusion. They hated those who loved His appearing and shut them out of the churches. Those who rejected the first message could not be benefited by the second; neither were they benefited by the midnight cry, which was to prepare them to enter with Jesus by faith into the most holy place of the heavenly sanctuary. And by rejecting the two former messages, they have so darkened their understanding that they can see no light in the third angel’s message, which shows the way into the most holy place. I saw that as the Jews crucified Jesus, so the nominal churches had crucified these messages, and therefore they have no knowledge of the way into the most holy, and they cannot be benefited by the intercession of Jesus there. Like the Jews, who offered their useless sacrifices, they offer up their useless prayers to the apartment which Jesus has left; and Satan, pleased with the deception, assumes a religious character, and leads the minds of these professed Christians to himself, working with his power, his signs and lying wonders, to fasten them in his snare. Some he deceives in one way, and some in another. He has different delusions prepared to affect different minds. Some look with horror upon one deception, while they readily receive another. Satan deceives some with Spiritualism. He also comes as an angel of light and spreads his influence over the land by means of false reformations. The churches are elated, and consider that God is working marvelously for them, when it is the work of another spirit. The excitement will die away and leave the world and the church in a worse condition than before.” *Early Writings*, 259–260.

- ❖ *Even him*, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness. 2 *Thessalonians* 2:9–12.

Christ's Three Prophetic Comings

"The angel who unites in the proclamation of the third angel's message is to lighten the whole earth with his glory. A work of world-wide extent and unwonted power is here foretold. **The advent movement of 1840–44 was a glorious manifestation of the power of God; the first angel's message was carried to every missionary station in the world,** and in some countries there was the greatest religious interest which has been witnessed in any land since the Reformation of the sixteenth century; but these are to be exceeded by the mighty movement under the last warning of the third angel.

"The work will be similar to that of the Day of Pentecost. As the 'former rain' was given, in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at the opening of the gospel, to cause the upspringing of the precious seed, so the 'latter rain' will be given at its close for the ripening of the harvest. 'Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord: His going forth is prepared as the morning; and He shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth.' Hosea 6:3. 'Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God: for He hath given you the former rain moderately, and He will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain.' Joel 2:23. 'In the last days, saith God, I will pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh.' 'And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' Acts 2:17, 21.

"The great work of the gospel is not to close with less manifestation of the power of God than marked its opening. The prophecies which were fulfilled in the outpouring of the former rain at the opening of the gospel **are again to be fulfilled** in the latter rain at its close. Here are 'the times of refreshing' to which the apostle Peter looked forward when he said: 'Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come **from the presence of the Lord; and He shall send Jesus.**' Acts 3:19, 20." *The Great Controversy*, 611.

"In the cleansing of the temple, Jesus was announcing His mission as the Messiah, and entering upon His work. . . . In cleansing the temple from the world's buyers and sellers, Jesus announced His mission to cleanse the heart from the defilement of sin,—from the earthly desires, the selfish lusts, the evil habits, that corrupt the soul. 'The Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to His temple, even the Messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, He shall come, saith the Lord of hosts. But who may abide the day of His coming? and who shall stand when He appeareth? for He is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: and He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and He shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver.' Malachi 3:1-3." *The Desire of Ages*, 161.

"While you hold the banner of truth firmly, proclaiming the law of God, let every soul remember that the faith of Jesus is connected with the commandments of God. The third angel is represented as flying through the midst of heaven, crying with a loud voice, 'Here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus' (Revelation 14:12). **The first, second, and third angels' messages are all linked together.** The evidences of the abiding, ever-living truth of these grand messages, that mean so much to us, that have awakened such intense opposition from the religious world, cannot be extinguished. Satan is constantly seeking to cast his hellish shadow about these messages, **so that the remnant people of God shall not clearly discern their import, their time, and place;** but they live, and are to exert their power upon our religious experience while time shall last.

"The influence of these messages has been deepening and widening, setting in motion the springs of action in thousands of hearts, bringing into existence institutions of learning, publishing

houses, and health institutions; all these are the instrumentalities of God to cooperate in the grand work represented by the first, second, and third angels flying in the midst of heaven to warn the inhabitants of the world that Christ is coming again with power and great glory.

“The prophet says, ‘I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils’ (Revelation 18:1, 2). **This is the same message that was given by the second angel.** Babylon is fallen, ‘because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication’ (Revelation 14:8). What is that wine?—Her false doctrines. She has given to the world a false sabbath instead of the Sabbath of the fourth commandment, and has repeated the falsehood that Satan first told Eve in Eden—the natural immortality of the soul. Many kindred errors she has spread far and wide, ‘teaching for doctrines the commandments of men’ (Matthew 15:9).

“When Jesus began His public ministry, He cleansed the Temple from its sacrilegious profanation. Among the last acts of His ministry was the second cleansing of the Temple. **So in the last work for the warning of the world, two distinct calls are made to the churches.** The second angel’s message is, ‘Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication’ (Revelation 14:8). And in the loud cry of the third angel’s message a voice is heard from heaven saying, ‘Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities’ (Revelation 18:4, 5).” *Selected Messages*, book 2, 118.

“Says the prophet: ‘Who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner’s fire, and like fullers’ soap; and he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness.’ [Malachi 3:2, 3.] **Those who are living upon the earth when the intercession of Christ shall cease in the sanctuary above, are to stand in the sight of a holy God without a mediator. Their robes must be spotless, their characters must be purified from sin by the blood of sprinkling. Through the grace of God and their own diligent effort, they must be conquerors in the battle with evil. While the investigative Judgment is going forward in Heaven, while the sins of penitent believers are being removed from the sanctuary, there is to be a special work of purification, of putting away of sin, among God’s people upon earth. This work is more clearly presented in the messages of Revelation 14.**

“When this work shall have been accomplished, the followers of Christ will be ready for his appearing. ‘Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the Lord, as in the days of old, and as in former years.’ [Malachi 3:4.] Then the church which our Lord at his coming is to receive to himself will be ‘a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing.’ [Ephesians 5:27.] Then she will look forth ‘as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners.’ [Song of Solomon 6:10.] . . .

“The coming of Christ as our high priest to the most holy place, for the cleansing of the sanctuary, brought to view in Daniel 8:14; the coming of the Son of man to the Ancient of Days, as presented in Daniel 7:13; and the coming of the Lord to His temple, foretold by Malachi, **are descriptions of the same event**; and this is also represented by the coming of the bridegroom to the marriage, described by Christ in the parable of the ten virgins, of Matthew 25.” *The Great Controversy*, 426.

"I am often referred to the parable of the ten virgins, five of whom were wise, and five foolish. This parable has been and will be fulfilled to the very letter, for it has a special application to this time, and, like the third angel's message, has been fulfilled and will continue to be present truth till the close of time." *Review and Herald*, August 19, 1890.

- ❖ Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts. But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness. Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the Lord, as in the days of old, and as in former years. *Malachi* 3:1-4.

"In Malachi's day the mocking inquiry of the impenitent, 'Where is the God of judgment?' met with the solemn response: 'The Lord . . . shall suddenly come to His temple, even the Messenger of the covenant. . . . But who may abide the day of His coming? and who shall stand when He appeareth? for He is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: and He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and He shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness. Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the Lord, as in the days of old, and as in former years.' *Malachi* 2:17; 3:1-4.

"When the promised Messiah was about to appear, the message of the forerunner of Christ was: Repent, publicans and sinners; repent, Pharisees and Sadducees; 'for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.' *Matthew* 3:2.

"Today, in the spirit and power of Elias and of John the Baptist, **messengers of God's appointment are calling the attention of a judgment-bound world to the solemn events soon to take place in connection with the closing hours of probation and the appearance of Christ Jesus as King of kings and Lord of lords.** Soon every man is to be judged for the deeds done in the body. **The hour of God's judgment has come, and upon the members of His church on earth rests the solemn responsibility of giving warning to those who are standing as it were on the very brink of eternal ruin.** To every human being in the wide world who will give heed must be made plain the principles at stake in the great controversy being waged, principles upon which hang the destinies of all mankind." *Prophets and Kings*, 715-716.

The Everlasting Gospel

"The book that was sealed was not the book of Revelation, but **that portion of the prophecy of Daniel which related to the last days.** The Scripture says, 'But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased' (*Daniel* 12:4). When the book was opened, the proclamation was made, 'Time shall be no longer.' (See *Revelation* 10:6.) The book of Daniel is now unsealed, and the revelation made by Christ to John is to come to all the inhabitants of the earth. By the increase of knowledge a people is to be prepared to stand in the latter days.

“And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having **the everlasting gospel** to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters’ (Revelation 14:6, 7).

“This message, if heeded, will call the attention of every nation and kindred and tongue and people to a close examination of the Word, and to the true light in regard to the power that has changed the seventh-day Sabbath to a spurious sabbath. The only true God has been forsaken, His law has been discarded, His sacred Sabbath institution has been trampled in the dust by the man of sin. The fourth commandment, so plain and explicit, has been ignored. The Sabbath memorial, declaring who the living God is, the Creator of the heavens and the earth, has been torn down, and a spurious sabbath has been given to the world in its place. Thus a breach has been made in the law of God. A false sabbath could not be a true standard.

“In the first angel’s message men are called upon to worship God, our Creator, who made the world and all things that are therein. They have paid homage to an institution of the Papacy, making of no effect the law of Jehovah, but there is to be an increase of knowledge on this subject.

“**The message proclaimed by the angel flying in the midst of heaven is the everlasting gospel, the same gospel that was declared in Eden when God said to the serpent, ‘I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel’ (Genesis 3:15).** Here was the first promise of a Saviour who would stand on the field of battle to contest the power of Satan and prevail against him. Christ came to our world to represent the character of God as it is represented in His holy law; for His law is a transcript of His character. Christ was both the law and the gospel. The angel that proclaims the everlasting gospel proclaims the law of God; for the gospel of salvation brings men to obedience of the law, whereby their characters are formed after the divine similitude.” *Selected Messages*, book 2, 105–106.

That Portion Of Daniel — Daniel 11:40-45

1798—1989 (Verse 40)

- ❖ And **at the time of the end** shall the king of the south push at him: **and** the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over. *Daniel 11:40.*

1840—Revelation 18:1 (Verse 40)

- ❖ And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over. *Daniel 11:40.*
- ❖ And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars

of fire: And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and *his left foot* on the earth. *Revelation* 10:1–2.

- ❖ And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. *Revelation* 18:1.

1841 & 1842—Revelation 18:2 (Verses 41 & 42)

- ❖ He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many *countries* shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, *even* Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon. He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape. *Daniel* 11:41, 42.

“Foreign nations will follow the example of the United States. Though she leads out, yet the same crisis will come upon our people in all parts of the world.” *Testimonies*, volume 6, 395.

- ❖ And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. *Revelation* 18:2.

1843—Revelation 18:3 (Verse 43)

- ❖ But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians *shall be* at his steps. *Daniel* 11:43.
- ❖ Blessed *is* he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days. *Daniel* 12:12.
- ❖ And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed *are* they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God. *Revelation* 19:9.
- ❖ For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. *Revelation* 18:3.

1844—Revelation 18:4–5 (Verses 44 & 45)

- ❖ But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many. And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him. *Daniel* 11:44, 45.
- ❖ And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities. *Revelation* 18:4–5.

THE SEVEN CHURCHES

The Gospel Of Revelation

“As we near the close of this world’s history, **the prophecies relating to the last days especially demand our study.** The last book of the New Testament is full of truth that we need to understand. Satan has blinded the minds of many, so that they have been glad of any excuse for not making the Revelation their study.

“The book of Revelation, in connection with the book of Daniel, **demand**s close study. Let every God-fearing teacher consider how most clearly to comprehend and present **the Gospel that our Saviour came in person to make known to His servant John,**—’The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto Him, to show unto His servants things which must shortly come to pass.’ None should become discouraged in their study of Revelation because of its apparently mystical symbols. ‘If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not.’ ‘Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein; for the time is at hand.’ We are to proclaim to the world **the great and solemn truths contained in the book of Revelation.** Into the very designs and principles of the church of God **these truths are to enter.** There should be **a closer and more diligent study of this book,** a more **earnest presentation of the truths it contains,** truths which concern all who are living in these last days. **All who are preparing to meet their Lord should make this book the subject of earnest study and prayer.** It is just what its name signifies,—**a revelation of the most important events that are to take place in the last days of this earth’s history.** John, because of his faithful trust in the word of God, and the testimony of Christ, was banished to the Isle of Patmos. But his banishment did not separate him from Christ. The Lord visited His faithful servant in his banishment, and gave him instruction regarding what was to come upon the world.

“This instruction is of the greatest importance to us; for we are living in the last days of this earth’s history. Soon we shall enter upon the fulfilment of **the events** which Christ showed John were to take place. As **the messengers of the Lord present these solemn truths,** they must realize that they are handling subjects of eternal interest, and they should seek for the baptism of the Holy Spirit, that they may speak, not their own words, but the words given them by God.

“The book of Revelation must be opened to the people. Many have been taught that it is a sealed book, but it is sealed to those only who reject truth and light. **The truths that it contains must be proclaimed,** that people may have **an opportunity to prepare for the events which are so soon to take place.** The Third Angel’s Message must be presented as the only hope for the salvation of a perishing world.

“The perils of the last days are upon us, and in our work **we are to warn the people of the danger they are in.** Let not **the solemn scenes that prophecy has revealed are soon to take place be left untouched.** We are God’s messengers, and we have no time to lose. Those who would be co-workers with our Lord Jesus Christ will show a deep interest in the truths found in this book. With pen and voice they will strive to make plain the wonderful things that Christ came from heaven to reveal.” *Signs of the Times*, July 4, 1906.

Nothing Else

“The solemn messages that have been given in their order in the Revelation are to occupy **the first place in the minds of God’s people. Nothing else is to be allowed to engross our attention.**” *Testimonies*, volume 8, 301–302.

The Seven Churches

“The names of the seven churches are symbolic of the church in **different periods** of the Christian Era. The number 7 indicates completeness, and is symbolic of the fact that the messages extend to the end of time, while the symbols used reveal the condition of the church at different periods **in the history of the world.**”

“Christ is spoken of as walking in the midst of the golden candlesticks. Thus is symbolized **His relation to the churches.** He is in constant communication with His people. He knows their true state. He observes their order, their piety, their devotion. Although He is high priest and mediator in the sanctuary above, yet He is represented as walking up and down in the midst of His churches on the earth.” *Acts of the Apostles*, 585–586.

