

Tragedy in Newport

Worship Number One

THOSE WHO REFUSE TO WALK IN ITS ADVANCING GLORY

“**The third angel’s message will not be comprehended**, the light which will lighten the earth with its glory will be called a false light, by **those who refuse to walk in its advancing glory**. The work that might have been done, will be left undone by the rejecters of truth, because of their unbelief. We entreat of you who oppose the light of truth, to stand out of the way of God’s people. Let Heaven-sent light shine forth upon them in clear and steady rays. God holds you to whom this light has come, responsible for the use you make of it. Those who will not hear will be held responsible; for the truth has been brought within their reach, but they despised their opportunities and privileges.” *Review and Herald*, May 27, 1890.

“The True Witness declares, ‘I know thy works.’ ‘Repent, and do the first works.’ This is the true test, the evidence that the Spirit of God is working in the heart to imbue you with his love. ‘I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.’ **The church is like the unproductive tree which, receiving the dew and rain and sunshine, should have produced an abundance of fruit, but on which the divine search discovers nothing but leaves.** Solemn thought for our churches! solemn, indeed, for every individual! Marvelous is the patience and forbearance of God; but ‘except thou repent,’ it will be exhausted; the churches, our institutions, will go from weakness to weakness, from cold formality to deadness, while they are saying, ‘I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing.’ The True Witness says, ‘And knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked.’ **Will they ever see clearly their condition?**

“There is to be in the churches a wonderful manifestation of the power of God, but it will not move upon those who have not humbled themselves before the Lord, and opened the door of the heart by confession and repentance. In **the manifestation of that power which lightens the earth with the glory of God**, they will see only something which in their **blindness** they think dangerous, something which will arouse their fears, and they will brace themselves to resist it. Because the Lord does not work according to their ideas and expectations, they will oppose the work. ‘Why,’ they say, ‘should not we know the Spirit of God, when we have been in the work so many years?’—Because they did not respond to the warnings, the entreaties of the messages of God, but persistently said, ‘I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing.’ Talent, long experience, will not make men channels of light, unless they place themselves under the bright beams of the Sun of Righteousness, and are called, and chosen, and prepared by the endowment of the Holy Spirit. When men who handle sacred things will humble themselves under the mighty hand of God, the Lord will lift them up. He will make them men of discernment—men rich in the grace of his Spirit. Their strong, selfish traits of character, their stubbornness, will be seen in the light shining from the Light of the world. ‘I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.’ If you seek the Lord with all your heart, he will be found of you.

“The end is near! We have not a moment to lose! Light is to shine forth from God’s people in clear, distinct rays, bringing Jesus before the churches and before the world. Our work is not to be restricted to those who already know the truth; our field is the world. **The instrumentalities to be used are those souls who gladly receive the light of truth which God communicates to them.** These are God’s agencies for communicating the knowledge of truth to the world. If through the grace of Christ his people will become new bottles, he will fill them with the new wine. **God will give additional light, and old truths will be recovered, and replaced in the frame-work of truth; and wherever the laborers go, they will triumph.** As Christ’s ambassadors, they are to search the Scriptures, **to seek for the truths that have been hidden beneath the rubbish of error.** And every ray of light received **is to be communicated to others.** One interest will prevail, one subject will swallow up every other,—Christ our righteousness.” *Review and Herald*, December 23, 1890.

SECOND AND THIRD PARAGRAPH

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

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

FIRST PARAGRAPH

“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.” *Early Writings*, 259–261.

WHITHERSOEVER

And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty *and* four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads. And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps: And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred *and* forty *and* four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth. These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. **These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth.** These were redeemed from among men, *being* the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb. Revelation 14:1–4.

THE COMING OF THE SON OF MAN

“In the days of the early Christians, Christ **came the second time**. His first advent was at Bethlehem, when He came as an infant. His second advent was at the Isle of Patmos, when He revealed Himself in glory to John the Revelator, who ‘fell at His feet as dead’ when he saw Him.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 19, 40.

SHALL SUDDENLY COME

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. Malachi 3:1–3.

CLEANSING THE TEMPLE

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

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“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.

TODAY

“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 Great Controversy*, 425.

TERRIBLE AS AN ARMY WITH BANNERS

“The time is not far distant when the test will come to every soul. The mark of the beast will be urged upon us. Those who have step by step yielded to worldly demands and conformed to worldly customs will not find it a hard matter to yield to the powers that be, rather than subject themselves to derision, insult, threatened imprisonment, and death. The contest is between the commandments of God and the commandments of men. **In this time the gold will be separated from the dross in the church.** True godliness will be clearly distinguished from the appearance and tinsel of it. Many a star that we have admired for its brilliancy **will then go out in darkness. Chaff like a cloud will be borne away on the wind**, even from places where we see only floors of rich wheat. **All who assume the ornaments of the sanctuary, but are not clothed with Christ’s righteousness, will appear in the shame of their own nakedness.**

“**When trees without fruit are cut down as cumberers of the ground, when multitudes of false brethren are distinguished from the true, then** the hidden ones will be revealed to view, and with hosannas range under the banner of Christ. Those who have been timid and self-distrustful will declare themselves openly for Christ and His truth. The most weak and hesitating in the church will be as David--willing to do and dare. The deeper the night for God’s people, the more brilliant the stars. Satan will sorely harass the faithful; but, in the name of Jesus, they will come off more than conquerors. Then will the church of Christ appear ‘fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners.’

“The seeds of truth that are being sown by missionary efforts will **then** spring up and blossom and bear fruit. Souls will receive the truth who will endure tribulation and praise God that they may suffer for Jesus. ‘In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.’ When the overflowing scourge shall pass through the earth, when the fan is purging Jehovah’s floor, God will be the help of His people. The trophies of Satan may be exalted on high, but the faith of the pure and holy will not be daunted.

“Elijah took Elisha from the plow and threw upon him his mantle of consecration. The call to this great and solemn work was presented **to men of learning and position**; had these been little in their own eyes and trusted fully in the Lord, He would have honored them with bearing His standard in triumph to the victory. But **they separated from God, yielded to the influence of the world, and the Lord rejected them.**

“Many have exalted science and lost sight of the God of science. This was not the case with the church in the purest times.

“God will work a work in our day that but few anticipate. He will raise up and exalt among us those who are taught rather by the unction of His Spirit than by **the outward training of scientific institutions.** These facilities are not to be despised or condemned; they are ordained of God, but they can furnish only the exterior qualifications. God will manifest that He is not dependent on **learned, self-important mortals.**” *Testimonies*, volume 5, 81–82.

EAST AND WEST

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

And thou shalt set the table without the veil, and the candlestick over against the table on the side of the tabernacle toward the **south**: and thou shalt put the table on the **north** side. Exodus 26:35.

PORTLAND, MAINE—1844

“About this time, while visiting a dear sister in Christ, whose heart was knit with mine, **the first vision was given to me.** There were but five of us, all women, kneeling quietly in the morning at the family altar, when this event transpired. I related this vision to the believers in Portland, **who had full confidence that these manifestations were of God.**” *Life Sketches*, 1888, page 193.

“I saw that the reason why visions have not been more frequent of late, is, **they have not been appreciated by the church.** The church have nearly lost their spirituality and faith, and the reproofs and warnings have had but little effect upon them. Many of those who have professed faith in them have not heeded them.” *Testimonies*, volume 1, 119; **1855–1868.**

1883—PUBLISHING & EDUCATION

Spring 1883, Uriah Smith concludes, publishes and teaches that Sister White’s visions were inspired, her testimonies were not

1884—ADMINISTRATION

Review and Herald, January through June 1884, George Butler—ten articles

Degrees of Inspiration, based on the degree a person is inspired

The books of Moses and the words of Christ were the highest degree

The writings of the prophets and apostles, with some of the Psalms were next in priority

Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs and Job last

Romans 15:24; 1 Corinthians 1:16; 4:19; 7:7–40; 16:5–9; 2 Corinthians 11:21; Philippians 2:19, 23; 2 Timothy 4:9 “could hardly be inspired.”

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“Both in the Battle Creek tabernacle and in the college the subject of inspiration has been taught, and finite men have taken it upon themselves to say that some things in the Scriptures were inspired and some were not. I was shown that the Lord did not inspire the articles on inspiration published in the *Review*, neither did He approve their endorsement before our youth in the college. When men venture to criticize the word of God they venture on sacred, holy ground and had better fear and tremble and hide their wisdom as foolishness. God sets no man to pronounce judgment on His Word selecting some things as inspired and discrediting others as uninspired. The testimonies have been treated in the same way; but God is not in this.

“Infidel arguments have been brought into the college for the purpose of instructing our youth how to argue against infidelity. The seeds of infidelity may not at once be developed yet they will manifest their existence when temptation arises. I have been shown that doubts will enter the heart, arguments in favor of infidelity will fasten in the mind that will finally lead to skepticism as a result of this course.” *The 1888 Materials*, 238.

PORTLAND, OREGON—1884

“On one occasion Elders White and Andrews, and myself, were awakened at midnight, and called to come and pray for Sister White. She had fainted, and all efforts to revive her were unavailing. We had a season of prayer, and she seemed to revive and was taken off in vision. Some of our opponents say, ‘Yes, that is always the way, she is always sick and faints away before she has one of her visions.’ But this is not true. The first one I saw her have was at the close of a meeting, when she was well enough to take a long journey. **Her last open vision was in 1884, on the camp ground at Portland, Oregon.** She has visions at the present time, but they are not open visions in a public assembly. It is a heavenly place to be in, where there is an open vision, as some of those here who have seen her at such times, can testify.” J. N. Loughborough, *General Conference Daily Bulletin*, January 29, 1893, 20.

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Worship Number Two

NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND—EAST

“In the seventeenth century there were several Sabbatarian churches in England, while there were hundreds of Sabbath-keepers scattered throughout the country. Through their labors this truth was planted in America at an early date. Less than half a century after the landing of the pilgrims at Plymouth, the Sabbath-keepers of London sent one of their number to raise the standard of Sabbath reform in the new world. This missionary held that the Ten Commandments as they were delivered from Mount Sinai are moral and immutable, **and that it was the antichristian power which thought to change times and laws**, that had changed the Sabbath from the seventh to the first day. **In Newport, R. I., several church-members embraced these views**, yet continued for some years in the church with which they had previously been connected. Finally there arose difficulty between the Sabbatarians and the Sunday observers, and the former were **compelled to withdraw from the church**, that they might peaceably keep God’s holy day. Soon after, they entered into an organization, thus forming the first Sabbath-keeping church in America. These Sabbath-keepers had flattered themselves that they could obey the fourth commandment and yet remain connected with Sunday observers. It was a blessing to them and to after-generations that such a union could not exist; for had it continued, it would eventually have caused the light of God’s holy Sabbath to go out in darkness.” *Spirit of Prophecy*, volume 4, 183.

THE BEAST’S IMAGE & MARK

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.

“The enforcement of Sundaykeeping on the part of Protestant churches is an enforcement of the worship of the papacy—of the beast. Those who, understanding the claims of the fourth commandment, choose to observe the false instead of the true Sabbath are thereby paying homage to that power by which alone it is commanded. But in the very act of **enforcing a religious duty by secular power**, the churches would themselves form **an image to the beast**; hence the enforcement of Sundaykeeping in the United States would be an enforcement of the worship of the beast and his image.” *The Great Controversy*, 448–449.

SECULAR, a. [L. *seularis*, from *seculum*, the world or an age.]

1. Pertaining to the present world, or to things not spiritual or holy; . . . Secular power is that which superintends and governs the temporal affairs of men, the **civil** or **political** power; and is contradistinguished from spiritual or ecclesiastical power. *Webster’s 1828 Dictionary*.

CIVIL, a.

1. Relating to the community, or to **the policy and government of the citizens** and subjects of a state; as in the phrases, civil rights, civil government, civil privileges, civil war, civil justice. It is opposed to criminal; as a civil suit, a suit between citizens alone; whereas a criminal process is between the state and a citizen. **It is distinguished from ecclesiastical**, which respects the church; and from military, which respects the army and navy. Ibid,

POLICY, n. [L. politia; Gr. city.]

