

IDAHO MEETING

CHRIST: THE FIRST AND THE LAST

SERMON NUMBER ONE

OUR HIGH CALLING

“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.

Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2:15.

THE FOUNDATION OF OUR FAITH

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

“The Word of God, just as it reads, is the ground of our faith. **That Word is the sure word of prophecy**, and it demands implicit faith from all who claim to believe it. It is authoritative, containing in itself the proof of its divine origin.” *Signs of the Times*, June 2, 1898.

“Beginning at Moses, the very Alpha of Bible history, Christ expounded in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. Had He first made Himself known to them, their hearts would have been satisfied. In the fullness of their joy they would have hungered for nothing more.

“But it was necessary for them to understand the witness borne to Him by the types and prophecies of the Old Testament. **Upon these their faith must be established.** Christ performed no miracle to convince them, but it was His first work to explain the Scriptures. They had looked upon His death as the destruction of all their hopes. Now He showed from the prophets that this was the very strongest evidence for their faith.” *The Desire of Ages*, 796.

THE PROPHETS TELL THE SAME STORY

“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, 338–339.

ENSAMPLES: 5179. tupos, *too-pos*; from 5180; a *die* (as *struck*), i.e. (by impl.) a *stamp* or *scar*; by anal. a *shape*, i.e. a *statue*, (fig.) *style* or *resemblance*; spec. a *sampler* (“type”), i.e. *model* (for imitation) or *instance* (for warning):—en. (ex.) ample, fashion, figure, form, manner, pattern, print. *The New Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance*.

“These men of the Old Testament spoke of things transpiring in their day, and Daniel, Isaiah, and Ezekiel not only spoke of things that concerned them as present truth, but **their sights reached down to the future, and to what should occur in these last days.**” *Selected Messages*, book 3, 419–420.

And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets. 1 Corinthians 14:32.

TRUTH IS ESTABLISHED UPON THE TESTIMONY OF TWO

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

If I bear witness of myself, my witness is not true. John 5:31.

At the mouth of two witnesses, or three witnesses, shall he that is worthy of death be put to death; *but* at the mouth of one witness he shall not be put to death. Deuteronomy 17:6.

One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sinneth: at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established. Deuteronomy 19:15.

This *is* the third *time* I am coming to you. In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established. 2 Corinthians 13:1.

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

PROPHECY DEFINED

“Historical events, showing the direct fulfillment of prophecy, were set before the people, and prophecy was seen to be a figurative delineation of events leading down to the close of this earth’s history.” *Selected Messages*, book 2, 102.

THE LINE OF TRUTH

“We must have a knowledge of the Scriptures, that we may **trace down the lines of prophecy**, and understand the specifications given by the prophets, and by Christ and the apostles; that we may not be ignorant; but be able to see that the day is approaching, so that with increased zeal and effort, we may exhort one another to faithfulness, piety, and holiness.” *Review and Herald*, July 31, 1888.

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 herewith 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.

A SPECIFIC LOCATION

“The proclamation of the first, second, and third angels’ messages has been **located** by the word of Inspiration. Not a peg or pin is to be removed. No human authority has any more right to change **the location** of these messages than to substitute the New Testament for the Old.” *Counsels to Writers and Editors*, 26–27.

THE POINT OF REFERENCE

“**In the Revelation all the books of the Bible meet and end.** Here is the complement of the book of Daniel. One is a prophecy; the other a revelation. The book that was sealed is not the Revelation, but that portion of the prophecy of Daniel relating to the last days.” *Acts of the Apostles*, 585.

Complement: Fullness; completion; whence, perfection. *American Dictionary of the English Language*, Noah Webster, 1828.

“**John beholds the things which will be in the last days**, and sees a people working counter to God.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 17, 18.

DANIEL AND REVELATION

“It was my idea to have the two books bound together, Revelation following Daniel, as giving fuller light on the subjects dealt with in Daniel. The object is to bring these books together, showing that **they both relate to the same subjects.**” *Testimonies to Ministers*, 117.

“In it [the book of Revelation] **the same line of prophecy is taken up as in Daniel.** Some prophecies God has repeated, thus showing that importance must be given to them. The Lord does not repeat things that are of no great consequence.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 9, 7–8.

“Prophecy has been fulfilling, **line upon line.** The more firmly we stand under the banner of the third angel’s message, the more clearly shall we understand the prophecy of Daniel; for the **Revelation is the supplement of Daniel.**” *Selected Messages*, book 2, 114.