- ❖ These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, *being* the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb. *Revelation* 14:4.

Miller’s Rules

“Those who are engaged in proclaiming the third angel’s message are searching the Scriptures upon the same plan that Father Miller adopted.” *Review and Herald*, November 25, 1884.

“The seven churches of Asia is **a history of the church of Christ in her seven forms, in all her windings and turnings, in all her prosperity and adversity, from the days of the apostles down to the end of the world.** The seven seals are a history of the transactions of the powers and kings of the earth over the church, and God’s protection of his people **during the same time.** The seven trumpets are a history of seven peculiar and heavy judgments **sent upon the earth, or Roman kingdom.** And the seven vials are the seven last plagues sent upon Papal Rome. Mixed with these are many other events, woven in like tributary streams, and filling up the grand river of prophecy, until the whole ends us in the ocean of eternity.

“This, to me, is the plan of John’s prophecy in the book of Revelation. And the man who wishes to understand this book, must have a thorough knowledge of other parts of the word of God. The figures and metaphors used in this prophecy, are not all explained in the same, but must be found in other prophets, and explained in other passages of Scripture. Therefore it is evident that God has designed the study of the whole, even to obtain a clear knowledge of any part.” William Miller, *Miller’s Lectures*, volume 2, lecture 12, 178.

“The seals are introduced to our notice in the 4th, 5th, and 6th chapters of Revelation. The scenes presented under these seals are brought to view in Revelation 6, and the first verse of

Revelation 8. They evidently cover events with which the church is connected from the opening of this dispensation to the coming of Christ.

“While the seven churches present the internal history of the church, the seven seals bring to view the great events of its external history.” Uriah Smith, *The Biblical Institute*, 253.

“We have now traced the churches, the seals, and the beasts, or living beings, as far as they will compare as covering **the same periods of time**. The seals are seven in number, the beasts but four. And it may be well here to notice, that at the opening of the first, second, third and fourth seals the first, second, third and fourth beasts are heard to say ‘Come and see;’ but when the fifth, sixth and seventh seals are opened, there is no such voice heard. **Neither do the last three churches, and the last three seals, compare, as covering the same periods of time, as the first four churches, and the first four seals do.** But, as we have shown, the churches, seals and beasts do agree, as covering the same periods of time for the space of nearly 1800 years, till we come down to a little more than half a century of the present time.” James White, *Review and Herald*, February 12, 1857.

Pergamos & Thyatira Revelation 2:12–29

He Who Now Letteth & That Wicked

- ❖ Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only **he who now letteth will let**, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming. *2 Thessalonians 2:5–8*.

Power Seat & Authority

- ❖ And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as *the feet* of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority. *Revelation 13:2*.

A Host Was Given Him

- ❖ Yea, he magnified *himself* even to the prince of the host, and by him the daily *sacrifice* was taken away, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down. And an host was given *him* against the daily *sacrifice* by reason of transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practiced, and prospered. *Daniel 8:11, 12*.

The Daily Taken Away

- ❖ And from the time *that* the daily *sacrifice* shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, *there shall be* a thousand two hundred and ninety days. *Daniel 12:11*.

They Place The Abomination That Maketh Desolate

- ❖ For the ships of Chittim shall come against him: therefore he shall be grieved, and return, and have indignation against the holy covenant: so shall he do; he shall even return, and have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant. And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily *sacrifice*, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate. *Daniel* 11:30–31.

Daniel 11:40–45

“We have no time to lose. Troublous times are before us. The world is stirred with the spirit of war. Soon the scenes of trouble spoken of in the prophecies will take place. The prophecy in **the eleventh of Daniel** has nearly reached its complete fulfillment. **Much of the history that has taken place in fulfillment of this prophecy will be repeated.**

“In the thirtieth verse a power is spoken of that ‘verses 30 through thirty-six quoted.

“Scenes similar to those described in these words will take place.” *Manuscript Releases*, number 13, 394.

The Third & Fourth Seal

- ❖ And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine. And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see. And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth. *Revelation* 6:6–8.

“The same spirit is seen today that is represented in Revelation 6:6–8. History is to be repeated. That which has been will be again.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 9, 7.

Ephesus & Smyrna

- ❖ Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. *2 Timothy* 3:12.

“Many will be imprisoned, many will flee for their lives from cities and towns, and many will be martyrs for Christ’s sake in standing in defense of the truth.” *Selected Messages*, book 3, 397.

Ephesus, Philadelphia & Laodicea

Early Writings, 258–260.

Ephesus & Laodicea

“Judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off; for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter. Yea, truth faileth; and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey.’ Isaiah 59:14, 15. This was fulfilled in the life of Christ on earth. He was loyal to God’s commandments, setting aside the human traditions and requirements which had been exalted in their place. Because of this He was hated and persecuted. **This history is repeated.**” *Christ’s Object Lessons*, 170.

“The work of John the Baptist, and the work of those who in the last days go forth in the spirit and power of Elijah to arouse the people from their apathy, are in many respects the same. His work is a type of the work that must be done in this age. Christ is to come the second time to judge the world in righteousness. The messengers of God who bear the last message of warning to be given to the world, are to prepare the way for Christ’s second advent, as John prepared the way for his first advent. In this preparatory work, ‘every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain shall be made low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain’ for **history is to be repeated**, and once again ‘the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.’” *Southern Watchman*, March 21, 1905.

“Satan is working that **the history of the Jewish nation may be repeated in the experience of those who claim to believe present truth.**” *Selected Messages*, book 2, 111.

Sardis, Philadelphia & Laodicea

“Oh, what a description! How many there are in this fearful condition. **I earnestly entreat every minister to study diligently the third chapter of Revelation, for in it is portrayed the condition of things existing in the last days.** Study carefully **every verse** in this chapter, for through these words Jesus is speaking to you.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 18, 193.

“In all the land saith the Lord; TWO PARTS therein shall be cut off, and die; but the THIRD shall be left therein. God says he will bring the THIRD PART through the fire, and refine them. They shall call upon him, and he will hear them. He will say IT IS MY PEOPLE; and they shall say the LORD IS MY GOD.’ First part, SARDIS, the nominal church or Babylon. Second part, Laodicea, the nominal Adventist. Third part, Philadelphia, the only true church of God on earth, for they ask to be translated to the city of God. Revelation 3:12; Hebrews 12:22–24. In the name of Jesus, I exhort you again to flee from the Laodiceans, as from Sodom and Gomorrah. Their teachings are false and delusive; and lead to utter destruction. Death! DEATH!!* eternal DEATH!!! is on their track. Remember Lot’s wife.” Joseph Bates, *Review and Herald*, volume 1, November 1850.

Sardis

“Sardis not only represents ‘those escaping’ or ‘that which remains’ after the great apostasy and terrible persecutions of the Middle Ages, but some authorities believe that the word *ardis* means ‘remnant’ of ‘an escaped few,’ and therefore represent Protestantism after what was vital in it had evaporated so that there are only a few faithful ones remaining. There would be a

'remnant' who would continue the work of reform even after the Reformation had waned and Protestantism in general was dead. There would be 'a few names,' or 'a few souls' (*Moffatt*), in Sardis who had 'not defiled their garments.'" Taylor Bunch, *The Seven Epistles of Christ*, 186.

- ❖ He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many *countries* shall be overthrown: but **these shall escape out of his hand**, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon. *Daniel* 11:41.

Haskell

"It should be remembered that, as the experience of **Ephesus, Smyrna, and Pergamos, will be repeated in the last church** before the second coming of Christ, so the history of **Thyatira** will have its counterpart in the last generation." Stephen N. Haskell, *Story of the Seer of Patmos*, 69.

"He applied the test, but all pointed forward to the year 1843 as the time when the world must welcome its Saviour. **The condition of the people at the first advent of Christ was now repeated.**" Stephen N. Haskell, *Story of the Seer of Patmos*, 75.

"There was a time in the history of **Pergamos**, when Christianity thought Paganism was dead; but in reality, the religion which was apparently vanquished, had conquered. Paganism baptized, stepped into the church. **In the days of Sardis this history was repeated.**" Stephen N. Haskell, *Story of the Seer of Patmos*, 75, 76.

"Upon this last church—the remnant,—shine **the accumulated rays of all past ages.**" Stephen N. Haskell, *Story of the Seer of Patmos*, 69.

Ancient Israel

"The trials of the children of Israel, and their attitude just before the first coming of Christ, **illustrate the position of the people of God** in their experience before the second coming of Christ.

"Satan's snares are laid for us as verily as they were laid for the children of Israel just prior to their entrance into the land of Canaan. **We are repeating the history of that people.**

"**Their history should be a solemn warning to us.** We need never expect that when the Lord has light for his people, Satan will stand calmly by and make no effort to prevent them from receiving it. Let us beware that we do not refuse the light God sends, because it does not come in a way to please us. . . . If there are any who do not see and accept the light themselves, let them not stand in the way of others.

"I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live; that thou mayest love the Lord thy God, and that thou mayest obey his voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto him; for he is thy life, and the length of thy days; that thou mayest dwell in the land which the Lord sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.'

"**This song was not historical but prophetic.** While it recounted the wonderful dealings of God with his people in the past, **it also foreshadowed the great events of the future**, the final victory of the faithful when Christ shall come the second time in power and glory.

“The apostle Paul plainly states that **the experience of the Israelites in their travels has been recorded for the benefit of those living in this age of the world, those upon whom the ends of the world are come.** We do not consider that our dangers are any less than those of the Hebrews, but greater.” *Healthful Living*, 280–281.

- ❖ Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter. *Revelation* 1:19.

Thyatira

“Today the church of God is free to carry forward to completion the divine plan for the salvation of a lost race. For many centuries God’s people suffered a restriction of their liberties. The preaching of the gospel in its purity was prohibited, and the severest of penalties were visited upon those who dared disobey the mandates of men. As a consequence, the Lord’s great moral vineyard was almost wholly unoccupied. The people were deprived of the light of God’s word. The darkness of error and superstition threatened to blot out a knowledge of true religion. **God’s church on earth was as verily in captivity during this long period of relentless persecution as were the children of Israel held captive in Babylon during the period of the exile.**” *Prophets and Kings*, 714.

All The Great Events

“**The Bible has accumulated and bound up together its treasures for this last generation. All the great events and solemn transactions of Old Testament history have been, and are, repeating themselves in the church in these last days.**” *Selected Messages*, book 3, 338–339.

Walking To And Fro

- ❖ Upon the four and twentieth day of the eleventh month, which *is* the month Sebat, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the Lord unto Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying, I saw by night, and behold a man riding upon **a red horse**, and he stood among the myrtle trees that *were* in the bottom; and behind him *were there* **red horses, speckled, and white.** Then said I, O my lord, **what are these?** And the angel that talked with me said unto me, **I will show thee what these be.** And the man that stood among the myrtle trees answered and said, **These are they whom the Lord hath sent to walk to and fro through the earth.** *Zechariah* 1:7–10.

The Earth Is At Rest

- ❖ And they answered the angel of the Lord that stood among the myrtle trees, and said, We have walked to and fro through the earth, and, behold, all **the earth sitteth still, and is at rest.** *Zechariah* 1:11.

A Second Witness (The Four Spirits)

- ❖ And I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came four chariots out from between two mountains; and the mountains *were* mountains of brass. In the first chariot *were* **red horses**; and in the second chariot **black horses**; And in the third chariot **white horses**; and in the fourth chariot **grisled and bay horses**. Then I answered and said unto the angel that talked with me, What *are* these, my lord? And the angel answered and said unto me, These *are* **the four spirits of the heavens, which go forth from standing before the Lord of all the earth**. The black horses which *are* therein go forth into the north country; and the white go forth after them; and the grisled go forth toward the south country. And the bay went forth, and sought to go that they might walk to and fro through the earth: and he said, Get you hence, walk to and fro through the earth. So they walked to and fro through the earth. Then cried he upon me, and spake unto me, saying, Behold, these that go toward the north country **have quieted my spirit in the north country**. *Zechariah 6:1–8*.

The Lord Will Choose Israel

- ❖ For **the Lord will have mercy on Jacob, and will yet choose Israel**, and set them in their own land: and the strangers shall be joined with them, and they shall cleave to the house of Jacob. And the people shall take them, and bring them to their place: and the house of Israel shall possess them in the land of the Lord for servants and handmaids: and they shall take them captives, whose captives they were; and they shall rule over their oppressors. And it shall come to pass in **the day that the Lord shall give thee rest from thy sorrow, and from thy fear, and from the hard bondage wherein thou wast made to serve**. That thou shalt take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say, How hath the oppressor ceased! the golden city ceased! The Lord hath broken the staff of the wicked, *and* the sceptre of the rulers. He who smote the people in wrath with a continual stroke, he that ruled the nations in anger, is persecuted, *and* none hindereth. The **whole earth is at rest, and is quiet**: they break forth into singing. *Isaiah 14:1–7*.

Parallel Lines: Repeat And Enlarge

“While the seven churches present the internal history of the church, the seven seals bring to view the great events of its external history.” Uriah Smith, *The Biblical Institute*, 253.

- ❖ And I saw when the Lamb opened **one of the seals**, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, **one of the four beasts** saying, **Come and see**. And I saw, and behold **a white horse**: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer. And when he had opened **the second seal**, I heard **the second beast** say, **Come and see**. And there went out **another horse that was red**: and *power* was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword. And when he had opened **the third seal**, I heard **the third beast** say, **Come and see**. And I beheld, and lo **a**

black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand. And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine. And when he had opened **the fourth seal**, I heard the voice of **the fourth beast** say, **Come and see**. And I looked, and behold **a pale horse**: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth. And when he had opened **the fifth seal**, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: And they cried with a loud voice, saying, **How long**, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled. *Revelation 6:1–11*.

“And **when he had opened the fifth seal** . . . [Revelation 6:9–11]. Here were scenes presented to John that were **not in reality but that which would be in a period of time in the future.**” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 20, 197.

“**When the fifth seal was opened**, John the Revelator in vision saw beneath the altar the company that were slain for the Word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. **After this came the scenes described in the eighteenth of Revelation**, when those who are faithful and true are called out from Babylon. Revelation 18:1–5 quoted.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 20, 14.