1. Policy, in its primary signification, is **the same as polity, comprehending the fundamental constitution or frame of civil government in a state or kingdom. But by usage, policy is now more generally used to denote what is included under legislation and administration**, and may be defined, the art or manner of governing a nation; or that system of measures which the sovereign of a country adopts and pursues, as best adapted to the interests of the nation. Thus we speak of domestic policy, or the system of internal regulations in a nation; foreign policy, or the measures which respect foreign nations; commercial policy, or the measures which respect commerce. Ibid.

“Principle, right, honesty, should ever be cherished. Honesty will not tarry where policy is harbored. They will never agree; one is of Baal, the other of God. The Master requires His servants to be honorable in motive and action. All greed and avarice must be overcome. Those who choose honesty as their companion will embody it in all their acts. To a large class, these men are not pleasing, but to God they are beautiful.” *Testimonies*, volume 4, 607.

“Those who are controlled by policy rather than by principle are not to be trusted. They will pervert the truth, conceal facts, and construe the words of others to mean that which was never intended. They will employ flattering words, while the poison of asps is under their tongue. He who does not earnestly seek the divine guidance will be deceived by their smooth words and their artful plans.” *Signs of the Times*, August 4, 1881.

“The ‘image to the beast’ represents that form of apostate Protestantism which will be developed when the Protestant churches shall seek the aid of the civil power for the enforcement of their dogmas. The ‘mark of the beast’ still remains to be defined.” *The Great Controversy*, 445.

NEWPORT, WASHINGTON—WEST

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“The Church Manual specifies the following as legitimate reasons for church discipline:

“9. Adhering to or taking part in a divisive or disloyal movement of organization.

“10. Persistent refusal to recognize properly constituted church authority or to submit to order and discipline of the church.

“(Seventh-day Adventist Church Manual. 18th edition, revised 210, p. 62.) . . .

“Pastor Ron Fleck”

THE RECORDS OF HISTORY AND PROPHECY

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“The Bible is its own expositor. **Scripture is to be compared with scripture**. The **student** should learn to view the word as a whole, and to see the relation of its parts. He should gain a knowledge of its grand central theme, of God’s original purpose for the world, of the rise of the great controversy, and of the work of redemption. He should understand the nature of the two principles that are contending for supremacy, and **should learn to trace their working through the records of history and prophecy**, to the great consummation.” *Education*, 191.

CALLED TO BE STUDENTS OF PROPHECY

“Whatever may be man’s intellectual advancement, let him not for a moment think that there is no need of thorough and continuous searching of the Scriptures for greater light. As a people **we are called individually to be students of prophecy**.” *Testimonies*, volume 5, 708.

WHAT IS PROPHECY?

“Prophecy is history in advance.” James White, *Bible Adventism*, 70.

THE STUDY OF SACRED HISTORY

“As a preparation for Christian work, **many think** it essential to acquire an extensive knowledge of historical and theological writings. They suppose that this knowledge will be an aid to them in teaching the gospel. But their laborious study of the opinions of men tends to the enfeebling of their ministry, rather than to its strengthening. As I see libraries filled with ponderous volumes of **historical and theological lore**, I think, Why spend money for that which is not bread? The sixth chapter of John tells us more than can be found in such works. Christ says: ‘I am the Bread of Life: he that cometh to Me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on Me shall never thirst.’ ‘I am the living Bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this Bread, he shall live forever.’ ‘He that believeth on Me hath everlasting life.’ ‘The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.’ John 6:35, 51, 47, 63.

“**There is a study of history that is not to be condemned. Sacred history was one of the studies in the schools of the prophets.** In the record of His dealings with the nations were traced the footsteps of Jehovah. So today we are to consider the dealings of God with the nations of the earth. We are to see in history the fulfillment of prophecy, **to study the workings of Providence in the great reformatory movements**, and to understand the progress of events in the marshaling of the nations for the final conflict of the great controversy.

“Such study will give broad, comprehensive views of life. It will help us to understand something of its relations and dependencies, how wonderfully we are bound together in the great brotherhood of society and nations, and to how great an extent the oppression and degradation of one member means loss to all.

“But history, as commonly studied, is concerned with man’s achievements, his victories in battle, his success in attaining power and greatness. God’s agency in the affairs of men is lost sight of. Few study the working out of His purpose in the rise and fall of nations.

“And, to a great degree, **theology**, as studied and taught, is but **a record of human speculation**, serving only to ‘darken counsel by words without knowledge.’ Too often the motive in accumulating these many books is not so much a desire to obtain food for mind and soul, as it is an ambition to become acquainted with philosophers and theologians, a desire to present Christianity to the people **in learned terms and propositions.**” *Ministry of Healing*, 441–443.

PARALLEL REFORMATORY MOVEMENTS

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

THE IMPORTANT MOVEMENT OF THE PRESENT

“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.” *The Great Controversy*, 611.

HISTORY REHEARSED

“**The Lord has declared that the history of the past shall be rehearsed as we enter upon the closing work.** Every truth that He has given for these last days is to be proclaimed to the world. Every pillar that He has established is to be strengthened. We cannot now step off the **foundation** that God has established. **We cannot now enter into any new organization;** for this would mean apostasy from the truth.” *Selected Messages*, book 2, 390.

THE CLOSING WORK

“When the **third angel’s message** shall go forth with a **loud voice**, and the whole earth shall be **lightened with his glory**, the **Holy Spirit is poured out upon God’s people.** The revenue of glory has been accumulating **for this closing work of the third angel’s message.**” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 2, 206.

CONNECTED THOUGHTS

“**I have no specific time** of which to speak **when** the outpouring of the Holy Spirit will take place—**when the mighty angel will come down from heaven** and unite with the third angel in **closing up the work** for this world. My message is that our only safety is in being ready for the heavenly refreshing, having our lamps trimmed and burning.

“I was shown that if God’s people make no efforts on their part, but wait for the refreshing to come upon them and remove their wrongs and correct their errors; if they depend upon that to cleanse them from filthiness of the flesh and spirit, and fit them to engage in the loud cry of the third angel, they will be found wanting.

“Are we hoping to see the whole church revived? That time will never come. There are persons in the church who are not converted, and who will not unite in earnest, prevailing prayer. We must enter upon the work individually. We must pray more, and talk less.

“We may be sure that when the Holy Spirit is poured out, those who did not receive and appreciate the early rain **will not see or understand** the value of the latter 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.” *Last Day Events*, 195.

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

THE PAST EXPERIENCES OF GOD’S PEOPLE IS TO BE REPEATED

“**Again and again** I have been shown that the past experiences of God’s people are not to be counted as dead facts. We are not to treat the record of these experiences as we would treat a last year’s almanac. **The record is to be kept in mind, for history will repeat itself.**” *Publishing Ministry*, 175.

AN EXAMPLE

“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**.

“Yet some refused to be converted. They were not willing to walk in God’s way, and when, in order that the work of God might be **advanced**, calls were made for freewill offerings, some clung selfishly to their earthly possessions. These covetous ones became separated from the company of believers.

“The judgments of God are in the earth, and, under the influence of the Holy Spirit, we must give the message of warning that He has entrusted to us. We must give this message quickly, **line upon line, precept upon precept**. Men will soon be forced to great decisions, and it is our duty to see that they are given an opportunity to understand the truth, that they may take their stand intelligently on the right side. The Lord calls upon His people to labor--labor earnestly and wisely--while probation lingers.” *Testimonies*, volume 9, 126.

PALMING OFF A COUNTERFEIT

“But Satan was not idle. He now attempted what he has attempted in every other reformatory movement,—to deceive and destroy the people by palming off upon them **a counterfeit in place of the true work.**” *The Great Controversy*, 186.

THE COUNTERFEIT (NOTHING WOULD BE ALLOWED TO STAND IN THE WAY)

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“The enemy of souls has sought to bring in the supposition that a great reformation was to take place among Seventh-day Adventists, and that this reformation would consist in giving up the doctrines which stand as the pillars of our faith, and engaging in a process of reorganization. Were this reformation to take place, what would result? The principles of truth that God in His wisdom has given to the remnant church, would be discarded. Our religion would be changed. The fundamental principles that have sustained the work for the last fifty years would be accounted as error. A new organization would be established. Books of a new order would be written. A system of intellectual philosophy would be introduced. The founders of this system would go into the cities, and do a wonderful work. The Sabbath of course, would be lightly regarded, as also the God who created it. Nothing would be allowed to stand in the way of the new movement. The leaders would teach that virtue is better than vice, but God being removed, they would place their dependence on human power, which, without God, is worthless. Their foundation would be built on the sand, and storm and tempest would sweep away the structure.

“Who has authority to begin such a movement? We have our Bibles. We have our experience, attested to by the miraculous working of the Holy Spirit. We have a truth that admits of no compromise. Shall we not repudiate everything that is not in harmony with this truth?

“I hesitated and delayed about the sending out of that which the Spirit of the Lord impelled me to write. I did not want to be compelled to present the misleading influence of these sophistries. But in the providence of God, the errors that have been coming in must be met.” *Selected Messages*, book 1, 204–205.

“February 20, 2012. . .

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“9. Adhering to or taking part in a divisive or disloyal movement of organization.

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“(Seventh-day Adventist Church Manuel. 18th edition, revised 210, p. 62.) . . .

“Pastor Ron Fleck”

CREED, n. [This word seems to have been introduced by the use of the Latin credo, I believe, at the beginning of the Apostles creed, or brief system of Christian faith. See Creed.]

1. A brief summary of the articles of Christian faith; a symbol; as the Apostolic creed.

2. That which is believed; any system of principles which are believed or professed; as a political creed.

“THE APOSTASY PREDICTED

“In writing to the church in Thessalonica, Paul called their attention more fully to the manner in which this self-exaltation, and love of power, was to be developed in the apostasy of the church. Speaking of Christ’s second coming and events to precede it, he said: ‘that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshiped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.’ 2 Thessalonians 2:3, 4.

“We see in this case that **the outgrowth of self-exaltation** was to result in this great apostasy **in the church**. The exaltation in the individual dethrones God from the heart, bringing the man directly under the dominion of self, sin, and Satan. As predicted in this scripture, the toleration by the church of self-exaltation of the leaders in the church resulted in placing in the temple of God (the church) a head who declared himself as God upon earth to rule the Lord’s people.

“LOVE OF THE TRUTH THE SAFEGUARD

“To avoid being taken in this snare of Satan the people were admonished to cleave to the ‘truth,’ to ‘the word.’ Of those who would be involved in this great apostasy the apostle said, ‘They received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.’ ‘Who believed not the truth’ ‘God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the the spirit and belief of the truth.’ As to what truth is here meant, we read: ‘Brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.’ 2 Thessalonians 2:10, 12, 13, 15.

“OPINIONS INSTEAD OF THE WORD

“As this falling away is traced through the pages of history, there is seen in its growth a **departure from the direct teachings of the word of God**. Instead of cleaving to **the Bible as their only standard of faith, and expressing that faith in scripture language**, there came into their teaching a **mystical principle of interpretation**. Instead of following the advice of Paul to ‘consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things,’ they **were telling what the Bible meant**, their interpretations often being **contrary** to what the scriptures in other portions taught. Those who adhered directly to ‘the word of truth’ saw in **this mystery-work** a development of just what the apostle had predicted. As they proclaimed against this innovation there arose a direct conflict between **those who taught plainly stated Bible truths**, and **those who adhered to creeds formulated by men**. The teachers of the **creeds** being ‘high minded’ and self-confident, soon lost the molding influence of the Lord’s Spirit in their hearts. And so the people who followed **the creed-makers** were rapidly corrupted from the simplicity of the gospel.

“THE FIVE STEPS TO APOSTASY

“In setting up of this “abomination that maketh desolate” (Daniel 12:11), we see that five distinct steps were taken:—

“1. **Forming a creed**, expressing their **faith in man-made phrases** instead of adhering to the word of the Lord.

“2. **Making that man-made creed a test of fellowship**, and **denouncing all as heretics who would not assent to the exact wording of their creeds**.

“3. Making **the creed a rule by which all heretics must be tried**. Many were thus declared sinners whose faith was more in harmony with the direct statements of the Bible than that of those who decreed against them.

“4. **Constituting themselves a tribunal for the trial of heretics, and excluding from their fellowship all who would not assent to their creeds**. Not content to debar such from church privileges in this world, they declared them subjects for the lake of fire.

“5. Having thus kindled a hatred in their own hearts against all who did not conform to their **creeds**, they next invoked and obtained the aid of the civil power to torture, and kill with sword, with hunger, with flame, and with beasts of the earth, those whom they had declared unfit to remain in the world.

