

## The Everlasting Gospel

“The message proclaimed by the angel flying in the midst of heaven is the everlasting gospel, the same gospel that was declared in Eden when God said to the serpent, ‘I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.’ *Selected Messages*, book 2, 106.

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### A Prophecy

“The spirit which put Christ to death moves the wicked to destroy His followers. All this is foreshadowed in **that first prophecy**: ‘I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed.’ And this will continue to the close of time.” *The Great Controversy*, 507.

### The Gospel

“**The first gospel sermon** was preached in Eden, when God said to the serpent, ‘I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.’

“In Eden, Adam and Eve transgressed the law of God. God had forbidden them to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. But **instead of obeying** the voice of God, they listened to the words of the tempter. ‘Hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?’ Satan asked. ‘And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, **lest ye die**. And the serpent said unto the woman, **Ye shall not surely die**: for God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.” *Youth Instructor*, February 22, 1900.

“Our lesson for the present time is, How may we most clearly comprehend and present **the gospel that Christ came in person to present to John on the Isle of Patmos**,— the gospel that is termed ‘the revelation of Jesus Christ’? We are to present to our people **a clear explanation of Revelation**. We are to give them the word of God just as it is, with as few of our own explanations as possible.” *Counsels to Writers and Editors*, 29.

And **this gospel of the kingdom** shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come. When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by **Daniel the prophet**, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains. Matthew 24:14–16.

## Everlasting

“Cain and Abel represent two classes that will exist in the world till the close of time.” *Patriarchs & Prophets*, 72.

## A Test

“Cain and Abel, the sons of Adam, differed widely in character. Abel had a spirit of loyalty to God; he saw justice and mercy in the Creator’s dealings with the fallen race, and gratefully accepted the hope of redemption. But Cain cherished feelings of rebellion, and murmured against God because of the curse pronounced upon the earth and upon the human race for Adam’s sin. He permitted his mind to run in the same channel that led to Satan’s fall—indulging the desire for self-exaltation and questioning the divine justice and authority.

“**These brothers were tested, as Adam had been tested before them**, to prove **whether they would believe and obey the word of God**. They were acquainted with the provision made for the salvation of man, and understood the system of offerings which God had ordained. They knew that in these offerings they were to express faith in the Saviour **whom the offerings typified**, and at the same time to acknowledge their total dependence on Him for pardon; and they knew that by thus conforming to the divine plan for their redemption, they were giving proof of their obedience to the will of God.” *Patriarchs and Prophets*, 71.

## Developed

“Cain and Abel are given us in Bible history to represent the two orders in humanity. Abel was **faithful and loyal** to God, and he was preferred by the Lord. Cain was **disloyal**; he wished his own ideas to prevail. Abel protested against these principles as disloyal. But as the eldest, Cain thought that his methods and plans should have the supremacy. It made him very angry that Abel would not concede to his views, and his anger burned so hotly that he killed his brother. **Here the two principles of right and wrong are developed.**” *Review and Herald*, September 14, 1897.

## Manifested

“The murder of Abel was **the first example of the enmity** that God had declared would exist between the serpent and the seed of the woman—between Satan and his subjects and Christ and His followers. . . . And wherever there are any who will stand in vindication of the righteousness of the law of God, the same spirit will be **manifested** against them. It is the spirit that through all the ages has set up the stake and kindled the burning pile for the disciples of Christ.” *Patriarchs and Prophets*, 77.

## Enmity

“The enmity referred to in the prophecy in Eden was not to be confined merely to Satan and the Prince of life. It was to be universal. Satan and his angels were to feel the enmity of all mankind. ‘I will put enmity,’ said God, ‘between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel’ (Genesis 3:15).

“The enmity put between the seed of the serpent and the seed of the woman was **supernatural.**” *Selected Messages*, book 1, 254.

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus. Philippians 2:5.

For to be carnally minded *is* death; but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace. Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. Romans 8:6–7.

### **Sanctify Them through Thy Word**

“**They are they that testify of Me,**’—of the Redeemer, Him in whom our hopes of eternal life are centered. The prayer of Christ for His disciples was, ‘Sanctify them through Thy truth; Thy word is truth.’ **If we are to be sanctified through the truth,** we must have an intelligent knowledge of God’s will as revealed in His word. We must search the Scriptures, not merely rush through a chapter, taking no pains to understand it; but we must dig for the jewel of truth, which will enrich the mind and the soul.” *Bible Echo*, October 22, 1894.

### **His Prophetic Word is Truth**

“The history of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, as that of the Son of God, cannot be fully demonstrated without the evidence contained in the Old Testament. Christ is revealed in the Old Testament as clearly as in the New. The one testifies of a Saviour to come, while the other testifies of a Saviour that has come in **the manner predicted by the prophets.** In order to appreciate the plan of redemption, the Scripture of the Old Testament must be thoroughly understood. It is **the glorified light from the prophetic past** that brings out the life of Christ and the teachings of the New Testament with clearness and beauty. The miracles of Jesus are a proof of his divinity; but **the strongest proofs that he is the world’s Redeemer are found in the prophecies of the Old Testament compared with the history of the New.** Jesus said to the Jews ‘Search **the Scriptures;** for in them ye think ye have eternal life, and **they are they which testify of me.**’ At that time there was no other scripture in existence save that of the Old Testament; so the injunction of the Saviour is plain.” *Spirit of Prophecy*, volume 3, 211.

### **Christ’s Parables**

“Revelation is not the creation or invention of something new, but **the manifestation of what was, until revealed, unknown to human beings.** The great and eternal truths contained in the **gospel** are revealed through diligent searching and humbling of ourselves before God. The divine Teacher leads the mind of the humble seeker for truth; and by the Holy Spirit’s guidance, **the truths of the Word** are made known to him. And there can be no more certain and efficient way of knowledge than in being thus guided. The promise of the Saviour was, ‘When he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all **truth.**’ It is through the impartation of the Holy Spirit that we are made to **understand the Word of God.**

“The psalmist writes, ‘Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word. With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments. . . . Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.’

“We are admonished to seek for the truth as for hid treasure. **The Lord opens the understanding of the true seeker after truth**; and the Holy Spirit enables him to grasp **the truths of revelation**. This is what the psalmist means when he asks that his eyes may be opened to behold wondrous things out of the law. When the soul pants after the excellencies of Jesus Christ, the mind is enabled to grasp the glories of the better world. Only by the aid of the divine Teacher can we understand **the truths of the Word of God**. **In Christ’s school we learn to be meek and lowly because there is given to us an understanding of the mysteries of godliness**.

“He who inspired the Word was the true expositor of the Word. Christ illustrated his teachings by calling the attention of his hearers to the simple laws of nature, and to the familiar objects which they daily saw and handled. Thus he led their minds from the natural to the spiritual. Many failed of grasping at once **the meaning of his parables**; but as they day by day came in contact with the objects with which the Great Teacher had associated spiritual truths, some discerned the lessons of divine truth he had sought to impress, and these were convinced of the truth of his mission and converted to the **gospel**.” *Sabbath School Worker*, December 1, 1909.

“Leading thus from the natural to the spiritual kingdom, Christ’s parables are links in the chain of truth that unites man with God, and earth with heaven.” *Christ’s Object Lessons*, 17.

### **The Pharisee and the Publican**

“The Pharisee and the publican represent two great classes into which those who come to worship God are divided. Their first two representatives are found in the first two children that were born into the world.” *Christ’s Object Lessons*, 152.

Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. 1 Corinthians 10:11.

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

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

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### **Peter the Pharisee**

“For each of the classes represented by the Pharisee and the publican there is a lesson in the history of the apostle Peter. In his early discipleship Peter thought himself strong. Like the Pharisee, in his own estimation he was ‘not as other men are.’ When Christ on the eve of His betrayal forewarned His disciples, ‘All ye shall be offended because of Me this night,’ Peter confidently declared, ‘Although all shall be offended, yet will not I.’ Mark 14:27, 29. Peter did not know his own danger. Self-confidence misled him. He thought himself able to withstand temptation; but in a few short hours the test came, and with cursing and swearing he denied his Lord.” *Christ’s Object Lessons*, 152.

### **Thrice Tested**

But Peter said unto him, Although all shall be offended, yet *will* not I. And Jesus saith unto him, Verily I say unto thee, That this day, *even* in this night, before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me **thrice**. Mark 14:29, 30.

### **Progressive**

“The evil that led to Peter’s fall and that shut out the Pharisee from communion with God is proving the ruin of thousands today. There is nothing so offensive to God or so dangerous to the human soul as pride and self-sufficiency. Of all sins it is the most hopeless, the most incurable.

“Peter’s fall was not instantaneous, but gradual.” *A New Life*, 41.

### **Peter the Publican**

“At the last meeting of Christ with His disciples by the sea, Peter, tested by **the thrice-repeated question**, ‘Lovest thou Me?’ (John 21:15–17), had been restored to his place among the Twelve. His work had been appointed him; he was to feed the Lord’s flock. Now, converted and accepted, he was not only to seek to save those without the fold, but was to be a shepherd of the sheep.” *Acts of the Apostles*, 515.

### **Three Tests**

“Self-confidence led him to the belief that he was saved, and step after step was taken in the downward path, until he could deny his Master. Never can we safely put confidence in self or feel, this side of heaven, that we are secure against temptation. Those who accept the Saviour, however sincere their conversion, should never be taught to say or to feel that they are saved. This is misleading. Every one should be taught to cherish hope and faith; but even when we give ourselves to Christ and know that He accepts us, we are not beyond the reach of temptation. God’s word declares, ‘Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried.’ Daniel 12:10. Only he who endures the trial will receive the crown of life. (James 1:12.)” *Christ’s Object Lessons*, 154, 155.

### **Purified Made White Tried**

## **The Millerites**

And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever. But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, *even* to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words *are* closed up and sealed till the time of the end. Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand. Daniel 12:3, 4, 9, 10.

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

“Many who went forth to meet the Bridegroom under the messages of the first and second angels, refused the third, **the last testing message** to be given to the world, and a similar position will be taken when the last call is made.

“**Every specification of this parable should be carefully studied.** We are represented either by the wise or by the foolish virgins.” *Review and Herald*, October 31, 1899.

### **First Message: Purified**

### **Second Message: Made White**

### **Third Message: Tried**

And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment. John 16:8.

### **Sin; First Angel’s Message; Purified**

### **Righteousness; Second Angel’s Message; Made White**

### **Judgment; Third Angel’s Message; Tried**

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

### **Courtyard; Sin; First Angel’s Message; Purified**

### **Holy Place; Righteousness; Second Angel’s Message; Made White**

### **Most Holy Place; Judgment; Third Angel’s Message; Tried**

### **Justification; Courtyard; Sin; First Message; Purified**

### **Sanctification; Holy Place; Righteousness; Second Message; Made White**

### **Glorification; Most Holy Place; Judgment; Third Message; Tried**

## The Closed Door

“Many who went forth to meet the Bridegroom under the messages of the first and second angels, refused the third angel’s message, the last testing message to be given to the world. . . .

“The parable of the ten virgins was given by Christ Himself, and every specification should be carefully studied. **A time will come when the door will be shut.**” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 16, 270.

## The Wheat and the Tares Manifested

“Both the parable of the tares and that of the net plainly teach that there is no time when all the wicked will turn to God. The wheat and the tares grow together until the harvest. The good and the bad fish are together drawn ashore for **a final separation.**

“Again, these parables teach that there is to be **no probation after the judgment.** **When the work of the gospel is completed, there immediately follows the separation between the good and the evil,** and the destiny of each class is forever fixed.” *Christ’s Object Lessons*, 123.

## Wheat & Tares

“Let both tares and wheat grow together until the harvest. Then it is **the angels that do the work of separation.**” *Selected Messages*, book 2, 69.

## Our Threefold Test

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

And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.

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

Here is the patience of the saints: here *are* they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. Revelation 14:6–12.

“I then saw **the third angel**. Said my accompanying angel, ‘Fearful is his word, awful is his mission. **He is the angel that is to select the wheat from the tares, and seal or bind the wheat for the heavenly garner.**’ These things should engage the whole mind, the whole attention. Again I was shown the necessity of those who believe we are having the last message of mercy, being separate from those who are daily receiving or imbibing new error. I saw that neither young nor old should attend the assemblies of those who are in error and darkness. Said the angel, ‘Let the mind cease to dwell on things of no profit.’” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 5, 425.

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

And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between **the seas** in **the glorious holy mountain**; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.

And at that time shall Michael stand up,

the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation *even* to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. Daniel 11:44, 45; 12:1.

And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets. For God is not *the author* of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints. 1 Corinthians 14:32–33.

We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake *as they were* moved by the Holy Ghost. 2 Peter 1:19–21.

## **Abel**

And it shall come to pass in the last days, *that* the mountain of the Lord’s house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. Isaiah 2:2–3.

For in mine holy mountain, in the mountain of the height of Israel, saith the Lord God, there shall all the house of Israel, all of them in the land, serve me: there will I accept them, and there will I require your offerings, and the firstfruits of your oblations, with all your holy things. Ezekiel 20:40.

## Cain

Woe to the multitude of many people, *which* make a noise like the noise of the seas; and to the rushing of nations, *that* make a rushing like the rushing of mighty waters! The nations shall rush like the rushing of many waters: but *God* shall rebuke them, and they shall flee far off, and shall be chased as the chaff of the mountains before the wind, and like a rolling thing before the whirlwind. And behold at eveningtide trouble; *and* before the morning he *is* not. This *is* the portion of them that spoil us, and the lot of them that rob us. Isaiah 17:12–14.

And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues. Revelation 17:15.

## The King of the North

But I will remove far off from you the northern *army*, and will drive him into a land barren and desolate, with **his face toward the east sea**, and **his hinder part toward the utmost sea**, and his stink shall come up, and his ill savour shall come up, because he hath done great things. Joel 2:20.

For I will rise up against them, saith the Lord of hosts, and cut off from Babylon the name, and remnant, and son, and nephew, saith the Lord. I will also make it a possession for the bittern, and pools of water: and I will sweep it with the besom of destruction, saith the Lord of hosts. The Lord of hosts hath sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, [so] shall it stand: That I will break the Assyrian in my land, and upon my mountains tread him under foot: then shall his yoke depart from off them, and his burden depart from off their shoulders. This *is* the purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth: and this *is* the hand that is stretched out upon all the nations. Isaiah 14:22–26.

“Before His crucifixion the Saviour explained to His disciples that He was to be put to death and to rise again from the tomb, and angels were present to impress His words on minds and hearts. But the disciples were looking for temporal deliverance from the Roman yoke, and they could not tolerate the thought that He in whom all their hopes centered should suffer an ignominious death. The words which they needed to remember were banished from their minds; and when the time of trial came, it found them unprepared. The death of Jesus as fully destroyed their hopes as if He had not forewarned them. So in the prophecies the future is opened before us as plainly as it was opened to the disciples by the words of Christ. **The events connected with the close of probation and the work of preparation for the time of trouble, are clearly presented. But multitudes have no more understanding of these important truths than if they had never been revealed. Satan watches to catch away every impression that would make them wise unto salvation,** and the time of trouble will find them unready.

**“When God sends to men warnings so important that they are represented as proclaimed by holy angels flying in the midst of heaven, He requires every person endowed with reasoning powers to heed the message.** The fearful judgments denounced against the worship of the beast and his image (Revelation 14:9–11), should lead all to a diligent study of the prophecies to learn what the mark of the beast is, and how they are to avoid receiving it. But the masses of the people turn away their ears from hearing the truth and are turned unto fables. The apostle Paul declared, looking down to the last days: ‘The time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine.’ 2 Timothy 4:3. That time has fully come. The multitudes do not want Bible truth, because it interferes with the desires of the sinful, world-loving heart; and Satan supplies the deceptions which they love.