“We have now traced the churches, the seals, and the beasts, or living beings, as far as they will compare as covering **the same periods of time**. . . . **Neither do the last three churches, and the last three seals, compare, as covering the same periods of time, as the first four churches, and the first four seals do.** But, as we have shown, the churches, seals and beasts do agree, as covering the same periods of time for the space of nearly 1800 years, till we come down to a little more than half a century of the present time.” James White, *Review and Herald*, February 12, 1857.

How Long?

- ❖ Then the angel of the Lord answered and said, O Lord of hosts, **how long** wilt thou not have mercy on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, against which thou hast had indignation these threescore and ten years? *Zechariah 1:12*.
- ❖ And the Lord answered the angel that talked with me *with* good words *and* comfortable words. So the angel that communed with me said unto me, Cry thou, saying, Thus saith the Lord of hosts; **I am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great jealousy**. And I am very sore displeased with the heathen *that are* at ease: for I was but a little displeased, and they helped forward the affliction. Therefore thus saith the Lord; I am returned to Jerusalem with mercies: **my house shall be built in it**, saith the Lord of hosts, and **a line shall be stretched forth upon Jerusalem**. Cry yet, saying, Thus saith the Lord of hosts; My

cities through prosperity shall yet be spread abroad; and **the Lord shall yet comfort Zion,** and **shall yet choose Jerusalem.** *Zechariah 1:13–17.*

The Four Scattering Horns

- ❖ Then lifted I up mine eyes, and saw, and behold four horns. And I said unto the angel that talked with me, What *be* these? And he answered me, These *are* the horns which have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem. *Zechariah 1:19–20.*
- ❖ Israel *is* a scattered sheep; the lions have driven *him* away: **first the king of Assyria** hath devoured him; and **last this Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon** hath broken his bones. Therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will punish the king of Babylon and his land, as I have punished the king of Assyria. *Jeremiah 50:17–18.*

The Lord Restoring His People

“Zechariah then saw the powers that had ‘scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem,’ symbolized by four horns. Immediately afterward he saw four carpenters, representing the agencies used by the Lord in restoring His people and the house of His worship. See verses 18–21.

“‘I lifted up mine eyes again,’ Zechariah said, ‘and looked, and behold a man with a measuring line in his hand. Then said I, Whither goest thou? And he said unto me, To measure Jerusalem, to see what is the breadth thereof, and what is the length thereof. And, behold, the angel that talked with me went forth, and another angel went out to meet him, and said unto him, Run, speak to this young man, saying, Jerusalem shall be inhabited as towns without walls for the multitude of men and cattle therein: for I, saith the Lord, will be unto her a wall of fire round about, and will be the glory in the midst of her.’ Zechariah 2:1–5.

“God had commanded that Jerusalem be rebuilt; the vision of **the measuring of the city was an assurance that He would give comfort and strength to His afflicted ones,** and fulfill to them the promises of His everlasting covenant. His protecting care, He declared, would be like ‘a wall of fire round about;’ and **through them His glory would be revealed to all the sons of men.** That which He was accomplishing for His people was to be known in all the earth. ‘Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.’ Isaiah 12:6.” *Prophets and Kings, 580–581.*

The Scattering Of The Holy People

- ❖ And I heard the man clothed in linen, which *was* upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and sware by him that liveth for ever that *it shall be* for **a time, times, and an half;** and when he shall have accomplished to **scatter the power of the holy people,** all these *things* shall be finished. *Daniel 12:7.*

Four Carpenters

- ❖ And the Lord showed me four carpenters. Then said I, What come these to do? And he spake, saying, These *are* the horns which have scattered Judah, so that no man did lift up his head: but these are come to fray them, to cast out the horns of the Gentiles, which lifted up *their* horn over the land of Judah to scatter it. *Zechariah* 1:20–21.

Three Decrees

“In the seventh chapter of Ezra the decree is found. Verses 12–26. In its completest form it was issued by Artaxerxes, king of Persia, 457 B.C. But in Ezra 6:14 the house of the Lord at Jerusalem is said to have been built ‘according to the commandment [‘decree,’ margin] of Cyrus, and Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia.’ These three kings, in originating, reaffirming, and completing the decree, brought it to the perfection required by the prophecy to mark the beginning of the 2300 years. Taking 457 B.C., the time when the decree was completed, as the date of the commandment, every specification of the prophecy concerning the seventy weeks was seen to have been fulfilled.” *The Great Controversy*, 326.

The Fourth Decree

“His request to the king had been so favorably received that Nehemiah was encouraged to ask for still further assistance. To give dignity and authority to his mission, as well as to provide protection on the journey, he asked for and secured a military escort. **He obtained royal letters** to the governors of the provinces beyond the Euphrates, the territory through which he must pass on his way to Judea; and he obtained, also, a letter to the keeper of the king’s forest in the mountains of Lebanon, directing him to furnish such timber as would be needed. That there might be no occasion for complaint that he had exceeded his commission, Nehemiah was careful to have the authority and privileges accorded him, clearly defined.” *Prophets and Kings*, 633.

Measuring Jerusalem

- ❖ I lifted up mine eyes again, and looked, and behold a man with **a measuring line in his hand**. Then said I, Whither goest thou? And he said unto me, **To measure Jerusalem**, to see what *is* the breadth thereof, and what *is* the length thereof. And, behold, the angel that talked with me went forth, and another angel went out to meet him, And said unto him, Run, speak to this young man, saying, Jerusalem shall be inhabited as towns without walls for the multitude of men and cattle therein: For I, saith the Lord, will be unto her a wall of fire round about, and will be the glory in the midst of her. Ho, ho, *come forth*, and **flee from the land of the north**, saith the Lord: for I have spread you abroad as the four winds of the heaven, saith the Lord. Deliver thyself, O Zion, that dwellest *with* the daughter of Babylon. For thus saith the Lord of hosts; After the glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you: for he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye. For, behold, I will shake mine hand upon them, and they shall be a spoil to their

servants: and ye shall know that the Lord of hosts hath sent me. Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion: for, lo, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the Lord. And many nations shall be joined to the Lord in that day, and shall be my people: and I will dwell in the midst of thee, and thou shalt know that the Lord of hosts hath sent me unto thee. And the Lord shall inherit Judah his portion in the holy land, and shall choose Jerusalem again. Be silent, O all flesh, before **the Lord: for he is raised up out of his holy habitation.** *Zechariah 2:1–13.*

1844: Leave Off The Courtyard

- ❖ And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein. But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty *and* two months. *Revelation 11:1–2.*

Choosing Jerusalem

“Thou wouldst not want him to step out if thou knewest thy situation. That desire is to disenthroned those kings, but that could not be, for **kings must reign till Christ begins to reign.**

“I saw in Europe just as things were moving to accomplish their desires, there would seemingly be a slackening up once or twice: thus the hearts of the wicked would be relieved and hardened; but the work will not settle down, only seem to, for the minds of kings and rulers were intent on overthrowing each other, and the minds of the people to get the ascendancy.

“I saw that all things are intensely looking and stretching their thoughts on the impending crisis before them. **The sins of Israel must go to judgment beforehand.** Every sin must be confessed at the sanctuary, then the work will move. It must be done now. The remnant in the time of trouble will cry, My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken me?

“The latter rain is coming on those that are pure—all then will receive it as formerly.

“**When the four angels let go, Christ will set up His kingdom.** None receive the latter rain but those who are doing all they can. Christ would help us. All could be overcomers by the grace of God, through the blood of Jesus. All heaven is interested in the work. Angels are interested.” *Spalding and Magan, 2–3.*

OPENING THE SEVENTH SEAL

“The fifth chapter of Revelation needs to be closely studied. It is of great importance to those who shall act a part in the work of God for these last days. There are some who are deceived. They do not realize what is coming on the earth.” *Testimonies*, volume 9, 267.

Silence in Heaven

- ❖ And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was **silence in heaven** about the space of half an hour. *Revelation* 8:1.
- ❖ When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory. *Matthew* 25:31.

“The series of seven seals is here resumed and concluded. The sixth chapter closed with the events of the sixth seal, and the eighth commences with the opening of the seventh seal; hence the seventh chapter stands parenthetically between the sixth and seventh seals, from which it appears that the sealing work of that chapter belongs to the sixth seal.

“Silence in Heaven. Concerning the cause of this silence, only conjecture can be offered,— a conjecture, however, which is supported by the events of the sixth seal. That seal does not bring us to the second advent, although it embraces events that transpire in close connection therewith. It introduces the fearful commotions of the elements, described as the rolling of the heavens together as a scroll, caused by the voice of God, the breaking up of the surface of the earth, and the confession on the part of the wicked that the great day of God’s wrath is come. They are doubtless in momentary expectation of seeing the King appear in, to them, unendurable glory. But the seal stops just short of that event. The personal appearing of Christ must therefore be allotted to the next seal. But when the Lord appears, he comes with all the holy angels with him. *Matthew* 25:31. And when all the heavenly harpers leave the courts above to come down with their divine Lord, as he descends to gather the fruit of his redeeming work, will there not be silence in heaven?

“The length of this period of silence, if we consider it prophetic time, would be about seven days.” Uriah Smith, *Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation*, 476.

“We all entered the cloud together, and were **seven days ascending to the sea of glass**, when Jesus brought the crowns, and with His own right hand placed them on our heads. He gave us harps of gold and palms of victory.” *Early Writings*, 16.

The Cross: Ephesus

“But God suffered with His Son. Angels beheld the Saviour’s agony. They saw their Lord enclosed by legions of satanic forces, His nature weighed down with a shuddering, mysterious dread. **There was silence in heaven.** No harp was touched. Could mortals have viewed the

amazement of the angelic host as in **silent** grief they watched the Father separating His beams of light, love, and glory from His beloved Son, they would better understand how offensive in His sight is sin.” *The Desire of Ages*, 693.

The Day Of Atonement: Philadelphia

“In the sanctuary of the wilderness tabernacle and of the temple that were the earthly symbols of God’s dwelling place, one apartment was sacred to His presence. The veil inwrought with cherubim at its entrance was not to be lifted by any hand save one. To lift that veil, and intrude unbidden into the sacred mystery of the most holy place, was death. For above the mercy seat dwelt the glory of the Holiest—glory upon which no man might look and live. On the one day of the year appointed for ministry in the most holy place, the high priest with trembling entered God’s presence, while clouds of incense veiled the glory from his sight. **Throughout the courts of the temple every sound was hushed. No priests ministered at the altars. The host of worshipers, bowed in silent awe, offered their petitions for God’s mercy.**” *The Ministry of Healing*, 437.

The Second Coming: Laodicea

“Before His presence ‘all faces are turned into paleness;’ upon the rejecters of God’s mercy falls the terror of eternal despair. ‘The heart melteth, and the knees smite together, . . . and the faces of them all gather blackness.’ Jeremiah 30:6; Nahum 2:10. The righteous cry with trembling: ‘Who shall be able to stand?’ **The angels’ song is hushed, and there is a period of awful silence.** Then the voice of Jesus is heard, saying: ‘My grace is sufficient for you.’ The faces of the righteous are lighted up, and joy fills every heart. And the angels strike a note higher and sing again as they draw still nearer to the earth.” *The Great Controversy*, 641.

Incense, Prayer, Fire, & The Golden Altar

- ❖ And another angel came and stood at the altar, having **a golden censer**; and there was given unto him much **incense**, that he should offer *it* with **the prayers of all saints** upon **the golden altar** which was before the throne. And the smoke of the **incense**, *which came* with **the prayers of the saints**, ascended up before God out of the angel’s hand. And the angel took the censer, and filled it with **fire** of the altar, and cast *it* into the earth: and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake. *Revelation* 8:3–5.

Incense

“The incense, ascending with the prayers of Israel, represents the merits and intercession of Christ, His perfect righteousness, which through faith is imputed to His people, and which can alone make the worship of sinful beings acceptable to God. Before the veil of the most holy place was an altar of perpetual intercession, before the holy, an altar of continual atonement. By blood and by incense God was to be approached—symbols pointing to the great Mediator, through

whom sinners may approach Jehovah, and through whom alone mercy and salvation can be granted to the repentant, believing soul." *Patriarchs and Prophets*, 353.

Prayer

- ❖ If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. *2 Chronicles* 7:14.
- ❖ Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain; so the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field. *Zechariah* 10:1.

"A revival of true godliness among us is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs. To seek this should be our first work. There must be earnest effort to obtain the blessing of the Lord, not because God is not willing to bestow His blessing upon us, but because we are unprepared to receive it. Our heavenly Father is more willing to give His Holy Spirit to them that ask Him, than are earthly parents to give good gifts to their children. But it is our work, by confession, humiliation, repentance, and earnest prayer, to fulfill the conditions upon which God has promised to grant us His blessing. **A revival need be expected only in answer to prayer.**" *Selected Messages*, book 1, 121.

Fire

"It was a sin in the ancient economy to offer a sacrifice upon the wrong altar, or to allow incense to be kindled from a strange fire. We are in danger of commingling the sacred and the common. The holy fire from God is to be used with our offerings. The true altar is Christ, and **the true fire is the Holy Spirit.** The Holy Spirit is to inspire, to teach, to lead, and to guide men, and make them safe counselors. If we turn aside from God's chosen ones, we are in danger of inquiring from strange gods, and of offering upon a strange altar." *Ye Shall Receive Power*, 178.

- ❖ For our God is a consuming fire. *Hebrews* 12:29.

Purification Or Wrath

"The **live coal is symbolical of purification.** If it touches the lips, no impure word will fall from them. The live coal also symbolizes the potency of the efforts of the servants of the Lord." *Review and Herald*, October 16, 1888.

"I indeed baptize you in water unto repentance, said John; 'but He that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: He shall baptize you with **the Holy Ghost and with fire.**' Matthew 3:11, R. V., margin. The prophet Isaiah had declared that the Lord would cleanse His people from their iniquities 'by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning.' The word of the Lord to Israel was, 'I will turn My hand upon thee, and purely purge away thy dross, and take away all thy tin.' Isaiah 4:4; 1:25. To sin, wherever found, 'our God is a consuming fire.' Hebrews 12:29. In all who submit to His power the Spirit of God will consume sin. But if men cling to sin, they become identified with it. Then the glory of God, which destroys sin, must destroy

them. Jacob, after his night of wrestling with the Angel, exclaimed, 'I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.' Genesis 32:30.

