

SEVEN TRUMPETS AND THREE WOES

Trumpets

Assembly And Alarm

❖ *Numbers* 10:1–10

Holy Convocation

❖ *Leviticus* 23:24–25

Deliverance

❖ *Leviticus* 25:9–13

A Day Of Wrath And Distress

❖ *Zephaniah* 1:14–18

The Downfall Of An Empire

“In prophetic scripture, **the sounding of trumpets is always used to denote the downfall of some empire, nation, or place, or some dreadful battle, which may decide the fate of empires, nations, or places.** . . .

“The last three trumpets will claim our attention in his discourse; the first four having their accomplishment under Rome Pagan; to the last three under Rome Papal. **These three trumpets and three woes are a description of the judgments that God has sent and will send on this Papal beast, the abomination of the whole earth.**” *William Miller’s Works*, volume 2, page 115–116.

❖ *Revelation* 8:1–6

Component Of Daniel

❖ *Daniel* 2:33, 40 cf. *Daniel* 7:7

Rome Was Divided Into East And West

Three Divisions

“The Roman empire, after Constantine, was divided into three parts; and hence the frequent remark, “a third part of men,” etc., in allusion to the third part of the empire which was under the scourge. This division of the Roman kingdom was made at the death of Constantine, among his three sons, Constantius, Constantine II, and Constans. Constantius possessed the East, and fixed his residence at Constantinople, the metropolis of the empire. Constantine the Second held Britain, Gaul, and Spain. Constans held Illyricum, Africa, and Italy.” Uriah Smith, *Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation*, 479.

Four Trumpets

❖ *Revelation 8:7-12*

The First Trumpet—Goths

Alaric—395

“The first sore and heavy judgment which fell on Western Rome in its downward course, was the war with **the Goths under Alaric**, who opened the way for later inroads. The death of Theodosius, the Roman emperor, occurred in January, 395, and before the end of the winter the Goths under Alaric were in arms against the empire.” Uriah Smith, *Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation*, 478.

The earth was smitten

The Second Trumpet—Vandals

Genseric—428–468

“If the sounding of the first four trumpets relates to four remarkable events which contributed to the downfall of the Roman empire, and the first trumpet refers to the ravages of the Goths under Alaric, in this we naturally look for the next succeeding act of invasion which shook the Roman power and conducted to its fall. **The next great invasion was that of ‘the terrible Genseric,’ at the head of the Vandals.** His career occurred during the years A.D. 428–468.” Uriah Smith, *Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation*, 481.

The sea was smitten

The Third Trumpet—Huns

Attila—429–451

"It is here premised that this trumpet has allusion to the desolating wars and furious invasions of **Attila** against the Roman power, which he carried on **at the head of his hordes of Huns.**" Uriah Smith, *Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation*, 486.

Wormwood

"The third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp." For nearly one hundred years previous to the final downfall of Rome, the Huns, one of the wildest of the Scythian tribes, had pressed upon the empire, spreading themselves from the Volga to the Danube. For a time they commanded the alternative of peace or war, with both the eastern and western divisions of the empire. In the days of AETIUS, a general of the West, sixty thousand Huns marched to the confines of Italy; but retreated when paid the sum which they cared to demand. Theodosius, the emperor of the East, **bought peace by paying an annual tribute of three hundred and fifty pounds of gold, and bestowing the title of general upon the king of the Huns.** There was still a senate at Rome, and **it purchased peace** of the Huns. **This was a part of the "wormwood" which Rome was caused to drink.** In 433 Attila and his brother became joint rulers of the barbarians, and in a treaty with the emperor, the Huns "dictated the conditions of peace; each condition was an insult on the majesty of the empire. Besides the freedom of a safe and plentiful market on the banks of the Danube, they required that the annual contribution should be augmented from three hundred and fifty pounds of gold to seven hundred pounds of gold; that a fine, or ransom, of eight pieces of gold should be paid for every Roman captive who had escaped from his barbarian master; that the emperor should renounce all treaties and engagements with the enemies of the Huns; and that all the fugitives who had taken refuge in the court, or provinces of Theodosius, should be delivered to the justice of their offended sovereign." **Thus was the Roman Empire made to realize that its power was gone, and that the proud Romans were subject to the most cruel of all barbarians. This was "wormwood? indeed."** *Story of the Seer of Patmos*, 155.

The fresh water was smitten

The Fourth Trumpet—Heruli

Odoacer—476

"We understand that this trumpet symbolizes the career of **Odoacer**, the barbarian monarch who was so intimately connected with the downfall of Western Rome. **The symbols sun, moon, and stars—for they are undoubtedly here used as symbols—evidently denote the great luminaries of the Roman government,—its emperors, senators, and consuls.** Bishop Newton remarks that the last emperor of Western Rome was Romulus, who in derision was called Augustulus, or the 'diminutive Augustus.' Western Rome fell A.D. 476." Uriah Smith, *Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation*, 488.

The sun, moon, and stars were smitten

This brought the Western Pagan Roman empire to an end.

Woe, Woe, Woe

❖ *Revelation* 8:13, 9:1-21

The Fifth Trumpet—Saracens

The First Woe: Islam

Mohammed—628: the battle of Nineveh

“For an exposition of this trumpet, we shall again draw from the writings of Mr. Keith. This writer truthfully says: ‘**There is scarcely so uniform an agreement among interpreters concerning any other part of the Apocalypse as respecting the application of the fifth and sixth trumpets, or the first and second woes, to the Saracens and Turks.**’ It is so obvious that it can scarcely be misunderstood. Instead of a verse or two designating each, the whole of the ninth chapter of the Revelation in equal portions, is occupied with a description of both.” Uriah Smith, *Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation*, 488.

Key

The Battle of Nineveh - Dec. 12, 627

Bottomless Pit

Arabian Desert

Chains of Circumstance

Smoke

Teachings of Islam that eclipsed the Gospel

Locusts

Saracen army

❖ The locusts have no king, yet go they forth all of them by bands. *Proverbs* 30:27

Five Months

150 years - July 27, 1299

Battle of Bapheum, the entering of Nicomedia

“But when did Othman make his first assault on the Greek empire? - According to Gibbon, Decline and Fall, etc., "Othman first entered the territory of Nicomedia on the 27th day of July, 1299."

“The calculations of some writers have gone upon the supposition that the period should begin with the foundation of the Ottoman empire; but this is evidently an error; for they were not only to have a king over them, but were to torment men five months. **But the period of torment could not begin before the first attack of the tormentors, which was, as above stated, July 27, 1299.**” Uriah Smith, *Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation*, 507.

A King Over Them

Othman (Ottoman Empire)

The Sixth Trumpet—Turks & France

The Second Woe: Islam & Atheism

Othman

Napoleon—1798

- ❖ “And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven. The second woe is past; and, behold, the third woe cometh quickly.” *Revelation* 11:13, 14.

Four Angels

Four principle Sultans - Aleppo, Iconium, Damascus, Bagdad

“The first woe was to continue from the rise of Mohammedanism until the end of the five months. Then the first woe was to end, and the second to begin. And when the sixth angel sounded, it was commanded to take off the restraints which had been imposed on the nation, by which they were restricted to the work of tormenting men, and their commission was enlarged so as to permit them to slay the third part of men. This command came from the four horns of the golden altar.

“These were the four principal sultans of which the Ottoman empire was composed, located in the country watered by the great river Euphrates. These sultans were situated at Aleppo, Iconium, Damascus, and Bagdad. Previously they had been restrained; but God commanded, and they were loosed.” Uriah Smith, *Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation*, 508.

391 Yrs. & 15 Days

July 27, 1449 - Aug. 11, 1840

Fire, Smoke, Brimstone

Gunpowder (Explosives)

“...gunpowder, 'that mixture of **saltpeter**, **sulphur**, and **charcoal**...” Elliott, *Horae Apocalypticæ*, Vol. I, 482-484

Constantinople fell May 16, 1453—**Islam**

Deadly Wound February 10, 1798—**Dragon Power (Atheism)**

Two Lines

First Woe

The Demise Of Eastern Rome - A Sealing Time

- ❖ And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads. *Revelation* 9:4.

Second Woe

The Demise Papal Rome - A Sealing Time

1840 through 1844

August 11, 1840

- ❖ 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.

October 22, 1844

- ❖ But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets. *Revelation* 10:7.
- ❖ The second woe is past; and, behold, the third woe cometh quickly. *Revelation* 11:14.
- ❖ And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail. *Revelation* 11:19.

Not Yet Done Sounding

"I then beheld, a multitude coming up out of the earth, and some of them I knew whose names were enrolled in the church books on earth, some of whom I had seen communing with the saints of different orders, and some which had professed to be preachers of the gospel. Although they had high professions, yet they were not found worthy, but cried for mercy, and sunk with those who had blasphemed. As we passed the bar, we entered upon a boundless place which was lighted up with great brightness. Near the place through which we passed I beheld a mighty angel clothed in pure white raiment, having a crown of brightness on his head. He appeared to be gazing through the bar, and his eyes like lamps of fire, were fixed with steadfastness upon the earth. He stood with his right foot placed before him, as though walking; and his object appeared to be, to reach the earth. But three steps remained for him to take. Against his breast, and across his left hand, was as it were, a trumpet of pure silver; and a great and terrible voice came from the midst of the boundless place, saying, **"The sixth angel hath not yet done sounding."** *CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE AND VISIONS OF WILLIAM E. FOY*, 17.