“But God will have a people upon the earth to maintain the Bible, and the Bible only, as the standard of all doctrines and the basis of all reforms. The opinions of learned men, the deductions of science, the creeds or decisions of ecclesiastical councils, as numerous and discordant as are the churches which they represent, the voice of the majority—not one nor all of these should be regarded as evidence for or against any point of religious faith. Before accepting any doctrine or precept, we should demand a plain ‘Thus saith the Lord’ in its support.

“Satan is constantly endeavoring to attract attention to man in the place of God. **He leads the people to look to bishops, to pastors, to professors of theology, as their guides, instead of searching the Scriptures to learn their duty for themselves.** Then, by controlling the minds of these leaders, he can influence the multitudes according to his will.” *The Great Controversy*, 594–595.

## Joel's Three Histories

### Four Generations

The word of the Lord that came to Joel the son of Pethuel. Hear this, ye old men, and give ear, all ye inhabitants of the land. Hath this been in your days, or even in the days of your fathers? Tell ye **your children** of it, and *let* your children *tell* **their children**, and their children **another generation**. Joel 1:1–3.

### Iniquity Visited in the Fourth Generation

Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto **the third and fourth generation** of them that hate me. Exodus 20:5.

See also Genesis 15:15–16.

### The Cup of Iniquity

“And he called to the man clothed with linen, which had the writer’s inkhorn by his side; and the Lord said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof. And to the others he said in mine hearing, Go ye after him through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity: slay utterly old and young, both maids, and little children, and women: but come not near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at My sanctuary. **Then they began at the ancient men which were before the house.**”

“Jesus is about to leave the mercy seat of the heavenly sanctuary to put on garments of vengeance and pour out His wrath in judgments upon those who have not responded to the light God has given them. ‘Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.’ Instead of being softened by the patience and long forbearance that the Lord has exercised toward them, those who fear not God and love not the truth strengthen their hearts in their evil course. But **there are limits even to the forbearance of God, and many are exceeding these boundaries. They have overrun the limits of grace**, and therefore God must interfere and vindicate His own honor.

“Of the Amorites the Lord said: ‘In **the fourth generation** they shall come hither again: for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full.’ Although this nation was conspicuous because of its idolatry and corruption, **it had not yet filled up the cup of its iniquity**, and God would not give command for its utter destruction. The people were to see the divine power manifested in a marked manner, that they might be left without excuse. The compassionate Creator was willing to bear with their iniquity until the fourth generation. Then, if no change was seen for the better, His judgments were to fall upon them.

“With unerring accuracy the Infinite One still keeps an account **with all nations**. While His mercy is tendered with calls to repentance, this account will remain open; but **when the figures reach a certain amount** which God has fixed, the ministry of His wrath commences. **The account is closed. Divine patience ceases. There is no more pleading of mercy in their behalf.**

“The prophet, looking down the ages, had this time presented before his vision. The nations of this age have been the recipients of unprecedented mercies. The choicest of heaven’s blessings have been given them, but increased pride, covetousness, idolatry, contempt of God, and base ingratitude are written against them. They are fast closing up their account with God.

“But **that which causes me to tremble** is the fact that **those who have had the greatest light and privileges** have become contaminated by the prevailing iniquity. Influenced by the unrighteous around them, many, even of those who profess the truth, have grown cold and are borne down by the strong current of evil. The universal scorn thrown upon true piety and holiness leads those who do not connect closely with God to lose their reverence for His law. If they were following the light and obeying the truth from the heart, this holy law would seem even more precious to them when thus despised and set aside. As the disrespect for God’s law becomes more manifest, **the line of demarcation between its observers and the world becomes more distinct. Love for the divine precepts increases with one class according as contempt for them increases with another class.**” *Testimonies*, volume 5, 207–209.

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

### **Judgment Begins with Adventism**

“The command is: ‘Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof.’ . . .

“Here we see that **the church—the Lord’s sanctuary**—was the first to feel the stroke of the wrath of God. The ancient men, those to whom God had given great light and who had stood as guardians of the spiritual interests of the people, had betrayed their trust. **They had taken the position that we need not look for miracles and the marked manifestation of God’s power as in former days. Times have changed.** These words strengthen their unbelief, and they say: The Lord will not do good, neither will He do evil. He is too merciful to visit His people in judgment. Thus ‘Peace and safety’ is the cry from men who will never again lift up their voice like a trumpet to show God’s people their transgressions and the house of Jacob their sins. These dumb dogs that would not bark are the ones who feel the just vengeance of an offended God. Men, maidens, and little children all perish together.” *Testimonies*, volume 5, 210—211.

“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.” *The Great Controversy*, 611.

“Study the 9th chapter of Ezekiel. **These words will be literally fulfilled**; yet the time is passing, and the people are asleep. They refuse to humble their souls and to be **converted**. Not a great while longer will the Lord bear with the people who have such great and important truths revealed to them, but who refuse to bring these truths into their individual experience. The time is short. God is calling; will you hear? Will you receive His message? Will you be **converted** before it is too late? Soon, very soon, **every case will be decided for eternity.**” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 1, 260.

### **Four Insects**

That which the **palmerworm** hath left hath the locust eaten; and that which the **locust** hath left hath the cankerworm eaten; and that which the **cankerworm** hath left hath the **caterpillar** eaten. Joel 1:4.

“One thing it is certain is soon to be realized,—the great apostasy, which is developing and increasing and waxing stronger, and **will continue to do so until the Lord shall descend from heaven with a shout**. We are to hold fast the first principles of our denominated faith, and go forward from strength to increased faith. Ever we are to keep the faith that that has been substantiated by the Holy Spirit of God from the earlier events of our experience, until the present time. We need now larger breadth, and deeper, more earnest, unwavering faith in the leadings of the Holy Spirit. If we needed the manifest proof of the Holy Spirit’s power to confirm truth in the beginning after the passing of the time, we need today all the evidence in the confirmation of the truth, when souls are departing from the faith and giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. There must not be any languishing of soul now.” *New York Indicator*, February 7, 1906.

### **The Times of Restitution**

That which the **palmerworm** hath left hath the locust eaten; and that which the **locust** hath left hath the cankerworm eaten; and that which the **cankerworm** hath left hath the **caterpillar** eaten. . . . And **I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm**, my great army which I sent among you. Joel 1:4; 2:25.

Repent ye therefore, and be **converted**, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive until **the times of restitution of all things**, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began. Acts 3:19–21.

### **JOEL’S DRUNKARDS**

Awake, **ye drunkards**, and weep; and howl, all ye drinkers of wine, because of the new wine, for it is cut off from your mouth. Joel 1:5.

### **The Drunkards of Pentecost**

Acts 2:14–21.

## To this Class

“But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words: for **these are not drunken**, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day. But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel.’ **Read the history.** The Lord was at work in His own way; but **had there been such a manifestation among us, upon whom the ends of the world are come**, would not some have mocked, as on that occasion? **Those who did not come under the influence of the Holy Spirit knew it not.** To this class **the disciples seemed like drunken men.**” *Testimonies to Ministers*, 66.

## A Partial Fulfillment

“Acts 2:12–21 quoted. If this prophecy of Joel met a partial fulfillment in the days of the apostles, we are living in a time when it is to be even more evidently manifest to the people of God. He will so bestow His Spirit upon His people that they will become a light amid the moral darkness; and great light will be reflected in all parts of the world.” *The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, volume 4, 1175.

## The Drunkards of Ephraim

Awake, **ye drunkards**, and weep; and howl, all ye drinkers of wine, because of the new wine, for it is cut off from your mouth. Joel 1:5.

And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets. For God is not *the author* of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints. 1 Corinthians 14:32–33.

Woe to the crown of pride, to **the drunkards of Ephraim**, whose glorious beauty *is* a fading flower, which *are* on the head of the fat valleys of them that are overcome with wine! Isaiah 28:1.

“The course of false science led the Jews to strong unbelief. We are filled with grief when we meet **the same unbelief in the world today**. Christ came to this world, and received at the hands of **the unbelieving Jews** that which prophecy declared he would receive. The Jews who were fulfilling the prophecies in the Old Testament Scriptures, did not realize what they were doing. **They professed to believe these prophecies, and they did not know that they were working out the plan foretold.**

“Stay yourselves, and wonder, cry ye out, and cry; **they are drunken** but not with wine; they stagger; but not with strong drink. For the Lord hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your eyes; the prophets and your rulers, the seers hath he covered. And the vision of all is become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed, which men delivered to one that is learned saying, read this, I pray thee; and he saith, I am not learned.’

“Wherefore the Lord saith, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouths, and with their lips do honor me, but have removed their hearts afar from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men; therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvelous work, and a wonder for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid. Woe unto them that seek deep to hide their counsel from the Lord, and their works are in the dark, and they say, Who seeth us, and who knoweth us? Surely your turning of things upside down shall be esteemed as the potters clay; for shall the work say of him that made it, He made me not, or shall the thing framed say of him that framed it, He had no understanding?”

“**Every word of this will be fulfilled.** There are those who do not humble their hearts before God, and who will not walk uprightly. They hide their true purposes, and keep in fellowship with the fallen angel, who loveth and maketh a lie. The enemy puts his spirit upon the men whom he can use to deceive those who are partially in the dark. Some are becoming imbued with the darkness that prevails, and are setting the truth aside for error. **The day pointed out by prophecy is come.** Jesus Christ is not understood. Jesus Christ is to them a fable. At this stage of the earth’s history, **many act like drunken men.** ‘Stay yourselves, and wonder; cry ye out, and cry; they are drunken, but not with wine; they stagger, but not with strong drink. For the Lord hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your eyes. The prophets and your rulers, the seers hath he covered.’ **A spiritual drunkenness is upon many who suppose they are the people who shall be exalted.** Their religious faith is just as is represented in this Scripture. Under its influence, they can not walk straight. They make crooked paths in their course of action. One and then another, they reel to and fro. They are looked upon by the Lord with great pity. **The way of truth** they have not known. They are scientific schemers, and those who could and should have helped, because of a clear spiritual eyesight, are themselves deceived, and are sustaining an evil work.

“The developments of these last days will soon become decided. When these spiritualistic deceptions are revealed to be what they really are,—the secret workings of evil spirits,—those who have acted a part in them will become as men who have lost their minds.

“Wherefore the Lord saith, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honor me, but have removed their hearts far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men therefore, behold I will proceed to do a marvelous work among this people, even a marvelous work and a wonder for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid. Woe unto them that seek deep to hide their counsel from the Lord, and their works are in the dark, and they say, who seeth us, and who knoweth us? Surely your turning of things upside down shall be esteemed as the potter's clay; for shall the work say of him that made it, He made me not? or shall the thing framed say of him that framed it. He had no understanding?”

“It is presented to me that in our experience we have been and are meeting this very condition of things. **Men who have had great light and wonderful privileges have taken the word of leaders who think themselves wise, who have been greatly favored and blessed by the Lord, but who have taken themselves out of the hands of God and placed themselves in the ranks of the enemy.** The world is to be flooded with specious fallacies. One human mind, accepting these fallacies, will work upon other human minds, who have been turning the precious evidence of God’s truth into a lie. These men will be deceived by fallen angels, when they should have stood as faithful guardians, watching for souls, as they that must give an account. They have laid down the weapons of their warfare, and have given heed to seducing spirits. They make of no effect the counsel of God and set aside his warnings and reproofs, and are **positively on Satan’s side**, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils.

“Spiritual **drunkenness** is now upon men who ought not to be staggering as men under the influence of strong drink. Crimes and irregularities, fraud, deceit, and unfair dealing fill the world, in accordance with the teaching of the leader who rebelled in the heavenly courts.

“**History is to be repeated.** I could specify what will be in the near future, but the time is not yet. The forms of the dead will appear, through the cunning device of Satan, and many will link up with the one who loveth and maketh a lie. **I warn our people that right among us some will turn away from the faith**, and give heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils, and by them the truth will be evil spoken of.

“A marvelous work shall take place. Ministers, lawyers, doctors, who have permitted these falsehoods to overmaster their spirit of discernment will be themselves deceivers, united with the deceived. A spiritual **drunkenness** will take possession of them. To the unfaithful stewards the Lord says, Take you pleasure and walk in blindness **as drunken men**; for after having many opportunities, and refusing to improve them, you will act at last as **the drunkard** acts, throwing away your hope of eternal life. Seeking deep to hide their counsel from the Lord, and **making lies their refuge**, they will **misinterpret the warnings and messages God has sent, placing on these warnings their false statements, to make God’s word of no effect.** Reports and suggestions are gathered up and kept in the memory, to be used when it is thought they can be used with the best effect. This has been going on for some time. Those who do this work seek deep to hide their counsel from those whom they would injure. But the Lord is acquainted with every movement, every performance. All the secret workings of men are open to the One who knows the heart.

“Some who have been deceived by men in responsible places will repent, and be converted. And in all our dealings with them, we must remember that **none of those who are in the depth of Satan’s snares know that they are there.**” *Battle Creek Letters*, 124–125.

## Awake

**Awake**, ye drunkards, and weep; and howl, all ye drinkers of wine, because of the new wine, for it is cut off from your mouth. Joel 1:5.

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

“There is a world lying in wickedness, in deception and delusion, in the very shadow of death,—asleep, asleep. Who are feeling travail of soul to awaken them? What voice can reach them? **My mind was carried to the future**, when the signal will be given. ‘Behold, the Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.’ But some will have delayed to obtain the oil for replenishing their lamps, and too late they will find that **character**, which is represented by the oil, is not transferable.” *Review and Herald*, February 11, 1896.

### **New Wine Cut Off**

Awake, ye drunkards, and weep; and howl, all ye drinkers of wine, because of the new wine, for it is **cut off from your mouth**. Joel 1:5.

### **New Wine**

And no man putteth new wine into old bottles; else the new wine will burst the bottles, and be spilled, and the bottles shall perish. But new wine must be put into new bottles; and both are preserved. No man also having drunk old *wine* straightway desireth new: for he saith, The old is better. Luke 5:37–39.

“‘The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.’ Psalm 51:17. Man must be emptied of self before he can be, in the fullest sense, a believer in Jesus. When self is renounced, then the Lord can make man a new creature. New bottles can contain the new wine. The love of Christ will animate the believer with new life. In him who looks unto the Author and Finisher of our faith the character of Christ will be manifest.” *The Desire of Ages*, 280.

### **New Doctrine**

“The teaching of Christ, though it was represented by **the new wine, was not a new doctrine**, but the revelation of that which had been taught from the beginning. But to the Pharisees the truth of God had lost its original significance and beauty. To them Christ’s teaching was new in almost every respect, and **it was unrecognized and unacknowledged**.” *Desire of Ages*, 279.

RECOGNIZE: 1. To recollect or recover the knowledge of, either with an avowal of that knowledge or not. We recognize a person at a distance, when we recollect that we have seen him before, or that we have formerly known him. We recognize his features or his voice. *Webster’s 1828 Dictionary*.

“**In every age there is a new development of truth, a message of God to the people of that generation.** The old truths are all essential; new truth is not independent of the old, but an unfolding of it. **It is only as the old truths are understood that we can comprehend the new.** When Christ desired to open to His disciples the truth of His resurrection, He began ‘at Moses and all the prophets’ and ‘expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning Himself.’ Luke 24:27. But it is the light which shines in the fresh unfolding of truth that glorifies the old. **He who rejects or neglects the new does not really possess the old.** For him it loses its vital power and becomes but a lifeless form.” *Christ’s Object Lessons*, 127.

### **As the Rain**

Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth. My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass, Dueteronomy 32:1–2.