“Then appeared on the stage of action one class of professed Christians with a head over them, actually declaring that he was ‘God on earth,’ persecuting another class of Christians who were conscientiously following the Lord and his Word,—a class of whom it might be said, in the light in which God views them (as was said, of the ancient worthies), ‘of whom the world was not worthy.’ Hebrews 11:38.” J. N. Loughborough, *The Church, Its Organization, Order, and Discipline*, pp. 75–77.

“... **RULE V**—Scripture must be—its own expositor, since it is a rule of itself. If I depend on a teacher to expound it to me and he should, guess at its meaning, or desire to have it so on account of **his sectarian creed** or to be thought wise, then his guessing, desire, **creed** or wisdom is my rule, not the Bible. . . .

“**RULE XIV**—The most important rule of all is, that you must have faith. It must be a faith that requires a sacrifice, and, if tried, would give up the dearest object on earth, the world and all its desires, character, living, occupation, friends, horns, comforts, and worldly honors. If any of these should hinder our believing any part of God’s word, it would show our faith to be vain. Nor can we ever believe so long as one of these motives lies lurking in our hearts. We must believe that God will never forfeit his word. And we can have confidence that he that takes notice of the sparrow, and numbers the hairs of our head, will guard the translation of his own word, and throw a barrier around it, and prevent those who sincerely trust in God, and put implicit confidence in his word, from erring far from the truth, **though they may not understand Hebrew or Greek. . . .**

“The divinity taught in our schools is always founded on some sectarian **creed**. It may do to take a blank mind and impress it with this kind, but it will always end in bigotry. **A free mind will never be satisfied with the views of others.** Were I a teacher of youth in divinity, I would first learn their capacity and mind. If these were good, I would make them study the Bible for themselves, and send them out free to do the world good. But if they had no mind, I would stamp them with another’s mind, write bigot on their forehead, and send them out as slaves.” From *Miller’s Works*. Volume I, “Views Of The Prophecies And Prophetic Chronology, Selected From Manuscripts Of William Miller; With A Memoir Of His Life.” Edited By Joshua V. Himes, 1842, pages 20–24.

THE OMEGA APOSTASY

“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 nothing 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 the last fifty years. Men may suppose that they have found a new way and 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 which has been laid. . . .**

“So we are to hold **the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end.** Words of power have been sent by God and by Christ to this people, bringing them out from the world, point by point, into the clear light of present truth. With lips touched with holy fire, God’s servants have proclaimed the message. The divine utterance has set its seal to the genuineness of the truth proclaimed.” *Testimonies*, volume 8, 296–297.

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Tragedy in Newport

Worship Number Three

FORMING THE IMAGE

“The time has come for the true light to shine amid moral darkness. The third angel’s message has been sent forth to the world, warning men against receiving the mark of the beast or of his image in their foreheads or in their hands. **To receive this mark means to come to the same decision as the beast has done, and to advocate the same ideas, in direct opposition to the word of God.** Of all who receive this mark, God says, ‘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.’

“If the light of truth has been presented to you, revealing the Sabbath of the fourth commandment, and showing that there is no foundation in the word of God for Sunday observance, and yet you still cling to the false Sabbath, refusing to keep holy the Sabbath which God calls ‘My holy day,’ you receive the mark of the beast. **When** does this take place?—When you obey the decree that commands you to cease from labor on Sunday and worship God, while you know that there is not a word in the Bible showing Sunday to be other than a common working-day, you consent to receive the mark of the beast, and refuse the seal of God. If we receive this mark in our foreheads or in our hands, the judgments pronounced against the disobedient must fall upon us. But the seal of the living God is placed upon those who conscientiously keep the Sabbath of the Lord.” *Review and Herald*, July 13, 1897.

“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.” *Early Writings*, 259–261.

STRONG DELUSION

WHEN AND THEN

“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).” *The Great Controversy*, 390.

THE FIRST TO BE LEFT

“‘A new heart will I give you and a new spirit will I put within you.’ I believe with all my heart that the Spirit of God is being withdrawn from the world, and those who have had great light and opportunities and have not improved them, will be **the first to be left**. They have grieved away the Spirit of God. The present activity of Satan in working upon hearts, and upon churches and nations should startle every student of prophecy. The end is near. Let our churches arise.” *Selected Messages*, book 3, 154.

THE TIME

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.

THE JUDGMENT OF THE LORD

Why then is this people of Jerusalem slidden back by a perpetual backsliding? they hold fast deceit, they refuse to return. I hearkened and heard, *but* they spake not aright: no man repented him of his wickedness, saying, What have I done? every one turned to his course, as the horse rusheth into the battle. Yea, the stork in the heaven knoweth her **appointed times**; and the turtle and the crane and the swallow observe **the time** of their coming; but **my people know not the judgment of the Lord**. Jeremiah 8:5–7.

THE WORLD CAN ONLY BE WARNED

“The work of the Holy Spirit is to convince the world of sin, of righteousness and of judgment. The **world can only be warned** by seeing those who believe the truth sanctified through the truth, acting upon high and holy principles, showing in a high, elevated sense, the line of demarcation between those who keep the commandments of God, and those who trample them under their feet. **The sanctification of the Spirit signalizes the difference between those who have the seal of God, and those who keep a spurious rest-day. When the test comes, it will be clearly shown what the mark of the beast is. It is the keeping of Sunday. Those who after**

having heard the truth, continue to regard this day as holy, bear the signature of the man of sin, who thought to change times and laws.” *Bible Training School*, December 1, 1903.

WHEN THE DECREE GOES FORTH

“What are you doing, brethren, in the great work of preparation? Those who are uniting with the world are receiving the worldly mold and preparing for the mark of the beast. Those who are distrustful of self, who are humbling themselves before God and purifying their souls by obeying the truth these are receiving the heavenly mold and preparing for the seal of God in their foreheads. **When the decree goes forth and the stamp is impressed, their character will remain pure and spotless for eternity.**” *Testimonies*, volume 5, 216.

THE LIGHT OF HIS GLORY

“It is the darkness of misapprehension of God that is enshrouding the world. Men are losing their knowledge of His character. It has been misunderstood and misinterpreted. At this time a **message** from God is to be proclaimed, a message illuminating in its influence and saving in its power. His character is to be made known. Into the darkness of the world is to be shed **the light of His glory**, the light of His goodness, mercy, and truth.

“This is **the work** outlined by the prophet Isaiah in the words, ‘O Jerusalem, that **bringest good tidings**, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God! Behold, the Lord God will come with strong hand, and His arm shall rule for Him; behold, His reward is with Him, and His work before Him.’ Isaiah 40:9, 10.

“**Those who wait for the Bridegroom’s coming** are to say to the people, ‘Behold your God.’ The last rays of merciful light, the last message of mercy to be given to the world, is a revelation of His character of love. **The children of God are to manifest His glory.** In their own life and character they are to reveal what the grace of God has done for them.” *Christ’s Object Lessons*, 415.

And said unto me, Thou *art* my servant, O Israel, **in whom I will be glorified.** Isaiah 49:3.

Remember these, O Jacob and Israel; for thou *art* my servant: I have formed thee; thou *art* my servant: O Israel, thou shalt not be forgotten of me. I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee. Sing, O ye heavens; for the Lord hath done *it*: shout, ye lower parts of the earth: break forth into singing, ye mountains, O forest, and every tree therein: for the Lord hath redeemed Jacob, and **glorified himself in Israel.** Isaiah 44:21–23.

THOSE WHO WAIT FOR THE BRIDEGROOM

“The parable of the ten virgins of Matthew 25 also illustrates **the experience of the Adventist people.** In Matthew 24, in answer to the question of His disciples concerning the sign of His coming and of the end of the world, Christ had pointed out some of the most important events in the history of the world and of the church from His first to His second advent; namely, the destruction of Jerusalem, the great tribulation of the church under the pagan and papal persecutions, the darkening of the sun and moon, and the falling of the stars. After this He spoke of His coming in His kingdom, and related the parable describing the two classes of servants who look for His appearing. Chapter 25 opens with the words: ‘Then shall the kingdom of

heaven be likened unto ten virgins.’ **Here is brought to view the church living in the last days**, the same that is pointed out in the close of chapter 24. In this parable their experience is illustrated by the incidents of an Eastern marriage.” *The Great Controversy*, 393.

“When the third angel’s message is preached as it should be, power attends its proclamation, and it becomes an abiding influence. It must be attended with divine power, or it will accomplish nothing. I am often referred to the parable of the ten virgins, five of whom were wise, and five foolish. **This parable has been and will be fulfilled to the very letter**, for it has a special application to this time, and, like the third angel’s message, has been fulfilled and will continue to be present truth till the close of time.” *Review and Herald*, August 19, 1890.

NO PROBATION AFTER THE JUDGMENT

“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.

“There have been and always will be tares among the wheat, the foolish virgins with the wise, those who have no oil in their vessels with their lamps” *Signs of the Times*, October 23, 1879.

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THE COVENANT RENEWED

“In the last days of this earth’s history, God’s covenant with His commandment-keeping people is to be renewed.” *Prophets and Kings*, 299.

THAT SHALL CALL A NATION

Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and **I will make an everlasting covenant with you**, *even* the sure mercies of David. Behold, I have given him *for* a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people.

Behold, **thou shalt call a nation that thou knowest not**, and **nations that knew not thee shall run unto thee** because of the Lord thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel; for he **hath glorified thee**.

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts *are* not your thoughts, neither *are* your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For **as the rain cometh down**, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and **maketh it bring forth and bud**, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall **my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth**: it shall not return unto me void, but **it shall accomplish that which I please**, and it shall prosper *in the thing* whereto I sent it. Isaiah 55:3–11.

EXALTED IN JUDGMENT

But the **Lord of hosts shall be exalted in judgment**, and God that is holy shall be sanctified in righteousness. **Then** shall the lambs feed after their manner, and the waste places of the fat ones shall strangers eat.

Woe unto them that draw iniquity with cords of vanity, and sin as it were with a cart rope: That say, Let him make speed, *and* hasten his work, that we may see *it*: and let the counsel of the Holy One of Israel draw nigh and come, that we may know *it*! **Woe** unto them that call **evil good, and good evil**; that put **darkness for light, and light for darkness**; that put **bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter**! **Woe** unto *them that are* wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight! **Woe** unto *them that are* mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink: Which **justify the wicked for reward**, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him!

Therefore as the fire devoureth the stubble, and the flame consumeth the chaff, *so* their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust: because they have cast away the law of the Lord of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel. Therefore is the anger of the Lord kindled against his people, and he hath stretched forth his hand against them, and hath smitten them: and the hills did tremble, and their carcasses *were* torn in the midst of the streets. For all this **his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still**.

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 5:16–26.

TWO GATHERINGS

The Lord God which **gathereth** the outcasts of Israel saith, Yet will **I gather others** to him, beside those that are gathered unto him. Isaiah 56:8.

THE NATIONS & THE OUTCASTS OF ISRAEL

And he shall set up **an ensign for the nations**, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth. Isaiah 11:2.

LOSING THE CROWN

“Oh that all might consider before it is everlastingly too late that **there are limits to the mercy and forbearance of God!** There are those who by their impenitence under the beams of light that have shone upon them, are very near the line where the forbearance of God is exhausted. In mind and heart they are saying, ‘My lord delayeth his coming,’ and they eat and drink with the drunken. But God declares of such that ‘sudden destruction cometh upon them,’ ‘and they shall not escape.’

“**At this time**, when great light is shining forth from the Word of God, making dark mysteries plain as day, is the day of mercy, of hope, of joy and assurance to all who will be benefited thereby, to all who will open their minds and hearts to the bright beams of the Sun of righteousness. But **there is an opposite class to this:** those who will not come to the Light, who despise the truth because it exposes error and transgression and sin, and as a result, depravity and boldness in transgression is becoming all-pervading.