Woe Message Empowers The Millerites

"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*, 332–335.

To The Very Letter

"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.**" *Review and Herald*, August 19, 1890.

Four & Three Combination—Structure Of The Churches, Seals & Trumpets

Seals: First four are horses; last three are not

Trumpets: First four are trumpets; last three trumpets bring woes

Last three deal specifically with Adventism

Adventism: Millerites and 144,000

“In the seals we have had the history of the church during what is called the gospel dispensation. In the seven trumpets, now introduced, we have the principal political and warlike events which were to transpire during the same time.” Uriah Smith, *Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation*, 476.

Line of the Churches—Counsel for God’s People

Line of the Seals—History of the Church

Line of the Trumpets—Wars & Politics during the History of the Church, Warfare that brings down Rome

Last Three Churches

The development of two Classes of Worshippers

Last Three Seals

The development of two groups of God’s people

Last Three Trumpets

Identifies the sealing of God’s People, the Empowerment of their Message & How the Troublous Times are Produced

Last Three Churches - The Development Of Two Classes Of Worshippers

“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.

“The state of the Church represented by the foolish virgins, is also spoken of as the Laodicean state.” *Review and Herald*, August 19, 1890.

“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.” *Review and Herald*, August 19, 1890.

Last Three Seals—The Development Of Two Groups Of God's People

- ❖ 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 fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.** And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; And 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. And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand? *Revelation 6:9–17.*

White Robes

The Great Multitude

- ❖ After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands. *Revelation 7:9.*

Beheaded

- ❖ And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. *Revelation 20:4.*
- ❖ And she went forth, and said unto her mother, What shall I ask? And she said, The head of John the Baptist. And she came in straightway with haste unto the king, and asked, saying, I will that thou give me by and by in a charger the head of John the Baptist. *Mark 6:24, 25.*

“The prophet Malachi declares, ‘Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord: and he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers.’ Malachi 4:5, 6. Here the prophet describes the character of the work. Those who are to prepare the way for the second coming of Christ are

represented by faithful Elijah, as John came in the spirit of Elijah to prepare the way for Christ's first advent." *Counsels on Health*, 74.

"God never leads His children otherwise than they would choose to be led, if they could see the end from the beginning, and discern the glory of the purpose which they are fulfilling as coworkers with Him. Not Enoch, who was translated to heaven, not Elijah, who ascended in a chariot of fire, was greater or more honored than John the Baptist, who perished alone in the dungeon. 'Unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake' (Phil. 1:29). And of all the gifts that Heaven can bestow upon men, fellowship with Christ in His sufferings is the most weighty trust and the highest honor." *Desire of Ages*, 232.

Question?

- ❖ For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand? *Revelation* 6:17.

Answer - Revelation Seven

Two Groups—144,000 (Elijah) & The Great Multitude (John The Baptist)

"We ask John what he saw and heard in the vision at Patmos, and he answers: 'And I saw in the right hand of Him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals. And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof? And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.'

"There in His open hand lay the book, the roll of the history of God's providences, the prophetic history of nations and the church. Herein was contained the divine utterances, His authority, His commandments, His laws, the whole symbolic counsel of the Eternal, and the history of all ruling powers in the nations. In symbolic language was contained in that roll the influence of every nation, tongue, and people from the beginning of earth's history to its close.

"This roll was written within and without. John says: 'I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.' The vision as presented to John made its impression upon his mind. **The destiny of every nation was contained in that book.** John was distressed at the utter inability of any human being or angelic intelligence to read the words, or even to look thereon. His soul was wrought up to such a point of agony and suspense that one of the strong angels had compassion on him, and laying his hand on him assuringly said, 'Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.'

"John continues: 'I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth. And He came and took the book out of the right hand of Him that sat upon the throne.'

"As the book was unrolled, all who looked upon it were filled with awe. There were no blanks in the book. There was space for no more writing. [Revelation 5:8–14; 6:8, quoted.]

“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, doest Thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? And white robes were given unto every one of them [They were pronounced pure and holy]; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled’ [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.**

“[Revelation. 8:1–4, quoted.]” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 20, 197, 198.

“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*, Vol. 20, 14.

Last Three Trumpets

Trumpets Or Woes?

“The second and third woes come **in consequence of** the voices of the sixth and seventh angels.” J. N. Andrews, *The Judgment, its Events and Their Order*, 56.

“The third woe comes **by reason of** the voice of the seventh angel. Revelation 8:13.” J. N. Andrews, *The Judgment, its Events and Their Order*, 93.

See William Foy quote

“The reason why **the third woe...does not commence at once when the seventh angel begins to sound**, is the fact that a period of days is occupied in finishing the mystery of God. In this period the warning of the third angel is given, that every one who has an ear to hear may escape the vials of the wrath of God; and in this period, also, the Saviour completes his work in the Sanctuary in heaven.” J. N. Andrews, *The Three Messages of Revelation Fourteen*, 134.

The Empowerment Of The Message Of The Hour

“The termination of the hour, day, month and year of the sixth angel marks the conclusion of the second woe, August 11, 1840. Revelation 9:15.

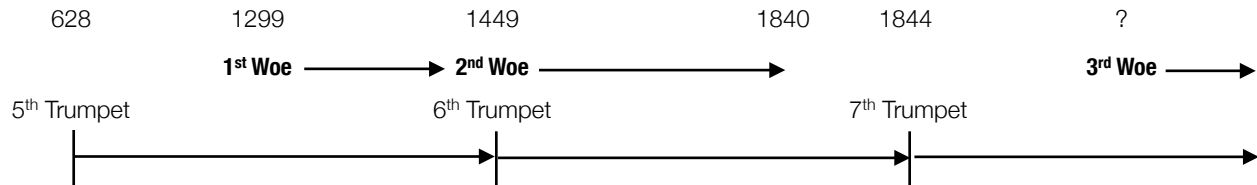
“**At the close of the sixth angel’s voice a mighty angel descends from heaven to herald the sounding of the seventh trumpet. He has a little book open in his hand;** and he places his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth, and cries with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth. The seven thunders utter their voices, but John is forbidden to write what they utter. The angel, having made proclamation to the inhabitants of the earth, lifts his hand to heaven, and swears that time shall be no longer, but that in the days of the beginning of the seventh angel’s voice the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets. Revelation 10:1–7.” J. N. Andrews, *The Judgment, its Events and Their Order*, 56.

Revelation 10:1–7 - August 11, 1840 Through October 22, 1844

August 11, 1840 the second woe ends

October 22, 1844 the sixth trumpet ends

October 22, 1844 the seventh trumpet begins



The Seven Thunders—Past

Revelation 10:1–7 - August 11, 1840 Through October 22, 1844

“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.**” *The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, volume 7, 971.

The Seven Thunders—Present

The Sealing Of The 144,000

“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.

THE BRIDLED HORSE

Mystery Finished

- ❖ *Revelation 10:7*

The Mystery Of God

- ❖ *Ephesians 6:19*
- ❖ *Ephesians 1:9, 10 cf. Galatians 4:4, 5*
- ❖ *Colossians 4:3*
- ❖ *Colossians 1:25-28*
- ❖ *Ephesians 3:3-6 cf. Acts 15:14-17*

The mystery of God is how Christ is formed within man - How man is made perfect in Christ. This mystery separates a people unto Christ and brings the close of probation.

The Days Of The Voice Of The Seventh Angel

- ❖ *Revelation 10:7*

Not In The Day When He Shall Begin To Sound

“This seventh trumpet is not that which is spoken of in 1Cor. 15:52 as the last trump, which wakes the sleeping dead; but it is the seventh of the series of the seven trumpets, and like the others of this series, occupies days (years) in sounding. In the days when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God shall be finished. **Not in the day when he shall begin to sound, not in the very commencement of his sounding**, but in the early years of his sounding, the mystery of God shall be finished.

“From the events to take place under the sounding of the seventh trumpet, its commencement may be located with sufficient definiteness at the close of the prophetic periods in 1844. **Not many years from that date, then, the mystery of God is to be finished.**” *Daniel and the Revelation*, 525.

- ❖ *Revelation 8:13*

The Woes

Fifth Trumpet

❖ *Revelation 9:1-12*

The First Woe: First Great Jihad

Islam: Arabia—Mohamed

THE KEY: Empowered after war between East and West: *Daniel 11:40*.

Mode of warfare: strike suddenly and unexpectedly

Focus of warfare: the armies of Rome

Directed by their tails:

❖ The ancient and honourable, he is the head; and the prophet that teacheth lies, he is the tail. *Isaiah 9:15*.

Providential force that hurt the armies of down Rome

Sealing symbolized: *Revelation 9:4*

History: From Mohamed to July 27, 1299 and then until July 27, 1449

Sixth Trumpet

❖ *Revelation 9:13-21; 10:1-7; 11:1-14*

The Second Woe: Second Great Jihad

Islam: Turkey—Othman

Mode of warfare: strike suddenly and unexpectedly with explosives

Focus of warfare: the armies of Rome

Directed by their heads and tails:

❖ The ancient and honourable, he is the head; and the prophet that teacheth lies, he is the tail. *Isaiah 9:15*.