"Jacob had been guilty of a great sin in his conduct toward Esau; but he had repented. His transgression had been forgiven, and his sin purged; therefore he could endure the revelation of God's presence. But wherever men came before God while willfully cherishing evil, they were destroyed. At the second advent of Christ the wicked shall be consumed 'with the Spirit of His mouth,' and destroyed 'with the brightness of His coming.' 2 Thessalonians 2:8. **The light of the glory of God, which imparts life to the righteous, will slay the wicked.**" *The Desire of Ages*, 107.

- ❖ Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but *rather* give place unto wrath: for it is written, **Vengeance is mine**; I will repay, saith the Lord. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing **thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head.** *Romans* 12:19, 20.

The Altar

"The true altar is Christ, and the true fire is the Holy Spirit." *Ye Shall Receive Power*, 178.

The Altar Illuminated

"Yet the fact that God has revealed His will to men through His word, has not rendered needless the continued presence and guiding of the Holy Spirit. On the contrary, **the Spirit was promised by our Saviour, to open the word to His servants, to illuminate and apply its teachings.** And since it was the Spirit of God that inspired the Bible, it is impossible that the teaching of the Spirit should ever be contrary to that of the word." *Introduction to The Great Controversy*, 7.

"God's Spirit has illuminated every page of Holy Writ, but there are those upon whom it makes little impression, because it is imperfectly understood. When the shaking comes, by the introduction of false theories, these surface readers, anchored nowhere, are like shifting sand. They slide into any position to suit the tenor of their feelings of bitterness." *Testimonies to Ministers*, 112.

The Work Of The Lion Of The Tribe Of Judah

"It was the **Lion of the tribe of Judah who unsealed the book and gave to John the revelation of what should be in these last days.** Daniel stood in his lot to bear his testimony, which was sealed until **the time of the end, when the first angel's message should be proclaimed to our world.** These matters are of infinite importance in these last days, but while 'many shall be purified, and made white, and tried,' 'the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand.'" *Manuscript Releases*, volume 18, 15.

The Seven Thunders Sealed

- ❖ And cried with a loud voice, as *when* a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices. And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not. *Revelation* 10:3–4.

The Seven Thunders Unsealed

- ❖ And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand. He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. *Revelation* 22:10–11.

Future Events Which Will Be Disclosed

“After these seven thunders uttered their voices, **the injunction comes to John as to Daniel** in regard to the little book: ‘Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered.’ These relate to **future events which will be disclosed in their order**. Daniel shall stand in his lot at the end of the days. John sees the little book unsealed. Then Daniel’s prophecies have their proper place in the first, second, and third angels’ messages to be given to the world. The unsealing of the little book was the message in relation to time.

“The books of Daniel and the Revelation are one. One is a prophecy, the other a revelation; one a book sealed, the other a book opened. John heard the mysteries which the thunders uttered, but he was commanded not to write them.” *The Seventh-day Adventists Bible Commentary*, volume 7, 971.

Events Of The First And Second Angels’ Messages

“The special light given to John which was expressed in the seven thunders was **a delineation of events which would transpire under the first and second angels’ messages**. It was not best for the people to know these things, for their faith must necessarily be tested. In the order of God most wonderful and advanced truths would be proclaimed. The first and second angels’ messages were to be proclaimed, but no further light was to be revealed before these messages had done their specific work. This is represented by the angel standing with one foot on the sea, proclaiming with a most solemn oath that time should be no longer.” *Ibid.*, 971.

The Ancient People

- ❖ Thus saith the Lord the King of Israel, and his redeemer the Lord of hosts; I *am* the first, and I *am* the last; and beside me *there is* no God. And who, as I, shall call, and shall

declare it, and set it in order for me, since **I appointed the ancient people?** and the things that are coming, and shall come, let them show unto them. *Isaiah* 44:6–7.

Ancient Israel

“The trials of the children of Israel, and their attitude just before the first coming of Christ, **illustrate the position of the people of God** in their experience before the second coming of Christ.

“Satan’s snares are laid for us as verily as they were laid for the children of Israel just prior to their entrance into the land of Canaan. **We are repeating the history of that people.** . . .

“The apostle Paul plainly states that **the experience of the Israelites in their travels has been recorded for the benefit of those living in this age of the world, those upon whom the ends of the world are come.** We do not consider that our dangers are any less than those of the Hebrews, but greater.” *Healthful Living*, 280–281.

“Great light has been thrown of late upon the prophetic word. ‘It shall come to pass that at eventide it shall be light.’ Zechariah 14:7. ‘The vision is for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie.’ Habakkuk 2:3. ‘In the latter days he shall consider it perfectly.’ Jeremiah 23:20; 30:24. What Daniel was commanded **to seal up and close**, (Daniel 12:4) is now, through the all-powerful mediation of **the Lion of the tribe of Judah**, revealed unto us. Revelation 5:5. Hence ‘many run to and fro, and knowledge is increased.’ Never, **since the days of our Lord’s first advent, was the prophetic word so much studied**; so many of the ambassadors of Christ engaged in this pursuit; or so much written on this subject. ‘The Revelation of Jesus Christ,’ contained in the Apocalypse, showing the coming of the Just One, with all his saints, to the destruction of the apostate nations, is now made so plain to the church, that none can, or, at least, ought to be ignorant of it. This, however, is a privilege belonging only to the faithful; for it is written that, ‘none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand.’ Daniel 12:10. So St. Paul speaks: ‘But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that the day should overtake you as a thief; ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day; we are not of the night, nor of darkness.’ 1 Thessalonians 5:4–5. Though ‘the true light now shineth, it enlighteneth only those who believe. Those who are paying a prayerful attention to these things, ‘have,’ like the Israelites of old, ‘light in their dwellings,’ whilst the rest of the world are sitting in darkness, even ‘darkness such as may be felt.’ **The opening, then, and unfolding of the prophetic word, is another convincing proof that we are arrived at the end of the age; the unsealing of prophecy**, and the revelation of the ‘mystery of God,’ being reserved unto ‘the time of the end.’ Daniel 12:9; Revelation 10:7.

“‘Many shall run to and fro.’ Says Dr. Clarke, ‘Many shall endeavor to search out the sense; and knowledge shall be increased by these means. This seems to be the meaning of this verse, though another has been put upon it, viz., “Many shall run to and fro preaching the gospel of Christ, and therefore religious knowledge and true wisdom shall be increased.” This is true in itself; but it is not the meaning of the prophet’s words.’

“The most eminent modern Hebrew scholars all agree with Clarke, in giving this sense. Scott’s opinion seems to coincide with Clarke’s, though he gives both meanings in his notes; but manifestly gives preference to the one which expresses the idea of searching out the meaning of the prophecy.—*Word of Warning*, 1843.” James White, *Review and Herald*, November 1, 1853.

- ❖ Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began. For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you. And it shall come to pass, *that* every soul, **which will not hear that prophet**, shall be destroyed from among the people. Yea, and all the prophets from Samuel and those that follow after, as many as have spoken, have likewise **foretold of these days**. Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed. *Acts 3:19–25.*

“The angel who unites in the proclamation of the third angel’s message is to lighten the whole earth with his glory. A work of world-wide extent and unwonted power is here foretold. **The advent movement of 1840–44 was a glorious manifestation of the power of God; the first angel’s message was carried to every missionary station in the world,** and in some countries there was the greatest religious interest which has been witnessed in any land since the Reformation of the sixteenth century; but these are to be exceeded by the mighty movement under the last warning of the third angel.

“The work will be similar to that of the Day of Pentecost. As the ‘former rain’ was given, in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at the opening of the gospel, to cause the upspringing of the precious seed, so the ‘latter rain’ will be given at its close for the ripening of the harvest. ‘Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord: His going forth is prepared as the morning; and He shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth.’ Hosea 6:3. ‘Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God: for He hath given you the former rain moderately, and He will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain.’ Joel 2:23. ‘In the last days, saith God, I will pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh.’ ‘And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ Acts 2:17, 21.

“The great work of the gospel is not to close with less manifestation of the power of God than marked its opening. The prophecies which were fulfilled in the outpouring of the former rain at the opening of the gospel **are again to be fulfilled** in the latter rain at its close. Here are ‘the times of refreshing’ to which the apostle Peter looked forward when he said: ‘Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come **from the presence of the Lord; and He shall send Jesus.**’ Acts 3:19, 20.” *The Great Controversy*, 611.

Islam Restrained

“This view was given in 1847 when there were but very few of the Advent brethren observing the Sabbath, and of these but few supposed that its observance was of sufficient importance to draw a line between the people of God and unbelievers. Now the fulfillment of that view is beginning to be seen. ‘The commencement of that time of trouble,’ here mentioned does not refer to the time when the plagues shall begin to be poured out, but to **a short period just before they are poured out, while Christ is in the sanctuary.** At that time, while the work of salvation is closing, **trouble** will be coming on the earth, and **the nations will be angry, yet held in check so as not to prevent**

the work of the third angel. At **that time** the ‘latter rain,’ or refreshing from the presence of the Lord, will come, to give power to the loud voice of the third angel, and prepare the saints to stand in the period when the seven last plagues shall be poured out.” *Early Writings*, 85.

The 144,000

“John saw a Lamb on Mount Zion, and with Him **144,000** having His Father’s name written in their foreheads. They bore the signet of heaven. **They reflected the image of God.** They were full of the light and the glory of the Holy One. If we would have the image and superscription of God upon us, we must separate ourselves from all iniquity. We must forsake every evil way, and then we must trust our cases in the hands of Christ. While we are working out our own salvation with fear and trembling, God will work in us to will and to do of His own good pleasure.” *Review and Herald*, March 19, 1889.

Recreation

“The Lord invites his people to become workers together with him in rebuilding and reshaping character according to the true standard of moral rectitude. Through faith in Christ we are to be recreated in his image.” *Review and Herald*, December 3, 1895.

❖ Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. *John* 17:17.

Creative Power

“The creative energy that called the worlds into existence is in the word of God. This word imparts power; it begets life. Every command is a promise; accepted by the will, received into the soul, it brings with it the life of the Infinite One. It transforms the nature and re-creates the soul in the image of God.” *Education*, 126.

“The value of the Sabbath as a means of education is beyond estimate. Whatever of ours God claims from us, He returns again, enriched, transfigured, with His own glory. The tithe that He claimed from Israel was devoted to preserving among men, in its glorious beauty, the pattern of His temple in the heavens, the token of His presence on the earth. So the portion of our time which He claims is given again to us, bearing His name and seal. ‘It is a sign,’ He says, ‘between Me and you; . . . that ye may know that I am the Lord;’ because ‘in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.’ Exodus 31:13; 20:11. The **Sabbath is a sign of creative and redeeming power**; it points to God as the source of life and knowledge; it recalls man’s primeval glory, and thus witnesses to God’s purpose to re-create us in His own image.” *Education*, 250.

The Rest and the Refreshing

- ❖ Six days may work be done; but in the seventh *is* the sabbath of rest, holy to the Lord: whosoever doeth *any* work in the sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death. Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, *for* a perpetual covenant. It *is* a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: for *in* six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day **he rested, and was refreshed.** Exodus 31: 15–17.

Seven Days

“God gave the Sabbath to his people to be a continual sign of his love and mercy and of their obedience. **As he rested on this day and was refreshed, so he desired his people to rest and be refreshed.** It was to be a constant reminder to them that they were included in his covenant of grace. Throughout your generations, he said, the Sabbath is to be my sign, my pledge, to you that I am **the Lord that doth sanctify you**, that I have chosen you and set you apart as my peculiar people. And as you keep the Sabbath holy, you will bear testimony to the nations of the earth that you are my chosen people.” *Review and Herald*, October 28, 1902.

“The Sabbath was God’s sign between Him and His people, and evidence of His kindness, mercy, and love, a token by which His people are distinguished from all false religionists of the world. And God has pledged Himself that He will bless them in their obedience, showing Himself that He is their God, and has taken them into covenant relation with Himself, and that He will fulfill His promise to all that are obedient. Not upon the first day, but upon the seventh day, God rested and **was refreshed**—satisfied with **His work of Creation**. Then the morning stars sang together, and **all the sons of God shouted for joy**, and now man’s observance of the Lord’s day of rest will again cause joy among the angels of heaven. The time in which we live is a time when the church militant will realize the oppressive power of persecution, because they keep the Sabbath of Creation, which God has sanctified and blessed.

“The observance of the Sabbath is a line of demarcation between him that serveth God and him that serveth Him not. **It is God’s great memorial of the fact that in six days He created the heavens and the earth and on the seventh day He rested and was refreshed.**” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 5, 84–85.

Seven Millenniums

- ❖ But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day *is* with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. *2 Peter* 3:8.

“During the thousand years between the first and the second resurrection, the judgment of the wicked takes place. Daniel declares that when the Ancient of days came, ‘judgment was given to the saints of the Most High.’ At this time the righteous reign as kings and priests unto God. John in the Revelation says, ‘I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them.’ ‘They shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.’ **It is**

at this time that, as foretold by Paul, ‘the saints shall judge the world.’ In union with Christ they judge the wicked, comparing their acts with the statute book, the Bible, and deciding every case according to the deeds done in the body. Satan also and evil angels are judged by Christ and his people.

“At the close of the thousand years the second resurrection will take place. Then the wicked will be raised from the dead, and appear before God for the execution of ‘the judgment written.’ Thus the Revelator, after describing the resurrection of the righteous, says, ‘The rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished.’” *Southern Watchmen*, March 14, 1905.

Affliction Shall Not Rise Up The Second Time

“But it was not merely to accomplish the redemption of man that Christ came to the earth to suffer and to die. He came to ‘magnify the law’ and to ‘make it honorable.’ **Not alone that the inhabitants of this world might regard the law as it should be regarded; but it was to demonstrate to all the worlds of the universe that God’s law is unchangeable.** Could its claims have been set aside, then the Son of God need not have yielded up His life to atone for its transgression. The death of Christ proves it immutable. And the sacrifice to which infinite love impelled the Father and the Son, that sinners might be redeemed, **demonstrates to all the universe**—what nothing less than this plan of atonement could have sufficed to do—that justice and mercy are the foundation of the law and government of God. {GC 503.1}

“In the final execution of the judgment it will be seen that no cause for sin exists. When the Judge of all the earth shall demand of Satan, ‘Why hast thou rebelled against Me, and robbed Me of the subjects of My kingdom?’ the originator of evil can render no excuse. Every mouth will be stopped, and all the hosts of rebellion will be speechless.