### **As The Oil**

“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. But if God’s Holy Spirit is asked for, if we plead, as did Moses, ‘Show me thy glory,’ the love of God will be shed abroad in our hearts. Through the golden pipes, the golden oil will be communicated to us. ‘Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts.’ By receiving the bright beams of the Sun of Righteousness, God’s children shine as lights in the world.” *Review and Herald*, July 20, 1897.

### **Beware of Fanaticism**

“The baptism of the Holy Ghost as on the day of Pentecost will lead to a revival of true religion and to the performance of many wonderful works. Heavenly intelligences will come among us, and men will speak as they are moved upon by the Holy Spirit of God. But should the Lord work upon men as He did on and after the day of Pentecost, **many who now claim to believe the truth** would know so very little of the operation of the Holy Spirit that they would cry, ‘**Beware of fanaticism.**’ They would say of those who were filled with the Spirit, ‘These men are full of new wine.’

“The time is not far off now when men will want a much closer relation to Christ, a much closer union with His Holy Spirit, than ever they have had, or will have, unless they give up their will and their way, and submit to God’s will and God’s way. The great sin of those who profess to be Christians is that they do not open the heart to receive the Holy Spirit. When souls long after Christ, and seek to become one with Him, then those who are content with the form of godliness, exclaim ‘**Be careful, do not go to extremes.**’ When the angels of heaven come among us, and work through human agents, there will be solid, substantial conversions, after the order of the conversions after the day of Pentecost.

“Now brethren, be careful and do not go into or try to create human excitement. But while we should be careful not to go into human excitement, **we should not be among those who will raise inquiries and cherish doubts in reference to the work of the Spirit of God; for there will be those who will question and criticize when the Spirit of God takes possession of men and women**, because their own hearts are not moved, but are cold and unimpressible.” *Selected Messages*, book 2, 57.

#### TIMES OF REFRESHING

And now, brethren, I wot that through ignorance ye did *it*, as *did* also your rulers. But those things, which God before had showed **by the mouth of all his prophets**, that Christ should suffer, he hath so fulfilled.

Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when **the times of refreshing** shall come from the presence of the Lord; And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken **by the mouth of all his holy prophets** since the world began.

For Moses truly said unto the fathers, **A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me**; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you. And it shall come to pass, *that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people.*

Yea, and **all the prophets** from Samuel and those that follow after, as many as have spoken, **have likewise foretold of these days.** Acts 3:17–24.

#### Pentecost

“**Then** the latter rain will fall upon us **as the early rain fell upon the disciples on the Day of Pentecost.**” *Testimonies*, volume 5, 214.

#### A Few Drops Before

“The act of Christ in breathing upon his disciples the Holy Ghost, and in imparting his peace to them, was **as a few drops before the plentiful shower to be given on the day of Pentecost.**” *Spirit of Prophecy*, volume 3, 243.

#### The Sprinkling

“But there must be no neglect of the grace represented by the former rain. **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.

## PENTECOST

“As she turned from the sepulcher, she saw Jesus standing near, but knew Him not. He spoke to her tenderly, inquiring the cause of her sorrow and asking whom she was seeking. Supposing that He was the gardener, she begged Him, if He had borne away her Lord, to tell her where he had laid Him, that she might take Him away. Jesus spoke to her with His own heavenly voice, saying, ‘Mary!’ She was acquainted with the tones of that dear voice, and quickly answered, ‘Master!’ and in her joy was about to embrace Him; but Jesus said, ‘Touch Me not; for I am not yet ascended to My Father: but go to My brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto My Father, and your Father; and to My God, and your God.’ Joyfully she hastened to the disciples with the good news. **Jesus quickly ascended to His Father** to hear from His lips that He accepted the sacrifice, and to receive all power in heaven and upon earth. . . .

“**The same day He returned** and showed Himself to His disciples. He suffered them then to touch Him; for **He had ascended** to His Father and had received power.

“At this time Thomas was not present. . . . When Jesus again met with His disciples, Thomas was with them; and when he beheld Jesus, he believed. But he had declared that he would not be satisfied without the evidence of feeling added to sight, and Jesus gave him the evidence which he had desired. Thomas cried out, ‘My Lord and my God!’ But Jesus reproved him for his unbelief, saying, ‘Thomas, because thou hast seen Me, thou hast believed: **blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.**’” *Early Writings*, 187–188.

## THE MIDNIGHT CRY

“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.” *The Great Controversy*, 611.

### August 11, 1840

“The mighty angel who instructed John was no less a personage than Jesus Christ. Setting His right foot on the sea, and His left upon the dry land, shows the part which He is acting in the closing scenes of the great controversy with Satan. *Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, volume 7, 971.

### May 1842: Sight

I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am **reproved**. And the Lord answered me, and said, **Write the vision**, and make *it* plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. Habakkuk 2:1–2.

### 1843

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

“I saw the people of God joyful in expectation, looking for their Lord. But God designed to prove them. His hand covered **a mistake** in the reckoning of **the prophetic periods**. Those who were looking for their Lord did not discover this **mistake**, and the most learned men who opposed the time also failed to see it. God designed that His people should meet with a disappointment. **The time passed**, and those who had looked with joyful expectation for their Saviour were sad and disheartened, while those who had not loved the appearing of Jesus, but embraced the message through fear, were pleased that He did not come at the time of expectation. Their profession had not affected the heart and purified the life. **The passing of the time was well calculated to reveal such hearts.**

“They were the first to turn and ridicule the sorrowful, disappointed ones who really loved the appearing of their Saviour. I saw the wisdom of God in proving His people and giving them a searching test to discover those who would shrink and turn back in the hour of trial.

“Jesus and all the heavenly host looked with sympathy and love upon those who had with sweet expectation longed to see Him whom their souls loved. Angels were hovering around them, to sustain them in the hour of their trial. Those who had neglected to receive the heavenly message were left in darkness, and God’s anger was kindled against them, because they would not receive the light which He had sent them from heaven. Those **faithful**, disappointed ones, who could not understand why their Lord did not come, were not left in darkness. Again they were led to their Bibles to search **the prophetic periods**. **The hand of the Lord was removed from the figures**, and the **mistake** was explained. They saw that **the prophetic periods** reached to 1844, and that **the same evidence which they had presented to show that the prophetic periods closed in 1843, proved that they would terminate in 1844**. Light from the Word of God shone upon their position, and they discovered a tarrying time—‘Though it [the vision] tarry, wait for it.’ In their love for Christ’s immediate coming, they had overlooked the tarrying of the vision, which was calculated to manifest **the true waiting ones**. Again they had a point of time. Yet I saw that many of them could not rise above their severe disappointment to possess that degree of zeal and energy which had marked their faith in 1843.

“Satan and his angels triumphed over them, and those who would not receive the message congratulated themselves upon their farseeing judgment and wisdom in not receiving the delusion, as they called it. They did not realize that they were rejecting the counsel of God against themselves, and were working in union with Satan and his angels to perplex God’s people, who were living out the heaven-sent message.

“The believers in this message were oppressed in the churches. For a time, those who would not receive the message were restrained by fear from acting out the sentiments of their hearts; but **the passing of the time revealed their true feelings**. They wished to silence the testimony which **the waiting ones** felt compelled to bear, **that the prophetic periods extended to 1844**. With clearness the believers explained their **mistake** and gave the reasons why they expected their Lord in **1844**. Their opposers could bring no arguments against the powerful reasons offered. Yet the anger of the churches was kindled; they were determined not to listen to evidence, and to shut the testimony out of the churches, so the others could not hear it. Those who dared not withhold from others the light which God had given them, were shut out of the churches; but Jesus was with them, and they were joyful in the light of His countenance. **They were prepared to receive the message of the second angel.**” *Early Writings*, 235–237.

### **March 22, 1844: Faith**

For the vision *is* yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry. **Behold**, his soul *which* is lifted up is not upright in him: but **the just shall live by his faith**. Habakkuk 2:3–4.

### **THE LATTER RAIN**

Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.

For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry. Now **the just shall live by faith**: but if *any man* draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul. Hebrews 10:35–39.

## Joel's Three Histories

### THE 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,** and in some countries there was the greatest religious interest which has been witnessed in any land since the Reformation of the sixteenth century; but these are to be exceeded by the mighty movement under the last warning of the third angel.

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

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

### A Work

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

“John saw ‘Another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the whole earth was lightened with his glory.’ Revelation 18:1. **That work is the voice of the people of God proclaiming a message of warning to the world.**” *The 1888 Materials*, 926.

## A PROGRESSIVE TESTING PROCESS

### Latter Rain

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

### Pentecost

“I was pointed back to the proclamation of the first advent of Christ. John was sent in the spirit and power of Elijah to prepare the way of Jesus. Those who rejected the testimony of John were not benefited by the teachings of Jesus. Their opposition to the message that foretold His coming placed them where they could not readily receive the strongest evidence that He was the Messiah. Satan led on those who rejected the message of John to go still farther, to reject and crucify Christ. In doing this they placed themselves where they could not receive the blessing on the day of Pentecost, which would have taught them the way into the heavenly sanctuary. The rending of the veil of the temple showed that the Jewish sacrifices and ordinances would no longer be received. The great Sacrifice had been offered and had been accepted, and the Holy Spirit which descended on the day of Pentecost carried the minds of the disciples from the earthly sanctuary to the heavenly, where Jesus had entered by His own blood, to shed upon His disciples the benefits of His atonement. But the Jews were left in total darkness. They lost all the light which they might have had upon the plan of salvation, and still trusted in their useless sacrifices and offerings. The heavenly sanctuary had taken the place of the earthly, yet they had no knowledge of the change. Therefore they could not be benefited by the mediation of Christ in the holy place.

## The Midnight Cry

“Many look with horror at the course of the Jews in rejecting and crucifying Christ; and as they read the history of His shameful abuse, they think they love Him, and would not have denied Him as did Peter, or crucified Him as did the Jews. But God who reads the hearts of all, has brought to the test that love for Jesus which they professed to feel. All heaven watched with the deepest interest the reception of the first angel’s message. But many who professed to love Jesus, and who shed tears as they read the story of the cross, derided the good news of His coming. Instead of receiving the message with gladness, they declared it to be a delusion. They hated those who loved His appearing and shut them out of the churches. Those who rejected the first message could not be benefited by the second; neither were they benefited by the midnight cry, which was to prepare them to enter with Jesus by faith into the most holy place of the heavenly sanctuary. And by rejecting the two former messages, they have so darkened their understanding that they can see no light in the third angel’s message, which shows the way into the most holy place. I saw that as the Jews crucified Jesus, so the nominal churches had crucified these messages, and therefore they have no knowledge of the way into the most holy, and they cannot be benefited by the intercession of Jesus there. Like the Jews, who offered their useless sacrifices, they offer up their useless prayers to the apartment which Jesus has left; and Satan, pleased with the deception, assumes a religious character, and leads the minds of these professed Christians to himself, working with his power, his signs and lying wonders, to fasten them in his snare. Some he deceives in one way, and some in another. He has different delusions prepared to affect different minds. Some look with horror upon one deception, while they readily receive another. Satan deceives some with Spiritualism. He also comes as an angel of light and spreads his influence over the land by means of false reformations. The churches are elated, and consider that God is working marvelously for them, when it is the work of another spirit. The excitement will die away and leave the world and the church in a worse condition than before.” *Early Writings*, 258–259.

### A CHANGE OF DISPENSATIONS

“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.” *Acts of the Apostles*, 38.

### **Total Darkness: Pentecost**

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### **The Closing Work: The Latter Rain**

“In immediate connection with the scenes of the great day of God, the Lord by the prophet Joel has promised a special manifestation of His Spirit. Joel 2:28. This prophecy received a partial fulfillment in the outpouring of the Spirit on the Day of Pentecost; but it will reach its full accomplishment in the manifestation of divine grace which will attend the **closing work of the gospel**.” *The Great Controversy*, Introduction.

### **The Closing Work: The Proving of God**

“I cry out in remorse of soul, But who shall be able to stand when Christ shall come? But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he *is* like a refiner’s fire, and like fullers’ soap: And he shall sit *as* a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness. **Malachi 3:2, 3**.

“Who shall stand **the proving of God? Only those will bear the test**, who have washed their robes of character and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

“Paul’s picture that is presented before us should cause us trembling and anguish of soul. This is the state of a large share of those who have the form of godliness in these last days. The doom of the withered fig tree has a personal application. Who cannot see the living counterpart in the men and women who claim to have great light, in advance of every other people on the face of the earth, whose daily life and unholy characters belie their profession of godliness? There is a manifestation of pride and selfishness in many ways, peevish fretfulness, frivolity, discontent, uncharitableness, and censoriousness, thinking evil, speaking evil of brethren. There is no inward crucifixion of sin. The mold of Christ is not upon them, leaves of profession to conceal their deformity, but no fruit. There is more hope of the open sinner than of such. The chambers of the soul are desecrated by sin to Satan’s control.

“Will this people be Christians? Will they heed the counsel of Christ, be zealous, and repent? Will they have true contrition of heart? Will they humble their hearts before God before it shall be forever too late? Will they repent of their backslidings? **May God help you just now, in this thy day, to confess your sins, and be converted that your sins may be blotted out and your name retained in the Lamb’s book of life.**” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 21, 167.

### **The Blotting Out**

“In the typical system, which was a shadow of the sacrifice and priesthood of Christ, the cleansing of the sanctuary was the last service performed by the high priest in the yearly round of ministration. It was the closing work of the atonement—a removal or putting away of sin from Israel. It prefigured the closing work in the ministration of our High Priest in heaven, in **the removal or blotting out of the sins of His people**, which are registered in the heavenly records.” *The Great Controversy*, 352.

### **The Judgment of the Living**

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. Acts 3:19.

#### **TWO TEMPLE CLEANSINGS**

“He will purify his church even as he purified the temple at **the beginning** and **close** of his ministry on earth.” *The Kress Collection*, 114.

### **Two Distinct Calls**

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

### **Two Voices**

Revelation 18:1–6.

### **First Call**

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. John 10:27.

### **Second Call**

And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, *and* one shepherd. John 10:16.

## Consider the Cleansing of the Temple

“We are not to drift into worldly channels. **Consider the cleansing of the temple** at the beginning of Christ’s ministry, and at the close of his life, his personal labors in the guise of humanity. Whom did he find intent on gain? The Jews had made the courts of the temple a scene of sacrilegious traffic. They had turned the ancient and sacred institution of the Passover into a means of vile profit. They bartered deep, turning the once sacred service instituted by Christ himself, into a worship of mammon. But Christ came **suddenly** into the temple courts; **divinity flashed through humanity**, and, raising a whip of small cords in his hands, with a voice that they will hear again in the execution of the judgment, he said, ‘Take these things hence.’ ‘It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.’ These priests and rulers saw as it were an avenging angel with a flaming sword, such as guarded the way to the tree of life.

“Today this sacrilegious work is being more than repeated. There will be **messages** borne; and those who have **rejected the messages** God has sent, will hear most startling declarations. **The Holy Spirit will invest the announcement with a sanctity and solemnity which will appear terrible in the ears of those who have heard the pleadings of infinite love, and have not responded to the offers of pardon and forgiveness.** Injured and insulted Deity will speak, proclaiming the sins that have been hidden. As the priests and rulers, full of indignation and terror, sought refuge in flight at the last scene of the cleansing of the temple, **so will it be in the work for these last days.** The **woes** that will be pronounced upon those that have had light from heaven, and yet did not heed it, they will feel, but will have no power to act. **This is represented in the parable of the wise and foolish virgins.** They cannot obtain a character from the wise virgins, and they have **no oil of grace to discern the clear light or to accept it.** They cannot light their lamps and join the procession that goes in to the marriage supper of the Lamb.” *Special Testimonies for Ministers and Workers*, number 7, 1897.