Providential force that brought down, killed, Imperial (pagan) Rome

Sealing symbolized: 1840 through 1844

History: From July 27, 1449 until August 11, 1840 and then through October 22, 1844

Prophetic Convergence

The history of the first and second angel's messages beginning with the events of 1798, the history and events of 1840-1844, and the history of the woes all converge in the final history of the remnant. This prophetic convergence is the days of the voice of the seventh angel and his "beginning" to sound that brings an end to the mystery of God.

Seventh Trumpet

❖ *Revelation 11:14-19*

The Angering Of The Nations

"On page 33 is given the following: 'I saw that the holy Sabbath is, and will be, the separating wall between the true Israel of God and unbelievers; and that the Sabbath is the great question to unite the hearts of God's dear, waiting saints. I saw that God had children who do not see and keep the Sabbath. They have not rejected the light upon it. And at the commencement of the time of trouble, we were filled with the Holy Ghost as we went forth and proclaimed the Sabbath more fully.'

"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.

A Short Period Just Before Christ Leaves The Sanctuary

At that time

while the work of salvation is closing

trouble will be coming on the earth

the nations will be angry, yet held in check

the latter rain will come

the nations will be angry, yet held in check

Now Getting Angry

“I saw that the anger of the nations, the wrath of God, and the time to judge the dead were **separate and distinct, one following the other**, also that Michael had not stood up, and that the time of trouble, such as never was, had not yet commenced. **The nations are now getting angry**, but when our High Priest has finished His work in the sanctuary, He will stand up, put on the garments of vengeance, and then the seven last plagues will be poured out.

“I saw that the four angels would hold the four winds until Jesus’ work was done in the sanctuary, and then will come the seven last plagues.” *Early Writings*, 36.

Stirring

“The end of all things is at hand, and the message of warning must be given. **A spirit of anger is stirring the nations**, and it will soon be too late to work for the Lord.” *The Paulson Collection*, 196.

Are Angry

“We are standing on the threshold of great and solemn events. Prophecies are fulfilling. Strange and eventful history is being recorded in the books of heaven—events which it was declared should shortly precede the great day of God. **Everything in the world is in an unsettled state. The nations are angry, and great preparations for war are being made. Nation is plotting against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.** The great day of God is hasting greatly. But although **the nations are mustering their forces for war and bloodshed**, the command to the angels is still in force, that they hold the four winds until the servants of God are sealed in their foreheads.” *Selected Messages*, book 1, 221.

Already

“Already kingdom is rising against kingdom. There is not now a determined engagement. As yet the four winds are held until the servants of God shall be sealed in their foreheads. Then the powers of earth will marshal their forces for the last great battle. How carefully we should improve the little remaining period of our probation!” *Review and Herald*, November 27, 1900.

“In the last scenes of this earth’s history, **war will rage.**” *Maranatha*, 297.

That Spirit Will Increase

“**There is a spirit of desperation, of war and bloodshed, and that spirit will increase until the very close of time.** Just as soon as the people of God are sealed in their foreheads—it is not any seal or mark that can be seen, but a settling into the truth, both intellectually and spiritually, so they cannot be moved—just as soon as God’s people are sealed and prepared for the shaking, it will come.

Indeed, it has begun already. The judgments of God are now upon the land, to give us warning, that we may know what is coming.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 10, 252.

The Pioneers

“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.

“**The nations will soon be angry, and the two-horned beast will act his part in the conflict that is just before us; and God’s people will be tried.** The Lord is now holding in check the four winds, that the wind may not hurt the earth till God’s remnant are sealed. Revelation 7:2, 3.” Daniel T. Bourdeau, *Review and Herald*, July 26, 1860.

The Four Winds: War

“Soon the four winds of heaven will be loosed, and in every part of the globe there will be **dissension, strife, war, bloodshed.**” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 18, 177.

- ❖ 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.*

Strife & War

“**Winds are a symbol of strife.** The four winds of heaven striving upon the great sea represent the terrible scenes of **conquest and revolution** by which kingdoms have attained to power.” *The Great Controversy*, 439.

The Four Winds Will Stir Up Of The Nations

“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.

Their Hands Are Loosening

“I asked my accompanying angel the meaning of what I heard, and what the four angels were about to do. He said to me that it was God that restrained the powers, and that He gave His angels charge over things on the earth; that the four angels had power from God to hold the four winds, and that they were about to let them go; **but while their hands were loosening, and the four winds were about to blow, the merciful eye of Jesus gazed on the remnant that were not sealed, and He raised His hands to the Father and pleaded with Him that He had spilled His blood for them.**” *Early Writings*, 38.

Now Being Withdrawn

“The restraining Spirit of God **is even now being withdrawn from the world.** Hurricanes, storms, tempests, fire and flood, disasters by sea and land, follow each other in quick succession. Science seeks to explain all these. The signs thickening around us, telling of the near approach of the Son of God, are attributed to any other than the true cause. Men cannot discern the sentinel angels restraining the four winds that they shall not blow until the servants of God are sealed; **but when God shall bid His angels loose the winds, there will be such a scene of strife as no pen can picture.**” *Testimonies*, volume 6, 408.

The Seventh Trumpet—The Third Woe

Trumpets: War

“**The political events of this dispensation are properly symbolized by trumpets, those heralds of war and revolution.** These are brought to view in the 8th, 9th and a part of the 11th chapters of Revelation.” Uriah Smith, *Biblical Institute*, 260.

“**A trumpet is a symbol of war;** hence the trumpets denote great political commotions to take place among the nations during the gospel age.” Uriah Smith, *Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation*, 431.

“The immediate effect of this apostasy, which developed the papacy in the Roman Empire, was the complete ruin of the Roman Empire. And, this consequence of the apostasy, which is traced in the first three steps of the two lines of prophecy of the Seven Churches and the Seven Seals, is sketched in the first four trumpets of the line of prophecy of the Seven Trumpets. And here it is—in the Seven Trumpets—that national history enters, as an incident, in this book of Church history; as in the rise of the little horn amongst the ten, in the book of Daniel, there enters Church history, as an incident, in that book of national history. **The Seven Trumpets aptly enter here, because the trumpet is the symbol of war;** and it was by the universal war of the floods of barbarians from the north, that there was swept away that mass of corruption that was heaped upon the Roman Empire by its union with the apostate Church, in the making of the papacy.” A. T. Jones, *Ecclesiastical Empire*, 7.

Angering The Nations: A Component Of The Third Woe

- ❖ The second woe is past; and, behold, the third woe cometh quickly. And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever. And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God, Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned. And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth. *Revelation 11:14–18.*

The 4 Winds Are An Angry Horse

“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.” *Selected Messages*, book 3, 409.

Islam Is An Angry Horse

- ❖ *Revelation 9:7*
- ❖ And the shapes of the locusts were like unto **horses** prepared unto battle. *Revelation 9:9.*
- ❖ The sound of chariots of many **horses** running to battle. *Revelation 9:9.*
- ❖ The number of the army of the **horsemen** were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them. And thus I saw the **horses** in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the **horses** were as the heads of lions. *Revelation 9:16–17.*

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.*
- ❖ 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. And I heard the number of them which were sealed: [and there were] sealed an hundred [and] forty [and] four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel. *Revelation 7:1-4*.

“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 Sealing Time Delayed

“The Lord God is a jealous God, yet He bears long with the sins and transgressions of His people in this generation. If the people of God had walked in His counsel, the work of God would have advanced, the messages of truth would have been borne to all people that dwell on the face of the whole earth. **Had the people of God believed Him and been doers of His word, had they kept His commandments, the angel would not have come flying through heaven with the message to the four angels that were to let loose the winds that they should blow upon the earth crying, Hold, hold the four winds that they blow not upon the earth until I have sealed the servants of God in their foreheads.** But because the people are disobedient, unthankful, unholy, as were ancient Israel, time is prolonged that all may hear the last message of mercy proclaimed with a loud voice. **The Lord’s work has been hindered, the sealing time delayed.** Many have not heard the truth. But the Lord will give them a chance to hear and be converted, and the great work of God will go forward.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 15, 292.

The Third Woe: Third Great Jihad

Islam: Worldwide—Bin Laden

Mode of warfare: strike suddenly and unexpectedly with explosives

Focus of warfare: the armies of Rome

Directed by their heads and tails:

- ❖ The ancient and honourable, he is the head; and the prophet that teacheth lies, he is the tail. *Isaiah 9:15*.

Providential force that torments (FIRST HURTS) the army of Rome and then brings down (KILLS) modern Rome: the dragon, the beast and the false prophet.

Sealing time: The Investigative Judgment

History: From October 22, 1844 until September 11, 2001 until Michael stands up

September 11, 2001 radical Islam attacked the modern army of Rome. Islam struck suddenly and unexpectedly with explosives. It was directed to do so by Islam's heads and tails— Bin Laden and the other Imams. At that point, the third woe began in history. The third woe will first torment the armies of modern Rome, thus providing the environment for the national Sunday law, and then Islam will be used providentially to bring down modern Babylon (modern Rome) as the four winds of strife are let loose.

THE ROLE OF CHRIST

Miller's Dream

"I dreamed that God, by an unseen hand, sent me a curiously wrought casket about **ten** inches long by **six square**, made of ebony and pearls curiously inlaid. To the casket there was **a key attached**. I immediately took the key and opened the casket, when, to my wonder and surprise, I found it filled with all sorts and sizes of jewels, diamonds, precious stones, and gold and silver coin of every dimension and value, beautifully arranged in their several places in the casket; and thus arranged they reflected a light and glory equaled only to the sun.