“The cross of Calvary, while it declares the law immutable, proclaims to the universe that the wages of sin is death. In the Saviour’s expiring cry, ‘It is finished,’ the death knell of Satan was rung. The great controversy which had been so long in progress was then decided, and the final eradication of evil was made certain. The Son of God passed through the portals of the tomb, that ‘through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil.’ Hebrews 2:14. Lucifer’s desire for self-exaltation had led him to say: ‘I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: . . . I will be like the Most High.’ God declares: ‘I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth, . . . and never shalt thou be any more.’ Isaiah 14:13, 14; Ezekiel 28:18, 19. When ‘the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven;. . . all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.’ Malachi 4:1.

“The whole universe will have become witnesses to the nature and results of sin. And its utter extermination, which in the beginning would have brought fear to angels and dishonor to God, will now vindicate His love and establish His honor before the universe of beings who delight to do His will, and in whose heart is His law. Never will evil again be manifest. Says the word of God: ‘Affliction shall not rise up the second time.’ Nahum 1:9. The law of God, which Satan has reproached as the yoke of bondage, will be honored as the law of liberty. **A tested and proved creation will never again be turned from allegiance to Him** whose character has been fully manifested before them as fathomless love and infinite wisdom.” *The Great Controversy*, 503–504.

- ❖ What do ye imagine against the Lord? he will make an utter end: affliction shall not rise up the second time. *Nahum* 1:9.
- ❖ And *one* shall say unto him, What *are* these wounds in thine hands? Then he shall answer, *Those* with which I was wounded *in* the house of my friends. *Zechariah* 13:6.

“Those whom Christ commends in the judgment may have known little of theology, but they have cherished His principles. Through the influence of the divine Spirit they have been a blessing to those about them. Even among the heathen are those who have cherished the spirit of kindness; before the words of life had fallen upon their ears, they have befriended the missionaries, even ministering to them at the peril of their own lives. **Among the heathen are those who worship God ignorantly, those to whom the light is never brought by human instrumentality, yet they will not perish.** Though ignorant of the written law of God, they have heard His voice speaking to them in nature, and have done the things that the law required. Their works are evidence that the Holy Spirit has touched their hearts, and they are recognized as the children of God.” *The Desire of Ages*, 638.

THE MESSAGE OF THE EAST AND NORTH

- ❖ But **tidings out of the east and out of the north** shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many. *Daniel* 11:44.

East & North

The Righteousness Of Christ

- ❖ Who raised up the righteous *man* from the **east**, called him to his foot, gave the nations before him, and made *him* rule over kings? he gave *them* as the dust to his sword, *and* as driven stubble to his bow. . . . I have raised up *one* from the **north**, and he shall come: from **the rising of the sun** shall he call upon my name: and he shall come upon princes as *upon* mortar, and as the potter treadeth clay. Who hath declared from the beginning, that we may know? and beforetime, that we may say, *He is* righteous? yea, *there is* none that showeth, yea, *there is* none that declareth, yea, *there is* none that heareth your words. The first *shall say* to Zion, Behold, behold them: and I will give to Jerusalem one that bringeth good tidings. *Isaiah* 41:2, 25–27.

North

The King Of The North

- ❖ A Song *and* Psalm for the sons of Korah. Great *is* the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, *in* the mountain of his holiness. Beautiful for situation, the* joy of the whole earth, *is* mount Zion, *on* the sides of the **north**, the city of the great King. *Psalms* 48:1–2.
- ❖ For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the **north**: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. *Isaiah* 14:13–14.

“The scenes connected with the working of the man of sin are the last features plainly revealed in this earth’s history. The people now have a special message to give to the world, the third angel’s message.” *Selected Messages*, book 2, 102.

Judgment

- ❖ Thus saith the Lord, Behold, a people cometh from **the north country**, and a great nation shall be raised from the sides of the earth. *Jeremiah 6:22*.
- ❖ Son of man, **Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon** caused his army to serve a great service against Tyrus: every head was made bald, and every shoulder was peeled: yet had he no wages, nor his army, for Tyrus, for **the service that he had served against it**: Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will give the land of Egypt unto Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon; and he shall take her multitude, and take her spoil, and take her prey; and it shall be the wages for his army. I have given him the land of Egypt *for* his labour wherewith he served against it, because they wrought for me, saith the Lord God. In that day will I cause the horn of the house of Israel to bud forth, and I will give thee the opening of the mouth in the midst of them; and they shall know that I *am* the Lord. *Ezekiel 29:18–21*.
- ❖ O **Assyrian, the rod of mine anger**, and the staff in their hand is mine indignation. I will send him against an hypocritical nation, and against the people of my wrath will I give him a charge, to take the spoil, and to take the prey, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets. *Isaiah 10:5–6*.

East

The Second Coming

- ❖ For as the lightning cometh out of the **east**, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. *Matthew 24:27*.

“Soon our eyes were drawn to the **east**, for a small black cloud had appeared, about half as large as a man’s hand, which we all knew was the sign of the Son of man.” *Early Writings* 16.

The Sealing

- ❖ And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. And I saw another angel ascending from the **east**, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads. *Revelation 7:1–3*.

“Before the work is closed up and the sealing of God’s people is finished, we shall receive the outpouring of the Spirit of God. Angels from heaven will be in our midst. The present is a fitting-up time for heaven when we must walk in full obedience to all the commands of God.” *Selected Messages*, book 1, 111.

“A revival of true godliness among us is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs. To seek this should be our first work.” *Selected Messages*, book 1, 121.

“**The third angel’s message** is swelling into a **loud cry**, and you must not feel at liberty to neglect the present duty, and still entertain the idea that at some future time you will be the recipients of great blessing, when **without any effort on your part a wonderful revival will take place**. Today you are to give yourselves to God, that He may make of you vessels unto honor, and meet for His service. Today you are to give yourself to God, that you may be emptied of self, emptied of envy, jealousy, evil surmising, strife, everything that shall be dishonoring to God. Today you are to have your vessel purified that it may be ready for the heavenly dew, ready for **the showers of the latter rain**; for the latter rain will come, and the blessing of God will fill every soul that is purified from every defilement. It is our work today to yield our souls to Christ, that we may be fitted for **the time of refreshing** from the presence of the Lord—fitted for the baptism of the Holy Spirit.” *Selected Messages*, book 1, 190.

“**When we as a people understand what this book means to us, there will be seen among us a great revival**. We do not understand fully the lessons that it teaches, notwithstanding the injunction given us to search and study it.” *Testimonies to Ministers*, 113.

Ezekiel 37

- ❖ The hand of the Lord was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of the Lord, and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones, And caused me to pass by them round about: and, behold, *there were* very many in the open valley; and, lo, *they were* very dry. And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord God, thou knowest. Again he said unto me, Prophecy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus saith the Lord God unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live: And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I *am* the Lord.

Verses Seven And Eight.

- ❖ So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone. And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but *there was* no breath in them.

Verse Nine.

- ❖ Then said he unto me, Prophecy unto the wind, prophecy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord God; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.

- ❖ So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army. Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts. Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. And ye shall know that I *am* the Lord, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves, And shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the Lord have spoken *it*, and performed *it*, saith the Lord. *Ezekiel 37:1–14.*

Revival

“The dry bones need to be breathed upon by the Holy Spirit of God, that they may come into action, as by **a resurrection from the dead.**” *Bible Training School*, December 1, 1903.

Adventism

“I lay down my pen and lift up my soul in prayer, that the Lord would **breathe** upon his backslidden people, which are as dry bones, that they may live.” *General Conference Bulliten*, February 4, 1893.

“But not only does this simile of the dry bones apply to the world, but also to **those who have been blessed with great light**; for they also are like the skeletons of the valley. They have the form of men, the framework of the body; but they have not spiritual life. But the parable does not leave the dry bones merely knit together into the forms of men; for it is not enough that there is symmetry of limb and feature. **The breath of life** must vivify the bodies, that they may stand upright, and spring into activity. These bones represent the house of Israel, the church of God, and the hope of the church is the vivifying influence of the Holy Spirit. The Lord must breathe upon the dry bones, that they may live.

“The Spirit of God, with its vivifying power, must be in every human agent, that every spiritual muscle and sinew may be in exercise. Without the Holy Spirit, without the breath of God, there is torpidity of conscience, loss of spiritual life. Many who are without spiritual life have their names on the church records, but they are not written in the Lamb’s book of life. They may be joined to the church, but they are not united to the Lord. They may be diligent in the performance of a certain set of duties, and may be regarded as living men; but many are among those who ‘have a name that thou livest, and art dead.’ Unless there is genuine conversion of the soul to God; unless the vital breath of God quickens the soul to spiritual life; unless the professors of truth are actuated by heaven-born principle, they are not born of the incorruptible seed which liveth and abideth forever. Unless they trust in the righteousness of Christ as their only security; unless they copy his character, labor in his spirit, they are naked, they have not on the robe of his righteousness. The dead are often made to pass for the living; for those who are working out what they term salvation after their own ideas, have not God working in them to will and to do of his good pleasure.

“This class is well represented by the valley of dry bones Ezekiel saw in vision. **Those who have had committed to them the treasures of truth**, and yet who are dead in trespasses and sin, need to be created anew in Christ Jesus. There is so little real vitality in the church at the present time, that it takes constant labor to give men the appearance of life to the professed people of God. When the converting power of God comes upon the people, it will be made manifest by activity. They will become workers, and will esteem the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of the world. They will have respect unto the crown of life, the immortal inheritance. They will not be dependent upon their ministers for their life and experience, but will realize that Christ is the Chief Shepherd of the flock. They will not think that their ministers are appointed of God to do their work for them. They will understand that they must work out their own salvation with fear and trembling, knowing that it is God that worketh in them to will and to do of his good pleasure.” *Review and Herald*, January 17, 1893.

“In the hearts of many, God has a work to do, if they will allow him. They need **a complete transformation of character**. This is their only hope. Some now in the work will have to pass through the furnace of affliction before they will see the need of having all dross burned away from the religious experience.

“The church must and will shine forth ‘fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners.’ God’s servants must, by laboring together with Christ, roll away the curse that has made the church so lukewarm. ‘Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints,’ writes the great apostle to the Gentiles, ‘is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; and to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: to the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, according to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord.’

“When these words are believed and lived, the church will have a heaven below to go to heaven in.

“These words were spoken by our Instructor: ‘Some are reckless, insensible of the results of sin, heedless of warning. Soon the handwriting on the wall, now unintelligible to them, will be read. But it will then be too late for them to repent. Like Belshazzar, they seem unable to see their peril. **A straight testimony** must be borne to our churches and institutions, to arouse the sleeping ones.’

“When the word of the Lord is believed and obeyed, steady advancement will be made. Let us now see our great need. **The Lord cannot use us until he breathes life into the dry bones**. I heard the words spoken: ‘Without the deep moving of the Spirit of God upon the heart, without its life-giving influence, truth becomes a dead letter.’” *Review and Herald*, November 18, 1902.

Prophecy

“When the hand of the Lord was upon the prophet Ezekiel in the vision of the valley of dry bones, he was commanded to **prophecy** to the wind; and in answer to his word, life was restored to the slain, and they stood up before him, an exceeding great army. This figure was presented before the prophet to show him that no work of restoration can be too hard for God to do, and none who

trust in him need ever say, as Israel had said, 'Our hope is lost.'" *Signs of the Times*, July 26, 1883.

A Prophetic Message

"What power must we have from God that icy hearts, having only a legal religion, should see the better things provided for them—Christ and His righteousness! **A life-giving message was needed to give life to the dry bones.**" *Manuscript Releases*, volume 12, 205.

The Latter Rain Message

"This church in Battle Creek is like **the valley of dry bones**. They need to be stirred with some power to give them life. Why we have had to work and pray and work even to have **Brother Jones** obtain a hearing in Battle Creek, and many of our leading men were provoked after they heard him talk to think that there were those in responsible positions who would close the door to light and to knowledge, keeping out just what they needed. But I have not time to write more." *The 1888 Materials*, 189.

"The Lord is full of resources. He has no lack of facilities. It is because of our lack of faith, our earthliness, our cheap talk, our unbelief, manifested in our conversation, that dark shadows gather about us. Christ is not revealed in word or character as the One altogether lovely, and the chiefest among ten thousand. When the soul is content to lift itself up unto vanity, the Spirit of the Lord can do little for it. Our shortsighted vision beholds the shadow, but cannot see the glory beyond. **Angels are holding the four winds, represented as an angry horse seeking to break loose and rush over the face of the whole earth, bearing destruction and death in its path.**

"Shall we sleep on the very verge of the eternal world? Shall we be dull and cold and dead? **Oh, that we might have in our churches the Spirit and breath of God breathed into His people**, that they might stand upon their feet and live. We need to see that the way is narrow, and the gate strait. But as we pass through the strait gate, its wideness is without limit." *Manuscript Releases*, volume 20, 217.

- ❖ Then said he unto me, Prophesy unto the wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord God; **Come from the four winds**, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live. *Ezekiel 37:9*.

"Now comes the word that I have declared that New York is to be swept away by a tidal wave? This I have never said. I have said, as I looked at the great buildings going up there, story after story, 'What terrible scenes will take place when the Lord shall arise to shake terribly the earth! Then the words of Revelation 18:1–3 will be fulfilled.' The whole of the eighteenth chapter of Revelation is a warning of what is coming on the earth. But I have no light in particular in regard to what is coming on New York, only that I know that one day the great buildings there will be thrown down by the turning and overturning of God's power. From the light given me, I know that destruction is in the world. One word from the Lord, one touch of his mighty power, and these massive structures will fall. Scenes will take place the fearfulness of which we can not imagine." *Review and Herald*, July 5, 1906.

Genesis 5

- ❖ **Adam:** man
- ❖ **Seth:** appointed.
- ❖ **Enos:** wretched.—Mortal, frail, feeble. *Strong's.*
- ❖ **Cainan:** lamenting.—Fixed, a nest. *Strong's.*
- ❖ **Mahalaleel:** blessed of God.—Praise or strength of God. *Strong's.*
- ❖ **Jared:** will come or descend.
- ❖ **Enoch:** teaching.—Train. *Strong's.*
- ❖ **Methuselah:** His death will bring.
- ❖ **Lamech:** weary.
- ❖ **Noah:** rest.

Man was appointed mortal, frail and wretched, fixed in this world and lamenting his condition. But the blessed of God promised to descend and teaching that His death would bring to the weary rest.