“There are **diligent students of the word of prophecy** in all parts of the world, who are obtaining light and still greater light from searching the Scriptures. This is true of all nations, of all tribes, and all peoples. These will come from the grossest error, and **will take the place of those who have had opportunities and privileges and have not prized them.** These have worked out their own salvation with fear and trembling lest they shall become deficient in doing the ways and will of God, while those who have had great light, have, through the perversity of their own natural hearts, turned away from Christ because displeased with His requirements. But God will not be left without witness. **The one-hour labourers will be brought in at the eleventh hour**, and will consecrate their ability and all their entrusted means to advance the work. These will receive the reward for their faithfulness, because they are true to principle and shun not their duty to declare the whole counsel of God. **When** those who **have had abundance of light** throw off the restraint which the Word of God imposes, and make void His law, **others will come in to fill their place, and take their crown.**

“While many have reduced the Word, the Truth, the holy law of Jehovah to a dead letter, and by their example testify that the law of Jehovah is a hard, rigorous burden, while they say, We will lay off this yoke; we will be free; we will no longer remain in covenant relation with God; we will do as we please, there will be men who have had very meager opportunities, who have walked in ways of error because they knew not any other or better way, to whom beams of light will come. As the word from Christ came to Zacchaeus, ‘I must abide at thy house,’ so the

word will come to them. And the one supposed to be a hardened sinner will be found to have a heart as tender as a child, because Christ has deigned to notice him.

“Great is the work of the Lord. Men are choosing sides. Even those supposed to be heathen will choose the side of Christ, **while those who become offended**, as did the disciples, will go away and walk no more with Him. And **others will come in and occupy the place they have left vacant**. The **time** is very near when man shall have reached the prescribed limits. He has now almost exceeded the bounds of the long-suffering of God, **the limits of His grace**, the **limits of His mercy**. The record of their works in the books of heaven is, ‘**Weighed in the balances, and found wanting**.’ The Lord will interfere to vindicate His own honor, to repress the swellings of unrighteousness and bold transgression.” *Testimonies to Southern Africa*, 49–51.

THE FOOLISH KNOW NOT

Run ye to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and know, and seek in the broad places thereof, if ye can find a man, if there be *any* that executeth judgment, that seeketh the truth; and I will pardon it. And though they say, The Lord liveth; surely they swear falsely.

O Lord, *are* not thine eyes upon the truth? thou hast stricken them, but they have not grieved; thou hast consumed them, *but* they have refused to receive correction: they have made their faces harder than a rock; they have refused to return. Therefore I said, Surely these *are* poor; **they are foolish: for they know not the way of the Lord, nor the judgment of their God**. I will get me unto the great men, and will speak unto them; for they have known the way of the Lord, *and* the judgment of their God: but these have altogether broken the yoke, *and* burst the bonds. Jeremiah 5:1–5.

THE TIME OF VISITATION

“Oh, that the people might know **the time of their visitation!** There are many who have not yet heard the testing truth for this time. There are many with whom the Spirit of God is striving. The **time** of God’s destructive judgments is **the time of mercy for those who have had no opportunity to learn what is truth**. Tenderly will the Lord look upon them. His heart of mercy is touched; His hand is still stretched out to save, **while the door is closed to those who would not enter**.” *Testimonies*, volume 9, 97.

“Such is the sure result of neglect to appreciate and improve the light and privileges which God bestows. Unless the church will follow on in his opening providence, accepting every ray of light, performing every duty which may be revealed, religion will inevitably degenerate into the observance of forms, and the spirit of vital godliness will disappear. **This truth has been repeatedly illustrated in the history of the church**. God requires of his people works of faith and obedience corresponding to the blessings and privileges bestowed. Obedience requires a sacrifice and involves a cross; and this is why so many of the professed followers of Christ refused to receive the light from Heaven, and, like the Jews of old, **knew not the time of their visitation**. [Luke 19:44.] Because of their pride and unbelief, **the Lord passed them by and revealed his truth to those who, like the shepherds of Bethlehem and the Eastern magi, had given heed to all the light they had received**.” *The Great Controversy*, 316.

THE DAY OF PRIVILEGE

“Sinners who have not had the light and privileges that Seventh-day Adventists have enjoyed will, in their ignorance, be **in a more favorable position** before God than those who have been unfaithful while in close connection with His work and professing to love and serve Him. The tears of Christ upon the mount came from an anguished, breaking heart because of His unrequited love and the ingratitude of His chosen people. He had labored untiringly to save them from the fate that they seemed determined to bring upon themselves, but they refused His mercy and **knew not the time of their visitation. Their day of privilege was ending**, yet they were so blinded by sin that they knew it not.

“Jesus looked down through the centuries even to the close of time, and, taking in the cases of all who had repaid His love and admonitions with selfishness and neglect, and all who would thus repay Him, He addressed to them those solemn words, declaring that **they knew not the time of their visitation**. The Jews were gathering about themselves the dark clouds of retribution, and many today, **in like manner**, are drawing upon themselves the wrath of God, because of opportunities unimproved, the counsels and love of Jesus scorned, and His servants despised and hated for speaking the truth.” *Testimonies*, volume 4, 191–192.

“In this our day, as in Christ’s day, there will be **a misreading and misinterpreting of the Scriptures**. If the Jews had studied the Scriptures with earnest, prayerful, humble hearts, their searching would have been rewarded with **a true knowledge of the time**, and not only the **time**, but also the manner, of Christ’s first appearing. They would not have ascribed the glories of the second appearing of Christ to His first advent. They had the testimony of Daniel; they had the testimony of Isaiah and the other prophets; they had the teaching of Moses; and here was Christ Himself in their midst, and still they were searching the Scriptures for evidence in regard His coming. **They were doing to Christ, at the same time, the very things that it had been prophesied they would do**. They were so blinded that they **knew not the time of His visitation**, or what they were doing. Thus they were fulfilling the Scripture.

“Many are doing the same thing today, in 1897, because they have not had experience in **the testing message comprehended in the first, second, and third angels’ messages**. There are those who are searching the Scriptures for proof that these messages are still in the **future**. They gather together the truthfulness of the messages, but they **fail to give them their proper place in prophetic history**. Therefore such are in danger of **misleading the people** in regard to **locating the messages**. They do not see and understand the time of the end, or **when to locate the messages**. The day of God is coming with stealthy tread, but the supposed wise and great men are prating about ‘higher education’ which they suppose originates with finite men. They know not the signs of Christ’s coming, or of the end of the world.” *Sermons and Talks*, volume 1, 290.

“Sufficient light was given to the Jewish people so that **they might have known ‘the time of their visitation.’** God had sent them ‘the way, the truth, and the life,’ in the gift of His Son. Christ came as the messenger of Jehovah, and His path was marked with blessings. He was sent to make known the Father. His whole life to its final sacrifice was a revelation of God to men. Calvary itself announced Him, ‘the Lord God, merciful and gracious, long suffering and abundant in goodness and truth, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty.’ From Christ, the Light of the world, shone forth the clear, bright beams of His Father’s glory. Yet the Jews comprehended it not.

“**Thus it is in our day.** The light of truth is shining upon us as clearly as it shone upon the Jewish people, but the hearts of men are as hard and unimpressible as in the days of Christ, because they [know] not what they oppose. Many who claim to be standing in the light are in darkness and know it not. They have so enshrouded themselves in unbelief that they call darkness light, and light darkness. They are ignorant of that which they condemn and oppose. But their ignorance is not such as God will excuse, for He has given them light, and they reject it. **They have before them the example of the past, but they will not be warned, and unbelief is enclosing them in impenetrable darkness.** They refuse to accept the testimonies they ought to believe and are ready to accept tidbits of gossip and testimonies of men showing their credulousness and readiness to believe that which they want to believe.” *The 1888 Materials*, 408.

Tragedy in Newport

Worship Number Four

OUR CONFIDENCE

“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 nothing 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 the last fifty years. Men may suppose that they have found a new way and 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 which has been laid.** . . .

“So we are to hold **the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end**. Words of power have been sent by God and by Christ to this people, bringing them out from the world, **point by point**, into the clear light of present truth. With lips touched with holy fire, God’s servants have proclaimed the message. The divine utterance has set its seal to the genuineness of the truth proclaimed.” *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*. 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 REST AND 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.

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.

ALL WHO WILL RECOGNIZE

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

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*.

OPPOSING THE WORK CONNECTED WITH THE LOUD CRY

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

HOW ARE WE GOING TO KNOW?

“Now, brethren, God wants us to take our position with the man that carries the lantern; we want to take our position where the light is, and where God has given the trumpet a certain sound. **We want to give the trumpet a certain sound**. We have been in perplexity, and we have been in doubt, and the churches are ready to die. But now here we read: ‘And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is

fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird' [Revelation 18:1–2].

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

“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.” *Testimonies*, volume 8, 296–297.

“**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.

“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 that 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.

I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am **reproved**.

And the Lord answered me, and said, Write the vision, and **make it plain upon tables**, that he may run that readeth it. For the vision *is* yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry. Behold, his soul *which* is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith. Habakkuk 2:1–4.

TABLE ONE

“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.

TABLE TWO

“I saw that **God was in the publication 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.

NOTHING TO FEAR, EXCEPT

“In reviewing our past history, having traveled over every step of advance to our present standing, I can say, Praise God! As I see what God has wrought, I am filled with astonishment, and with confidence in Christ as leader. We have nothing to fear for the future **except** as we shall forget **the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history.**” *Testimonies to Minsters*, 31.

OUR PAST TEACHINGS

“**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.

HOW THE LORD HAS LED US

“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*, 236–237.

JAMES WHITE:

“Says an objector, ‘I do not believe that the midnight cry has yet been given.’ Neither do we believe that the midnight cry has been heard by us, or that it ever will be. The cry of Matthew 25:6, ‘Behold the bridegroom cometh,’ is in the history of an eastern marriage. But that a cry was given, and fully received by the entire Advent body in the autumn of 1844, that compares well with the midnight cry of the parable, should not be denied by those who had an experience in it. It came in the right time. The cry of the parable immediately followed the **delay**, and the slumbering and sleeping. This followed our **delay**, having been **disappointed**, and reached our ears while in a dormant state. That cry waked up the ten virgins, and led them to trim their lamps. This, attended by the power of the Spirit, aroused the Advent people, and led them to **search the Bible as never before**, and to consecrate themselves and their worldly possessions wholly to the Lord. Those who gave the cry that the Lord would come at the seventh month, 1844, clearly saw that **the prophetic periods reached to that time**, therefore, the **evidence** that had been presented from **the periods** to prove that **the Advent would be in 1843, proved that it would be in 1844**. We then saw **an error in that manner of reckoning** which terminated the 2300 days in **1843**. None of those who wrote against the Advent saw it. **The hand of Providence** covered the **mistake** until the time came for it to be seen. **The error was in taking 457 full years** from the 2300, which left 1843, without making any account of the fraction of the year 457 B. C., that had passed, when the commandment went forth, from which the 70 weeks are reckoned. As it takes 457 **full years** and 1843, to make 2300, the fraction of the year 457, B. C., that had passed when the 70 weeks commenced, should be added to 1843, which brings the termination of the 2300 days in 1844. **This point is made clear** in the following testimony from the *Advent Herald* of November 13, 1844.

“Our minds were directed to that point of time, [1843,] from the fact that dating the several **prophetic periods** from those years in which the best chronologers assign the fulfillment of those events which were to mark their commencement, they all seemed to terminate that year. This was, however, only apparent. We date **the ‘seven times,’ or 2520 years**, from the captivity of Manasseh, which is, with great unanimity, placed by chronologers **BC677**. This date is the only one we have ever reckoned from, for the commencement of this period; and subtracting **BC677** from **2520** years there remained **AD1843**. We, however, did not observe that as it would require **677 full years BC** and **1843 full years AD to complete 2520 years**, that it would also oblige us to extend this period as far into **AD1844** as it might have commenced after the beginning of **BC677**. The same was also true of the other periods. The great jubilee of 2450 years [**not represented on either the 1843 or 1850 charts**], commencing with the captivity of Jehoiakim **BC607**; and **the 2300 days, commencing with the 70 weeks BC457**, would respectively require 1843 **full years** after Christ added to as many **full years** before Christ, as the years in which we have always respectively commenced each period, to complete the number of years in each; and as subtracting from each period the date BC of its commencement, there would remain **AD1843**, no reference whatever was made to the fraction of the year, which in each case, had transpired from its commencement, and which would require that each period should extend as much beyond the expiration of **AD1843**, as they respectively began after the commencement of the year BC from which they are dated.

“While **this discrepancy was not particularly noticed by us**, it was also not noticed by any of our learned opponents. Amid all the arguments which were brought to bear against our position, no allusion was made to that point.’