"I thought it was not my duty to enjoy this wonderful sight alone, although my heart was overjoyed at the brilliancy, beauty, and value of its contents. I therefore placed it on a center table in my room and gave out word that all who had a desire might come and see the most glorious and brilliant sight ever seen by man in this life.

"The people began to come in, at first few in number, but increasing to a crowd. When they first looked into the casket, they would wonder and shout for joy. But when the spectators increased, everyone would begin to trouble the jewels, taking them out of the casket and **scattering** them on the table. I began to think that the owner would require the casket and the jewels again at my hand; and if I suffered them to be **scattered**, I could never place them in their places in the casket again as before; and felt I should never be able to meet the accountability, for it would be immense. I then began to plead with the people not to handle them, nor to take them out of the casket; but the more I pleaded, the more they **scattered**; and now they seemed to **scatter** them all over the room, on the floor and on every piece of furniture in the room.

"I then saw that among the genuine jewels and coin they had **scattered** an innumerable quantity of spurious jewels and counterfeit coin. I was highly incensed at their base conduct and ingratitude and reprovved and reproached them for it; but the more I reprovved, the more they **scattered** the spurious jewels and false coin among the genuine.

"I then became vexed in my physical soul and began to use physical force to push them out of the room; but while I was pushing out one, three more would enter and bring in dirt and shavings and sand and all manner of rubbish, until they covered every one of the true jewels, diamonds, and coins, which were all excluded from sight. They also tore in pieces my casket and **scattered** it among the rubbish. I thought no man regarded my sorrow or my anger. I became wholly discouraged and disheartened, and sat down and wept.

"**While I was thus weeping** and mourning for my great loss and accountability, I remembered God, and earnestly prayed that He would send me help. Immediately the door opened, and a man entered the room, when the people all left it; and he, having a dirt brush in his hand, opened the windows, and began to brush the dirt and rubbish from the room.

"I cried to him to forbear, for there were some precious jewels scattered among the rubbish.

"He told me to 'fear not,' for he would 'take care of them.'

“Then, while he brushed the dirt and rubbish, false jewels and counterfeit coin, all rose and went out of the window like a cloud, and the wind carried them away. In the bustle I closed my eyes for a moment; when I opened them, the rubbish was all gone. The precious jewels, the diamonds, the gold and silver coins, lay scattered in profusion all over the room.

“He then placed on the table a casket, **much larger and more beautiful** than the former, and gathered up the jewels, the diamonds, the coins, by the handful, and cast them into the casket, till not one was left, although some of the diamonds were not bigger than the point of a pin.

“He then called upon me to **‘come and see.’**

“I looked into the casket, but my eyes were dazzled with the sight. They shone with ten times their former glory. I thought they had been scoured in the sand by the feet of those wicked persons who had scattered and trod them in the dust. They were arranged in beautiful order in the casket, every one in its place, without any visible pains of the man who cast them in. I **shouted** with very joy, and **that shout awoke me.**” *Early Writings*, 81–83.

Casket, Key & Rubbish

“The ‘casket’ represents the great truths of the Bible, relative to the second advent of our Lord Jesus Christ which were given Brother Miller to publish to the world.

“The ‘key attached’ was his manner of interpreting the prophetic Word—Comparing scripture with scripture—the Bible its own interpreter. With this key Brother Miller opened the ‘casket,’ or the great truth of the advent to the world. . .

“The ‘dirt and shavings, sand and all manner of rubbish,’ represent the various and numerous errors that have been brought in among Second Advent believers, since the autumn of 1844.” James White, *The Present Truth*, May, 1850.

Weeping For The Book

- ❖ And **I wept much**, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon. And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof. Revelation 5:4, 5.

Miller

“I became wholly discouraged and disheartened, and sat down and **wept.**” *Early Writings*, 82.

The Loud Cry

“I looked into the casket, but my eyes were dazzled with the sight. They shone with **ten times their former glory**. . . . I **shouted** with very joy, and **that shout awoke me.**” *Early Writings*, 83.

Ancient Israel

“Christ is the originator of all truth. By the work of the enemy the precious gems of truth had been torn from their setting and placed in, a frame-work of error. Christ came to replace **the jewels of truth** in their rightful position. **He rescued them from the rubbish of error, gave them a new power, and bade them stand fast forever.** He could use these truths with perfect freedom; for He was their author. **He had cast them into the minds of each generation;** and when He came to the world, He vitalized and re-arranged the truth which Satan had robbed of life. Clothing them with more than their original freshness and power, He gave them to the world for the benefit of future generations.” *Signs of the Times*, May 1, 1901.

A Similar Work

“In the time of the Saviour, the Jews had so covered over **the precious jewels of truth with the rubbish of tradition and fable**, that it was impossible to distinguish the true from the false. The Saviour came to clear away the rubbish of superstition and long-cherished errors, and to set the jewels of God’s word in the frame-work of truth. What would the Saviour do if he should come to us now as he did to the Jews? **He would have to do a similar work in clearing away the rubbish of tradition and ceremony.** The Jews were greatly disturbed when he did this work. They had lost sight of the original truth of God, but Christ brought it again to view. **It is our work to free the precious truths of God from superstition and error.** What a work is committed to us in the gospel! An angel’s pen could not portray **all the glory of the revealed plan of redemption.** The Bible tells how Christ bore our sins, and carried our sorrows. Here is revealed how mercy and truth have met together at the cross of Calvary, how righteousness and peace have kissed each other, how the righteousness of Christ may be imparted to fallen man. There infinite wisdom, infinite justice, infinite mercy, and infinite love were displayed. Depths, heights, lengths, and breadths of love and wisdom, all passing knowledge, are made known in the plan of salvation.” *Review and Herald*, June 4, 1889.

The Reformation

“During the ages of apostasy, darkness covered the earth, and gross darkness the people; but the Reformation aroused the inhabitants of earth from their death-like slumber, and many turned away from their vanities and superstitions, from priests and penances, to serve the living God, to search in his holy word for truth as for hidden treasure. They began diligently to work the mine of truth, to clear away **the rubbish of human opinion that had buried up the precious jewels of light.**” *Review and Herald*, November 22, 1892.

The Millerites

“The great disappointment in 1844 was a trying ordeal. They had not the light that would have enabled them to discern the reason of their disappointment. Some gave up the Faith; others held to their past experience but became bewildered in regard to their position after 1844. They were exposed to temptation and received various errors as Bible truth. But I was shown that the

Lord would, in His providence, clear away **the rubbish of error and reveal to them the jewels of truth.**" *Manuscript Releases*, volume 20, 378.

Today

"Mighty truths have been buried beneath the sophistry of error, but **they will be found** by the diligent searcher. As he finds and opens the treasure house of the precious jewels of truth, it is no robbery; for all who appreciate these jewels may possess them, and then they too have a treasure house to open to others. He who imparts does not deprive himself of the treasure; for as he examines it that he may present it in such a way as to attract others, he finds new treasures." *Manuscript Releases*, volume 1, 40.

Christ Is Ready To Sweep Away

"The Scriptures are given for our benefit that we may have instruction in righteousness. Precious rays of light have been obscured by the clouds of error, but **Christ is ready to sweep away the mists of error and superstition**, and to reveal to us the brightness of the Father's glory, so that we shall say as did the disciples, 'Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way?'" *Publishing Ministry*, 68.

Search The Scriptures

"To hold yourselves aloof from an investigation of truth is not the way to carry out the Saviour's injunction to 'search the Scriptures.' **Is it digging for hidden treasures to call the results of some one's labor a mass of rubbish, and make no critical examination to see whether or not there are precious jewels of truth in the collection of thought which you condemn?** Will those who have almost everything to learn keep themselves away from every meeting where there is an opportunity to investigate the messages that come to the people, simply because they imagine the views held by the teachers of the truth may be out of harmony with what they have conceived as truth? Thus it was that the Jews did in the days of Christ, and we are warned not to do as they did, and be led to choose darkness rather than light, because there was in them an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God. No one of those who imagine that they know it all is too old or too intelligent to learn from the humblest of the messengers of the living God." *Counsels on Sabbath School Work*, 29.

"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." *The Great Controversy*, 594.

"The events of the future **will be discerned by prophecy, and will be understood.**" *Review and Herald*, April 4, 1893.

Prophecies Repeated Again

“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.

The Throne Room

- ❖ After this I looked, and, behold, **a door was opened in heaven**: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will show thee things which must be hereafter. And immediately I was in the spirit; and, behold, **a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne**. And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: **and there was a rainbow round about the throne**, in sight like unto an emerald. **And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold**. And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: **and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne**, which are the seven Spirits of God. And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: **and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts** full of eyes before and behind. And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle. And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come. And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever, The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created. And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals. And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof? And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon. And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon. And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof. **And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain**, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth. **And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne. And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb**, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours,

which are the prayers of saints. And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth. And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; **Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.** And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever. *Revelation 4 & 5.*

"All heaven was waiting to welcome the Saviour to the celestial courts. As He ascended, He led the way, and the multitude of captives set free at His resurrection followed. The heavenly host, with shouts and acclamations of praise and celestial song, attended the joyous train...