Revelation 7

- ❖ **Juda:** Let God be praised. Celebrated.
- ❖ **Reuben:** Behold a son.
- ❖ **Gad:** Good fortune.—To press or crowd together. *Strong's.*
- ❖ **Aser:** Happy.—To be honest. *Strong's.*
- ❖ **Nepthalim:** My wrestling.
- ❖ **Manasses:** Making to forget.
- ❖ **Simeon:** Answering of prayer.—Hearing. *Strong's.*
- ❖ **Levi:** Joined.—To unite. *Strong's.*
- ❖ **Issachar:** A reward.
- ❖ **Zabulon:** Exalted or habitation.
- ❖ **Joseph:** To add.
- ❖ **Benjamin:** Son of my right hand.

God will be celebrated and praised by the 144,000 as they behold the Son and press together in honesty. They will wrestle in prayer with God, who will then forget their sins, and they will come into unity and receive the reward of the Holy Spirit living within their habitation while exalting Christ as they are added to the redeemed and sit down with Christ at God's right hand.

The Children Of The East

- ❖ Now these *are* the generations of Ishmael, Abraham's son, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah's handmaid, bare unto Abraham: And these *are* the names of the sons of Ishmael, by their names, according to their generations: the firstborn of Ishmael, Nebajoth; and Kedar, and Adbeel, and Mibsam, And Mishma, and Dumah, and Massa, Hadar, and Tema, Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah: These *are* the sons of Ishmael, and these *are* their names, by their towns, and by their castles; twelve princes according to their nations. And these *are* the years of the life of Ishmael, an hundred and thirty and seven years: and he gave up the ghost and died; and was gathered unto his people. And they dwelt from Havilah unto Shur, that *is* before Egypt, as thou goest toward Assyria: *and* he died in the presence of all his brethren. *Genesis 25:12–18.*
- 1. **Nebajoth: H5032**—Feminine plural from H5107; *fruitfulnesses*; *Nebajoth*, a son of Ishmael, and the country settled by him: - Nebaioth, Nebajoth.
H5107: A primitive root; to *germinate*, that is, (figuratively) to (causatively *make*) *flourish*; also (of words), to *utter*: - bring forth (fruit), make cheerful, increase. An Arabian tribe. *The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Dictionary, 757.*
- ❖ And as for Ishmael, I have heard thee: Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him **fruitful, and will multiply him** exceedingly; twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation. *Genesis 17:20.*
- ❖ And the angel of the Lord said unto her, **I will multiply thy seed** exceedingly, that it shall not be numbered for multitude. *Genesis 16:10.*
- 2. **Kedar: H6938**—From H6937; *dusky* (of the skin or the tent); *Kedar*, a son of Ishmael; also (collectively) *bedawin* (as his descendants or representatives): - Kedar.
H6937: A primitive root; to *be ashy*, that is, *dark* colored; by implication to *mourn* (in sackcloth or sordid garments): - be black (-ish), be (make) dark (-en), X heavily, (cause to) mourn. An Arabian tribe. Famous warriors, Isaiah 21:16, 17. *The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Dictionary, 620.*
- 3. **Adbeel: H110**—Probably from H109 (in the sense of *chastisement*) and H410; *disciplined of God*; *Adbeel*, a son of Ishmael: - Adbeel.
H109: *aw-dab'*—A primitive root; to *languish*: - grieve. **H410: el**—Shortened from H352; *strength*; as adjective *mighty*; especially the *Almighty* (but used also of any *deity*): - God (god), X goodly, X great, idol, might (-y one), power, strong. Compare names in “-el.” An Arabian tribe. *The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Dictionary, 17.*

4. **Mibsam: H4017**—From the same as [H1314](#); *fragrant*; *Mibsam*, the name of an Ishmaelite and of an Israelite: - Mibsam.
H1314: From the same as [H1313](#); *fragrance*; by implication *spicery*; also the *balsam* plant: - smell, spice, sweet (odour). **H1313**: From an unused root meaning to *be fragrant*; (compare [H5561](#)) the *balsam* plant: - spice. An Arabian tribe. *The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Dictionary*, 712.
5. **Mishma: H4927**—The same as [H4926](#); *Mishma*, the name of a son of Ishmael, and of an Israelite: - Mishma.
H4926: From [H8085](#); a *report*: - hearing. **H8085**: A primitive root; to *hear* intelligently (often with implication of attention, obedience, etc.; causatively to *tell*, etc.): - X attentively, call (gather) together, X carefully, X certainly, consent, consider, be content, declare, X diligently, discern, give ear, (cause to, let, make to) hear (-ken, tell), X indeed, listen, make (a) noise, (be) obedient, obey, perceive, (make a) proclaim (-ation), publish, regard, report, shew (forth), (make a) sound, X surely, tell, understand, whosoever [heareth], witness. An Arabian tribe. *The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Dictionary*, 724.
6. **Dumah: H1746**—The same as [H1745](#); *Dumah*, a tribe and region of Arabia: - Dumah.
H1745: From an unused root meaning to *be dumb* (compare [H1820](#)); *silence*; figuratively *death*: - silence. **H1820**: A primitive root; to *be dumb* or *silent*; hence to *fail* or *perish*; transitively to *destroy*: - cease, be cut down (off), destroy, be brought to silence, be undone, X utterly. An Arabian tribe. *The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Dictionary*, 280.
7. **Massa: H4854**—The same as [H4853](#); *burden*; *Massa*, a son of Ishmael: - Massa.
H4853: From [H5375](#); a *burden*; specifically *tribute*, or (abstractly) *portage*; figuratively an *utterance*, chiefly a *doom*, especially *singing*; mental, *desire*: - burden, carry away, prophecy, X they set, song, tribute. An Arabian tribe, KJV translators rendered it “prophecy,” a meaning which *massa* has in the sense of prophecy being a pronouncement or an oracle. *The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Dictionary*, 691.
8. **Hadar: H2316**—Another form for [H2315](#); *chamber*; *Chadar*, an Ishmaelite: - Hadar.
H2315: From [H2314](#); an *apartment* (usually literally): - ([bed] inner) chamber, innermost (-ward) part, parlour, + south, X within. **H2314**: A primitive root; properly to *inclose* (as a room), that is, (by analogy) to *beset* (as in a siege): - enter a privy chamber. Sharp or pointed. *The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Dictionary*, 429.
9. **Tema: H8485**—Probably of foreign derivation; *Tema*, a son of Ishmael, and the region settled by him: - Tema. A locality in Arabia. *The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Dictionary*, 1068.

10. **Jetur: H3195**—Probably from the same as H2905; *encircled* (that is, inclosed); *Jetur*, a son of Ishmael: - Jetur.

H2905: From an unused root meaning to *range* in a regular manner; a *row*; hence a *wall*: - row. An ancestor of an Ishmalite tribe. *The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Dictionary*, 575.

11. **Naphish: H5305**—From H5314; *refreshed*; *Naphish*, a son of Ishmael, and his posterity: - Naphish.

H5314: A primitive root; to *breathe*; passively, to *be breathed* upon, that is, (figuratively) *refreshed* (as if by a current of air): - (be) refresh selves (-ed). Wealth. *The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Dictionary*, 753.

12. **Kedemah: H6929**—From H6923; *precedence*; *Kedemah*, a son of Ishmael: - Kedemah.

H6923: A primitive root; to *project* (one self), that is, *precede*; hence to *anticipate*, *hasten*, *meet* (usually for help): - come (go, [flee]) before, + disappoint, meet, prevent. Toward the east. The children of the east. *The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Dictionary*, 620.

Prophetically the descendants of Ishmael will be a fruitful dark skinned people that are renowned as warriors that are prophetically grieved on August 11, 1840 and September 11, 2001. They are called the children of the east in biblical history, and they originated from Arabia where the fragrant spices employed in the Hebrew sanctuary services are grown. Historically they are called assassins, representing death that is brought about in silence and who enclosed, encircled and besieged Catholic Europe and who mark the refreshing of 1840 through 1844 and the refreshing of the 144,000.

❖ And Abraham gave all that he had unto Isaac. But unto the sons of the concubines, which Abraham had, Abraham gave gifts, and sent them away from Isaac his son, while he yet lived, eastward, unto **the east country**. *Genesis* 25:5–6.

The Wild Ass

❖ And he will be a **wild** man; his hand *will be* against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren. *Genesis* 16:12.

Wild: H6501—From H6500 in the secondary sense of *running* wild; the *onager*: -wild (ass).

❖ Behold, as **wild asses** in the **desert**, go they forth to their work; rising betimes for a prey: the wilderness *yieldeth* food for them *and* for *their* children. *Job* 24:5.

❖ A **wild ass** used to the **wilderness**, *that* snuffeth up **the wind** at her pleasure; in her occasion who can turn her away? all they that seek her will not weary themselves; in her month they shall find her. *Jeremiah* 2:24.

- ❖ And the **wild asses** did stand in the high places, they snuffed up **the wind** like dragons; their eyes did fail, because *there was* no grass. *Jeremiah* 14:6.

The Wind

Wind: H7307—From H7306; *wind*; by resemblance *breath*, that is, a sensible (or even violent) exhalation; figuratively *life*, *anger*, *unsubstantiality*; by extension a *region* of the sky; by resemblance *spirit*, but only of a rational being (including its expression and functions): - air, anger, blast, breath, X cool, courage, mind, X quarter, X side, spirit ([ual]), tempest, X vain, ([whirl-]) wind (-y).

H7306: A primitive root; properly to *blow*, that is, **breathe**; only (literally) to *smell* or (by implication *perceive* (figuratively to *anticipate*, *enjoy*): - accept, smell, X touch, make of quick understanding.

- ❖ Then said he unto me, Prophecy unto **the wind**, prophecy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord God; Come from the four **winds**, O **breath**, and **breathe** upon these slain, that they may live. So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the **breath** came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army. *Ezekiel* 37:9–10.

ISAIAH 21 & 22: THE VISION OF THE WATCHMEN

Nebajoth: Fruitful

Kedar: Dark

Kedar: Grieve

Mibsam: Fragrant

Mishma: Son of Ishmael

Dumah: Silence of Death

Massa: Prophecy, oracle

Hadar: Enclose; to beset as in a siege

Tema: A region in Arabia

Jetur: Encircle

Naphish: Refresh; as if by a current of air

Kedemah: The children of the east

The Burden From The Desert

Burden: H4853—From [H5375](#); a *burden*; specifically *tribute*, or (abstractly) *portage*; figuratively an *utterance*, chiefly a *doom*, especially *singing*; mental, *desire*: - burden, carry away, **prophecy**, X they set, song, tribute.

- ❖ **The burden of the desert** of the sea [to roar]. As whirlwinds [hurricane] in the south pass through; so it cometh **from the desert**, from a terrible land. A **grievous vision** is declared unto me; the treacherous dealer dealeth treacherously, and **the spoiler spoileth**. *Isaiah* 21:1, 2.

Dealer: H898—A primitive root; to *cover* (with a garment); figuratively **to act covertly**; by implication to *pillage*:—**deal deceitfully** (treacherously, unfaithfully), offend, transgress (-or), (depart), treacherous (dealer, -ly, man), unfaithful (-ly, man), X very.

- ❖ Go up, O Elam: **besiege**, O Media; all the sighing thereof have I made to cease. *Isaiah* 21:2.

Elam H5867—Probably from H5956; **hidden**, that is, *distant*; *Elam*, a son of Shem, and his descendants, with their country; also of six Israelites:—Elam.

H5956: A primitive root; to *veil* from sight, that is, *conceal* (literally or figuratively): - X any ways, blind, dissembler, hide (self), secret (thing).

Assassin: One who murders by surprise attack, especially one who carries out a plot to kill a prominent person. A member of a secret order of Muslims who terrorized and killed Christian Crusaders and others.

Word History: Active in Persia and Syria from the 8th to 14th centuries, the original Assassins were members of the Nizaris, a Muslim group who opposed the Abbasid caliphate with threats of sudden assassination by their secret agents. . . . Marco Polo tells a tale of how young Assassins were given a potion and made to yearn for paradise—their reward for dying in action—by being given a life of pleasure. As the legends spread, the word *ḥaššāšīn* passed through French or Italian and appeared in English as *assassin* in the 16th century, already with meanings like “treacherous killer.” Dictionary.com

- ❖ Therefore are my loins filled with pain: pangs have taken hold upon me, as **the pangs of a woman that travaileth**: I was bowed down at the hearing *of it*; I was dismayed at the seeing *of it*. **My heart panted, fearfulness affrighted me**: the night of my pleasure hath he turned into fear unto me. Prepare the table, **watch** in the **watchtower**, eat, drink: arise, ye princes, **and anoint the shield**. For thus hath the Lord said unto me, Go, set a **watchman**, let him declare what he seeth. *Isaiah* 21:3-6.

A Watchman

- ❖ And it came to pass at the end of seven days, that the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Son of man, I have made thee a **watchman** unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them **warning** from me. *Ezekiel* 3:16–17.

The Day Of Thy Watchmen

- ❖ **Woe** is me! for I am as when they have gathered the summer fruits, as the grapegleanings of the vintage: *there is* no cluster to eat: my soul desired the firstripe fruit. The good man is perished out of the earth: and *there is* none upright among men: they all lie in wait for blood; they hunt every man his brother with a net. That they may do evil with both hands earnestly, the prince asketh, and the judge *asketh* for a reward; and the great *man*, he uttereth his mischievous desire: so they wrap it up. The best of them *is* as a brier: the most upright *is sharper* than a thorn hedge: **the day of thy watchmen and thy visitation cometh**; now shall be their perplexity. Trust ye not in a friend, put ye not confidence in a guide: keep the doors of thy mouth from her that lieth in thy bosom. For the son dishonoureth the father, the daughter riseth up against her mother, the daughter in law against her mother in law; a man's enemies *are* the men of his own house.