## Malachi Three

“In the cleansing of the temple, Jesus was **announcing His mission** as the Messiah, and entering upon His work. . . . ‘The Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to His temple, even the Messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, He shall come, saith the Lord of hosts. But who may abide the day of His coming? and who shall stand when He appeareth? for He is like a refiner’s fire, and like fullers’ soap: and He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and He shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver.’ **Malachi 3:1–3.**” *The Desire of Ages*, 161.

## The Messenger of the Covenant

Malachi 3:1–4.

## Malachi and the Cleansing of the Temple

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

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

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

### A Purifying Process

“Malachi 3:1–4 quoted.

“**A refining, purifying process is going on among the people of God, and the Lord of hosts has set his hand to this work.** This process is most trying to the soul, but it is necessary in order that defilement may be removed. Trials are essential in order that we may be brought close to our heavenly Father, in submission to his will, that we may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness. God’s work of refining and purifying the soul must go on until his servants are so humbled, so dead to self, that when called into active service, they may have an eye single to the glory of God.” *Review and Herald*, April 10, 1894.

### A Warning Message

“In Malachi’s day the mocking inquiry of the impenitent, Malachi 2:17; 3:1–4 quoted.

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

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

### **Parallel History**

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

“The first, second, and third angels’ messages are to be repeated.” *Review and Herald*, October 31, 1899.

### **August 11, 1840—the First Test Empowered**

And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.

### **Summer 1844—the Second Test: Spirit Poured Out**

**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.

### **October 22, 1844—the Sunday law in the USA: Door Closes**

And **I heard another voice** from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities. Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double. Revelation 18:1–6.

“I then saw **the third angel**. Said my accompanying angel, ‘Fearful is his word, awful is his mission. **He is the angel that is to select the wheat from the tares, and seal or bind the wheat for the heavenly garner.**’ These things should engage the whole mind, the whole attention.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 5, 425.

## Revelation 18:4

“Revelation 18 points to the time **when**, as the result of rejecting **the threefold warning** of Revelation 14:6–12, **the church** will have fully reached the condition foretold by the second angel, and **the people of God still in Babylon will be called upon to separate from her communion**. This message is the last that will ever be given to the world; and it will accomplish its work. **When those that ‘believed not the truth**, but had pleasure in unrighteousness’ 2 Thessalonians 2:12, shall be left to receive strong delusion and to believe a lie, **then** the light of truth will shine upon all whose hearts are open to receive it, and all **the children of the Lord that remain in Babylon** will heed the call: **‘Come out of her, my people.’** Revelation 18:4. *Maranatha*, 173.

## Strong Delusion

“One who sees beneath the surface, who reads the hearts of all men, **says of those who have had great light**: ‘They are not afflicted and astonished because of their moral and spiritual condition. Yea, they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delighteth in their abominations. **I also will choose their delusions**, and will bring their fears upon them; because when I called, none did answer; when I spake, they did not hear: but they did evil before Mine eyes, and chose that in which I delighted not.’ ‘God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie,’ because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved,’ ‘but had pleasure in unrighteousness.’ Isaiah 66:3, 4; 2 Thessalonians 2:11, 10, 12.

“The heavenly Teacher inquired: ‘What stronger delusion can beguile the mind than the pretense that you are building on the right foundation and that God accepts your works, when in reality you are working out many things according to worldly policy and are sinning against Jehovah? Oh, it is a great deception, a fascinating delusion, that takes possession of minds when **men who have once known the truth**, mistake the form of godliness for the spirit and power thereof; when they suppose that they are rich and increased with goods and in need of nothing, while in reality they are in need of everything.’

“God has not changed toward His faithful servants who are keeping their garments spotless. But many are crying, ‘Peace and safety,’ while sudden destruction is coming upon them. Unless there is thorough repentance, unless men humble their hearts by confession and receive the truth as it is in Jesus, they will never enter heaven. When purification shall take place in our ranks, we shall no longer rest at ease, boasting of being rich and increased with goods, in need of nothing.

“Who can truthfully say: ‘Our gold is tried in the fire; our garments are unspotted by the world?’ I saw our Instructor pointing to the garments of so-called righteousness. Stripping them off, He laid bare the defilement beneath. Then He said to me: ‘Can you not see how they have pretentiously covered up their defilement and rottenness of character? **“How is the faithful city become an harlot!” My Father’s house is made a house of merchandise, a place whence the divine presence and glory have departed!** For this cause there is weakness, and strength is lacking.’” *Testimonies*, volume 8, 249–250.

### **Pentecost, Joel, Revelation 18, Ezekiel 37, Isaiah 6 & 28 and the Latter Rain**

“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.

### 1798: THE TIME OF THE END

#### The First Angel's Message Arrives

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

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

“Of their identity there can be no question; and all the arguments which go to locate the one, are equally effective in the case of the other.” Uriah Smith, *Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation*, 522.

#### An Unsealing

“Daniel has been standing in his lot **since the seal was removed** and the light of truth has been shining upon his visions. He stands in his lot, bearing the testimony which was to be understood at the end of the days.” *Sermons and Talks*, volume 1, 225–226.

### AN INCREASE OF KNOWLEDGE

But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased. . . . None of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand. Daniel 12:4, 10.

### 1833: MESSAGE FORMALIZED

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

### AUGUST 11, 1840: FIRST MESSAGE EMPOWERED

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

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

“The 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.**” *The Great Controversy*, 611.

“Any question that Satan can arouse in the mind to create doubt in regard to the grand history of the past travels of the people of God will please his satanic majesty and is an offense to God. The tidings of the Lord’s soon coming in power and great glory to our world is truth, and in 1840 many voices were raised in its proclamation.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 9, 134.

#### **MAY 1842: FOUNDATIONS ESTABLISHED**

##### **The 1843 Chart**

“In May, 1842, a General Conference was convened in Boston, Massachusetts. At the opening of this meeting, Brethren Charles Fitch and Apollos Hale, of Haverhill, presented the pictorial prophecies of Daniel and John, which they had painted on cloth, with the prophetic numbers, showing their fulfillment. Brother Fitch in explaining from his chart before the Conference, said, while examining these prophecies, he had thought if he could get out something of the kind as here presented it would simplify the subject and make it easier for him to present to an audience. **Here was more light in our pathway.** These brethren had been doing what the Lord had shown Habakkuk in his vision 2,468 years before, saying, ‘Write the vision and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time.’ Habakkuk 2:2.

“After some discussion on the subject, it was voted unanimously to have **three hundred** similar to this one lithographed, which was soon accomplished. They were called ‘the ‘43 charts.’ This was a very important Conference.” *The Autobiography of Joseph Bates*, 263.

##### **Directed by God**

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

##### **Write the Vision, and Make it Plain**

Habakkuk 2:1–4.

## **That He May Run**

Daniel 12:4.

## **To and Fro**

Amos 8:11–12.

## **Removing the IF**

“I had never been positive as to any particular day for the Lord’s appearing, believing that no man could know the day and hour. In all my published lectures, it will be seen on the title page, ‘about the year 1843.’ In all my oral lectures, I invariably told my audiences that the periods would terminate in 1843, if there were no mistake in my calculation; but that I could not say the end might not come even before that time, and they should be continually prepared. **In 1842, some of my brethren preached with great positiveness the exact year, and censured me for putting in an IF.** The public press had also published that I had fixed upon a definite day, the 23rd of April, for the Lord’s Advent. Therefore, in December of that year, as I could see no error in my reckoning, I published my belief, that sometime between March 21st, 1843, and March 21st, 1844, the Lord would come. Some had their minds fixed on particular days; but I could see no evidence for such, unless the types of the Mosaic law pointed to the feast of Tabernacles.

“During the year ‘43, the most violent denunciations were heaped upon me, and those associated with me, by the press, and some pulpits. Our motives were assailed, our principles misrepresented, and our characters traduced. Time passed on: and the 21st of March, 1844 went by, without our witnessing the appearing of the Lord. Our disappointment was great; and many walked no more with us.

“Previously to this, in the fall of ‘43, some of my brethren began to call the churches Babylon, and to urge that it was the duty of Adventists to come out of them. With this I was much grieved, as not only the effect was very bad, but I regarded it as a perversion of the word of God,—a wresting of Scripture. But the practice spread extensively; and from that time the churches, as might have been expected, were closed against us. It prejudiced many against us so that they would not listen to the truth. It created a deep feeling of hostility between Adventists and those who did not embrace the doctrine; so that most of the Adventists were separated from their respective churches. This was a result, which I never desired, nor expected; but it was brought about by unforeseen circumstances. We could then only act in accordance with the position in which we were thus placed.” William Miller, *Apology and Defense*, 25.

### **JUNE 1842: THE SECOND ANGEL’S MESSAGE ARRIVES**

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

### **MARCH 22, 1844: THE TARRYING TIME & THE FIRST DISAPPOINTMENT**

“As early as 1842 the direction given in this prophecy to ‘write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it,’ had suggested to Charles Fitch the preparation of a prophetic chart to illustrate the visions of Daniel and the Revelation. The publication of this chart was regarded as a fulfillment of the command given by Habakkuk. **No one, however, then noticed than an apparent delay in the accomplishment of the vision—a tarrying time—is presented in the same prophecy.** After the disappointment, this scripture appeared very significant: ‘The vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry. . . . The just shall live by his faith.’” *The Great Controversy*, 392.

### **SUMMER 1844: SECOND ANGEL’S MESSAGE EMPOWERED**

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

### **OCTOBER 22, 1844: THE SECOND ANGEL’S MESSAGE CLOSES**

“**Near the close of the second angel’s message, I saw a great light from heaven** shining upon the people of God. The rays of this light seemed bright as the sun. And I heard the voices of angels crying, ‘Behold, the Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet Him!’

“This was **the midnight cry**, which was to give power to the second angel’s **message**. Angels were sent from heaven **to arouse** the discouraged saints and prepare them for the great work before them. The most talented men were not the first to receive this **message**. Angels were sent to the humble, devoted ones, and constrained them to raise the cry, ‘Behold, the Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet Him!’” *Early Writings*, 238.

### **PROPHETIC ANGELS**

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

### **Revelation Eighteen Angels**

“John saw ‘Another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the whole earth was lightened with his glory.’ Revelation 18:1. **That work is the voice of the people of God proclaiming a message of warning to the world.**” *The 1888 Materials*, 926.

## Connected

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

## Linked

“The first, second, and third angels’ messages **are all linked together.**” *Selected Messages*, book 2, 118.

## Tests

“And many are doing the same thing today, in 1897, because they have not had experience in **the testing messages comprehended in the first, second, and third angel’s messages.**” *Evangelism*, 613.

## The Work of the Angels

“Let both tares and wheat grow together until the harvest. Then it is **the angels that do the work of separation.**” *Selected Messages*, book 2, 69.

“I then saw **the third angel.** Said my accompanying angel, ‘Fearful is his work, awful is his mission. **He is the angel that is to select the wheat from the tares, and seal or bind the wheat for the heavenly garner.**’” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 5, 425.

## Parallel

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

### THE 1843 CHART: THE FOUNDATIONAL TRUTHS

“The enemy is seeking to divert the minds of our brethren and sisters from the work of preparing a people to stand in these last days. His sophistries are designed to lead minds away from the perils and duties of the hour. They estimate as of little value the light that Christ came from heaven to give to John for His people. They teach that the scenes just before us are not of sufficient importance to receive special attention. They make of no effect the truth of heavenly origin, and **rob the people of God of their past experience, giving them instead a false science. ‘Thus saith the Lord: Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein.’** [Jeremiah 6:16.]

“Let none seek to tear away **the foundations of our faith**,—the foundations that were laid at the beginning of our work, by prayerful study of the Word and by revelation. Upon these **foundations** we have been building for more than fifty years. Men may suppose that they have found a new way, that they can lay a stronger foundation than that which has been laid; but this is a great deception. **‘Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid.’** [1 Corinthians 3:11.] In the past, many have undertaken to build a new faith, to establish new principles; but how long did their building stand? It soon fell; for it was not founded upon the Rock.

“Did not the first disciples have to meet the sayings of men? did they not have to listen to false theories; and then, having done all, to stand firm, saying, ‘Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid’? **So we are to hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end.**” *Testimonies*, volume 8, 296–297.

### The Message that Came in 1842, 1843, and 1844

“The warning has come: Nothing is to be allowed to come in that will disturb **the foundation of the faith upon which we have been building ever since the message came in 1842, 1843, and 1844.** I was in this message, and ever since I have been standing before the world, true to the light that God has given us. We do not propose to take our feet off **the platform** on which they were placed as day by day we sought the Lord with earnest prayer, seeking for light. Do you think that I could give up the light that God has given me? It is to be as the **Rock of Ages.** It has been guiding me ever since it was given.” *Review and Herald*, April 14, 1903.

### The Old Paths

Jeremiah 6:16–23.

### The Loud Cry Message

“**The truths that we received in 1841, ‘42, ‘43, and ‘44 are now to be studied and proclaimed.** The messages of the first, second, and third angels will in the future be proclaimed with a loud voice. They will be given with earnest determination and in the power of the Spirit.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 15, 371.

### **Should not be Altered**

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

### **Except by Inspiration**

“I saw that **the truth should be made plain upon tables**, that the earth and the fullness thereof is the Lord’s, and that necessary means should not be spared to make it plain. I saw that the old chart was directed by the Lord, and that not a figure of it should be altered **except by inspiration**. I saw that the figures of the chart were as God would have them, and that His hand was over and hid a mistake in some of the figures, so that none should see it till His hand was removed.” *Spalding and Magan*, 1.

### **After the Passing of Time—1844 through 1846**

“I do not wish to ignore or drop one link in the chain of evidence that was formed as, after the passing of the time in 1844, little companies of seekers after truth met together to study the Bible and to ask God for light and guidance. . . . The truth, point by point, was fastened in our minds so firmly that we could not doubt. . . . The evidence given in our early experience has the same force that it had then. The truth is the same as it ever has been, and not a pin or a pillar can be moved from the structure of truth. **That which was sought for out of the Word in 1844, 1845, and 1846 remains the truth in every particular.**” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 1, 53.

### **1850 and the Second Table**

“On our return to Brother Nichol’s, **the Lord gave me a vision and showed me that the truth must be made plain upon tables**, and it would cause many to decide for the truth by the third angel’s message with the two former being made **plain upon tables.**” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 5, 201–203.

### **God is in It**

“**The [1850] chart** is being executed in Boston. **God is in it.**

“Brother Nichols has the charge of it.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 15, 213.

### **The Charts Ordered by God**

“I saw that **God was in the publishment of the chart by Brother Nichols**. I saw that **there was a prophecy of this chart in the Bible**, and if this chart is designed for God’s people, if it [is] sufficient for one it is for another, and if one needed a new chart painted on a larger scale, all need it just as much. . . .

“I saw that **the charts [the 1843 and the 1850] ordered by God** struck the mind favorably, even without an explanation. There is something light, lovely, and heavenly in the representation of the angels on the charts. The mind is almost imperceptibly led to God and heaven. But **the other charts** that have been gotten up disgust the mind, and cause the mind to dwell more on earth than heaven.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 13, 359.

## No New Message

“God is not giving us a new message. We are to proclaim the message that in **1843 and 1844** brought us out of the other churches.” *Review and Herald*, January 19, 1905.

## The Messages of 1843 and 1844

“God bids us give our time and strength to the work of preaching to the people the messages that stirred men and women in **1843 and 1844**.” *Manuscript Release*, Number 760.

## The Messages of 1843 and 1844?

“Now our history shows that there were hundreds teaching from **the same chronological charts that William Miller was, all of one stamp**. Then it was the oneness of the message all on one theme, the coming of the Lord Jesus at a certain time, 1844.” Joseph Bates, *Early SDA Pamphlets*, 17.