"Then the portals of the city of God are opened wide, and the angelic throng sweep through the gates amid a burst of rapturous music.

"There is the throne, and around it the rainbow of promise. There are cherubim and seraphim. The commanders of the angel hosts, the sons of God, the representatives of the unfallen worlds, are assembled. The heavenly council before which Lucifer had accused God and His Son, the representatives of those sinless realms over which Satan had thought to establish his dominion,--all are there to welcome the Redeemer. **They are eager to celebrate His triumph and to glorify their King.**

"But He waves them back. Not yet; He cannot now receive the coronet of glory and the royal robe. He enters into the presence of His Father. **He points to His wounded head, the pierced side, the marred feet; He lifts His hands, bearing the print of nails.** He points to the tokens of His triumph; He presents to God the wave sheaf, those raised with Him as representatives of that great multitude who shall come forth from the grave at His second coming. He approaches the Father, with whom there is joy over one sinner that repents; who rejoices over one with singing. Before the foundations of the earth were laid, the Father and the Son had united in a covenant to redeem man if he should be overcome by Satan. They had clasped Their hands in a solemn pledge that Christ should become the surety for the human race. This pledge Christ has fulfilled. When upon the cross He cried out, "It is finished," He addressed the Father. The compact had been fully carried out. Now He declares: Father, it is finished. I have done Thy will, O My God. I have completed the work of redemption. If Thy justice is satisfied, "I will that they also, whom Thou hast given Me, be with Me where I am." John 19:30; 17:24.

"The voice of God is heard proclaiming that justice is satisfied. Satan is vanquished. Christ's toiling, struggling ones on earth are "accepted in the Beloved." Ephesians 1:6. Before the heavenly angels and the representatives of unfallen worlds, they are declared justified. Where He is, there His church shall be. "Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other." Psalm 85:10. The Father's arms encircle His Son, and the word is given, "Let all the angels of God worship Him." Hebrews 1:6.

"With joy unutterable, rulers and principalities and powers acknowledge the supremacy of the Prince of life. The angel host prostrate themselves before Him, while the glad shout fills all the

courts of heaven, **"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing."** Revelation 5:12.

"Songs of triumph mingle with the music from angel harps, till heaven seems to overflow with joy and praise. Love has conquered. The lost is found. Heaven rings with voices in lofty strains proclaiming, **"Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb forever and ever."** Revelation 5:13." *The Desire of Ages*, 833-835.

Expedient For You That I Go Away

- ❖ 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... Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come. *John* 16:7, 13.

The Signal Of The Promised Blessing

"Christ's ascension to heaven was the signal that His followers were to receive the promised blessing. For this they were to wait before they entered upon their work. When Christ passed within the heavenly gates, He was enthroned amidst the adoration of the angels. **As soon as this ceremony was completed, the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples in rich currents, and Christ was indeed glorified, even with the glory which He had with the Father from all eternity.** The Pentecostal outpouring was Heaven's communication that **the Redeemer's inauguration was accomplished.** According to His promise He had sent the Holy Spirit from heaven to His followers as a token that He had, as priest and king, **received all authority in heaven and on earth, and was the Anointed One over His people.**" *The Acts of the Apostles*, 38.

Note: Pentecost was the signal that Christ's inauguration was completed. Revelation portrays this scene as Christ taking the sealed book out of the Father's hand and unsealing the seals. The early rain outpouring transpired as "The Lion of the Tribe of Judah" unsealed the seals. **PENTECOST TOOK PLACE UPON EARTH AS CHRIST LOOSENED THE SEALS IN HEAVEN.**

Fulfilled In The Latter Rain

"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.**" *The Great Controversy*, 611.

THE MANIFESTATION OF GOD'S POWER

A Message Will Soon Be Given

“**Blessed are the eyes which saw the things that were seen in 1843 and 1844. The message** was given. And there should be no delay in repeating the **message**, for the signs of the times are fulfilling; the closing work must be done. A great work will be done in a short time. A **message** will soon be given by God’s appointment that will swell into **a loud cry**. **Then** Daniel will stand in his lot, to give his testimony.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 2, 20.

When The First Angel’s Message Was Proclaimed To The World

“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.

Daniel Stands In His Lot When A Mighty Angel Descends

- ❖ 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, And cried with a loud voice, as *when* a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices. *Revelation* 10:1–3.
- ❖ 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. *Revelation* 18:1–3.

His Mission: Lighten The Earth With His Glory

“I was shown the interest which all heaven had taken in the work going on upon the earth. Jesus commissioned **a mighty angel [THE FIRST ANGEL] to descend** and warn the inhabitants of the earth to prepare for His second appearing. As the angel left the presence of Jesus in heaven, an exceedingly bright and glorious light went before him. I was told that his mission was **to lighten the earth with his glory** and warn man of the coming wrath of God. Multitudes received the light.” *Early Writings*, 245–248.

The Power Of The Holy Spirit Was Manifested

“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.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 1, 47.

Special Light: The Seven Thunders

“**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.” *Ibid.* 47.

❖ And he had in his hand a little book open. Revelation 10:2.

Messages Are The Latter Rain

“To John were opened scenes of deep and thrilling interest in the experience of the church. He saw the position, dangers, conflicts, and final deliverance of the people of God. **He records the closing messages which are to ripen the harvest of the earth**, either as sheaves for the heavenly garner or as fagots for the fires of destruction. Subjects of vast importance were revealed to him, especially for the last church, that those who should turn from error to truth might be instructed concerning the perils and conflicts before them. None need be in darkness in regard to what is coming upon the earth.” *The Great Controversy*, 341.

God Is Dishonored

“The anointed ones standing by the Lord of the whole earth, have the position once given to Satan as covering cherub. By the holy beings surrounding his throne, the Lord keeps up **a constant communication with the inhabitants of the earth.** The golden oil represents the grace with which God keeps the lamps of believers supplied, that they shall not flicker and go out. Were it not that this holy oil is poured from heaven **in the messages of God’s Spirit**, the agencies of evil would have entire control over men.

“**God is dishonored when we do not receive the communications which he sends us.** Thus we refuse the golden oil which he would pour into our souls to be communicated to those in darkness. **When** the call shall come, ‘Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him,’ those who have not received the holy oil, who have not cherished the grace of Christ in their hearts, will find, like the foolish virgins, that they are not ready to meet their Lord. They have not, in themselves, the power to obtain the oil, and their lives are wrecked.” *Review and Herald*, July 20, 1897.

The Times Of Refreshing

“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.

The Advent Movement Of 1840–44: The Seven Thunders

“**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.

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Pentecost Repeated

“It is with an earnest longing that I look forward to the time when the events of the day of **Pentecost** shall be repeated with even greater power than on that occasion. John says, ‘I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.’ Then, as at the Pentecostal season, the people will hear the truth spoken to them, **every man in his own tongue**.

“God can breathe new life into every soul that sincerely desires to serve Him, and **can touch the lips with a live coal from off the altar**, and cause them to become eloquent with His praise. Thousands of voices will be imbued with the power to speak forth the wonderful truths of God’s

Word. **The stammering tongue will be unloosed**, and the timid will be made strong to bear courageous testimony to the truth. May the Lord help His people to cleanse the soul temple from every defilement, and to maintain such a close connection with Him that they may be **partakers of the latter rain when it shall be poured out.**" *Review and Herald*, July 20, 1886.

The Stammering Tongue And The Latter Rain

- ❖ **For with stammering lips and another tongue** will he speak to this people. To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and **this is the refreshing**: yet they would not hear. Isaiah 28: 11, 12.

"Those who are in responsible positions are not to become converted to the self-indulgent, extravagant principles of the world, for they cannot afford it; and if they could, Christlike principles would not allow it. **Manifold teaching needs to be given.** 'Whom shall He teach knowledge? and whom shall He make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little.' Thus the word of the Lord is patiently to be brought before the children and kept before them, by parents who believe the word of God. 'For with stammering lips and another tongue will He speak to this people. To whom He said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear. But the word of the Lord was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.' **Why?—because they did not heed the word of the Lord that came unto them.**

"This means those who have not received instruction, but have cherished their own wisdom, and have chosen to work themselves according to their own ideas. The Lord gives these the test, that they shall either take their position to follow His counsel, or refuse and do according to their own ideas, and then the Lord will leave them to the sure result. In all our ways, in all our service to God, He speaks to us, 'Give Me thine heart.' It is the submissive, teachable spirit that God wants. That which gives to prayer its excellence is the fact that it is breathed from a loving, obedient heart.

"God requires certain things of His people; if they say, I will not give up my heart to do this thing, the Lord lets them go on in their supposed wise judgment without heavenly wisdom, until this scripture [Isaiah 28:13] is fulfilled. **You are not to say, I will follow the Lord's guidance up to a certain point that is in harmony with my judgment, and then hold fast to your own ideas, refusing to be molded after the Lord's similitude.** Let the question be asked, Is this the will of the Lord? not, Is this the opinion or judgment of-----?" *Testimonies to Ministers*, 419.