Therefore I will look unto the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me. Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy: when I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, the Lord *shall be* a light unto me. **I will bear the indignation of the Lord**, because I have sinned against him, **until** he plead my cause, and execute judgment for me: he will bring me forth to the light, *and* I shall behold his righteousness. Then *she that is* mine enemy shall see *it*, and shame shall cover her which said unto me, Where is the Lord thy God? mine eyes shall behold her: now shall she be trodden down as the mire of the streets. *In* the day that thy walls are to be built, *in* that day shall the decree be far removed. *In* that day *also* he shall come even to thee from Assyria, and *from* the fortified cities, and from the fortress even to the river, and from sea to sea, and *from* mountain to mountain. Notwithstanding the land shall be desolate because of them that dwell therein, for the fruit of their doings. Feed thy people with thy rod, the flock of thine heritage, which dwell solitarily *in* the wood, in the midst of Carmel: let them feed *in* Bashan and Gilead, as in the days of old. **According to the days of thy coming out of the land of Egypt will I show unto him marvellous things.** *Micah 7:1–15.*

The Watchmen Of Zion

- ❖ Son of man, speak to the children of thy people, and say unto them, When I bring the sword upon a land, if the people of the land take a man of their coasts, and set him for their **watchman**: If when he seeth the sword come upon the land, he blow the **trumpet**, and warn the people; Then whosoever heareth **the sound of the trumpet**, and taketh not **warning**; if the sword come, and take him away, his blood shall be upon his own head. He heard the sound of the **trumpet**, and took not warning; his blood shall be upon him. But he that taketh warning shall deliver his soul. But if the **watchman** see the sword come, and blow not the **trumpet**, and the people be not **warned**; if the sword come, and take *any* person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the **watchman's** hand. So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a **watchman** unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me. *Ezekiel 33:2–7.*

Two Types Of Watchmen

Dumb Dogs

- ❖ His **watchmen** *are* blind: they are all **ignorant**, they *are* all **dumb dogs**, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber. Yea, *they are* greedy dogs *which* can never have enough, and they *are* **shepherds that cannot understand**: they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, from his quarter. Come ye, **say they, I will fetch wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink**; and to morrow shall be as this day, *and* much more abundant. *Isaiah 56:10–12.*

Watchmen Upon The Walls

- ❖ I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, *which* shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that make mention of the Lord, keep not silence. *Isaiah* 62:6.

Habakkuk

- ❖ I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved. 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. *Habakkuk* 2:1–3.

The Modern Watchmen

The Old Paths

- ❖ Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where *is* the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk *therein*. Also I set **watchmen** over you, *saying*, **Hearken to the sound of the trumpet**. But they said, **We will not hearken**. Therefore hear, ye nations, and know, O congregation, what *is* among them. Hear, O earth: behold, I will bring evil upon this people, *even* the fruit of their thoughts, because they have not hearkened unto my words, nor to my law, but rejected it. To what purpose cometh there to me incense from Sheba, and the sweet cane from a far country? **your burnt offerings are not acceptable**, nor your sacrifices sweet unto me. Therefore thus saith the Lord, Behold, I will lay stumblingblocks before this people, and the fathers and the sons together shall fall upon them; the neighbour and his friend shall perish. Thus saith the Lord, Behold, **a people cometh from the north country**, and a great nation shall be raised from the sides of the earth. They shall lay hold on bow and spear; they *are* cruel, and have no mercy; their voice roareth like the sea; and they ride upon horses, set in array as men for war against thee, O **daughter of Zion**. *Jeremiah* 6:16–23.

Two Horsemen With Camels & Asses

- ❖ And he saw **a chariot with a couple of horsemen**, a **chariot of asses**, and a **chariot of camels**; and he hearkened diligently with much heed: And he **cried**, A lion [**he cried as a lion**]: *Isaiah* 21:7, 8.

As A Lion

- ❖ And cried with a loud voice, as *when* a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices. *Revelation* 10:3.

- ❖ And he saw **a chariot with a couple of horsemen**, a **chariot of asses**, and a **chariot of camels**; and he hearkened diligently with much heed: And he **cried**, A lion: My lord, I stand continually upon the **watchtower** in the daytime, and I am set in my ward whole nights: And, behold, here cometh a chariot of men, *with a couple of horsemen*. And he answered and said, **Babylon is fallen, is fallen**; and all the graven images of her gods he hath broken unto the ground. O my **threshing**, and the corn of my floor: that which I have heard of the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, have I declared unto you. *Isaiah 21:7-10.*

Threshing: H4098—From *H1758*; a *threshing*, that is, (concretely and figuratively) *down trodden* people: - threshing.

H1758: A primitive root; to *trample* or *thresh*: - break, tear, thresh, tread out (down), at grass.

- ❖ **The burden of Dumah.** [Silence; death: a son of Ishmael. Genesis 24:15.] He calleth to me out of Seir, [Edom: intermarried with Ishmael. Genesis 28:9.] **Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night?** The watchman said, The morning cometh, and also the night: if ye will inquire, inquire ye: return, come. *Isaiah 21:11, 12.*

The Close Of Probation

- ❖ I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. *John 9:4.*

“Letters have come to me asking me if I have any special light as to the time when probation will close; and I answer that I have only this message to bear, that it is now time to work while the day lasts, for the night cometh in which no man can work” *Selected Messages*, book 1, 192.

Double

- ❖ *Revelation 14:8; 18:2; Isaiah 51:9, 17; 52:1; 8, 11; 8:9; Zechariah 4:7.*

The Burden Of Arabia

- ❖ In the forest in **Arabia** shall ye lodge, O ye travelling companies of **Dedanim**. [Arabians-grandson of Abraham through Keturah] The inhabitants of the land of **Tema** [Descendent of Ishmael, Genesis 25:15.] brought water to him that was thirsty, they prevented [hastened] with their bread him that fled. For they fled from the swords, from the drawn sword, and from the bent bow, and from the grievousness of war. For thus hath the Lord said unto me, **Within a year, according to the years of an hireling**, and all the glory of **Kedar** [Son of Ishmael-Genesis 25:13.] shall **fail**: And **the residue** of the number of archers, the mighty men of the children of **Kedar, shall be diminished**: for the Lord God of Israel hath spoken it. *Isaiah 21:13-17*

Diminished: H4591—A primitive root; properly to *pare* off, that is, *lessen*; intransitively to *be* (or causatively to *make*) *small* or *few* (or figuratively *ineffective*): - suffer to decrease, diminish, (be, X borrow a, give, make) *few* (in number, -ness), gather least (little), be (seem) little, (X give the) less, be minished, bring to nothing.

Kedar: Grieve

Four Angels Loosed And Restrained

- ❖ Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates. And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men. *Revelation* 9:14, 15.

Islam Restrained: August 11, 1840

“At the very time specified, Turkey, through her ambassadors, accepted the protection of the allied powers of Europe, and thus placed herself under the control of Christian nations. The event exactly fulfilled the prediction. . . . and from 1840 to 1844 the work rapidly extended.” *The Great Controversy*, 334.

Four Angels

- ❖ And after these things I saw **four angels** standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. And **I saw another angel ascending from the east**, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the **four angels**, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads. *Revelation* 7:1–3.

Four Winds Restrained

“This view was given in 1847 when there were but very few of the Advent brethren observing the Sabbath, and of these but few supposed that its observance was of sufficient importance to draw a line between the people of God and unbelievers. Now the fulfillment of that view is beginning to be seen. ‘The commencement of that time of trouble,’ here mentioned does not refer to the time when the plagues shall begin to be poured out, but to **a short period just before they are poured out, while Christ is in the sanctuary**. At that time, while the work of salvation is closing, **trouble** will be coming on the earth, and **the nations will be angry, yet held in check so as not to prevent the work of the third angel**. At **that time** the ‘latter rain,’ or refreshing from the presence of the Lord, will come, to give power to the loud voice of the third angel, and prepare the saints to stand in the period when the seven last plagues shall be poured out.” *Early Writings*, 85.

Held In Check

“This being the period for the fulfillment of the words of the prophet, ‘And the nations were angry,’ we may reasonably expect that not only the nations of Europe will make great preparations for war, and even advance to battle; but that our own nation, and **all the nations of the earth, may become unsettled and angry.** But **at the same time** the four angels **will hold the four winds** in check, so that the great slaughter will be prevented, till the servants of God shall be sealed.” James White, *Review and Herald*, March 7, 1854.

“Four mighty angels are still holding the four winds of the earth. Terrible destruction is forbidden to come in full. The accidents by land and by sea; the loss of life, steadily increasing, by storm, by tempest, by railroad disaster, by conflagration; the terrible floods, the earthquakes, and **the winds will be the stirring up of the nations to one deadly combat,** while the angels hold the four winds, forbidding the terrible power of Satan to be exercised in its fury until the servants of God are sealed in their foreheads.” *Review and Herald*, June 7, 1887.

“The Lord is full of resources. He has no lack of facilities. It is because of our lack of faith, our earthliness, our cheap talk, our unbelief, manifested in our conversation, that dark shadows gather about us. Christ is not revealed in word or character as the One altogether lovely, and the chiefest among ten thousand. When the soul is content to lift itself up unto vanity, the Spirit of the Lord can do little for it. Our shortsighted vision beholds the shadow, but cannot see the glory beyond. **Angels are holding the four winds, represented as an angry horse seeking to break loose and rush over the face of the whole earth, bearing destruction and death in its path.**

“Shall we sleep on the very verge of the eternal world? Shall we be dull and cold and dead? **Oh, that we might have in our churches the Spirit and breath of God breathed into His people,** that they might stand upon their feet and live. We need to see that the way is narrow, and the gate strait. But as we pass through the strait gate, its wideness is without limit.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 20, 217.

- ❖ Then said he unto me, Prophesy unto the wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord God; **Come from the four winds,** O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live. *Ezekiel* 37:9.

A Crisis

“It is in a crisis that character is revealed. When the earnest voice proclaimed at midnight, ‘Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him,’ and the sleeping virgins were roused from their slumbers, it was seen who had made preparation for the event. Both parties were taken unawares; but one was prepared for the emergency, and the other was found without preparation. So now, a sudden and unlooked-for calamity, **something that brings the soul face to face with death,** will show whether there is any real faith in the promises of God. **It will show** whether the soul is sustained by grace. The great final test comes at the close of human probation, when it will be too late for the soul’s need to be supplied.” *Christ’s Object Lessons*, 412.

The Burden Of The Valley Of Vision

- ❖ What **aieth** thee now, that thou art wholly gone up to the **housetops**? *Isaiah 22:1*.

Housetops: H1406—Probably by reduplication from H1342; a *roof*; by analogy the *top* of an altar: - roof (of the house), (house) top (of the house).

- ❖ Thou that art full of stirs, a tumultuous city, a joyous city: thy slain *men are* not slain with the sword, nor dead in battle. All thy rulers are fled together, they are bound by the archers: all that are found in thee are bound together, *which* have fled from far. Therefore said I, Look away from me: **I will weep bitterly**, labour not to comfort me, because of the spoiling of **the daughter of my people**. For *it is* a day of trouble, and of treading down, and of perplexity by the Lord God of hosts in **the valley of vision**, breaking down the walls, and of crying to the mountains. *Isaiah 22:2-5*.

“Who are standing in the counsel of God at this time? Is it those who virtually excuse wrongs among the professed people of God and who murmur in their hearts, if not openly, against those who would reprove sin? Is it those who take their stand against them and sympathize with those who commit wrong? No, indeed! Unless they repent, and leave the work of Satan in oppressing those who have the burden of the work and in holding up the hands of sinners in Zion, they will never receive the mark of God’s sealing approval. They will fall in the general destruction of the wicked, represented by the work of the five men bearing slaughter weapons. **Mark this point with care:** Those who receive the pure mark of truth, wrought in them by the power of the Holy Ghost, represented by a mark by the man in linen, **are those ‘that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done’ in the church**. Their love for purity and the honor and glory of God is such, and they have so clear a view of the exceeding sinfulness of sin, that they are represented as being in agony, **even sighing and crying**. Read the ninth chapter of Ezekiel.” *Testimonies*, volume 3, 267.

- ❖ And Elam [hide or conceal] bare the quiver with **chariots of men and horsemen**, and Kir uncovered the shield. And it shall come to pass, *that* thy choicest valleys shall be full of **chariots**, and the **horsemen** shall set themselves in array at the gate. And he discovered the covering of Judah, and thou didst look in that day to the armour of the house of the forest. Ye have seen also the breaches of the city of David, that they are many: and ye gathered together the waters of the lower pool [to kneel and be refreshed]. And ye have numbered the houses of Jerusalem, and the houses have ye broken down to fortify the wall. Ye made also a ditch between the two walls for the water of the old pool: **but ye have not looked unto the maker thereof, neither had respect unto him that fashioned it long ago**. *Isaiah 22:6-11*.

In That Day

- ❖ And in **that day did the Lord God of hosts call to weeping, and to mourning, and to baldness, and to girding with sackcloth**: And behold joy and gladness, slaying oxen, and killing sheep, eating flesh, and drinking wine: let us eat and drink; for to morrow we shall die. And it was revealed in mine ears by the Lord of hosts, Surely this iniquity shall not be

purged [shall find no atonement] from you till ye die, saith the Lord God of hosts. Thus saith the Lord God of hosts, Go, get thee unto **this treasurer, even unto Shebna, [to grow] which is over the house**, and say, What hast thou here? and whom hast thou here, **that thou hast hewed thee out a sepulchre here**, as he that heweth him out a sepulchre on high, and that graveth an habitation for himself in a rock? Behold, **the Lord will carry thee away with a mighty captivity**, and will surely cover thee. He will surely violently turn and **toss thee like a ball into a large country**: there shalt thou die, [So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. Revelation 3:16.] and there the chariots of thy glory *shall be* the shame of thy lord's house. And **I will drive thee from thy station**, and from thy state shall he pull thee down. Isaiah 22:12-19.

“He will raise up **from among the common people** men and women to do His work, even as of old He called fishermen to be His disciples. There will soon be an awakening that will surprise many. Those who do not realize the necessity of what is to be done will be passed by, and the heavenly messengers will work with those who are called the common people, fitting them to carry the truth to many places. . . . In the last solemn work few great men will be engaged. . . . God will work a work in our day that but few anticipate. He will raise up and exalt among us **those who are taught rather by the unction of His Spirit** than by the outward training of scientific institutions. These facilities are not to be despised or condemned; they are ordained of God, but they can furnish only the exterior qualifications. God will manifest that He is not dependent on learned, self-important mortals. . . . **To souls that are earnestly seeking for light** and that accept with gladness every ray of divine illumination from His holy Word, to such alone light will be given. It is through these souls that God will reveal that light and power which will lighten the whole earth with His glory. . . . It is discipline of spirit, cleanness of heart and thought that is needed. This is of more value than brilliant talent, tact, or knowledge. An ordinary mind, trained to obey a ‘Thus saith the Lord,’ is better qualified for God’s work than are those who have capabilities but do not employ them rightly. . . . The laborers will be **qualified rather by the unction of His Spirit** than by the training of literary institutions. Men of faith and prayer will be constrained to go forth with holy zeal, declaring the words which God gives them.” *Last Day Events*, 204–205.