“The right application of Habakkuk 2:2–3, was seen clearly by those who gave the seventh month message. The Advent body then held that the publication of what is called **the old chart** was a fulfillment of the words of the Prophets, ‘Write the vision and make it plain upon tables.’—Reference to the different Advent papers published in 1844, will settle this point.—As time is connected with the visions of Daniel and John, the conclusion seems natural that their prophecies were the subject matter to be made ‘plain on tables,’ which was to be for ‘an appointed time.’

“‘Though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.’ Here is a seeming contradiction, **which can only be explained by facts in our Advent experience.** The period, 1843, was written upon the chart, as the apparent time of the termination of the 2300 days; but that, as was clearly seen in 1844, **was not the real date of their termination.** Therefore the vision did not really tarry, but seemed to tarry. ‘Though it tarry, [beyond the period of expectation,] wait for it,’ for at the real point of time for the termination of the 2300 days, 1844, the vision ‘will speak, and not lie.’ It is said that the message of the 7th month, 1844, was **a ‘lie,’** because Christ did not then come. True, the vision of 2300 days did not teach that Christ would then come, or that his coming would be at the end of the days; but we have the best of evidence that the days, then ended, as was taught that they would end, by those who gave the message of the seventh month.

“The types of the law of Moses did not teach us that our Great High Priest would come out of the heavens, on the tenth day of the seventh month, 1844, yet they, in connection with the 2300 days, clearly prove that Christ did then enter upon the work of cleansing the Heavenly Sanctuary, shadowed forth by the tenth day atonement in the law. Such a change in the position of our Great High Priest, represented by the coming of the bridegroom in the parable, was very properly heralded by those who gave the seventh month message. Neither did the parable teach that the Lord would come at the point in our history where the midnight cry applied. We now see points in the parable that apply later in our experience, yet before the Second Advent, such as the knocking. When giving the seventh month message the then future scenes of trial **were sealed up to us,** and for our lives we could not see any Prophecy to be fulfilled prior to the Advent.

“The Advent people scripturally sought, and earnestly plead, for the ‘bread’ of life in **1843,** and we are loath to believe that our heavenly Father gave us a ‘stone,’ or that he gave us a ‘scorpion’ in **1844.** And **we fail to see how it was possible for the Advent body to follow down the track of prophecy, without experiencing such a movement as that of the autumn of 1844. The vision that had seemed to tarry then spake.** Let others **call it ‘a lie.’** But we fully believe that then was experienced the fulfillment of the words of the Prophet ‘at the end [of the 2300 days] it shall speak, and NOT LIE.’ True we were disappointed as to the event to take place, but that is no evidence that the movement was not in the order of the Lord, and a fulfillment of Prophecy. Those that ‘cast their garments in the way,’ and cried ‘Hosanna to the Son of David,’ as Jesus rode into Jerusalem, entirely mistook the object of the first Advent, yet that display was all necessary to fulfill Zechariah 9:9. The Pharisees said, ‘Master, rebuke thy disciples,’ Jesus answered, ‘I tell you, that if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out.’

“If such an exhibition should take place at this day, a thousand voices would be raised pronouncing it ‘Mesmerism.’ Our ‘mistake,’ as it is called, at the seventh month, was of the same nature as that of the disciples. They had an opportunity of learning the object of the first Advent. Adventists have a chance to learn the events that in order precede the Second Advent.

“No doubt but many who joined in the general shout of ‘Hosanna to the Son of David,’ were afterwards ashamed of it, and perhaps made their ‘confession’ to the Pharisees. Adventists should not be ashamed of the very experience that called them from the world and churches, and has made them Adventists. **Consistency requires them to own their experience, or give up the Advent name.**” James White, *Review and Herald*, volume 1, July 9, 1851. Edited by Joseph Bates, S.W. Rhodes and J.N. Andrews.

URIAH SMITH:

“As time continued beyond **AD1843**, many began to inquire the reasons of their disappointment respecting the year of their expected deliverance. **It was then seen**, that commencing all **the prophetic periods** in the years **BC**, where we had always dated their commencement, they would not be respectively completed, even upon the supposition that our chronology and date of their commencement were correct, until sometime within the year **1844**. Thus, of **the seven times, or 2520 years, commencing in BC677**—the great jubilee, or 2450 years [**not represented on either the 1843 or 1850 charts.**], commencing in **BC607**—and **the 2300 years of Daniel, commencing in BC457**—as a portion of each of those years, from which **the prophetic periods** were respectively dated, had expired before the occurrence of the several events which marked their commencement, it would be necessary that **they should extend as far into AD1844**, as they respectively commenced after the beginning of the years **BC** from which they are severally reckoned, in order, either to complete the number of years in each, or to test the correctness of our chronology. But there was no clue to the time, in the respective years **BC**, at which the several periods began; and consequently the time in the year of their termination, could not be accurately marked.” Uriah Smith, *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, August 27, 1857, J. N. Andrews, James White, J. H. Waggoner, R. F. Cottrell, and Stephen Pierce Editors.

“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.

“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.

SOUND IN THE THIRD ANGEL

“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.

1863 & 1859

“I was shown that the testimony to the Laodiceans applies to God’s people at the present time, and the reason it has not accomplished a greater work is because of the hardness of their hearts. But God has given the message time to do its work.” *Testimonies*, volume 1, 187.

Tragedy in Newport

Worship Number Five

NUMBERS 14:34

ALL THE SIGNS

And the Lord said unto Moses, **How long will this people provoke me?** and how long will it be ere they believe me, **for all the signs which I have showed among them?** . . . And the Lord said, I have pardoned according to thy word: But *as truly as I live*, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord. Because **all those men which have seen my glory, and my miracles, which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness,** and have tempted me now these **ten times**, and have not hearkened to my voice; Surely they shall not see the land which I swore unto their fathers, neither shall any of them that provoked me see it. Numbers 14:11, 20–23.

HEBREWS 3:7–4:11

THE REST OF GRACE

“Those who are unwilling to give the Lord faithful, earnest, loving service will not find spiritual rest in this life nor in the life to come. ‘There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. . . . Let us labor therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fail after the same example of unbelief.’ **The rest here spoken of is the rest of grace,** obtained by following the prescription. ‘Labor diligently.’” *Pacific Union Recorder*, November 7, 1901.

EZEKIEL 4:1–6

JEREMIAH 17:21–27

“On one occasion, by command of the Lord, the prophet took his position at one of the principal entrances to the city and there urged the importance of keeping holy the Sabbath day. The inhabitants of Jerusalem were in danger of losing sight of the sanctity of the Sabbath, and they were solemnly warned against following their secular pursuits on that day. A blessing was promised on condition of obedience. ‘**If ye diligently hearken unto Me,**’ **the Lord declared, and ‘hallow the Sabbath day,** to do no work therein; then shall there enter into the gates of this city kings and princes sitting upon the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, they, and their princes, the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: and **this city shall remain forever.**’ Jeremiah 17:24, 25.

“This promise of prosperity as the reward of allegiance was accompanied by a prophecy of the terrible judgments that would befall the city should its inhabitants prove disloyal to God and His law. **If the admonitions to obey the Lord God of their fathers and to hallow His Sabbath day were not heeded,** the city and its palaces would be **utterly destroyed by fire.**” *Prophets and Kings*, 411–412.

THE MESSAGES REPEATED

“**The first, second, and third angels’ messages are to be repeated.** The call is to be given to the church: ‘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 have waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. . . . Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.’

“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.” *Review and Herald*, October 31, 1899.

“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.

PERFECT FULFILLMENT, YET FUTURE

“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.

“God tested and proved His people by the passing of the time in 1843. The **mistake made in reckoning the prophetic periods** was not at once discovered even by learned men who opposed the views of those who were looking for Christ’s coming. Scholars declared that Mr. Miller was right in his calculation of the time, though they disputed him in regard to the event that would crown that period. But they, and the waiting people of God, were in a common error on the question of time.

“We fully believe that God, in His wisdom, **designed that His people should meet with a disappointment**, which was well **calculated to reveal hearts and develop the true characters** of those who had professed to look for and rejoice in the coming of the Lord. Those who embraced the first angel’s message (see Revelation 14:6, 7) through fear of the wrath of God’s judgments, not because they loved the truth and desired an inheritance in the kingdom of heaven, now appeared in their true light. They were among the first to ridicule the disappointed ones who sincerely longed for and loved the appearing of Jesus.

“Those who had been disappointed were not long left in darkness; for in searching **the prophetic periods** with earnest prayer, the error was discovered, and the tracing of the prophetic pencil down through the tarrying time. In the joyful expectation of the coming of Christ **the apparent tarrying of the vision** had not been taken into account, and was a sad and unlooked-for surprise. Yet **this very trial was necessary** to develop and strengthen the sincere believers in the truth.” *Testimonies*, volume 1, 52–53.

HISTORY REPEATED

“**Past history will be repeated.**” *Special Testimonies on Education*, 212.

OUR CONFIDENCE

“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 nothing 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 the last fifty years. Men may suppose that they have found a new way and 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 which has been laid.** . . .

“So we are to hold **the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end.** Words of power have been sent by God and by Christ to this people, bringing them out from the world, **point by point**, into the clear light of present truth. With lips touched with holy fire, God’s servants have proclaimed the message. The divine utterance has set its seal to the genuineness of the truth proclaimed.” *Testimonies*, volume 8, 296–297.

HEBREWS AND ADVENTISM

For we are made **partakers** of Christ, if we hold **the beginning of our confidence** steadfast unto the end. Hebrews 3:14.

Partakers: G3353—From G3348; *participant*, that is, (as noun) a *sharer*; by implication an *associate*: - fellow, partaker, partner.

G3348: to *share* or *participate*; by implication *belong to, eat* (or *drink*): - be partaker, pertain, take part, use.

THE FORMER DAYS

But call to remembrance **the former days**, in which, after ye were **illuminated**, ye endured a great fight of afflictions; Partly, whilst ye were made a gazingstock both by reproaches and afflictions; and partly, whilst ye became companions of them that were so used. For ye had compassion of me in my bonds, and took joyfully the spoiling of your goods, knowing in yourselves that ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance.

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 10:32–39.

Illuminated: G5461— to *shed rays*, that is, to *shine* or (transitively) to *brighten up* (literally or figuratively): - enlighten, illuminate, (bring to, give) light, make to see.

ILLUMINATED BY THE FIRST ANGEL

“I was shown the interest which all heaven had taken in the work going on upon the earth. Jesus commissioned **a mighty angel to descend** and warn the inhabitants of the earth to prepare for His second appearing. As the angel left the presence of Jesus in heaven, an exceedingly bright and glorious light went before him. **I was told that his mission was to lighten the earth with his glory** and warn man of the coming wrath of God. Multitudes received the light. Some of these seemed to be very solemn, while others were joyful and enraptured. All who received the light turned their faces toward heaven and glorified God. Though it was shed upon all, some merely came under its influence, but did not heartily receive it. Many were filled with great wrath. Ministers and people united with the vile and stoutly resisted the light shed by the mighty angel. But all who received it withdrew from the world and were closely united with one another.” *Early Writings*, 245.

HEBREWS 10:37 & 9/11

“For the Coming of the King

‘Yet a little while, and He that shall come will come, and will not tarry.’ Hebrews 10:37. The Last Crisis” *Testimonies*, volume 9, 11.

PATIENCE

“It will not be long till we shall see Him in whom our hopes of eternal life are centered. And in His presence, all the trials and sufferings of this life will be as nothingness. ‘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**.’ Verses 35–37. Look up, look up, and let your faith continually increase. Let this faith guide you along the narrow path that leads through the gates of the city of God into the great beyond, the wide, unbounded future of glory that is for the redeemed. ‘**Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord**. Behold, **the husbandman waiteth** for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until **he receive the early and latter rain**. Be ye also **patient**; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.’ James 5:7, 8.” *Testimonies*, volume 9, 287.

THE HUSBANDMAN THAT WAITS FOR THE RAIN

“‘The sower went forth to sow’ (R.V.). In the East the state of affairs was so unsettled, and there was so great danger from violence that the people dwelt chiefly in walled towns, and **the husbandmen went forth daily** to their labor outside the walls. **So Christ, the heavenly Sower, went forth to sow.**” *Christ’s Object Lessons*, 36.