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The Sign

- ❖ Moreover the Lord spake again unto Ahaz, saying, **Ask thee a sign** of the Lord thy God; ask it either in the depth, or in the height above. But Ahaz said, **I will not ask**, neither will I tempt the Lord. And he said, Hear ye now, O house of David; *Is it* a small thing for you to weary men, but will ye weary my God also? *Isaiah 7:10–13.*

They Desired A Sign

- ❖ Then certain of the scribes and of the Pharisees answered, saying, Master, we would see a sign from thee. But he answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas: For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. *Matthew 12:38–40.*
- ❖ The Pharisees also with the Sadducees came, and tempting desired him that he would show them a sign from heaven. He answered and said unto them, When it is evening, ye say, *It will be fair weather: for the sky is red.* And in the morning, *It will be foul weather to day: for the sky is red and lowering.* O ye **hypocrites**, ye can discern the face of the sky; but **can ye not discern the signs of the times?** A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given unto it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas. And he left them, and departed. *Matthew 16:1–4.*

They Misunderstood The Sign

- ❖ Then answered the Jews and said unto him, What sign showest thou unto us, seeing that thou doest these things? Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. Then said the Jews, **Forty and six years was this temple in building**, and wilt thou rear it up in three days? But **he spake of the temple of his body.** *John 2:18–21.*

They Misrepresent The Sign

- ❖ And said, **This fellow said**, I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days. *Matthew 26:61.*

Our Sign

- ❖ 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. *Luke 21:29, 30.*

The Budding Trees Of Spring

“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.

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.

An Unwillingness To Yield Up Preconceived Opinions

“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 Waggoner and 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, 235.

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.

“For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth **before all the nations**. Isaiah 61:11.

“**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 Ministers*, 300.

Not!

“In searching the Scriptures you are **not** to endeavor to interpret their utterances so as to agree with your **preconceived ideas**, but come as a learner to understand **the foundation principles of the faith of Christ.**” *Counsels on Sabbath School Work*, 25.

“Ministers should present **the sure word of prophecy** as the foundation of the faith of Seventh-day Adventists.” *Evangelism*, 196.

We Must!

“Do you ask, What shall I do to be saved? **You must lay your preconceived opinions**, your hereditary and cultivated ideas, at the door of investigation. If you search the Scriptures to vindicate your own opinions, you will never reach the truth. Search in order to learn what the Lord says. If conviction comes as you search, if you see that your cherished opinions are not in harmony with the truth, do not misinterpret the truth in order to suit your own belief, but accept the light given. Open mind and heart that you may behold wondrous things out of God’s word.” *Christ’s Object Lessons*, 112.

The Truth For This Time

“If the truth for this time, if the signs that are thickening on every hand, that testify that the end of all things is at hand, are not sufficient to arouse the sleeping energy of those who profess to know the truth, then **darkness proportionate to the light** which has been shining will overtake these souls. **There is not the semblance of an excuse for their indifference that they will be able to present to God in the great day of final reckoning.** There will be no reason to offer as to why they did not live and walk and work in the light of the sacred truth of the word of God, and thus reveal to a sin-darkened world, through their conduct, their sympathy, and their zeal, that the power and reality of the gospel could not be controverted.” *Review and Herald*, July 21, 1896.

How Are We Going To Know?

“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.

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“John **recorded the closing messages which are to ripen the harvest of the earth.**” *The Great Controversy*, 341.

The Heart Must Be Open

“Why is it that men do not believe upon sufficient evidence?—**Because they do not want to be convinced. They have no disposition to give up their own will for God’s will.** They are unwilling to acknowledge that they have cherished sinful unbelief in resisting the light that God has given them. They have been hunting for doubts, for pegs upon which to hang their unbelief. They have been ready to accept testimony which is weak and insufficient, testimony which God has not given them in his word, but which pleases them because it agrees with their ideas, and is in harmony with their disposition and will. These souls are in great peril. If they will bow their proud will, and put it on God’s side of the question; if they will with humble, contrite hearts seek for the light, believing that there is light for them, then they will see light, because the eye is single to discern the light which comes from God. They will acknowledge the evidence of divine authority. **Spiritual truths will shine forth from the divine page.** But the heart must be open for the reception of light, for Satan is ever ready to obscure the precious truth which would make them wise unto salvation. **If any do not receive it, it will forever remain a mystery of mysteries to them.**” *Review and Herald*, December 23, 1890.

Something Dangerous

“There is to be in the [Seventh-day Adventist] churches a wonderful manifestation of the power of God, but it will not move upon those who have not humbled themselves before the Lord, and opened the door of the heart by confession and repentance. In the manifestation of that power which lightens the earth with the glory of God, they will see only something which in their blindness they think **dangerous**, something which will arouse their fears, and they will brace themselves to resist it. Because the Lord does not work according to their ideas and expectations they will oppose the work. ‘Why,’ they say, ‘should we not know the Spirit of God, when we have been in the work so many years?’

“The third angel’s message **will not be comprehended**, the light which will lighten the earth with its glory will be called a false light, by those who refuse to walk in its advancing glory.” *Review and Herald*, December 23, 1890.

Comprehend: –verb (used with object) 1. to understand the nature or meaning of; grasp with the mind; perceive: He did not comprehend the significance of the ambassador’s remark. *Online Dictionary.*

Recognize: 1. to identify as something or someone previously seen, known, etc.: He had changed so much that one could scarcely recognize him. 2. to identify from knowledge of appearance or characteristics: I recognized him from the description. They recognized him as a fraud. 3. to perceive as existing or true; realize: to be the first to recognize a fact. *Online Dictionary.*

Who Will Recognize His Blessing When It Comes?

“The Lord calls for every talent of means and ability to be put to use. When the reproach of indolence and slothfulness shall have been wiped away from the church, the Spirit of the Lord will be graciously manifested; divine power will combine with human effort, the church will see the providential interpositions of the Lord God of hosts, the light of truth will be diffused, the knowledge of God and of Jesus Christ whom He hath sent. As in the apostles’ time, many souls will turn unto the Lord. The earth will be lightened with the glory of the angel from heaven.

“If the [people of the] world are to be convinced of sin as transgressors of God’s law, the agency must be the Holy Spirit working through human instrumentalities. The church needs now to shake off her death-like slumber, for the Lord is waiting to bless His people who will **recognize** His blessing when it comes, and diffuse it in clear, strong rays of light.

“**Then** will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean. . . . And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in My statutes’ [Ezekiel 36:25, 27]. If the wilderness of the church is to become as a fruitful field, and the fruitful field to be as a forest, it is through the Holy Spirit of God poured out upon His people.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 15, 308, 309.

Truths That Have Been Buried Under A Mass Of Rubbish

"I bore my testimony in the ministers' meeting, and the Lord gave me a large measure of His Spirit. I entreated my brethren standing in positions of responsibility not to grieve the Spirit of God away from their hearts by their unwillingness to receive the testimonies that God has sent them in reproof and warning. I saw that they were dishonoring God by much talking. **Their hearts were not free from prejudice.** I said to them, Do not receive the word of any man, but **go to the Scriptures for yourselves.** Do not turn away from the messages that God sends, as you did at Minneapolis. Prayerfully consider every point, with hearts open to conviction. Receive every ray of light sent you. That which has been set before you deserves candid consideration. **Truths that have been buried under a mass of rubbish are to be revived, and reset in their original setting.**" *Manuscript Releases*, volume 3, 415.

Truths Will Blaze Forth From God's Holy Word

"**The dust and rubbish of error have buried the precious jewels of truth,** but the Lord's workers can uncover these treasures, so that thousands will look upon them with delight and awe. Angels of God will be beside the humble worker, giving grace and divine enlightenment, and thousands will be led to pray with David, 'Open thou mine eyes that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.' **Truths that have been for ages unseen and unheeded, will blaze forth from the illuminated pages of God's holy word.** The churches generally that have heard, refused, and trampled upon the truth, will do more wickedly; but **'the wise,' those who are honest, will understand.** The book is open, and the words of God reach the hearts of those who desire to know his will. At the loud cry of the angel from heaven who joins the third angel, thousands will awake from the stupor that has held the world for ages, and will see the beauty and value of the truth." *Review and Herald*, December 15, 1885.

This Is The Danger

"We are to pray for the impartation of the Spirit as the remedy for sin-sick souls. The church needs to be converted, and why should we not prostrate ourselves at the throne of grace, as representatives of the church, and from a broken heart and contrite spirit make earnest supplication that the Holy Spirit shall be poured out upon us from on high? Let us pray that when it shall be graciously bestowed our cold hearts may be revived, and we may have discernment to understand that it is from God, and receive it with joy. Some have treated the Spirit as an unwelcome guest, refusing to receive the rich gift, refusing to acknowledge it, turning from it, and condemning it as fanaticism.

"When the Holy Spirit works the human agent, it does not ask us in what way it shall operate. Often it moves in unexpected ways. Christ did not come as the Jews expected. He did not come in a manner to glorify them as a nation. His forerunner came to prepare the way for Him by calling upon the people to repent of their sins, and be converted, and be baptized. Christ's message was, 'The kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.' **The Jews refused to receive Christ, because He did not come in accordance with their expectations.** The ideas of finite men were held as infallible, because hoary with age.

“This is the danger to which the church is now exposed—that the inventions of finite men shall mark out the precise way for the Holy Spirit to come. Though they would not care to acknowledge it, some have already done this. And because the Spirit is to come, not to praise men or to build up their erroneous theories, but to reprove the world of **sin**, and of **righteousness**, and of **judgment**, many turn away from it. They are not willing to be deprived of the garments of their own self-righteousness. They are not willing to exchange their own righteousness, which is unrighteousness, for **the righteousness of Christ, which is pure, unadulterated truth.** The Holy Spirit flatters no man, neither does it work according to the devising of any man. Finite, sinful men are not to work the Holy Spirit. When it shall come as a reprove, through any human agent whom God shall choose, it is man’s place to hear and obey its voice.” *Testimonies to Ministers*, 64, 65.