The Key Of The House Of David

- ❖ And it shall come to pass **in that day**, that I will call my servant **Eliakim {raising up}** the son of Hilkiyah: And I will clothe him with thy robe, and strengthen him with thy girdle, and **I will commit thy government into his hand**: and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah. And the key of the house of David will I lay upon his shoulder; so he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open. And I will fasten him as a nail in a sure place; and he shall be for a glorious throne to his father's house. And they shall hang upon him all the glory of his father's house, the offspring and the issue, all vessels of small quantity, from the vessels of cups, even to all the vessels of flagons. *Isaiah 22:20-24*.
- ❖ And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth; I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an

open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name. *Revelation 3:7–8.*

- ❖ **In that day**, saith the Lord of hosts, shall **the nail that is fastened in the sure place be removed**, and be cut down, and fall; and **the burden that was upon it shall be cut off**: for the Lord hath spoken *it*. *Isaiah 22:25.*

LUKE 21

What Sign?

- ❖ And as some spake of the temple, how it was adorned with goodly stones and gifts, he said, *As for* these things which ye behold, the days will come, in the which there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down. And they asked him, saying, Master, but when shall these things be? and what sign *will there be* when these things shall come to pass? *Luke 21:5–7.*

Two Great Crisis

“Christ’s words had been spoken in the hearing of a large number of people; but when He was alone, Peter, John, James, and Andrew came to Him as He sat upon the Mount of Olives. ‘Tell us,’ they said, ‘when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of Thy coming, and of the end of the world?’ Jesus did not answer His disciples by taking up separately the destruction of Jerusalem and the great day of His coming. He mingled the description of these two events. Had He opened to His disciples future events as He beheld them, they would have been unable to endure the sight. **In mercy to them He blended the description of the two great crises**, leaving the disciples to study out the meaning for themselves. When He referred to the destruction of Jerusalem, His prophetic words reached beyond that event to the final conflagration in that day when the Lord shall rise out of His place to punish the world for their iniquity, when the earth shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain. This entire discourse was given, not for the disciples only, but for those who should live in the last scenes of this earth’s history.” *The Desire of Ages*, 628.

The Times Of The Gentiles

- ❖ And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto. For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days! for there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people. And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled. *Luke 21:20–24.*

Jerusalem

“The city of Jerusalem is no longer a sacred place. The curse of God is upon it because of the rejection and crucifixion of Christ.” *Review and Herald*, July 30, 1901.

“We should be gathering up every ray of divine light, **not looking to old Jerusalem** where Christ was once, but **to the New Jerusalem where He is now.**” *The Paulson Collection*, 138–139.

The 2,520

1844

- ❖ And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and **the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary**; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war **desolations** are determined. *Daniel* 9:26.

1798

- ❖ And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein. But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for **it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months.** *Revelation* 11:1–2.

Signs

- ❖ And there shall be signs in the **sun**, and in the **moon**, and in the **stars**; and upon the earth **distress of nations**, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men’s hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for **the powers of heaven shall be shaken.** And then shall **they see the Son of man coming in a cloud** with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh. *Luke* 21:25–28.

AD70—The Destruction of Jerusalem

Parallel Passages

- ❖ For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened. *Matthew* 24:21–22.

- ❖ And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled. *Luke 21:24.*

538–1798—Those Days

May 19, 1780— The Sun And The Moon

“Twenty-five years later appeared the next sign mentioned in the prophecy--the darkening of the sun and moon. What rendered this more striking was the fact that the time of its fulfillment had been definitely pointed out. In the Saviour’s conversation with His disciples upon Olivet, after describing the long period of trial for the church,—the 1260 years of papal persecution, concerning which He had promised that the tribulation should be shortened,—He thus mentioned certain events to precede His coming, and fixed the time when the first of these should be witnessed: ‘In those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light.’ Mark 13:24. The 1260 days, or years, terminated in 1798. A quarter of a century earlier, persecution had almost wholly ceased. Following this persecution, according to the words of Christ, the sun was to be darkened. On the 19th of May, 1780, this prophecy was fulfilled.” *The Great Controversy*, 306.

The Stars—November 13, 1833

“In 1833, two years after Miller began to present in public the evidences of Christ’s soon coming, the last of the signs appeared which were promised by the Saviour as tokens of his second advent. Said Jesus, ‘The stars shall fall from heaven.’ [Matthew 24:29.] And John in the Revelation declared, as he beheld in vision the scenes that herald the day of God: ‘The stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig-tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.’ [Revelation 6:13.] This prophecy received a striking and impressive fulfillment in the great meteoric shower of November 13, 1833.” *The Great Controversy*, 332.

“The signs in the sun, moon, and stars have been fulfilled.” *Review and Herald*, November 22, 1906.

Distress Of Nations—1838 Through August 11, 1840

“As the prophetic period of this trumpet commenced by the voluntary surrender of power into the hands of the Turks by the Christian emperor of the East, so we might justly conclude that its termination would be marked by the voluntary surrender of that power by the Turkish Sultan back again into the hands of the Christians. **In 1838 Turkey became involved in war with Egypt.** The Egyptians bid fair to overthrow the Turkish power. **To prevent this, the four great powers of Europe, England, Russia, Austria, and Prussia, interfered to sustain the Turkish government.** Turkey accepted their intervention. A conference was held in London at which an ultimatum was drawn up to be presented to Mehemet Ali, the Pacha of Egypt. It is evident that when this ultimatum should be placed in the hands of Mehemet, the destiny of the Ottoman Empire would be virtually lodged in

the hands of the Christian powers of Europe. This ultimatum was placed in the hands of Mehemet on the 11th day of August 1840! and on that very day the Sultan addressed a note to the ambassadors of the four powers, inquiring what should be done in case Mehemet refused to comply with the terms which they had proposed. The answer was that he need not alarm himself about any contingency that might arise; for they had made provision for that. The prophetic period ended, and on that very day the control of Mohammedan affairs passed into the hands of Christians, just as the control of Christian affairs had passed into the hands of the Mohammedans 391 years and 15 days before. Thus the second woe ended, and the sixth trumpet ceased its sounding.” Uriah Smith, *Synopsis of Present Truth*, 218.

The Shaking Of The Angry Nations

“I saw that **the powers of earth are now being shaken** and that **events come in order**. War, and rumors of war, sword, famine, and pestilence are first to shake the powers of earth, **then** the voice of God will shake the sun, moon, and stars, and this earth also. I saw that **the shaking of the powers in Europe** is not, as some teach, the shaking of the powers of heaven, but it is **the shaking of the angry nations.**” *Early Writings*, 41.

Distress and Angering: Synonymous

Millerite Signs

“At the close of the great papal persecution, Christ declared, the sun should be darkened, and the moon should not give her light. Next, the stars should fall from heaven. And He says, ‘Learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh: so likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that He is near, even at the doors.’ Matthew 24:32, 33, margin.

“**Christ has given signs of His coming**. He declares that we may know when He is near, even at the doors. He says of those who see these signs, ‘This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.’ **These signs have appeared**. Now we know of a surety that the Lord’s coming is at hand. ‘Heaven and earth shall pass away,’ He says, ‘but My words shall not pass away.’” *The Desire of Ages*, 632.

The Destruction Of Jerusalem

“The scenes that were transacted at the destruction of Jerusalem **will be repeated** at the great and terrible day of the Lord, but in a more fearful manner.

“**A world is represented in the destruction of Jerusalem**, and the warning given then comes sounding down along the line to our time: ‘And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring.’ **Yes, the sea shall pass its borders, and destruction will be in its track. It will engulf the ships that sail upon its broad waters; and with the burden of their living freight, these will be hurled into eternity.**

“There will be calamities by land and by sea, ‘men’s hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth; for the powers of heaven shall be

shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.' In just the same manner that he ascended, will he come the second time to our world. 'And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.'" *Review and Herald*, December 7, 1897.

A Message Of Woe From The Four Winds

"Signs and wonders appeared, foreboding disaster and doom. In the midst of the night an unnatural light shone over the temple and the altar. Upon the clouds at sunset **were pictured chariots and men of war gathering for battle. . . .**

"For seven years a man continued to go up and down the streets of Jerusalem, declaring **the woes** that were to come upon the city. By day and by night he chanted the wild dirge: 'A voice from the east! a voice from the west! **a voice from the four winds!** a voice against Jerusalem and against the temple! a voice against the bridegrooms and the brides! a voice against the whole people!'—Ibid. This strange being was imprisoned and scourged, but no complaint escaped his lips. To insult and abuse he answered only: '**Woe, woe** to Jerusalem!' '**woe, woe** to the inhabitants thereof!' His warning cry ceased not until he was slain in the siege he had foretold.'" *The Great Controversy*, 29, 30.

Christ's Parable

- ❖ And he spake to them a parable; **Behold the fig tree, and all the trees**; When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand. So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand. Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled. Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away. *Luke* 21:29–33.

The Trees

"Mark the cursing of the fig tree, representing **the Jewish nation, covered with leaves of profession**, but no fruit to be found thereon. The curse is pronounced upon the fig tree, which represents the moral, thinking, living agent, cursed of God, living as were the Jews for forty years after this event, yet dead. **Mark, the other trees, representing the Gentiles**, were not covered. **They were leafless**, making no pretension to having a knowledge of God. Their **time of fruit-leaving** was not yet." *Special Testimonies for Ministers and Workers*, number 7, 59–61.

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Nigh At Hand

The Summer

- ❖ The **harvest** is past, the **summer** is ended, and we are not saved. *Jeremiah 8:20.*

The Harvest

- ❖ The enemy that sowed them is the devil; **the harvest is the end of the world**; and the reapers are the angels. *Matthew 13:39.*

The Budding Trees Of Spring

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The Signs Of His Advent

“Christ had bidden His people **watch for the signs of His advent** and rejoice as they should behold the tokens of their coming King. ‘When these things begin to come to pass,’ He said, ‘then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.’ **He pointed His followers to the budding trees of spring**, and said: ‘When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand. So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand.’ Luke 21:28, 30, 31.” *The Great Controversy*, 308.

This Generation

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A Chosen Generation

- ❖ To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and

he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed. But ye are **a chosen generation**, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: **Which in time past were not a people**, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy. Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; Having your conversation honest among the **Gentiles**: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation. *1 Peter 2:4–12.*

Adventism Shall not Pass

The Son of Man Coming in a Cloud

- ❖ And then shall they see **the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory**. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh. *Luke 21:27–28.*

October 22, 1844: Daniel 7:13

“And, behold, **one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven**, and came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him. And there was given Him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve Him: His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away.’ Daniel 7:13, 14. The coming of Christ here described is not His second coming to the earth. He comes to the Ancient of Days in heaven to receive dominion and glory and a kingdom, which will be given Him at the close of His work as a mediator. It is this coming, and not His second advent to the earth, that was foretold in prophecy to take place at the termination of the 2300 days in 1844. **Attended by heavenly angels**, our great High Priest enters the holy of holies and there appears in the presence of God to engage in the last acts of His ministration in behalf of man—to perform the work of investigative judgment and to make an atonement for all who are shown to be entitled to its benefits.” *The Great Controversy*, 479.

Daniel 7:13

- ❖ I saw in the night visions, and, behold, **one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven**, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.

The Same Event: The Marriage

“The coming of Christ as our high priest to the most holy place, for the cleansing of the sanctuary, brought to view in Daniel 8:14; the coming of the Son of man to the Ancient of Days, as presented in **Daniel 7:13**; and the coming of the Lord to His temple, foretold by Malachi, are descriptions of the same event; and this is also represented by the coming of **the bridegroom to the marriage**, described by Christ in the parable of the ten virgins, of Matthew 25.” *The Great Controversy*, 427.

The Coming Of The Bridegroom To The Marriage

The Blessing Of 1843

- ❖ Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days. *Daniel* 12:12.

Blessed Are They

- ❖ And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God. *Revelation* 19:9.

This Generation

- ❖ Verily I say unto you, **This generation shall not pass away**, till all be fulfilled. *Luke* 21:32.

We Must Recognize The Manifestation Of The Power Of God

“Only those who are living up to the light they have will receive greater light. Unless we are daily advancing in the exemplification of the active Christian virtues, **we shall not recognize the manifestations of the Holy Spirit in the latter rain**. It may be falling on hearts all around us, but we shall not discern or receive it.” *Testimonies to Ministers*, 507.

All Who Will Recognize

“We must not wait for the latter rain. It is coming upon all who will **recognize** and appropriate the dew and showers of grace that fall upon us. When we gather up the fragments of light, when we appreciate the sure mercies of God, who loves to have us trust Him, then every promise will be fulfilled. [Isaiah 61:11 quoted.] The whole earth is to be filled with the glory of God.” *The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, volume 7, 984.

Opposing The Work Connected With The Loud Cry

“Unless those who can help in—are aroused to a sense of their duty, **they will not recognize the work of God when the loud cry of the third angel shall be heard.** When light goes forth to lighten the earth, instead of coming up to the help of the Lord, they will want to bind about His work to meet their narrow ideas. Let me tell you that the Lord will work in this last work in a manner very much out of the common order of things, and in a way that will be contrary to any human planning. There will be those among us who will always want to control the work of God, to dictate even what movements shall be made when the work goes forward under the direction of the angel who joins the third angel in the message to be given to the world. God will use ways and means by which it will be seen that He is taking the reins in His own hands. The workers will be surprised by the simple means that He will use to bring about and perfect His work of righteousness.” *Testimonies to Minsters*, 300.

1888 Repeated

“Now, brethren, God wants us to take our position with the man that carries the lantern; we want to take our position where the light is, and where God has given the trumpet a certain sound. We want to give the trumpet a certain sound. We have been in perplexity, and we have been in doubt, and the churches are ready to die. But now here we read: ‘And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird’ [Revelation 18:1, 2].

“Well now, how are we going to know anything about that message **if we are not in a position to recognize anything of the light of heaven when it comes to us?** And we will just as soon pick up the darkest deception when it comes to us from somebody that agrees with us, when we have not a particle of evidence that the Spirit of God has sent them. Christ said, ‘I come in the name of my Father, but ye will not receive me’ [see John 5:43]. Now, that is just the work that has been going on here ever since the meeting at Minneapolis. **Because God sends a message in his name that does not agree with your ideas, therefore [you conclude] it cannot be a message from God.**” *Sermons and Talks*, volume 1, 142.