## All or Some? The loud Cry

“**All the messages given from 1840–1844 are to be made forcible now**, for there are many people who have lost their bearings. The messages are to go to all the churches.

“Christ said, ‘Blessed are your eyes, for they see; and your ears, for they hear. For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them’ [Matt. 13:16, 17]. **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 21, 437.

## The Third Angel’s Message

“Those who stand as teachers and leaders in our institutions are to be sound in the faith and in the principles of the third angel’s message. God wants His people to know that we have the message as He gave it to us in **1843 and 1844**.” *General Conference Bulletin*, April 1, 1903.

## ISAIAH 7—742BC

### Isaiah 7:1–9.

### **The Commencement of the Chain of Truth**

“God sent **His angel** to move upon the heart of a farmer who had not believed the Bible, to lead him to search the prophecies. Angels of God repeatedly visited that chosen one, to guide his mind and open to his understanding prophecies which had ever been dark to God’s people. **The commencement of the chain of truth was given to him**, and he was led on to search for link after link, until he looked with wonder and admiration upon the Word of God. . . .

“God directed the mind of William Miller to the prophecies and gave him great light upon the book of Revelation.” *Early Writings*, 229–232.

### **The Commencement of the Chain of Truth**

“From a farther study of the Scriptures, I concluded that the seven times of Gentile supremacy must **commence** when the Jews ceased to be an independent nation at the captivity of Manasseh, which the best chronologers assigned to B. C. **677**; that the 2300 days **commenced** with the seventy weeks, which the best chronologers dated from B. C. **457**; and that the 1335 days **commencing** with the taking away of the daily, and the setting up of the abomination that maketh desolate, [Daniel 12:11] were to be dated from the setting up of the Papal supremacy, after the taking away of Pagan abominations, and which, according to the best historians I could consult, should be dated from about A. D. **508**. **Reckoning all these prophetic periods from the several dates assigned by the best chronologers for the events from which they should evidently be reckoned**, they all would terminate together, about A. D. 1843. I was thus brought, in 1818, at the close of my two years study of the Scriptures, to the solemn conclusion, that in about twenty-five years from that time all the affairs of our present state would be wound up.” *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, April 18, 1854.

### **677BC; 457BC & 508AD—the 2520; the 2300 & the 1290 and the 1335**

#### **Manasseh—677**

Wherefore the Lord brought upon them the captains of the host of the king of Assyria, which took Manasseh among the thorns, and bound him with fetters, and carried him to Babylon. 2 Chronicles 33:11.

“Faithfully the prophets continued their warnings and their exhortations; fearlessly they spoke to Manasseh and to his people; but the messages were scorned; backsliding Judah would not heed. **As an earnest of what would befall the people** should they continue impenitent, the Lord permitted their king to be captured by a band of Assyrian soldiers, who ‘bound him with fetters, and carried him to Babylon,’ their temporary capital. This affliction brought the king to his senses; ‘he besought the Lord his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers, and prayed unto Him: and He was entreated of him, and heard his supplication, and brought him again to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the Lord He was God.’ 2 Chronicles 33:11–13. But this repentance, remarkable though it was, came too late to save the kingdom from the corrupting influence of years of idolatrous practices. Many had stumbled and fallen, never again to rise.” *Prophets and Kings*, 382.

EARNEST, n. ern'est. 1. **First fruits**; that which is in advance, and gives promise of something to come. Early fruit may be an earnest of fruit to follow. The first success in arms may be an earnest of future success. The Christian's peace of mind in this life is an earnest of future peace and happiness. Hence earnest or earnest-money is a first payment or deposit giving promise or assurance of full payment. Hence the practice of giving an earnest to ratify a bargain.

**This sense of the word is primary, denoting that which goes before, or in advance.** Thus the earnest of the spirit is given to saints, as a pledge or assurance of their future enjoyment of God's presence and favor. *Webster's 1828 Dictionary*.

#### THE END FROM THE BEGINNING

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

#### Restoration Manasseh & Israel

##### The Movement of the Midnight Cry

“I appeal to those who for many years have known the truth. It is time to wake up the watchmen. I have expended my strength in giving the message that the Lord has given me. The burden of our cities has rested so heavily upon me that it has sometimes seemed that I should die. The work in the cities is the essential work for this time, and is now to be taken hold of in faith. When the cities are worked as God would have them, the result will be **the setting in operation of a mighty movement**, such as **we have not yet witnessed**. May the Lord give wisdom to our brethren, that they may know how to carry forward the work in harmony with his will. With mighty power the cry is to be sounded in our large centers of population, ‘Behold, the Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.’” *Review and Herald*, November 17, 1910.

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

“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.

“Why, then, this widespread ignorance concerning an important part of Holy Writ? Why this general reluctance to investigate its teachings? It is the result of a studied effort of the prince of darkness to conceal from men that which reveals his deceptions. For this reason, Christ the Revelator, foreseeing the warfare that would be waged against the study of the Revelation, pronounced a blessing upon all who should read, hear, and observe the words of the prophecy.

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

“**No truth is more clearly taught in the Bible than that God by His Holy Spirit especially directs His servants on earth in the great movements** for the carrying forward of the work of salvation. Men are instruments in the hand of God, employed by Him to accomplish His purposes of grace and mercy. Each has his part to act; to each is granted a measure of light, adapted to the necessities of his time, and sufficient to enable him to perform the work which God has given him to do. But no man, however honored of Heaven, has ever attained to a full understanding of the great plan of redemption, or even to a perfect appreciation of the divine purpose in the work for his own time. Men do not fully understand what God would accomplish by the work which He gives them to do; they do not comprehend, in all its bearings, the message which they utter in His name.” *The Great Controversy*, 342–343.

“In visions of the night, representations passed before me of **a great reformatory movement** among God’s people. Many were praising God. The sick were healed, and other miracles were wrought. A spirit of intercession was seen, **even as was manifested before the great Day of Pentecost**. Hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families and opening before them the word of God. Hearts were convicted by the power of the Holy Spirit, and a spirit of genuine conversion was manifest. On every side doors were thrown open to the proclamation of the truth. The world seemed to be lightened with the heavenly influence. Great blessings were received by the true and humble people of God. I heard voices of thanksgiving and praise, and there seemed to be **a reformation such as we witnessed in 1844**.” *Testimonies*, volume 9, 126.

## Two Indignations

### The Last End of the Indignation

Now as he was speaking with me, I was in a deep sleep on my face toward the ground: but he touched me, and set me upright. And he said, Behold, I will make thee know what shall be in the last end of the indignation: for at the time appointed the end *shall be*. Daniel 8:18–19.

### Two or Three Witnesses

It is also written in your law, that the testimony of two men is true. John 8:17.

In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established. 2 Corinthians 13:1.

And for that the dream was doubled unto Pharaoh twice; it is because the thing is established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass. Genesis 41:32.

### Lamentations 2:1–9

### Ezekiel 22:17–31

And the anger of the Lord was kindled against this land, to bring upon it all **the curses that are written in this book**: And the Lord rooted them out of their land in anger, and in wrath, and **in great indignation**, and cast them into another land, as *it is* this day.

The secret *things belong* unto the Lord our God: but those *things which are revealed belong* unto us and to our children for ever, that *we* may do all the words of this law. Dueteronomy 29:27–29.

### The Curse of Moses

Yea, all Israel have transgressed thy law, even by departing, that they might not obey thy voice; therefore **the curse is poured upon us, and the oath that is written in the law of Moses** the servant of God, because we have sinned against him. And **he hath confirmed his words**, which he spake against us, and against our judges that judged us, by bringing upon us a great evil: for under the whole heaven hath not been done as hath been done upon Jerusalem. **As it is written in the law of Moses, all this evil is come upon us**: yet made we not our prayer before the Lord our God, that we might turn from our iniquities, and understand thy truth. Daniel 9: 11–13.

### The Scattering

Nehemiah 1:5–11

## Two Scatterings

Israel *is* a scattered sheep; the lions have driven *him* away: **first the king of Assyria** hath devoured him; and **last this Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon hath broken his bones**. Therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will punish the king of Babylon and his land, as I have punished the king of Assyria.

And **I will bring Israel again** to his habitation, and he shall feed on Carmel and Bashan, and his soul shall be satisfied upon mount Ephraim and Gilead. **In those days**, and in **that time**, saith the Lord, the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and *there shall be* none; and the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found: for I will pardon them whom I reserve. Jeremiah 50:17–20. And he said, Behold, I will make thee know what shall be in **the last end of the indignation**: for at the **time appointed** the end *shall be*. Daniel 8:19.

## Leviticus 26:24–46

### The Last End of the Indignation

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### The First End

And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till **the indignation be accomplished**: for **that that is determined** shall be done. Daniel 11:36.

And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof *shall be* with a flood, and **unto the end of the war desolations are determined**. And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make *it* desolate, even until the consummation, and **that determined shall be poured upon the desolate**. Daniel 9:26–27.

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“The dragon is said to be Satan (Revelation 12:9); he it was that moved upon Herod to put the Saviour to death. But the chief agent of Satan in making war upon Christ and His people during the first centuries of the Christian Era was the Roman Empire, in which paganism was the prevailing religion. Thus while the dragon, primarily, represents Satan, it is, in a secondary sense, a symbol of pagan Rome.” *The Great Controversy*, 439.

And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent. And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood. Revelation 12:14–15.

### **Times of the Gentiles**

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

### **1798**

But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the **Gentiles**: and **the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months.** Revelation 11:2.

### **1844**

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

“To accept this conclusion was to renounce the former reckoning of the prophetic periods. The 2300 days had been found to begin when the commandment of Artaxerxes for the restoration and building of Jerusalem went into effect, in the autumn of 457 B.C. Taking this as the starting point, there was perfect harmony in the application of all the events foretold in the explanation of that period in Daniel 9:25-27. Sixty-nine weeks, the first 483 of the 2300 years, were to reach to the Messiah, the Anointed One; and Christ’s baptism and anointing by the Holy Spirit, A.D. 27, exactly fulfilled the specification. In the midst of the seventieth week, Messiah was to be cut off. Three and a half years after His baptism, Christ was crucified, in the spring of A.D. 31. The seventy weeks, or 490 years, were to pertain especially to the Jews. At the expiration of this period the nation sealed its rejection of Christ by the persecution of His disciples, and **the apostles turned to the Gentiles, A.D. 34.** The first 490 years of the 2300 having then ended, **1810 years would remain. From A.D. 34, 1810 years extend to 1844.** ‘Then,’ said the angel, ‘shall the sanctuary be cleansed.’ **All the preceding specifications of the prophecy had been unquestionably fulfilled at the time appointed.**” *The Great Controversy*, 410.

### **The Time Appointed**

And he said, Behold, I will make thee know what shall be in the last end of the indignation: for at the time appointed the end *shall be.* Daniel 8:19.

## Time Appointed

APPOINTED: H4150—mô'êd: From [H3259](#); properly an *appointment*, that is, a fixed *time* or season; specifically a *festival*; conventionally a *year*; by implication, an *assembly* (as convened for a definite purpose); technically the *congregation*; by extension, the *place of meeting*; also a *signal* (as appointed beforehand): - appointed (sign, time), (place of, solemn) assembly, congregation, (set, solemn) feast, (appointed, due) season, solemn (-ity), synagogue, (set) time (appointed).

## Two Visions

CHAZON—VISION: H2377—châzôn: a *sight* (mentally), that is, a *dream*, *revelation*, or *oracle*: vision.

MAREH—VISION: H4758—mar'eh: a view (the act of seeing); also an **appearance** (the thing seen), whether (real) a shape (especially if handsome, comeliness; often plural the looks), or (mental) a vision.

## Mareh

And it came to pass, when I, *even* I Daniel, had seen the vision, and sought for the meaning, then, behold, there stood before me as the **appearance [mareh]** of a man. Daniel 8:15.

And he said, Hear now my words: If there be a prophet among you, **I the Lord will make myself known unto him** in a vision [**mareh**], and will speak unto him in a dream. Numbers 12:6.

And, behold, **the glory of the God of Israel was there**, according to the vision [**mareh**] that I saw in the plain. Ezekiel 8:4.

In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a thing was revealed unto Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar; and the thing *was* true, but the time appointed [was] long: and he understood the thing, and had understanding of the vision [**mareh**]. . . .

And I Daniel alone saw the vision [**mareh**]: for the men that were with me saw not the vision [**mareh**]; but a great quaking fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves. 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. . . .

Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days: for yet the vision [**chazon**] *is* for *many* days. . . .

And, behold, *one* like the similitude of the sons of men touched my lips: then I opened my mouth, and spake, and said unto him that stood before me, O my lord, by the vision [**mareh**] my sorrows are turned upon me, and I have retained no strength. Daniel 10:1, 7, 8, 14, 16.

## Chazon

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

And the child Samuel ministered unto the Lord before Eli. And the word of the Lord was precious in those days; *there was* no open vision [chazon]. 1 Samuel 3:1.

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

### THE FOUNDATION

“The scripture which above all others had been both the foundation and the central pillar of the advent faith was the declaration: ‘Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.’ Daniel 8:14.” *The Great Controversy*, 409.

“The experience of the disciples who preached the ‘gospel of the kingdom’ at the first advent of Christ, had its counterpart in the experience of those who proclaimed the message of His second advent. As the disciples went out preaching, ‘The time is fulfilled, the kingdom of God is at hand,’ so Miller and his associates proclaimed that **the longest and last prophetic period brought to view in the Bible was about to expire**, that the judgment was at hand, and the everlasting kingdom was to be ushered in. The preaching of the disciples in regard to time was based on the seventy weeks of Daniel 9. The message given by Miller and his associates announced the termination of the 2300 days of Daniel 8:14, of which the seventy weeks form a part. The preaching of each was based upon the fulfillment of a different portion of the same great prophetic period.” *The Great Controversy*, 351.

## Evenings and Mornings

And **the vision [mareh]** of the evening [ereb] and the morning [boger] which was told *is* true: wherefore shut thou up **the vision [chazon]**; for it *shall be* for many days.

And I Daniel fainted, and was sick *certain* days; afterward I rose up, and did the king’s business; and I was astonished at **the vision [mareh]**, but none understood *it*. Daniel 8:26–27.

EVENINGS: H6153—‘ereb: *dusk*: - + day, even (-ing, tide), night.

MORNING: H1242—bôqer: properly *dawn* (as the *break* of day); generally *morning*: - (+) day, early, morning, morrow.

## 2300 Erebs and Bogers

And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days [**erebs & bogers**]; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.

## How Long

Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain *saint* which spake, **How long shall be** the vision [**chazon**] *concerning* the daily, and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot?

**How long shall be** the complete vision [**chazon**] *concerning* the daily, and the transgression of desolation?

“Then I saw in relation to the ‘daily’ (Daniel 8:12) that the word ‘sacrifice’ was supplied by man’s wisdom, and does not belong to the text, and that the Lord gave the correct view of it to those who gave the judgment hour cry. When union existed, before 1844, nearly all were united on the correct view of the ‘daily’; but in the confusion since 1844, other views have been embraced, and darkness and confusion have followed. Time has not been a test since 1844, and it will never again be a test.” *Early Writings*, 74.

**How long shall be** the complete vision *concerning* paganism and papalism?

**How long shall be** the complete vision in Daniel chapter eight *concerning* paganism and papalism?

**How long shall be** the complete vision in Daniel eight *concerning* paganism and papalism that begins with the Medes and Persians?

## 457BC or 31AD

## The Sanctuary and Host

How long *shall be* the complete vision in Daniel eight *concerning* paganism and papalism that gives both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot?

And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them. Exodus 25:8.

## Question of Duration

Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain *saint* which spake, **How long shall be** the vision *concerning* the daily, and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot?

## Answer

And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; **then** shall the sanctuary be cleansed.