THE BRIDEGROOM TARRIES FOR THE RAIN

“‘While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.’ By **the tarrying of the bridegroom** is represented the passing of the time when the Lord was expected, the disappointment, and the seeming delay. In this time of uncertainty, the interest of the superficial and halfhearted soon began to waver, and their efforts to relax; but those whose faith was based on a personal knowledge of the Bible had a rock beneath their feet, which the waves of disappointment could not wash away. ‘They all slumbered and slept;’ **one class** in unconcern and abandonment of their faith, **the other class** patiently **waiting** till clearer light should be given. Yet in the night of trial the latter seemed to lose, to some extent, their zeal and devotion. The halfhearted and superficial could no longer lean upon the faith of their brethren. Each must stand or fall for himself.” *The Great Controversy*, 394–395.

1843

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

MARCH 22, 1844

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 30:18.

Ronald: a male given name: from Scandinavian words meaning “counsel” and “rule.”
Word Origin & History Ronald masc. proper name, from O.N. Rögnvaldr ‘Having the Gods’ Power,’ from **rögn** ‘gods,’ lit. ‘decreeing powers’ (pl. of regin ‘decree’) + valdr ‘ruler.’

Fleck (fl k) n. 1. A tiny mark or spot: flecks of mica in the rock. 2. A small bit or flake: flecks of foam; a **fleck** of dandruff. tr.v. flecked, **fleck**·ing, flecks

Steve: To pack or stow, as cargo in a ship’s hold

Wohl: n. wealth, welfare, well-being, happiness, prosperity, fortune

Berg: iceberg.

Tragedy in Newport

Worship Number Seven

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.

GENESIS 3:15

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.

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.

PHILIPPIANS 2:5

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.

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). . . .

“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.

CHRIST’S PARABLES

“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 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.

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—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.and

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, AND TRIED

THE MILLERITES—DANIEL 12:3, 4, 9, 10; 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

JOHN 16:8

SIN; FIRST ANGEL’S MESSAGE; PURIFIED

RIGHTEOUSNESS; SECOND ANGEL’S MESSAGE; MADE WHITE

JUDGMENT; THIRD ANGEL’S MESSAGE; TRIED

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.

THE OMEGA APOSTASY

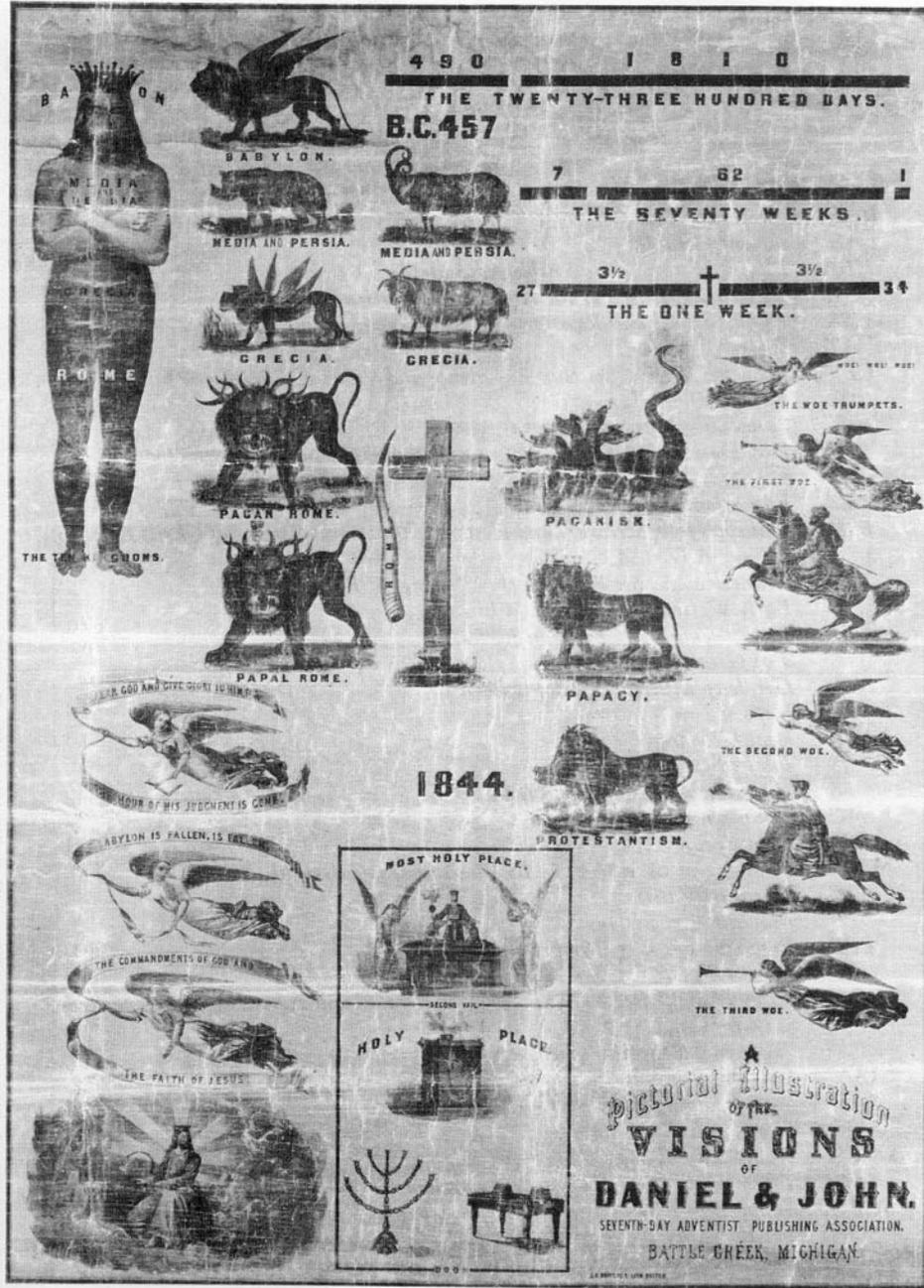
NEWPORT'S EMPOWERMENT

“The same Jesus that walked with his disciples, that taught them upon earth, that toiled and suffered in his human nature, is with us in his divine power. He is at our right hand to help us in every emergency. Let us lift up Jesus, and **reveal the Bible foundation for our faith.**

“There has been among the believers, dissension, unbelief, and jealousy, and on the part of some, **a firm resistance of light from heaven.** I have been shown that those who have resisted light will **never** see clearly again, unless they humble their hearts before God, and confess their backslidings, their prejudice, their hatred of the light which God has sent, which, if accepted, would make them wise unto salvation. Formality, worldly wisdom, worldly caution, **worldly policy,** will appear to many to be **the very power of God,** but when accepted, it stands as an obstacle to prevent God's light, in warnings, reproof, and counsel, from coming to the world.

“Satan is now working with all his insinuating, deceiving power, to lead men away from the work of the third angel's message, which is to be proclaimed with mighty power. If Satan sees that the Lord is blessing his people and preparing them to discern his delusions, he will work with his masterly power to bring in fanaticism on the one hand, and cold formalism on the other, that he may gather in a harvest of souls. Now is our time to watch unceasingly. Watch, bar the way against the least step of advance that Satan may make among us.” *An Appeal to out Ministers and Conference Committees*, 35.

THE 1863 CHART (NEWPORT'S FOUNDATION)



For the vision *is* yet for an appointed time, but **at the end it shall speak**, and **not lie**: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry. Habakkuk 2:3.

NEWPORT'S FIRST TEST

We will not walk therein. Jeremiah 6:16.

NEWPORT'S SECOND TEST

The Daily—"angels that were expelled from heaven" *Manuscript Releases*, volume 20, 17–22.

NEWPORT'S THIRD TEST

At the judgment, probation closes. *Christ's Object Lessons*, 123.

Tragedy in Newport

Worship Number Eight

1850

“**September 23d**, the Lord showed me that he had stretched out his hand the second time to recover the remnant of his people, and that efforts must be redoubled in this gathering time. In the scattering time Israel was smitten and torn; but now in the gathering time God will heal and bind up his people. In the scattering, efforts made to spread the truth had but little effect, accomplished but little or nothing; but in the gathering when God has set his hand to gather his people, efforts to spread the truth will have their designed effect. All should be united and zealous in the work. I saw that it was a shame for any to refer to the scattering for examples to govern us now in the gathering; for if God does no more for us now than he did then, Israel would never be gathered. It is as necessary that the truth should be published in a paper, as preached.

“The Lord showed me that the 1843 chart was directed by his hand, and that no part of it should 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.

“Then I saw in relation to the ‘Daily,’ 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 since 1844, in the confusion, other views have been embraced, and **darkness and confusion has followed.**” *Review and Herald*, November 1, 1850.

TABLE TWO

“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 1863 CHART

I say then, Hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, *of* the tribe of Benjamin. God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew. Wot ye not what the scripture saith of Elias? how he maketh intercession to God against Israel, saying, Lord, they have killed thy prophets, and digged down thine altars; and I am left alone, and they seek my life. But what saith the answer of God unto him? **I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to *the image of Baal*.**

Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace. And if by grace, then *is it* no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if *it be* of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.

What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded (According as it is written, God hath given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear;) unto this day. And David saith, **Let their table be made a snare**, and a trap, and a

stumblingblock, and a recompense unto them: Let their eyes be darkened that they may not see, and bow down their back alway. Romans 11:1–10.

A STUMBLINGBLOCK

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**. 1 Peter 2:2–8.

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!**

Behold, the Lord hath a mighty and strong one, *which* as a tempest of hail *and* a destroying storm, as a flood of mighty waters overflowing, shall cast down to the earth with the hand. The crown of pride, the drunkards of Ephraim, shall be trodden under feet: And the glorious beauty, which *is* on the head of the fat valley, shall be a fading flower, *and* as the hasty fruit before the summer; which *when* he that looketh upon it seeth, while it is yet in his hand he eateth it up.

In that day shall the Lord of hosts be for a crown of glory, and for a diadem of beauty, unto **the residue of his people**, And for a spirit of judgment to **him that sitteth in judgment**, and for strength to them that turn the battle to the gate.

But they also have **erred through wine**, and through strong drink are **out of the way**; the **priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink**, they are swallowed up of **wine**, they are **out of the way** through strong drink; they **err in vision**, they **stumble in judgment**.

For all tables are full of vomit *and* filthiness, *so that there is* no place *clean*.

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**.

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 28:1–18.

THE SEALING TIME

Sanctify the Lord of hosts himself; and *let him be* your fear, and *let him be* your dread.

And he shall be for a sanctuary; but for **a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence** to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. And many among them shall stumble, and **fall**, and be **broken**, and be **snared**, and be **taken**.

Bind up the testimony, **seal the law among my disciples**. And **I will wait upon the Lord**, that hideth his face from the house of Jacob, and I will look for him. Isaiah 8: 13–17.

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.

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? Isaiah 29:9–16.

1910

“At this stage of our experience we are not to have our minds drawn away from the special light given [us] to consider at the important gathering of our conference. And there was Brother Daniells, **whose mind the enemy was working**; and **your mind and Elder Prescott's mind were being worked by the angels that were expelled from heaven**. Satan's work was to divert **your** minds that jots and tittles should be brought in which the Lord did not inspire **you** to bring in. They were not essential. But this meant much to the cause of truth. And the ideas of your minds, if you could be drawn away to jots or tittles, is **a work of Satan's devising**. To **correct little things in the books written**, you suppose would be doing a great work. But I am charged, **Silence is eloquence**.

“I am to say, Stop your picking flaws. **If this purpose of the devil could only be carried out**, then [it] appears to you [that] your work would be considered as most wonderful in conception. It was the enemy's plan to get all the supposed objectionable features where all classes of minds did not agree.

“And what then? **The very work that pleases the devil would come to pass**. There would be a representation given to the outsiders not of our faith just what would suit them, that would develop traits of character which would **cause great confusion** and occupy the golden moments which should be used zealously to bring the great message before the people. The presentations upon any subject we have worked upon could not all harmonize, and the results would be to confuse the minds of believers and unbelievers. This is **the very thing that Satan had planned that should take place**—anything that could be magnified as a disagreement.

“**Read Ezekiel, chapter 28**. Now, here is a grand work, where strange spirits can figure. But the Lord has a work to [be] done to save perishing souls; and the places which Satan, disguised, could fill in, **bringing confusion into our ranks**, he will do to perfection, and all those little differences will become enlarged, prominent.