“We have far more to fear from within than from without. The hindrances to strength and success are far greater from the church itself than from the world. Unbelievers have a right to expect that those who profess to be keeping the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, will do more than any other class to promote and honor, by their consistent lives, by their godly example and their active influence, the cause which they represent. But how often have the professed advocates of the truth proved the greatest obstacle to its advancement! The unbelief indulged, the doubts expressed, the darkness cherished, encourage the presence of evil angels, and open the way for the accomplishment of Satan’s devices.” *Selected Messages*, book 1, 122.

THE REVEALED GLORY

Representative Men

“**The patriarchs and prophets were representative men**, and through them, from century to century, a flood of knowledge was poured into the world... The glorious beams of continually-increasing light are all concentrated in our time. All testify of Christ, "the Way, the Truth, and the Life.” *Signs of the Times*, January 13, 1898.

Representative: 1. Exhibiting **a similitude**. 2. **Bearing the character or power of another**; as a council representative of the people. *Noah Webster's 1828 American Dictionary*.

The Prophets Are Signs

- ❖ Thus **Ezekiel is unto you a sign**: according to all that he hath done shall ye do: and when this cometh, ye shall know that I am the Lord GOD. *Ezekiel 24:24*.
- ❖ Behold, I and the children whom the LORD hath given me **are for signs and for wonders** in Israel from the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion. *Isaiah 8:18*.

Sign: 1. **A token; something by which another thing is shown or represented**; any visible thing, any motion, appearance or event which indicates the existence or approach of something else. 3. **A wonder**; a miracle; a prodigy; a remarkable transaction, event or phenomenon. 4. Some visible transaction, event or appearance intended as proof or evidence **of something else**. 9. **Typical representation**. *Noah Webster's 1828 American Dictionary*.

“The last books of the Old Testament show us workers taken from the laborers in the field. Others were men of high ability and extensive learning, but the Lord gave them visions and messages. These men of the Old Testament spoke of things transpiring in their day, and **Daniel, Isaiah, and Ezekiel not only spoke of things that concerned them as present truth, but their sights reached down to the future, and to what should occur in these last days.**” *Selected Messages*, Vol. 3, 419.

“A crisis is just upon us; but God's servants are not to trust to themselves in this great emergency. **In the visions given to Isaiah, Ezekiel, and John, we see how closely heaven is connected with the events transpiring upon the earth.** We see the care of God for those who are loyal to him. The world is not without a ruler. **The program of coming events is in the hands of the Lord.** The Majesty of heaven has the destiny of nations, as well as the concerns of his church, in his own keeping.” *Southern Watchman*, December 25, 1906.

Daniel And John

“One thing will certainly be understood from the study of Revelation--that the connection between God and His people is close and decided.

“A wonderful connection is seen between the universe of heaven and this world. **The things revealed to Daniel were afterward complemented by the revelation made to John on the Isle of Patmos. These two books should be carefully studied...**” *Testimonies to Ministers*, 114.

“**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.” *SDA Bible Commentary*, Vol. 7, 971.

“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 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.” *Selected Messages*, Vol. 2, 105.

A Manifestation Of God's Power

“**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...** 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.

Isaiah And Ezekiel

- ❖ In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: **the whole earth is full of his glory**. And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke. **Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts**. Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged. Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me. And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not. Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed. Then said I, Lord, how long? And he answered, Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate, And the LORD have removed men far away, and there be a great forsaking in the midst of the land. But yet in it shall be a tenth, and it shall return, and shall be eaten: as a teil tree, and as an oak, whose substance is in them, when they cast their leaves: so the holy seed shall be the substance thereof. *Isaiah 6:1-13*.

He Saw The Manifestation

"Isaiah had a wonderful view of God's glory. He saw the manifestation of God's power, and after beholding his majesty, a message came to him to go and do a certain work. He felt wholly unworthy for the work. **What made him esteem himself unworthy? Did he think himself unworthy before he had a view of God's glory?-- No; he imagined himself in a righteous state before God; but when the glory of the Lord of hosts was revealed to him, when he beheld the inexpressible majesty of God, he said, "I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts**. Then flew one of the seraphim unto me, having a living coal in his hands, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar, and he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged." This is the work that as individuals we need to have done for us. We want the living coal from off the altar placed upon our lips. We want to hear the word spoken, "Thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged." *Review and Herald*, June 4, 1889.

The Same Lesson Of Faith

"What though earthly powers should be arrayed against Judah? What though Isaiah should meet with opposition and resistance in his mission? He had seen the King, the Lord of hosts; he had heard the song of the seraphim, **"The whole earth is full of His glory;"** and the prophet was

nerved for the work before him. The memory of this vision was carried with him throughout his long and arduous mission.

“Ezekiel, the mourning exile prophet, in the land of the Chaldeans, was given a vision teaching the same lesson of faith in the mighty God of Israel.

“There were wheels within wheels in an arrangement so complicated that at first sight they appeared to Ezekiel to be all in confusion. But when they moved, it was with beautiful exactness and in perfect harmony. Heavenly beings were impelling these wheels, and, above all, upon the glorious sapphire throne, was the Eternal One; while round about the throne was the encircling rainbow, emblem of grace and love. Overpowered by the terrible glory of the scene, Ezekiel fell upon his face, when a voice bade him arise and hear the word of the Lord. **Then there was given him a message of warning for Israel.”** *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 5, 751.

Wheels And Candlesticks

“The wheellike complications that appeared to the prophet to be involved in such confusion were under the guidance of an infinite hand. The Spirit of God, revealed to him as moving and directing these wheels, brought harmony out of confusion; so the whole world was under His control. Myriads of glorified beings were ready at His word to overrule the power and policy of evil men, and bring good to His faithful ones.

“In like manner, when God was about to open to the beloved John the history of the church for future ages, He gave him an assurance of the Saviour's interest and care for His people by revealing to him "One like unto the Son of man," walking among the candlesticks, which symbolized the seven churches. While John was shown the last great struggles of the church with earthly powers, he was also permitted to behold the final victory and deliverance of the faithful. He saw the church brought into deadly conflict with the beast and his image, and the worship of that beast enforced on pain of death. But looking beyond the smoke and din of the battle, he beheld a company upon Mount Zion with the Lamb, having, instead of the mark of the beast, the "Father's name written in their foreheads." And again he saw "them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God" and singing the song of Moses and the Lamb.

“These lessons are for our benefit. We need to stay our faith upon God, **for there is just before us a time that will try men's souls.** Christ, upon the Mount of Olives, rehearsed the fearful judgments that were to precede His second coming... While these prophecies received a partial fulfillment at the destruction of Jerusalem, they have a more direct application to the last days...

“But God's servants are not to trust to themselves in this great emergency. In the visions given to Isaiah, to Ezekiel, and to John we see how closely heaven is connected with the events taking place upon the earth and how great is the care of God for those who are loyal to Him. The world is not without a ruler. **The program of coming events is in the hands of the Lord. The Majesty of heaven has the destiny of nations, as well as the concerns of His church, in His own charge.”** *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 5, 752-753.

Isaiah And Laodicea

“Isaiah had denounced the sin of others; but now he sees himself exposed to the same condemnation he had pronounced upon them. He had been satisfied with a cold, lifeless ceremony in his worship of God. He had not known this until the vision was given him of the Lord. How little now appeared his wisdom and talents as he looked upon the sacredness and majesty of the sanctuary. How unworthy he was! how unfitted for sacred service! His view of himself might be expressed in the language of the apostle Paul, "O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death..."

“The vision given to Isaiah represents the condition of God's people in the last days. They are privileged to see by faith the work that is going forward in the heavenly sanctuary. "And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament." As they look by faith into the holy of holies, and see the work of Christ in the heavenly sanctuary, they perceive that they are a people of unclean lips,--a people whose lips have often spoken vanity, and whose talents have not been sanctified and employed to the glory of God. Well may they despair as they contrast their own weakness and unworthiness with the purity and loveliness of the glorious character of Christ. But if they, like Isaiah, will receive the impression the Lord designs shall be made upon the heart, if they will humble their souls before God, there is hope for them. The bow of promise is above the throne, and the work done for Isaiah will be performed in them. God will respond to the petitions coming from the contrite heart.

“The object of this great and solemn work of God is to gather together the sheaves for the heavenly garner; for the earth is to be filled with the glory of the Lord. Then let none be dismayed as they see the prevailing wickedness and hear the language coming from unclean lips. When the powers of darkness set themselves in array against the people of God; when Satan shall muster his forces for the last great conflict, and his power seems to be great and almost overwhelming, the clear view of the divine glory, the throne high and lifted up, arched with the bow of promise, will give comfort, assurance, and peace.” *Review and Herald*, December 22, 1896.