### **The Mareh Vision**

And it came to pass, when I, *even* I Daniel, had seen the vision [**chazon**], and sought for the meaning, then, behold, there stood before me as the appearance [**mareh**] of a man. And I heard a man's voice between *the banks of* Ulai, which called, and said, Gabriel, make this *man* to understand the vision [**mareh**]. Daniel 8:13–16.

### **The time of the End—1798**

So he came near where I stood: and when he came, I was afraid, and fell upon my face: but he said unto me, Understand, O son of man: for at the **time of the end** *shall be* the vision [**chazon**].

### **Chazon Vision Sealed up until for Latter Days**

Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days: for yet the vision [**chazon**] *is for many days*. Daniel 10:14.

Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain *saint* which spake, How long *shall be* the vision *concerning* the daily, and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot? And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.

And it came to pass, when I, *even* I Daniel, had seen the [**chazon**] vision, and sought for the meaning, then, behold, there stood before me as the appearance of a man. And I heard a man's voice between *the banks of* Ulai, which called, and said, Gabriel, make this *man* to understand the vision [**mareh**].

So he came near where I stood: and when he came, I was afraid, and fell upon my face: but he said unto me, Understand, O son of man: for at **1798** *shall be* the vision [**chazon**]. Daniel 8:13–17.

### **The Last End: 1844**

And he said, Behold, I will make thee know what shall be in the last end of the indignation: for at the time appointed the end shall be. Daniel 8:19.

### **Cleansed**

And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.

### **To Make Right, Cleanse & Justify**

Cleansed: H6663: tsâdaq: A primitive root; **to be (causatively make) right** (in a moral or forensic sense): - **cleanse**, clear self, (be, do) **just (-ice, -ify, -ify self)**, (be, turn to) righteous (-ness).

## **October 22, 1844**

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

### **Cleansed: To Make Right, Cleanse & Justify**

And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.

### **2300: Sanctuary**

### **2520: Host**

### **Daniel 8:14—the Investigative Judgment**

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

### **Daniel 7:13—a Kingdom Received**

I saw in the night visions, and, behold, *one* like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom *that* which shall not be destroyed. Daniel 7:13–14.

“Thus was presented to the prophet’s vision the opening of the investigative Judgment. The coming of Christ here described is not his second coming to the earth. He comes to the Ancient of days in Heaven to receive dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, **which will be given him at the close of his mediatorial work**. It is this coming, and not his second advent to the earth, that was foretold in prophecy to take place at the termination of the 2300 days, in 1844. Attended by a cloud of heavenly angels, our great High Priest enters the holy of holies, and there appears in the presence of God to engage in the last acts of his ministration in behalf of man,—to perform the work of investigative Judgment, and to make an atonement for all who are shown to be entitled to its benefits.” *The Spirit of Prophecy*, volume 4, 307.

### **Matthew 25—the Experience of God’s People**

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

### Malachi 3—the Messenger of the Covenant

Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, **shall suddenly come to his temple**, even **the messenger of the covenant**, whom ye delight in: behold, **he shall come**, saith the Lord of hosts.

But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he *is* like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: And he shall sit *as* a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness. **Then** shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the Lord, **as in the days of old, and as in former years**. Malachi 3:1–4.

### In Days of Old

Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and **keep my covenant**, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel. Exodus 19:5–6.

### Peter's Day

As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, Ye also, as lively stones, **are built up a spiritual house**, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.

**But ye are a chosen generation**, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: **Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God**: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation. 1 Peter 2:2–12.

### **Peter's Point of Reference**

Wherefore hear the word of the Lord, ye scornful men, that rule this people which is in Jerusalem. Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves: Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.

Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place. And your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, then ye shall be trodden down by it. Isaiah 28:14–18.

## **46**

### **Noah**

For yet seven days, and I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and every living substance that I have made will I destroy from off the face of the earth. Genesis 7:4.

### **Moses**

“**Upon the seventh day**, which was the Sabbath, Moses was called up into the cloud. The thick cloud opened in the sight of all Israel, and the glory of the Lord broke forth like devouring fire. ‘And Moses went into the midst of the cloud, and gat him up into the mount; and Moses was in the mount forty days and forty nights.’ The forty days’ tarry in the mount **did not include the six days of preparation**. During the six days Joshua was with Moses, and together they ate of the manna and drank of ‘the brook that descended out of the mount.’ But Joshua did not enter with Moses into the cloud. He remained without, and continued to eat and drink daily while awaiting the return of Moses, but Moses fasted during the entire forty days.

“During his stay in the mount, Moses received directions for the building of a sanctuary in which the divine presence would be specially manifested. ‘Let them make Me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them’ (Exodus 25:8), was the command of God.” *Patriarchs and Prophets*, 313–314.

### **Pentecost**

John 2:19–21.

### **The Millerites**

1798 # 1844 = 46 years

### **2300 days**

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

$$606/605 = 2450 = 1844$$

$$2450 \div 50 = 49$$

$$2300 \div 50 = 46$$

### **Men**

What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost *which is* in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? 1 Corinthians 6:19.

Human cells have 23 pairs of large linear nuclear **chromosomes**, (22 pairs of autosomes and one pair of sex **chromosomes**) giving a total of **46** per cell. Wikipedia.org

## Context: Leviticus 25

### Seventy Years: The Desolations of Jerusalem

In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the seed of the Medes, which was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans; In the first year of his reign I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish **seventy years** in the desolations of Jerusalem. Daniel 9:1–2.

### The Punishment of Babylon

And this whole land shall be a desolation, *and* an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon **seventy years**. And it shall come to pass, when seventy years are accomplished, *that* I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, saith the Lord, for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans, and will make it perpetual desolations. Jeremiah 25:11–12.

### Jerusalem Chosen

Then the angel of the Lord answered and said, O Lord of hosts, how long wilt thou not have mercy on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, against which thou hast had indignation these **threescore and ten years**?

And the Lord answered the angel that talked with me *with* good words *and* comfortable words. So the angel that communed with me said unto me, Cry thou, saying, Thus saith the Lord of hosts; I am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great jealousy. And I am very sore displeased with the heathen *that are* at ease: for I was but a little displeased, and they helped forward the affliction. Therefore thus saith the Lord; I am returned to Jerusalem with mercies: **my house shall be built in it**, saith the Lord of hosts, and a line shall be stretched forth upon Jerusalem. Cry yet, saying, Thus saith the Lord of hosts; My cities through prosperity shall yet be spread abroad; and the Lord shall yet comfort Zion, and shall yet choose Jerusalem. Zechariah 1:12–17.

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

### The Land Resting

To fulfil the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her sabbaths: *for* as long as she lay desolate she kept sabbath, to fulfil **threescore and ten years**. 2 Chronicles 36:21.

## Seventy Weeks

Seventy weeks are **determined** upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy. Daniel 9:24.

Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven. Matthew 18:21–22.

## 490 Years

Then Paul stood up, and beckoning with his hand said, Men of Israel, and ye that fear God, give audience. The God of this people of Israel chose our fathers, and exalted the people when they dwelt as strangers in the land of Egypt, and with an high arm brought he them out of it. And about the time of **forty years** suffered he their manners in the wilderness. And when he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Chanaan, he divided their land to them by lot. And after that he gave *unto them* judges about the space of **four hundred and fifty years**, until Samuel the prophet. Acts 13:16–20.

## From Saul to Zedekiah

From Saul to Zedekiah is Saul anointed king 1096/1095 1 Samuel 10; Jerusalem in captivity seventy years, Jeremiah 25:12; beginning of captivity 606/605 2 Kings 24:1. 1096 to 606 equals 490 years. *Clark's Commentary*.

## Seventy Years and the Ships of Tarshish

**The burden of Tyre. Howl, ye ships of Tarshish;** for it is laid waste, so that there is no house, no entering in: **from the land of Chittim it is revealed to them.**

Be still, ye inhabitants of the isle; thou whom the merchants of Zidon, that pass over the sea, have replenished. And by great waters the seed of Sihor, the harvest of the river, *is* her revenue; and she is a mart of nations. Be thou ashamed, O Zidon: for the sea hath spoken, *even* the strength of the sea, saying, I travail not, nor bring forth children, neither do I nourish up young men, *nor* bring up virgins. As at the report concerning Egypt, *so* shall they be sorely pained at the report of Tyre.

Pass ye over to **Tarshish; howl**, ye inhabitants of the isle.

*Is* this **your joyous city**, whose antiquity *is* of ancient days? her own feet shall carry her afar off to sojourn. Who hath taken this counsel against Tyre, **the crowning city**, whose merchants *are* princes, whose traffickers *are* the honourable of the earth?

The Lord of hosts hath purposed it, to stain the pride of all glory, *and* to bring into contempt all the honourable of the earth.

Pass through thy land as a river, **O daughter of Tarshish:** *there is* no more strength. He stretched out his hand over the sea, he shook the kingdoms: the Lord hath given a commandment against the merchant *city*, to destroy the strong holds thereof. And he said, Thou shalt no more rejoice, O thou oppressed virgin, daughter of Zidon: arise, pass over to Chittim; there also shalt thou have no rest.

**Behold the land of the Chaldeans;** this people was not, *till* the Assyrian founded it for them that dwell in the wilderness: **they set up the towers** thereof, **they raised up the palaces** thereof; *and* he brought it to ruin.

**Howl, ye ships of Tarshish:** for your strength is laid waste.

And it shall come to pass **in that day**, that Tyre shall be forgotten **seventy years, according to the days of one king:** after the end of **seventy years** shall **Tyre sing as an harlot**. Take an harp, go about the city, thou harlot that hast been forgotten; make sweet melody, sing many songs, that thou mayest be remembered.

And it shall come to pass after **the end of seventy years**, that the Lord will visit Tyre, and she shall turn to her hire, and **shall commit fornication with all the kingdoms of the world upon the face of the earth.**

And her merchandise and her hire shall be holiness to the Lord: it shall not be treasured nor laid up; for her merchandise shall be for them that dwell before the Lord, to eat sufficiently, and for durable clothing. Isaiah 23.

## **Tyre**

And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will show unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication. Revelation 17:1–2.

## **The Days of One King**

“What nation of the New World was in 1798 rising into power, giving promise of strength and greatness, and attracting the attention of the world? The application of the symbol admits of no question. One nation, and only one, meets the specifications of this prophecy; it points unmistakably to the United States of America.” *The Great Controversy*, 441.

## **The Cup of Iniquity**

“He has borne long with the perversity of the race; he has tried to win them to himself. But the time will come when they shall have filled their measure of iniquity; and then it is that God will work. This time is almost reached. God keeps a record with the nations: the figures are swelling against them in the books of heaven; and when it shall have become a law that the transgression of the first day of the week shall be met with punishment, then their cup will be full.” *Review and Herald*, March 9, 1886.

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

## Forgotten

“Romanism is now regarded by Protestants with far greater favor than in former years. In those countries where Catholicism is not in the ascendancy, and the papists are taking a conciliatory course in order to gain influence, there is an increasing indifference concerning the doctrines that separate the reformed churches from the papal hierarchy; the opinion is gaining ground that, after all, we do not differ so widely upon vital points as has been supposed, and that a little concession on our part will bring us into a better understanding with Rome. The time was when Protestants placed a high value upon the liberty of conscience which had been so dearly purchased. They taught their children to abhor popery and held that to seek harmony with Rome would be disloyalty to God. But how widely different are the sentiments now expressed!

“The defenders of the papacy declare that the church has been maligned, and the Protestant world are inclined to accept the statement. Many urge that it is unjust to judge the church of today by the abominations and absurdities that marked her reign during the centuries of ignorance and darkness. They excuse her horrible cruelty as the result of the barbarism of the times and plead that the influence of modern civilization has changed her sentiments

“Have these persons **forgotten** the claim of infallibility put forth for eight hundred years by this haughty power?” *The Great Controversy*, 563.

## Space to Repent

And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not.  
Revelation 2:21.

## Three Decrees

“**The whole earth is to be lightened with the glory of the Lord.** The pure in heart shall see God. It is those who are following the Lamb whithersoever He goeth that will receive power from that angel that came down from heaven ‘having great power.’ **The first message is to be repeated proclaiming the second advent of Christ to our world. The second angels’ message is to be repeated.**” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 16, 40.

## Message Empowered

And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. Revelation 13:13.

“By the decree enforcing the institution of the papacy in violation of the law of God, **our nation** will disconnect herself fully from righteousness. When Protestantism shall stretch her hand across the gulf to grasp the hand of the Roman power, when she shall reach over the abyss to clasp hands with spiritualism, when, under the influence of this threefold union, our country shall repudiate every principle of its Constitution as a Protestant and republican government, and shall make provision for the propagation of papal falsehoods and delusions, then we may know that **the time has come for the marvelous working of Satan** and that the end is near.” *Testimonies*, volume 5, 451.

## The Power Descends

“As the crowning act in the great drama of deception, Satan himself will personate Christ. The church has long professed to look to the Saviour’s advent as the consummation of her hopes. Now the great deceiver will make it appear that Christ has come. In different parts of the earth, Satan will manifest himself among men as a majestic being of dazzling brightness, resembling the description of the Son of God given by John in the Revelation. Revelation 1:13–15. The glory that surrounds him is unsurpassed by anything that mortal eyes have yet beheld. The shout of triumph rings out upon the air: ‘Christ has come! Christ has come!’ The people prostrate themselves in adoration before him, while he lifts up his hands and pronounces a blessing upon them, as Christ blessed His disciples when He was upon the earth. His voice is soft and subdued, yet full of melody. In gentle, compassionate tones he presents some of the same gracious, heavenly truths which the Saviour uttered; he heals the diseases of the people, and then, in his assumed character of Christ, he claims to have changed the Sabbath to Sunday, and commands all to hallow the day which he has blessed. He declares that those who persist in keeping holy the seventh day are blaspheming his name by refusing to listen to his angels sent to them with light and truth. This is the strong, almost overmastering delusion. Like the Samaritans who were deceived by Simon Magus, the multitudes, from the least to the greatest, give heed to these sorceries, saying: **This is ‘the great power of God.’** Acts 8:10.” *The Great Controversy*, 624.

## The Streets and Walls

He shall stretch forth his hand also upon **the countries**: and **the land of Egypt shall not escape**. But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians *shall be* at his steps. Daniel 11:42–43.

And deceiveth **them that dwell on the earth** by *the means of* those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that **they should make an image to the beast**, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. Revelation 13:14–15.

And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire. For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and **to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast**, until the words of God shall be fulfilled. Revelation Revelation 17:16–17.

### **In the Midst of the Week**

“The two armies will stand distinct and separate, and this distinction will be so marked that many who shall be convinced of truth will come on the side of God's commandment-keeping people. When this grand work is to take place in the battle, prior to the last closing conflict, many will be imprisoned, many will flee for their lives from cities and towns, and many will be martyrs for Christ's sake in standing in defense of the truth.” *Maranatha*, 199.

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

### **None Shall Help**

And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him. And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation *even* to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. Daniel 11:45–12:1.

### **Judgment Begins with the Dead**

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 11:18.

“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.” *Early Writings*, 36.

“The wrath of God for the present generation is filled up in the seven last plagues (chapter 15:1), which consequently must here be referred to, and which are soon to be poured out upon the earth.

“The Judgment of the Dead.—‘And the time of the dead, that they should be judged.’ The great majority of the dead, that is, the wicked, are still in their graves after the visitation of the plagues, and the close of this dispensation. A work of judgment, of allotting to each one the punishment due to his sins, is carried on in reference to them by the saints, in conjunction with Christ, during the one thousand years following the first resurrection. 1 Corinthians 6:2; Revelation 20:4. Inasmuch as this judgment of the dead follows the wrath of God, or the seven last plagues, it would seem necessary to refer it to the one thousand years of judgment upon the wicked, above mentioned; for the investigative judgment takes place before the plagues are poured out.