“And **I was shown from the first that the Lord had given neither Elders Daniells nor Prescott the burden of this work**. **Should Satan's wiles be brought in, should this “Daily” be such a great matter as to be brought in to confuse minds and hinder the advancement of the work at this important period of time? It should not, whatever may be**. This subject **should not be introduced**, for the spirit that would be brought in would be forbidding, and Lucifer is watching every movement. Satanic agencies would commence his work and there would be **confusion** brought into our ranks. You have no call to hunt up the difference of opinion that is not a testing question; but **your silence is eloquence**. **I have the matter all plainly before me**. If the devil could **involve any one of our own people on these subjects, as he has proposed to do, Satan's cause would triumph**. Now the work without delay is to be taken up and not a [difference] of opinion expressed. . . .

“**I have been instructed that such hasty movements should not have [been] made [such] as selecting you as president of the conference even another year**. But the Lord forbids any more such hasty transactions until the matter is brought before the Lord in prayer; and as you have had the message come to you that the work of the Lord resting upon the president is a most solemn responsibility, **you had no moral right to blaze out as you did upon the subject of the ‘Daily’ and suppose your influence would decide the question**. There was Elder Haskell, who has carried the heavy responsibilities, and there is Elder Irwin and several men I might mention who have the heavy responsibilities. . . .

But **let us now investigate the matter**. We must now reconsider whether it is the Lord's judgment, in the face of the work that has been neglected, of showing your zeal to carry the work even another year. If you should carry the work another year with the help that shall unite with you, **there should be a change take place in you and Elder Prescott**. And humble your own hearts before God. The Lord will have to see in you a showing of a different experience, for **if ever men needed to be reconverted at this present [time], it [is] Elder Daniells and Elder Prescott. . . .**

"Christ is not dead. He will never suffer His work to be carried on in this strange way. **Let the books alone. If any change is essential**, God will have the harmony in that change consistent, but when a message has been entrusted to men with the large responsibilities involved, [God] demands faithfulness that will work by love and purify the soul. **Elders Daniells and Prescott both need reconversion. A strange work has come in, and it is not in harmony with the work Christ came to our world to do; and all who are truly converted will work the works of Christ. . . .**

"Yes, it would, but while their minds were thus absorbed I was shown that Brother Daniells and Brother Prescott were weaving into their experience sentiments of a spiritual[istic] appearance and drawing our people to beautiful sentiments that would deceive, if possible, the very elect. I have to trace with my pen [the fact] that these brethren would see defects **in their delusive ideas that would place the truth in an uncertainty**; and [yet] they [would] stand out as [if they had] great spiritual discernment. Now I am to tell them [that] **when I was shown this matter, when Elder Daniells was lifting up his voice like a trumpet in advocating his ideas of the 'Daily,' the after results were presented. Our people were becoming confused. I saw the result**, and then there were given me cautions that if Elder Daniells without respect to the outcome should thus be impressed and let himself believe he was under the inspiration of God, skepticism would be sown among our ranks everywhere, and we should be where Satan would carry his messages. Set unbelief and skepticism would be sown in human minds, and strangecrops of evil would take the place of truth." *Manuscript Release*, volume 20, 17–22.

NOT A TEST

"Sanitarium, Calif., August 3, 1910.

"To My Brethren in the Ministry: Dear Fellow-workers,

"I have words to speak to Brethren Butler, Loughborough, Haskell, Smith, Gilbert, Daniells, Prescott, and all who have been active **in urging their views in regard to the meaning of 'the daily' of Daniel 8**. This is not to be made a test question, and the agitation that has resulted from its being treated as such has been very unfortunate. Confusion has resulted, and the minds of some of our brethren have been diverted from the thoughtful consideration that should have been given to the work that the Lord has directed should be done at this time in our cities. This has been pleasing to the great enemy of our work.

"The light given me is that nothing should be done to increase the agitation upon this question. Let it not be brought into our discourses and dwelt upon as a matter of great importance. We have a great work before us, and we have not an hour to lose from the essential work to be done. Let us confine our public efforts to the presentation of the important lines of truth on which we have clear light.

“I would bring to your attention the last prayer of Christ, as recorded in John 17. There are many subjects upon which we can speak,—sacred, testing truths, beautiful in their simplicity. On these you may dwell with intense earnestness. But let not ‘the daily,’ **or any other subject that will arouse controversy among brethren**, be brought in **at this time**; for this will delay and hinder the work that the Lord would have the minds of our brethren centered upon just now. Let us not agitate **questions that will reveal a marked difference of opinion**, but rather let us bring from the Word the sacred truths regarding the binding claims of the law of God.

“Our ministers should seek to make the most favorable presentation of the truth. **So far as possible, let all speak the same things**. Let the discourses be simple, and treating upon vital subjects that can be easily understood. When all our ministers see the necessity of humbling themselves, then the Lord can work with them. We need now to be reconverted, that angels of God may co-operate with us, making a sacred impression upon the minds of those for whom we labor.

“We must **blend together in the bonds of Christlike unity**; then our labors will not be in vain. Draw in even cords, and **let no contentions be brought in**. Reveal the unifying power of truth, and this will make a powerful impression on human minds. In unity there is strength.

“**This is not a time to make prominent unimportant points of difference**. If some who have not a strong living connection with the Master, reveal to the world their weakness of Christian experience, the enemies of the truth who are watching us closely will make the most of it, and our work will be hindered. Let all cultivate meekness, and learn lessons from Him who is meek and lowly in heart.

“The subject of ‘the daily’ should not call forth such movements as have been made. As a result of the way this subject has been handled by men on both sides of the question, controversy has arisen and confusion has resulted.

“The action of Brother [O. A. Johnson] in publishing a tract containing condemnation of his brethren and of their belief, was not endorsed by God. And to [**Elder Daniells**] I will say, The Lord has not placed upon you a burden regarding this matter.

“I was pained to hear that [**Elder Daniells**], knowing that there was a difference of opinion regarding this matter among our leading brethren, should urge this matter to the front, as was done in some places.

“Others of our brethren have not been guided by wisdom, and have not reasoned clearly from cause to effect regarding the results of their efforts to uphold their views regarding the interpretation of ‘the daily.’ **While the present condition of difference of opinion regarding this subject exists**, let it not be made prominent. Let all contention cease. **At such a time** silence is eloquence.

“The duty of God’s servants **at this time** is to preach the Word in the cities. Christ came to save souls, and we, as almoners of His grace, need to impart to the inhabitants of the great cities a knowledge of His saving truth.” *A Call to the Watchmen*, 10–13.

“I have had cautions given me in regard to the necessity of our keeping a united front. This is a matter of importance to us at this time. As individuals we need to act with the greatest caution.

“I wrote to [W. W. Presscott], telling him that he must be exceedingly careful not to introduce subjects in the *Review* **that would seem to point out flaws in our past experience**. I told him that this matter on **which he believes a mistake has been made** is not a vital question, and that, should it be given prominence now, our enemies would take advantage of it, and make a mountain out of a molehill.

“To you also I say that this subject [THE IDENTITY OF THE "DAILY" OF DANIEL 8.] should not be agitated at this time. No, my brother, I feel that at this crisis in our experience that chart which you have had republished should not be circulated. You have made a mistake in this matter. Satan is determinedly at work to bring about **issues that will create confusion**. There are those who would be delighted to see our ministers **at an issue on this question**, and they would make much of it.

“I have been instructed that regarding what might be said on either side of this question, silence at this time is eloquence. Satan is watching for an opportunity to create division among our leading ministers. It was a mistake to publish the chart until you could all get together and come to an agreement concerning the matter. You have not acted wisely in bringing to the front a subject that must create discussion and the bringing out of various opinions, for every item will be strained and made to mean something that will only mean injury to the cause. We have all we can do to handle the false statements of those who have given evidence of their willingness to bear false witness.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 9, 106–107.

NOT A TESTING QUESTION

“Error is never harmless. It never sanctifies, but always brings confusion and dissension. It is always dangerous. The enemy has great power over minds that are not thoroughly fortified by prayer and established in Bible truth.” *Testimonies*, volume 5, 293.

AWAY WITH THESE RESTRICTIONS

“The message ‘Go forward’ is still to be heard and respected. The varying circumstances taking place in our world call for labor which will meet these peculiar developments. The Lord has need of men who are spiritually sharp and clear-sighted, men worked by the Holy Spirit, who are certainly receiving manna fresh from heaven. Upon the minds of such, God’s Word flashes light, revealing to them more than ever before **the safe path**. The Holy Spirit works upon mind and heart. The time has come when through God’s messengers the scroll is being unrolled to the world. Instructors in our schools should never be bound about by being told that they are to teach only what has been taught hitherto. **Away with these restrictions**. There is a God to give the message His people shall speak. Let not any minister feel under bonds or be gauged by men’s measurement. **The gospel must be fulfilled in accordance with the messages God sends**. That which God gives His servants to speak today **would not perhaps have been present truth twenty years ago, but it is God’s message for this time**.” *The 1888 Materials*, 133.

GREAT AND SOLEMN EVENTS

“We are standing on the threshold of **great and solemn events**. Prophecy is fast fulfilling. **The Lord is at the door**. There is soon to open before us a period of overwhelming interest to all living. The controversies of the past are to be revived. New controversies will arise. The scenes to be enacted in our world are not even dreamed of. Satan is at work through human agencies. Those who are making so great efforts **to change the Constitution and secure a law enforcing the first day of the week** little realize what will be the result. A crisis is just upon us.” *Review and Herald*, January 11, 1887.

THE SHUT DOOR MESSAGE

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Matthew 3:7.

“It was needful that men should be awakened to their danger; that they should be roused to prepare for the solemn events connected with the close of probation.” *The Great Controversy*, 310.

“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.

WHICH WE MUST KNOW

“All that God has in prophetic history specified to be fulfilled in the past has been, and all that is yet to come in its order will be. Daniel, God’s prophet, stands in his place. John stands in his place. In the Revelation the Lion of the tribe of Judah has opened to the students of prophecy the book of Daniel, and thus is Daniel standing in his place. He bears his testimony, that which the Lord revealed to him in vision of **the great and solemn events which we must know** as we stand on the very threshold of their fulfillment.” *Selected Messages*, book 2, 109.

“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.

“When Christ came to speak the words of life, the common people heard Him gladly; and many, even of the priests and rulers, believed on Him. But the chief of the priesthood and the leading men of the nation were determined to condemn and repudiate His teachings. Though they were baffled in all their efforts to find accusations against Him, though they could not but feel the influence of the divine power and wisdom attending His words, yet they incased themselves in prejudice; they rejected the clearest evidence of His Messiahship, lest they should be forced to become His disciples. **These opponents of Jesus were men whom the people had been taught from infancy to reverence,** to whose authority they had been accustomed implicitly to bow. ‘How is it,’ they asked, ‘that our rulers and learned scribes do not believe on Jesus? Would not these pious men receive Him if He were the Christ?’ It was the influence of such teachers that led the Jewish nation to reject their Redeemer.

“The spirit which actuated those priests and rulers is still manifested by many who make a high profession of piety. They refuse to examine the testimony of the Scriptures concerning the special truths for this time. They point to their own numbers, wealth, and popularity, and look with contempt upon the advocates of truth as few, poor, and unpopular, having a faith that separates them from the world.” *The Great Controversy*, 594–596.

THE DAILY

“We have no time to lose. Troublous times are before us. The world is stirred with the spirit of war. Soon the scenes of trouble spoken of in the prophecies will take place. The prophecy in the eleventh of Daniel has nearly reached its complete fulfillment. Much of the history that has taken place in fulfillment of this prophecy will be repeated. In the thirtieth verse a power is spoken of that ‘shall be grieved, and return, and have indignation against the holy covenant: so shall he do; he shall even return, and have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant.’ [Verses 31–36, quoted.]

“Scenes similar to those described in these words will take place. We see evidence that Satan is fast obtaining the control of human minds who have not the fear of God before them. Let all read and understand the prophecies of this book, for we are now entering upon the time of trouble spoken of: [Daniel 12:1-4, quoted.]” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 13, 394.

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THE FIRST TEST

THE OLD PATHS

“Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and **ask for the old paths**, where is the good way, and walk therein.’ 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.” *Testimonies*, volume 8, 296–297.

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

THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY

“One thing is certain: Those Seventh-day Adventists who take their stand under Satan’s banner **will first give up their faith in the warnings and reproofs contained in the Testimonies of God’s Spirit.**” *Selected Messages*, book 3, 84.