The Complicated Play Of Human Events

“Every nation that has come upon the stage of action has been permitted to occupy its place on the earth, that the fact might be determined whether it would fulfill the purposes of the Watcher and the Holy One. **Prophecy has traced the rise and progress of the world's great empires-- Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome. With each of these, as with the nations of less power, history has repeated itself. Each has had its period of test; each has failed, its glory faded, its power departed.**

“While nations have rejected God's principles, and in this rejection have wrought their own ruin, yet a divine, overruling purpose has manifestly been at work throughout the ages. **It was this that the prophet Ezekiel saw in the wonderful representation given him during his exile in the land of the Chaldeans, when before his astonished gaze were portrayed the symbols that revealed an overruling Power that has to do with the affairs of earthly rulers.**

“Upon the banks of the river Chebar, Ezekiel beheld a whirlwind seeming to come from the north, "a great cloud, and a fire infolding itself, and a brightness was about it, and out of the midst thereof as the color of amber." A number of wheels intersecting one another were moved by four living beings. High above all these "was the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a sapphire stone: and upon the likeness of the throne was the likeness as the appearance of a man above

upon it." "And there appeared in the cherubims the form of a man's hand under their wings." Ezekiel 1:4, 26; 10:8. The wheels were so complicated in arrangement that at first sight they appeared to be in confusion; yet they moved in perfect harmony. Heavenly beings, sustained and guided by the hand beneath the wings of the cherubim, were impelling those wheels; above them, upon the sapphire throne, was the Eternal One; and round about the throne was a rainbow, the emblem of divine mercy.

"As the wheellike complications were under the guidance of the hand beneath the wings of the cherubim, so the complicated play of human events is under divine control. Amidst the strife and tumult of nations He that sitteth above the cherubim still guides the affairs of this earth.

"The history of nations speaks to us today. To every nation and to every individual God has assigned a place in His great plan. Today men and nations are being tested by the plummet in the hand of Him who makes no mistake. All are by their own choice deciding their destiny, and God is overruling all for the accomplishment of His purposes.

"The prophecies which the great I AM has given in His word, uniting link after link in the chain of events, from eternity in the past to eternity in the future, tell us where we are today in the procession of the ages and what may be expected in the time to come. All that prophecy has foretold as coming to pass, until the present time, has been traced on the pages of history, and we may be assured that all which is yet to come will be fulfilled in its order.

"Today the signs of the times declare that we are standing on the threshold of great and solemn events. Everything in our world is in agitation. Before our eyes is fulfilling the Saviour's prophecy of the events to precede His coming: "Ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars. . . . Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places." Matthew 24:6, 7.

"The present is a time of overwhelming interest to all living. Rulers and statesmen, men who occupy positions of trust and authority, thinking men and women of all classes, have their attention fixed upon the events taking place about us. They are watching the relations that exist among the nations. They observe the intensity that is taking possession of every earthly element, and they recognize that something great and decisive is about to take place--that the world is on the verge of a stupendous crisis.

"The Bible, and the Bible only, gives a correct view of these things. Here are revealed the great final scenes in the history of our world, events that already are casting their shadows before, the sound of their approach causing the earth to tremble and men's hearts to fail them for fear." *Prophets and Kings*, 535-537.

The Light Of The Past

"All **the light of the past**, which shines unto the present and reaches forth into the future, as revealed in the word of God, is for every soul who will receive it. But **the glory of this light, which is the very glory of the character of Christ**, can never be expressed in words." *Australian Union Conference Record*, June 1, 1900.

The Striking Feature Of Divine Operations

"The great object of the advent of the Holy Spirit is distinctly specified by Christ. "When he is come," he said, "he will reprove the world of **sin**, and of **righteousness**, and of **judgment**...

"The striking feature of divine operations is the accomplishment of the greatest work that can be done in our world, by very simple means. It is God's plan that every part of his government shall depend on every other part, the whole as a wheel within a wheel, working with entire harmony. He moves upon human forces...

"The prince of the power of evil can only be held in check by the power of God in the third person of the Godhead, the Holy Spirit." *Special Testimonies for Ministers and Workers*, No. 10, 35-37.

Sweeping Away The Refuge Of Lies

"At Christ's first advent the angels broke the silence of the night with acclamations of praise, and proclaimed glory to God in the highest peace on earth; good will toward men. **He is soon to come again with power and great glory. Those who are not wedded to the world will realize that the time demands something more than a weak, faint, methodical discourse. They will see that there must be earnestness and power accompanying the word which will arouse the powers of hell to oppose the warnings God designs to come to the people to awaken men out of their carnal security, that they may prepare themselves for the great event right upon us.** The promise is, "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." **God will accept no sleepy, tame message at this time.** In old time "Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost," and we may expect such teaching in our day. I know that the Lord has wrought by his own power... Let no one attempt to deny this; for in so doing they will sin against the Holy Ghost. Because there may be need to warn and caution every one to walk carefully and prayerfully, in order that the deceptive influence of the enemy shall not lead men away from the Bible, let no one suppose that God will not manifest his power among his believing people; for he will work and none can hinder him. His name will be a praise in the earth. **"After these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory." Some souls will see and receive the light; but those who have stood long in resistance of light, because it did not come just in accordance with their ideas, will be in danger of calling light darkness, and darkness light; but the power of God will sweep away the refuge of lies, and his glory will be revealed. Let not one ray of light be resisted, let no operation of the Spirit of God be interpreted as darkness. God will not leave his people to wrestle with principalities and powers, with the rulers of the darkness of this world, with spiritual wickedness in high places, without the co-operation of heavenly angels. The power of God will be manifested to hold in check the power of the enemy. God will give victory to the truth."** *The 1888 Materials*, 1254.

The Voice Of Duty

"Those who have not a living connection with God have not an appreciation of the Holy Spirit's manifestation, and do not distinguish between the sacred and the common. They do not obey God's voice,

because as the Jewish nation, they know not the time of their visitation. There is no help for man, woman, or child, who will not hear and obey **the voice of duty; for the voice of duty is the voice of God.** The eyes, the ears, and the heart, will become unimpressible if men and women **refuse to give heed to the divine counsel, and choose the way that is best pleasing to themselves.**" *Special Testimonies for Ministers and Workers*, No. 10, 37.

- ❖ 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. And he said unto me, **Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.** *Revelation 10:8-11.*

"The **comprehension of truth**, the glad reception of the message, is represented in the eating of the little book." *SDA Bible Commentary*, Vol. 7, 971.

An Open Book

"The book that was sealed is not the Revelation, **but that portion of the prophecy of Daniel relating to the last days.** The angel commanded, "But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end." Daniel 12:4." *The Acts of the Apostles*, 585.

Note: The portion of Daniel that was sealed up was the last six verses of Daniel 11. God's people are therefore commanded in Revelation 10:8-11 to understand and proclaim this important part of Holy Writ.

The Result Of The Vision

Daniel

- ❖ Therefore I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and there remained no strength in me: **for my comeliness was turned in me into corruption**, and I retained no strength... Then there came again and touched me one like the appearance of a man, and he strengthened me, And said, O man greatly beloved, fear not: peace be unto thee, **be strong, yea, be strong.** And when he had spoken unto me, I was strengthened, and said, Let my lord speak; for thou hast strengthened me. *Daniel 10:8, 18, 19.*

Isaiah

- ❖ In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of

hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory. And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke. Then said I, **Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips**, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: **for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts**. Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having **a live coal** in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: **And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.** *Isaiah 6:1-7.*

Ezekiel

- ❖ Now it came to pass in the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I was among the captives by the river of Chebar, that the heavens were opened, and **I saw visions of God... And when I saw it, I fell upon my face**, and I heard a voice of one that spake. *Ezekiel 1:1-28.*

Note: Ezekiel's vision the same as Daniel's and John's...

- ❖ 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.** *Ezekiel 2:8-3:3.*

John

- ❖ And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters. And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength. **And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead**. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last. *Revelation 1:12-17.*

Righteousness By Faith

“What is justification by faith? **It is the work of God in laying the glory of man in the dust, and doing for man that which it is not in his power to do for himself. When men see their own nothingness, they are prepared to be clothed with the righteousness of Christ.**” *The Faith I Live By*, 111.

“Several have written to me, inquiring if the message of justification by faith is the third angel's message, and I have answered, "It is the third angel's message in verity." The prophet declares, "And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory." Brightness, glory, and power are to be connected with the third angel's message, and conviction will follow wherever it is preached in demonstration of the Spirit. How will any of our brethren know when this light shall come to the people of God? As yet, we certainly have not seen the light that answers to this description. God has light for his people, and all who will accept it will see the sinfulness of remaining in a lukewarm condition; they will heed the counsel of the True Witness when he says, "Be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." *Review and Herald*, April 1, 1890.

The Very Same Glory

“Increased light will shine upon all the grand truths of prophecy, and they will be seen in freshness and brilliancy, because the bright beams of the Sun of Righteousness will illuminate the whole...

“The Lord wants to impart to us increased light. He desires that we shall have distinct revealings of His glory, that ministers and people shall become strong in His strength. When the angel was about to unfold to Daniel the intensely interesting prophecies to be recorded for us who are to witness their fulfillment, the angel said, "Be strong, yea, be strong." [Daniel 10:19] We are to receive the very same glory that was revealed to Daniel, because it is for God's people in these last days, that they may give the trumpet a certain sound.” *Manuscript Releases*, vol. 1, 40.

No Vision

- ❖ **Where there is no vision, the people perish:** but he that keepeth the law, happy is he. *Proverbs 29:18.*