“The Reward of the Righteous.—‘And that thou shouldst give reward unto thy servants the prophets.’ These will enter upon their reward at the coming of Christ, for he brings their reward with him. Matthew 16:27; Revelation 22:12. The full reward of the saints however is not reached till they enter upon the possession of the new earth. Matthew 25:34.” Uriah Smith, *Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation*, 539.

### **Judgment of the Living Lost**

And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom *is* as the sand of the sea. And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. Revelation 20:7–9.

### **A Scattering**

Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. So the Lord scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city. Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the Lord did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the Lord scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth. Genesis 11:7–9.

### **A Gathering**

Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up: Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears: let the weak say, I *am* strong. Assemble yourselves, and come, all ye heathen, and gather yourselves together round about: thither cause thy mighty ones to come down, O Lord. Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about. Joel 3:9–12.

For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, *which* go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed *is* he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame. And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon. Revelation 16:14–16.

## The East Wind

A Song *and* Psalm for the sons of Korah. Great *is* the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, *in* the mountain of his holiness. Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, *is* mount Zion, *on* the sides of the north, the city of the great King. God is known in her palaces **for a refuge. For, lo, the kings were assembled**, they passed by together. They saw *it, and* so they marvelled; they were troubled, *and* hasted away. Fear took hold upon them there, *and* pain, as of a woman in travail. **Thou breakest the ships of Tarshish with an east wind.** As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God: God will establish it for ever. Selah. Psalm 48:1–8.

**The burden of Tyre. Howl, ye ships of Tarshish;** for it is laid waste, so that there is no house, no entering in: **from the land of Chittim it is** revealed to them. . . . Pass ye over to Tarshish; howl, ye inhabitants of the isle. Is this your joyous city, whose antiquity is of ancient days? her own feet shall carry her afar off to sojourn. Who hath taken this counsel against Tyre, the crowning city, whose merchants *are* princes, whose traffickers *are* the honourable of the earth? . . . **Howl, ye ships of Tarshish:** for your strength is laid waste. Isaiah 23:1, 6–9, 14.

**Tarshish was thy merchant** by reason of the multitude of all *kind of* riches; with silver, iron, tin, and lead, they traded in thy fairs. . . .

**The ships of Tarshish did sing of thee in thy market:** and thou wast replenished, and made very glorious in the midst of the seas. Thy rowers have brought thee into great waters: **the east wind hath broken thee in the midst of the seas.** . . .

And in **their wailing they shall take up a lamentation for thee, and lament over thee, saying, What city is like Tyrus,** like the destroyed in the midst of the sea? When thy wares went forth out of the seas, thou filledst many people; thou didst enrich the kings of the earth with the multitude of thy riches and of thy merchandise. In the time *when* thou shalt be broken by the seas in the depths of the waters thy merchandise and all thy company in the midst of thee shall fall. All the inhabitants of the isles shall be astonished at thee, and their kings shall be sore afraid, they shall be troubled in *their* countenance. The merchants among the people shall hiss at thee; thou shalt be a terror, and never *shalt be* any more. Ezekiel 27:12, 25–26. 32–36.

## **Alas, Alas**

And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, **shall bewail her, and lament for her**, when they shall see the smoke of her burning, Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, **Alas, alas** that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come. And **the merchants of the earth** shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more. . .

The **merchants** of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing, And saying, **Alas, alas**, that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls! For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off, And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, **What city is like unto this great city!** And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, **weeping and wailing**, saying, **Alas, alas**, that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate. Revelation 18:9–12; 15–19.

## **Woe, Woe, Woe**

And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, **Woe, woe, woe**, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound! Revelation 8:13.

## **The End from the Beginning**

Thus saith the Lord the King of Israel, and his redeemer the Lord of hosts; I *am* the first, and I *am* the last; and beside me *there is* no God. And who, as I, shall call, and shall declare it, and set it in order for me, since I appointed the ancient people? and the things that are coming, and shall come, let them show unto them. Fear ye not, neither be afraid: have not I told thee from that time, and have declared *it?* ye *are* even my witnesses. Is there a God beside me? yea, *there is* no God; I know not *any*. Isaiah 44:6–8.

## **Egypt**

“The plagues upon Egypt when God was about to deliver Israel were similar in character to those more terrible and extensive judgments which are to fall upon the world just before the final deliverance of God’s people.” *The Great Controversy*, 628.

“The Lord God of Israel is to execute judgment upon the gods of this world as upon the gods of Egypt.” *Last Day Events*, 240.

“Why is it so hard to lead a self-denying, humble life? Because professed Christians are not dead to the world. It is easy living after we are dead. But many are longing for the leeks and onions of Egypt. They have a disposition to dress and act as much like the world as possible and yet go to heaven. Such climb up some other way. They do not enter through the strait gate and narrow way.” *Testimonies*, volume 1, 131.

## The East Wind

And he slept and dreamed the second time: and, behold, seven ears of corn came up upon one stalk, rank and good. And, behold, seven thin ears and **blasted with the east wind** sprung up after them. . . .

And, behold, seven ears, withered, thin, *and* **blasted with the east wind**, sprung up after them: And the thin ears devoured the seven good ears: and I told *this* unto the magicians; but *there was* none that could declare *it* to me. And Joseph said unto Pharaoh, The dream of Pharaoh *is* one: God hath showed Pharaoh what he *is* about to do. The seven good kine *are* seven years; and the seven good ears *are* seven years: the dream *is* one. And the seven thin and ill favoured kine that came up after them *are* seven years; and the seven empty ears **blasted with the east wind** shall be seven years of famine. Genesis 41:5–6, 23–27.

## The Rough Wind is Stayed

In measure, when it shooteth forth, thou wilt debate with it: **he stayeth his rough wind in the day of the east wind**. Isaiah 27:8.

## The Day of the East Wind

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.

## The Children of the East

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

## Ishmael

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

“By many the disposition to fret is encouraged until they become like grown-up children. They do not leave this portion of their child life behind them. They cherish these feelings until they cramp and dwarf the whole life by their querulous complaints. And not only their own lives but the lives of others also. They carry with them the **spirit of Ishmael, whose hand was against everybody, and everybody's hand against him.**” *Adventist Home*, 226.

## The Wild Arabian Ass

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

**Wild:** sense of *running* wild; the *onager*: - wild (ass).

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

## From Genesis to Revelation

And the shapes of the locusts *were* like unto **horses prepared unto battle**. . . the sound of chariots of many **horses** running to battle. . . . 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 9:7, 9, 16, 17.

## Directed by the hand of the Lord

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

## Designed for God's People

"I saw that God was in the publishment of the chart by Brother Nichols. I saw that there was a prophecy of this chart in the Bible, and if this chart is designed for God's people, if it [is] sufficient for one it is for another, and if one needed a new chart painted on a larger scale, all need it just as much." *Manuscript Releases*, volume 13, 359.

## The Angry Horse and the Four Winds

"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." *Manuscript Releases*, volume 20, 217.

## William Miller

"Preachers and people have looked upon the book of Revelation as mysterious and of less importance than other portions of the Sacred Scriptures. But I saw that this book is indeed a revelation given for the especial benefit of those who should live in the last days, to guide them in ascertaining their true position and their duty. **God directed the mind of William Miller to the prophecies and gave him great light upon the book of Revelation.**" *Early Writings*, 231.

## **The Trumpets**

“And I beheld and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying, with a loud voice, **Woe, woe, woe**, to the inhabitants of the earth, by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels which are yet to sound.

“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. At the fall of Jericho, the trumpet was the instrument, in the hands of the priest of the mighty God of Jacob, which cast down her walls, destroyed the city, and a curse pronounced against the man that should ever build up her walls again. Again, the trumpet was the instrument by which Gideon put to flight the armies of the aliens. And the prophet Amos says, ‘Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid?’ Therefore we may reasonably conclude that a trumpet is the harbinger of destructive wars, and the dissolution of empires, states, or the earth, as the case may be. The seven trumpets mentioned in Revelation, the three last of which are mentioned in our text, **indicate the final overthrow of the powers spoken of in the prophecy.**” *William Miller’s Works*, volume 2, Lecture 8, 115.

**First four trumpets: Western Rome, 476**

**Fifth and Sixth Trumpet: Eastern Rome, 1449, Papal Rome 1798**

**Seventh Trumpet: Modern Rome**

## **Every Man’s Hand: Egypt**

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

## **Egypt is the Dragon**

Son of man, set thy face against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and prophesy against him, and against all **Egypt**: Speak, and say, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I *am* against thee, Pharaoh king of Egypt, **the great dragon** that lieth in the midst of his rivers, which hath said, My river *is* mine own, and I have made *it* for myself. Ezekiel 29:2–3.

## **Kings, Rulers and Governors are the Dragon**

“Kings and rulers and governors have placed upon themselves the brand of antichrist, and are represented as the dragon who goes to make war with the saints—with those who keep the commandments of God and who have the faith of Jesus. In their enmity against the people of God, they show themselves guilty also of the choice of Barabbas instead of Christ.” *Testimonies to Ministers*, 38.

## The Ten Kings

And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him *are* called, and chosen, and faithful. . . . And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire. For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled. Revelation 17:12–14, 16–17.

“The so-called Christian world is to be the theater of great and decisive actions. Men in authority will enact laws controlling the conscience, after the example of the Papacy. Babylon will make all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. **Every nation will be involved.** Of this time John the Revelator declares: ‘The merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, My people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities. Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double. How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her; for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow’ (Revelation 18:3–7).

“‘These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for He is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with Him are called, and chosen, and faithful’ (Revelation 17:13, 14).

“‘These have one mind.’ There will be a universal bond of union, one great harmony, a confederacy of Satan’s forces. ‘And shall give their power and strength unto the beast.’ Thus is manifested the same arbitrary, oppressive power against religious liberty, freedom to worship God according to the dictates of conscience, as was manifested by the Papacy, when in the past it persecuted those who dared to refuse to conform with the religious rites and ceremonies of Romanism.

“In the warfare to be waged in the last days there will be united, in opposition to God’s people, **all the corrupt powers** that have apostatized from allegiance to the law of Jehovah. In this warfare the Sabbath of the fourth commandment will be the great point at issue; for in the Sabbath commandment the great Law-giver identifies Himself as the Creator of the heavens and the earth.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 1, 296–297.

## The End from the Beginning

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

### **496: His Power**

And an host was given *him* against the daily *sacrifice* by reason of transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practiced, and prospered. Daniel 8:12.

And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily *sacrifice*, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate. Daniel 11:31.

### **330: His Seat**

Yea, he magnified *himself* even to the prince of the host, and by him the daily *sacrifice* was taken away, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down. Daniel 8:11.

He shall enter peaceably even upon the fattest places of the province; and he shall do *that* which his fathers have not done, nor his fathers' fathers; he shall scatter among them the prey, and spoil, and riches: *yea*, and he shall forecast his devices against the strong holds, even for a time. Daniel 11:24.

### **533: His Great Authority**

“In 330 a. d. Constantine removed his capital from Rome to Constantinople. The ancient city was left to the papal power and the pope occupied in Rome a throne higher than any occupied by the Cæsars. Constantine laid the foundation of the papacy; but it remained for Justinian to complete the edifice in 533 a. d., by declaring that memorable decree which constituted the pope the head of all the churches. The Heruli, the Vandals, and the Ostrogoths were of the Arian faith and opposed to the bishop of Rome. The decree could not go into effect until 538 a. d., when the last of the Margin opposing powers was overthrown by the armies of Justinian.” Stephen Haskell, *The Story of the Seer of Patmos*, 229.

“Such was the position of affairs, when, **in 533, Justinian entered upon his Vandal and Gothic wars. Wishing to secure the influence of the pope and the Catholic party**, he issued that memorable decree which was to constitute the pope the head of all the churches, and from the carrying out of which, in 538, the period of papal supremacy is to be dated. And whoever will read the history of the African campaign, 533-534, and the Italian campaign, 534-538, will notice that the Catholics everywhere hailed as deliverers the army of Belisarius, the general of Justinian.” Uriah Smith, *Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation*, 150.

## Millerite History Repeated

### Parallel Histories

“The first and second angel’s messages are still truth for this time, and **are to run parallel with this which follows.**” *The 1888 Materials*, 804.

### The Distress of Nations

And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and **upon the earth distress of nations**, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring.  
Luke 21:25.

### 1838–August 11, 1840

“As the prophetic period of this trumpet commenced by the voluntary surrender of power into the hands of the Turks by the Christian emperor of the East, so we might conclude its termination would be marked by the voluntary surrender of that power by the Turkish Sultan back again into the hands of the Christians. In 1838 Turkey became involved in war with Egypt. The Egyptians bid fair to overthrow the Turkish power unless other nations should interfere. To prevent this, the four great powers of Europe, England, Russia, Austria and Prussia interfered to sustain the Turkish government. Turkey accepted their intervention. Turkey accepted their intervention. A conference was held in London at which an ultimatum was drawn up to be presented to Mehemet Ali, the Pacha of Egypt. It is evident that when this ultimatum should be placed in the hands of Mehemet, the destiny of the Ottoman Empire would be virtually lodged in the hands of the Christian powers of Europe. This ultimatum was placed in the hands of Mehemet on the 11th day of August 1840! and on that very day the Sultan addressed a note to the ambassadors of the four powers, inquiring what should be done in case Mehemet refused to comply with the terms which they had proposed. The answer was that he need not alarm himself about any contingency that might arise; for they had made provision for that. The prophetic period ended, and on that very day the control of Mohammedan affairs passed into the hands of Christians, just as the control of Christian affairs had passed into the hands of the Mohammedans 391 years and 15 days before. Thus the second woe ended, and the sixth trumpet ceased its sounding” Uriah Smith, *Synopsis of Present Truth*, 218.

### The Angering of the Nations

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 11:18.

“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.

### **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.” *Early Writings*, 36.

### **Held in Check at the Latter Rain**

“‘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.

### **Destruction and Death**

“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.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 20, 217.

**Abaddon**: A destroying angel; **Apollyon**: a destroyer

And they had a king over them, *which is* the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue *is* Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath *his* name Apollyon. Revelation **9:11**.

### **Parallel Histories**

“The first and second angel’s messages are still truth for this time, and **are to run parallel with this which follows**.” *The 1888 Materials*, 804.

## Prepared to Stand

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

“In the first angel’s message men are called upon to worship God, our Creator, who made the world and all things that are therein. They have paid homage to an institution of the Papacy, making of no effect the law of Jehovah, but **there is to be an increase of knowledge on this subject.**” *Selected Messages*, book 2, 105–106.

## Ezekiel’s Two Prophecies

The hand of the Lord was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of the Lord, and set me down in the midst of the valley which *was* full of bones, And caused me to pass by them round about: and, behold, *there were* very many in the open valley; and, lo, *they were* very dry.

And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord God, thou knowest.

Again he said unto me, **Prophecy upon these bones**, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, **hear the word of the Lord**. Thus saith the Lord God unto these bones; Behold, I will cause **breath** to enter into you, and ye shall live: And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put **breath** in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I *am* the Lord.

## First Prophecy: Daniel 11:40–45

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

## Second Prophecy: Islam and 9/11

Then said he unto me, Prophecy unto the **wind**, prophesy, son of man, and say to the **wind**, Thus saith the Lord God; **Come from the four winds**, O **breath**, and **breath** upon these slain, that they may live. So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the **breath** came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army. Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are **the whole house of Israel**: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts. Ezekiel 37:1–11.

## **Prepared to Stand in the Beginning**

And the Lord God formed man *of* the dust of the ground. Genesis 2:7.

## **Stands Up In the Beginning**

and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. Genesis 2:7.