SAFETY FROM THE MANY DELUSIONS

“**The truths given us after the passing of the time in 1844 are just as certain and unchangeable as when the Lord gave them to us in answer to our urgent prayers.** The visions that the Lord has given me are so remarkable that we know that what we have accepted is the truth. This was demonstrated by the Holy Spirit. Light, precious light from God, established the main points of our faith as we hold them today. And these truths are to be kept before the mind. We must arouse from the position of lukewarmness, from being neither cold nor hot. We need increased faith and more earnest trust in God. We must not be satisfied to remain where we are. We must advance step by step, from light to greater light.

“The Lord will certainly do great things for us if we will hunger and thirst after righteousness. We are the purchased property of Jesus Christ. We must not lose our devotion, our consecration. We are in conflict with the errors and delusions that have to be swept away from the minds of those who have not acted upon the light they already have. **Bible truth is our only safety.** I know and understand that we are to be **established in the faith, in the light of the truth given us in our early experience.** At that time one error after another pressed in upon us; ministers and doctors brought in new doctrines. We would search the Scriptures with much prayer, and the Holy Spirit would bring the truth to our minds. Sometimes whole nights would be devoted to searching the Scriptures, and earnestly asking God for guidance. Companies of devoted men and women assembled for this purpose. The power of God would come upon me, and I was enabled clearly to define what is truth and what is error.

“As **the points of our faith were thus established**, our feet were placed upon **a solid foundation.** We accepted the truth point by point, under the demonstration of the Holy Spirit. I would be taken off in vision, and explanations would be given me. I was given illustrations of

heavenly things, and of the sanctuary, so that we were placed where light was shining on us in clear, distinct rays.

“All these truths are immortalized in my writings. **The Lord never denies His word.** Men may get up scheme after scheme, and the enemy will seek to seduce souls from the truth, but **all who believe that the Lord has spoken through Sister White, and has given her a message, will be safe from the many delusions that will come in in these last days.**” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 8, 319–320.

THE PASSING OF TIME—1844, 1845 AND 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.

TESTING TRUTH

“**You and other of our brethren must accept the truth as God has given it to His students of prophecy**, as they have been led by genuine, living experience, advancing point by point, tested, proved, and tried, until the truth is to them a reality. From their voices and pens the truth in bright, warm rays has gone to all parts of the world, and **that which was to them testing truth, as brought by the Lord’s delegated messengers, is testing truth to all to whom this message is proclaimed.**” *Selected Messages*, book 2, 102.

THE PLATFORM OF ETERNAL TRUTH (SINCE 1863?)

“The time has come when we must firmly refuse to be drawn away from the **platform** of eternal truth, which **since 1844** has stood the test.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 1, 54.

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.

THE SECOND TEST

“The Lord has shown me clearly that the image of the beast will be formed **before probation closes**; for it is to be **the great test for the people of God**, by which their eternal destiny will be decided.

“This is **the test that the people of God must have before they are sealed**. All who proved their loyalty to God by observing His law, and refusing to accept a spurious sabbath, will rank under the banner of the Lord God Jehovah, and will receive the seal of the living God. Those who yield the truth of heavenly origin and accept the Sunday sabbath, will receive the mark of the beast” *The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, volume 7, 976.

THE IMAGE TEST—EXTERNAL

“The enforcement of Sundaykeeping on the part of Protestant churches is an enforcement of the worship of the papacy—of the beast. Those who, understanding the claims of the fourth commandment, choose to observe the false instead of the true Sabbath are thereby paying homage to that power by which alone it is commanded. **But in the very act of enforcing a religious duty by secular power, the churches would themselves form an image to the beast; hence the enforcement of Sundaykeeping in the United States would be an enforcement of the worship of the beast and his image.**” *The Great Controversy*, 448–449.

GADAL

REVELATION 13:11, 14

Pharaoh; prophets of Baal; Caiaphas; Protestant Churches; Nehemiah 3:5—Ticoites

He that answereth a matter before he heareth *it*, *it is* folly and shame unto him.
Proverbs 18:13.

Folly: **H200—silliness**: - folly, foolishly (-ness).

“Satan will take possession of every mind given to his control, and will work through every agency that he can secure, to further his plans. And the greater the necessity of shedding light into the darkness of the world, the greater and more varied will be Satan’s efforts to intercept the light.

“The Lord has revealed the perils that are around and before us. **Through the agency of the Spirit of prophecy**, He has unveiled the delusions that will take the world captive, and has spoken to His people, saying, ‘**This is the way; walk ye in it.**’ Volume four of The Great Controversy’ unmasks the deceptions of Satan; and we may expect that the enemy of all righteousness will put forth every effort in his power to keep away from the people that which unveils his arts.

“By His Spirit the Lord has given the very instruction that is needed at this time. **The special movement under the messages of Revelation 14, in its relation to the past and the future, the closing work of Christ in heaven and of His people upon earth, has been unfolded.** The Lord placed upon me the burden of bringing out these things, and in Volume Four I have presented them; I still feel a burden that the message shall go to the people. In that book are warnings to guard the people of God against the many errors that shall be promulgated as truth. Every family among our people should study it. The truths which it presents will arouse the conscience, and to many will prove a safeguard against deception. It will confirm their faith in the past work of the messages. The warnings, reproof, and instruction given by the Spirit of God are needed by all. There is need of an awakening, a searching of heart, in the light that God has given.

“The truths presented in Volume Four are needed by the people, and have been needed for years. The Lord bade me make no delay in bringing out these warnings, and I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision. I have done all that I could do. Other agencies must act their part in giving the book the circulation it should have.

“But since the General Conference of 1888, Satan has been working with special power through unconsecrated elements to weaken the confidence of God’s people in the voice that has been appealing to them for these many years. If he can succeed in this, then through misapplication of scripture he will lead many to cast away their confidence in the past work under the messages. Thus he would set them adrift, with **no solid foundation for their faith**, hoping to bring them fully under his power. Let the attention of our people be called to the special work of the Spirit of God as it has been connected with the rise and progress of **the three messages**, and a blessing will result to the whole body. A revival of faith and interest in the testimonies of the Spirit of God will lead to the obtaining of a healthful experience in the things of God.

“Some of those who are newly come to the faith claim to have special light from God in regard to these messages; but **their new light leads them to set aside the established truths** that are the pillars of our faith. They misinterpret and misapply the Scriptures. **They misplace the messages of Revelation 14**, and set aside the work which these messages **have accomplished**. Thus they reject **the great waymarks which God Himself has established**. Since their new light leads them to tear down **the structure which the Lord has built up**, we may know that He is not guiding them.

“The experience of those newly come to the faith, if the Lord is working upon their minds, will be in harmony with the word of God, and with **His past dealings with His people, and the instruction He has given them. He will not contradict Himself.**

“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*, 802–804.

THE IMAGE TEST—INTERNAL

“Satan has come down with great power, knowing that his time is short. The continued apostasy, the abounding iniquity, which chills the faith and constancy of many, should call the faithful ones to the front. Straight, clear, decided testimonies, freighted with **the light for the time, will be given**. Truth, undimmed by the furnace, will shine brighter and brighter until the perfect day. The Spirit and power of the coming One will be imparted in large measure to those who are preparing to stand in the day of God, who are hastening the second advent of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **To these faithful ones Christ gives special communications**. He talks with them as He talked with His disciples before leaving them. The Spirit of truth will guide them into all truth. God has lines of communication with the world today. Through His appointed agencies, He speaks to the people He is purifying, warning and encouraging them. . . .

“Here is a precious promise; **the purposes and plans of God are to be opened to His disciples**. What is a disciple? A learner, ever learning. **Coming events, of a solemn character**, are opening before us, and **God would not have any one of us think that in these last days there is no more that we need to know**. This is a continual snare of Satan. He would have us meet coming events without that special preparation which is essential to guide them through every difficulty. He would have all stumbling their way along in **ignorance**, making **self-conceit, self-esteem, self-confidence**, take the place of **true knowledge**. The more satisfied anyone is with himself, and his present knowledge, the less earnestly and humbly will he seek to be guided into all truth. The less of the Holy Spirit of God he has, the more self-satisfied and complacent he will feel. He will not search earnestly and with the deepest interest to know more of truth. But unless he keeps pace with the Leader, who is guiding into all truth, he will be left behind, belated, blinded, confused, because he is not walking in the light. . . . The word of God is to be the man of our counsel. . . . All heaven is looking upon the remnant people of God, to see **if they will make truth alone** their shield and buckler. Unless the truth is presented as it is in Jesus, and is planted in the heart by the power of the Spirit of God, even ministers will be found drifting away from Christ, away from piety, away from religious principle. They will become blind leaders of the blind.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 5, 50.

“We are now living in a most perilous time, and not one of us should be tardy in seeking a preparation for the coming of Christ. **Let none follow the example of the foolish virgins, and think that it will be safe to wait until the crisis comes before gaining a preparation of character to stand in that time.**” *The Youth’s Instructor*, January 16, 1896.

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

“**Character is revealed by a crisis.** When the earnest voice proclaimed at midnight, ‘Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him,’ the sleeping virgins **roused** from their slumbers, and it was seen who had made preparation for the event. Both parties were taken unawares, but one was prepared for the emergency, and the other was found without preparation. **Character is revealed by circumstances.** Emergencies bring out the true metal of character. **Some sudden and unlooked-for calamity, bereavement, or crisis, some unexpected sickness or anguish, something that brings the soul face to face with death, will bring out the true inwardness of the character.** It will be made manifest whether or not there is any real faith in the promises of the word of God. It will be made manifest whether or not the soul is sustained by grace, whether there is oil in the vessel with the lamp.” *Review and Herald*, October 17, 1895.

THE IMAGE OF CHRIST

“**The Comforter is given** that he may take of the things of Christ and show them unto us, that he may present in their rich assurance **the words** that fell from his lips, and convey them with living power to the soul who is obedient, **who is emptied of self.** It is then that the soul receives the **image** and superscription of the divine. Then Jesus Christ is formed within the hope of glory.” *Signs of the Times*, December 25, 1893.

“**In doing the words of Christ** is his only assurance that **his house is built upon the solid foundation.** To hear, to say, to preach, and not to do the words of Christ, is building upon the sand. Those who do the words of Christ will perfect a Christian character, because Christ’s will is their will. Thus is Christ formed within, the hope of glory.” *Elder Daniels and the Fresno Church*, 9.

THE LAST DECEPTION OF SATAN

“The very last deception of Satan will be to make of none effect the testimony of the Spirit of God. ‘Where there is no vision, **the people perish**’ (Proverbs 29:18). Satan will work ingeniously, in different ways and through different agencies, to unsettle the confidence of God’s remnant people in the true testimony.” *Selected Messages*, book 2, 78.

“Heretofore those who presented the truths of the third angel’s message have often been regarded as mere alarmists. Their predictions that religious intolerance would gain control in the United States, that church and state would unite to persecute those who keep the commandments of God, have been pronounced groundless and absurd. It has been confidently declared that this land could never become other than what it has been—the defender of religious freedom. But as the question of enforcing Sunday observance is widely agitated, the event so long doubted and disbelieved is seen to be approaching, and the third message will produce an effect which it could not have had before.” *The Great Controversy*, 605.

THE TRUTH FOR THIS TIME

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

Tragedy in Newport

Worship Number Ten

THE TESTING BEGINS WHEN THE COMFORTER COMES

Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And **when he is come**, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment. John 16:17–18.

1840—1844

“**The advent movement of 1840–44 was a glorious manifestation of the power of God**

...

“The work will be **similar to that of the Day of Pentecost.**” *The Great Controversy*, 611.

PENTECOST

CHRIST DESCENDS & BREATHES

Jesus saith unto her, 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. Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and *that* he had spoken these things unto her.

Then the same day at evening, being the first *day* of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, **came Jesus** and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace *be* unto you. And when he had so said, he showed unto them *his* hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord. Then said Jesus to them again, Peace *be* unto you: as *my* Father hath sent me, even so send I you. And when he had said this, **he breathed on them**, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost. John 20:17–22.

“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.” *The Spirit of Prophecy*, volume 3, 243.

CHRIST DESCENDS ON AUGUST 11, 1840

“The mighty angel who instructed John was no less a personage than Jesus Christ.” *The Seventh-day Adventists Bible Commentary*, volume 7, 971.

LIGHTEN THE EARTH

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

“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.

HE THAT SHALL COME

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.

THE LATTER RAIN MESSAGE

“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.

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. Deuteronomy 32:1–2.