“Angels are holding the four winds, represented **as an angry horse** seeking to break loose and rush over the face of the whole earth, bearing destruction and death in its path.

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

### **SEEKING TO BREAK LOOSE**

“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.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 20, 217.

## **At That Time: Held in Check**

“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.

He **stayeth his rough wind** in the day of the east wind. Isaiah 27:8.

**Holding the four winds** of the earth. Revelation 7:1.

### **PARALLEL HISTORIES**

## **Islam Restrained Prophetically in Millerite History**

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

### **Islam Historically Restrained on August 11, 1840**

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

### **Islam Restrained Prophetically in the History of the 144,000**

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. Revelation 7:1.

### **Islam Historically Restrained on 9/11**

“Every nation in every region now has a decision to make. Either you are with us, or you are with the terrorists.” George W. Bush, September, 2001.

### **The Day of the East Wind: When the Lord shall Arise**

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

### **Changing Dispensations**

But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God. Acts 7:55–56.

The Lord standeth up to plead, and standeth to judge the people. The Lord will enter into judgment with the ancients of his people, and the princes thereof: for ye have eaten up the vineyard; the spoil of the poor *is* in your houses. Isaiah 3:13–14.

Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. Isaiah 60:1–3.

For the Lord shall rise up as *in* mount Perazim, he shall be wroth as *in* the valley of Gibeon, that he may do his work, his strange work; and bring to pass his act, his strange act. Isaiah 28:21.

And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation *even* to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. Daniel 12:1.

### **The Shaking of the Powers that rule on Earth**

“December 16, 1848, the Lord gave me a view of the shaking of the powers of the heavens. I saw that when the Lord said ‘heaven,’ in giving the signs recorded by Matthew, Mark, and Luke, He meant heaven, and when He said ‘earth,’ He meant earth. The powers of heaven are the sun, moon, and stars. They rule in the heavens. **The powers of earth are those that rule on the earth.** The powers of heaven will be shaken at the voice of God. Then the sun, moon, and stars will be moved out of their places. They will not pass away, but be shaken by the voice of God.

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

### **Turning Points: 9/11**

“**There are lessons to be learned from the history of the past;** and attention is called to these, that all may understand that God works on **the same lines** now that He ever has done. His hand is seen in His work and among the nations now, just the same as it has been ever since the gospel was first proclaimed to Adam in Eden.

“There are periods which are **turning points in the history of nations and of the church.** In the providence of God, **when these different crises arrive, the light for that time is given.** If it is received, there is spiritual progress; if it is rejected, spiritual declension and **shipwreck** follow. The Lord in His word has opened up the aggressive work of the gospel as it has been carried on in the past, and will be in the future, even to the closing conflict, when Satanic agencies will make their last wonderful movement.” *Bible Echo*, August 26, 1895.

### **Then Revelation 18:1–3**

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

### **The Refreshing**

“The **latter rain** is to fall upon the people of God. **A mighty angel is to come down from heaven, and the whole earth is to be lighted with His glory.** Are we ready to take part in the glorious work of the third angel? Are our vessels ready to receive the heavenly dew? Have we defilement and sin in the heart? If so, let us cleanse the soul temple, and prepare for **the showers of the latter rain.** The **refreshing** from the presence of the Lord will never come to hearts filled with impurity. May God help us to die to self, that Christ, the hope of glory, may be formed within!” *Review and Herald*, April 21, 1891.

### **Luke 21: What Sign?**

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

### **Christ’s Parable**

And he spake to them a parable;

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

## The Trees

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

## Summer is Nigh at Hand

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

## The Harvest

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

## The Budding Trees of Spring

“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.

## Springtime

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 in the first month**. Joel 2:23.

## This Generation

Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled. Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away. Luke 21:31–32.

## The Son of Man Coming in a Cloud

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

## The Day of the East Wind

### The Vineyard of the Lord

And now go to; I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard: I will take away the hedge thereof, and it shall be eaten up; *and* break down the wall thereof, and it shall be trodden down: And I will lay it waste: it shall not be pruned, nor digged; but there shall come up briers and thorns: I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts *is* the house of Israel, and the men of Judah his pleasant plant: and he looked for judgment, but behold oppression; for righteousness, but behold a cry. Isaiah 5:5–7.

### In that Day

In that day sing ye unto her, A vineyard of red wine. I the Lord do keep it; I will water it every moment: lest *any* hurt it, I will keep it night and day.

Fury *is* not in me: who would set the briers *and* thorns against me in battle? I would go through them, I would burn them together. Or let him take hold of my strength, *that* he may make peace with me; *and* he shall make peace with me.

He shall cause them **that come of Jacob to take root**: Israel shall blossom and bud, and fill the face of the world with fruit.

Hath he smitten him, as he smote those that smote him? *or* is he slain according to the slaughter of them that are slain by him?

In **measure**, when it shooteth forth, thou wilt **debate** with it: he stayeth his rough wind in the day of the east wind.

By this therefore shall the iniquity of Jacob be purged; and this *is* all the fruit to take away his sin; when he maketh all the stones of the altar as chalkstones that are beaten in sunder, the groves and images shall not stand up. Isaiah 27:2–9.

### Blossom and Bud and Fill the Earth with Fruit

Joel 2:15–32

### In Measure

For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure *unto him*. John 3:34.

“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.

“The act of Christ in breathing upon his disciples the Holy Ghost, and in imparting his peace to them, was **as a few drops before the plentiful shower to be given on the day of Pentecost**.” *Spirit of Prophecy*, volume 3, 243.

## Measuring the Rain

And I also have given you cleanness of teeth in all your cities, and want of bread in all your places: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord.

And also **I have withholden the rain** from you, when *there were* yet three months to the **harvest**: and **I caused it to rain upon one city**, and **caused it not to rain upon another city**: one piece was rained upon, and the piece whereupon it rained not withered. So two *or* three cities wandered unto one city, to drink water; but they were not satisfied: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord. Amos 4:7–8.

And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered, saying, *Not so*; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. Matthew 25:8–10.

## The Debate: 9/11

In measure, when it shooteth forth, thou wilt debate with it: he stayeth his rough wind in the day of the east wind. By this therefore shall the iniquity of Jacob be purged; and this *is* all the fruit to take away his sin. Isaiah 27:8–9.

### THE STONES OF THE ALTAR AS CHALKSTONES

#### An Ensign

**Ensign**: a *flag*; also a *sail*; by implication a *flagstaff*; generally a *signal*; figuratively a *token*: - banner, pole, sail, (en-) sign, standard.

And **he will lift up an ensign to the nations** from far, and will hiss unto them from the end of the earth: and, behold, they shall come with speed swiftly. Isaiah 5:25–26.

And the Lord their God shall save them in that day as **the flock of his people**: for they *shall be as* **the stones of a crown, lifted up as an ensign** upon his land. Zechariah 9:16.

## When the Bud is Perfect

All ye inhabitants of the world, and dwellers on the earth, see ye, **when he lifteth up an ensign on the mountains**; and **when he bloweth a trumpet, hear ye**.

For so the Lord said unto me, I will take my rest, and I will consider in my dwelling place like a clear heat upon herbs, *and* like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest. For **before the harvest**, when **the bud is perfect**, and the sour grape is ripening in the flower, **he shall both cut off the sprigs with pruning hooks, and take away and cut down the branches**. They shall be left together unto the fowls of the mountains, and to the beasts of the earth: and the fowls shall summer upon them, and all the beasts of the earth shall winter upon them.

**In that time** shall the present be brought unto the Lord of hosts of a people scattered and peeled, and from a people terrible from their beginning hitherto; a nation meted out and trodden under foot, whose land the rivers have spoiled, to the place of the name of the Lord of hosts, the mount Zion. Isaiah 18:3–7.

### Note it in a Book Forever

Now go, **write it before them in a table**, and note it **in a book**, that it may be for **the time to come** for ever and ever:

That this *is* a rebellious people, **lying children, children that will not hear** the law of the Lord: Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophecy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits:

**Get you out of the way, turn aside out of the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us.**

Wherefore thus saith **the Holy One of Israel**, Because ye despise this word, and trust in oppression and perverseness, and stay thereon: Therefore this iniquity shall be to you as a breach ready to fall, swelling out in a high wall, whose breaking cometh suddenly at an instant. And he shall break it as the breaking of the potters' vessel that is broken in pieces; he shall not spare: so that **there shall not be found** in the bursting of it a sherd **to take fire** from the hearth, or **to take water** *withal* out of the pit.

For thus saith the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel; **In returning and rest shall ye be saved**; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength: and ye would not.

But ye said, No; for we will flee upon horses; therefore shall ye flee: and, We will ride upon the swift; therefore shall they that pursue you be swift. One thousand *shall flee* at the rebuke of one; at the rebuke of five shall ye flee: **till ye be left as a beacon upon the top of a mountain, and as an ensign on an hill.**

And therefore will the Lord **wait**, that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you: for the Lord *is* a God of judgment: **blessed are all they that wait for him.** Isaiah 30:8–18.

### TURN ASIDE OUT OF THE PATH

“On this path the Advent people were traveling to the city, which was at the farther end of the path. They had **a bright light set up behind them at the beginning of the path**, which an angel told me was **the midnight cry. This light shone all along the path** and gave light for their feet so that they might not stumble. If they kept their eyes fixed on **Jesus, who was just before them**, leading them to the city, they were safe. But soon some grew weary, and said the city was a great way off, and they expected to have entered it before. Then Jesus would encourage them by raising His glorious right arm, and from His arm came a light which waved over the Advent band, and they shouted, ‘Alleluia!’ **Others rashly denied the light behind them** and said that it was not God that had led them out so far. The light behind them went out, leaving their feet in perfect darkness, and they stumbled and lost sight of the mark and of Jesus, and fell off the path down into the dark and wicked world below.’ *Early Writings*, 14.

“Here we see that the church—the Lord’s sanctuary—was the first to feel the stroke of the wrath of God. The ancient men, those to whom God had given great light and who had stood as guardians of the spiritual interests of the people, had betrayed their trust. **They had taken the position that we need not look for miracles and the marked manifestation of God’s power as in former days.** Times have changed. These words strengthen their unbelief, and they say: The Lord will not do good, neither will He do evil. He is too merciful to visit His people in judgment. Thus ‘Peace and safety’ is the cry from men who will never again lift up their voice like a trumpet to show God’s people their transgressions and the house of Jacob their sins. These dumb dogs that would not bark are the ones who feel the just vengeance of an offended God. Men, maidens, and little children all perish together.” *Testimonies*, volume 5, 211.

For thus saith the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel; In **returning and rest shall ye be saved**; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength: and **ye would not.** Isaiah 30:15.

### **Returning and Rest**

Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for **the old paths**, where is the good way, and walk therein, and **ye shall find rest** for your souls. But they said, **We will not walk therein.** Also I set watchmen over you, saying, Harken **to the sound of the trumpet.** But they said, **We will not hearken.** Jeremiah 6:16–17.

“The enemy is seeking to divert the minds of our brethren and sisters from the work of preparing a people to stand in these last days. His sophistries are designed to lead minds away from the perils and duties of the hour. They estimate as of little value the light that Christ came from heaven to give to John for His people. They teach that the scenes just before us are not of sufficient importance to receive special attention. They make of no effect the truth of heavenly origin, and rob the people of God of their past experience, giving them instead a false science. ‘Thus saith the Lord: Stand ye in the ways, and see, and **ask for the old paths**, where is the good way, and walk therein.’ [Jeremiah 6:16.]

“Let none seek to tear away **the foundations of our faith**,—the **foundations that were laid at the beginning of our work**, by prayerful study of the Word and by revelation. Upon these foundations we have been building for more than fifty years. Men may suppose that they have found a new way, that they can lay a stronger foundation than that which has been laid; but this is a great deception. ‘Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid.’ [1 Corinthians 3:11.] In the past, many have undertaken to build a new faith, to establish new principles; but how long did their building stand? It soon fell; for it was not founded upon the Rock.” *Testimonies*, volume 8, 296–297.

### **Restoring the Old Paths**

And *they that shall be* of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in. Isaiah 58:12.

## Finding the Rest

Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and **ask for the old paths**, where *is* the good way, and walk therein, and **ye shall find rest for your souls**. But they said, We will not walk *therein*. Jeremiah 6:16.

## The Rest is the Refreshing

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:

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. Isaiah 28:9–13.

## The Sound of the Trumpet

Also I set watchmen over you, *saying*, Harken to the sound of the trumpet. But they said, We will not hearken. Jeremiah 6:17.

## The New Wine is Cut Off

“In the night I was, I thought, in a room but not in my own house. I was in a city, where I knew not, and I heard explosion after explosion. I rose up quickly in bed, and saw from my window large balls of fire. Jetting out were sparks, in the form of arrows, and buildings were being consumed, and in a very few minutes **the entire block of buildings** was falling and the screeching and mournful groans came distinctly to my ears. I cried out, in my raised position, to learn what was happening: Where am I? And where are our family circle? Then I awoke. But I could not tell where I was for I was in another place than home. I said, Oh Lord, where am I and what shall I do? It was a voice that spoke, ‘Be not afraid. Nothing shall harm you.’

“I was instructed that **destruction hath gone forth upon cities**. The word of the Lord will be fulfilled. Isaiah 29:19–24 was repeated.

“Stay yourselves, and wonder; cry ye out, and cry: they are drunken, but not with wine; they stagger, but not with strong drink. For the Lord hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your eyes: the prophets and your rulers, the seers hath he covered. And the vision of all is become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed, which *men* deliver to one that is learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I cannot; for it *is* sealed: And the book is delivered to him that is not learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I am not learned. Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near *me* with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men: Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvellous work among this people, *even* a marvellous work and a wonder: for the wisdom of their wise *men* shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent *men* shall be hid.

“I dared not move, not knowing where I was. I cried unto the Lord, What does it mean? These representations of **destruction** were repeated. Where am I? In scenes I have represented **that which will be**; but warn My people to cease from putting their trust in men who are not obedient to my warnings and who despise My reproof, for the day of the Lord is right upon the world when evidence shall be made sure. Those who have followed **the voices that would turn things upside down will themselves be turned where they cannot see, but will be as blind men.**

“These words were given me from Isaiah 30: ‘Now go, write it before them in a table, and note it in a book, that it may be for the time to come for ever and ever: That this is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not hear the law of the Lord: Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophesy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits. **Get you out of the way, turn aside out of the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us.** Wherefore thus saith the Holy One of Israel, Because ye despise this word, and trust in oppression and perverseness, and stay thereon: Therefore this iniquity shall be to you as a breach ready to fall, swelling out in a high wall, whose breaking cometh suddenly at an instant. And he shall break it as the breaking of the potters’ vessel that is broken in pieces; he shall not spare: so that there shall not be found in the bursting of it a sherd to take fire from the hearth, or to take water *withal* out of the pit. For thus saith the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel; **In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength: and ye would not.**’ Isaiah 30:8–15.

“I was instructed that light had been given me and that I had written under special light the Lord had imparted.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 11, 361-362.

### **Blessed are they that Wait**

And therefore will the Lord **wait**, that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you: for the Lord *is* a God of judgment: **blessed are all they that wait for him.** Isaiah 30:8–18.

### **We Must not Wait**

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

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

“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.

“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.

Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it. And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine: For he taught them as *one* having authority, and not as the scribes. Matthew 7:24–29.

Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise virgin, which built his house upon the foundational truths of Adventism:

And the latter rain descended, and the floods came, and the four winds of Islam blew and were restrained upon 9/11, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon the foundational truths of Adventism.

And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish virgins, which built his house upon the sand: And the latter rain descended, and the Sunday law came, and the winds of Islam blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine: For he taught them as *one* having authority, and not as the scribes. Matthew 7:24–29.