THE OLD PATHS

“God has given me light regarding our periodicals. What is it?—He has said that **the dead are to speak**. How?—Their works shall follow them. We are to **repeat the words of the pioneers in our work**, who knew what it cost to search for the truth as for hidden treasure, and who labored to lay the foundation of our work.

“They moved forward step by step under the influence of the Spirit of God. One by one these pioneers are passing away. The word given me is, Let that which these men have written in the past be reproduced. . . .

“Let **the truths that are the foundation of our faith be kept before the people**. . . . We are now to understand what the pillars of our faith are, —the truths that have made us as a people what we are, leading us on step by step.” *Counsels to Writers and Editors*, 28, 29.

“The more fully we accept **the light presented by the Holy Spirit through the consecrated servants of God**, the deeper and surer, even as the eternal throne, will appear the truths of ancient prophecy; we shall be assured that men of God spake as they were moved upon by the Holy Ghost.

“Men must themselves be under the influence of the Holy Spirit in order to understand the Spirit’s utterances through the prophets. These messages were given, not for those that uttered the prophecies, but for us who are living amid the scenes of their fulfillment.” *Selected Messages*, book 2, 114.

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

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.

A SACRED WORK

“There is a work of sacred importance for ministers and people to do. They are to study the history of the cause and people of God. They are not to forget the past dealing of God with His people. They are to revive and recount the truths that have come to seem of little value to those who do not know by personal experience of the power and brightness that accompanied them when they were first seen and understood. In all their original freshness and power these truths are to be given to the world.” *Selected Messages*, book 1, 157.

“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.

HISTORY AND PROPHECY REPEAT

“In history and prophecy the Word of God portrays the long continued conflict between truth and error. That conflict is yet in progress. **Those things which have been, will be repeated.**” *Selected Messages*, book 2, 109.

“Study Revelation in connection with Daniel, for **history will be repeated.**” *Maranatha*, 30.

“Some prophecies God has repeated, thus showing that importance must be given to them. **The Lord does not repeat things that are of no great consequence.**” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 9, 7–8.

“The Bible has accumulated and bound up together its treasures for this last generation. All the great events and solemn transactions of Old Testament history have been, and are, repeating themselves in the church in these last days. . . . There the whole accumulated truths are presented in force to us that we may profit by their teachings.” *Selected Messages*, book 3, 339.

THE FIRST AND THE LAST

I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. Revelation 22:13.

I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send *it* unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea. And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last. Revelation 1:8, 11, 17.

WHO IS GOD?

To whom then will ye liken God? or what likeness will ye compare unto him? Have ye not known? have ye not heard? **hath it not been told you from the beginning?** have ye not understood **from the foundations of the earth?** To whom then will ye liken me, or shall I be equal? saith the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these *things*, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that *he is* strong in power; not one faileth. Why sayest thou, O Jacob, and speakest, O Israel, My way is hid from the Lord, and my judgment is passed over from my God? Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, *that* the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? *there is* no searching of his understanding. Isaiah 40:18, 21, 25–28.

GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS

Who hath declared from the beginning, that we may know? and beforetime, that we may say, *He is righteous?* yea, *there is* none that showeth, yea, *there is* none that declareth, yea, *there is* none that heareth your words. Isaiah 41:26.

GOD'S GLORY

I am the Lord: that *is* my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images. Behold, **the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare:** before they spring forth I tell you of them. Isaiah 42:8, 9.

THE GENERATIONS FROM THE BEGINNING

Keep silence before me, O islands; and let the people renew *their* strength: let them come near; then let them speak: let us come near together to judgment. Who raised up the righteous *man* from the east, called him to his foot, gave the nations before him, and made *him* rule over kings? he gave *them* as the dust to his sword, *and* as driven stubble to his bow. He pursued them, *and* passed safely; *even* by the way *that* he had not gone with his feet. Who hath wrought and done *it*, **calling the generations from the beginning? I the Lord, the first, and with the last; I am** he. Isaiah 41:1–4.

PROOF OF GOD

That they may see, and know, and consider, and understand together, that the hand of the Lord hath done this, and the Holy One of Israel hath created it. Produce your cause, saith the Lord; bring forth your strong *reasons*, saith the King of Jacob. Let them bring *them* forth, and show us what shall happen: **let them show the former things, what they be, that we may consider them, and know the latter end of them; or declare us things for to come. Show the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that ye are gods:** yea, do good, or do evil, that we may be dismayed, and behold *it* together. Isaiah 41:20–23.

WHO WILL HEAR

Who among you will give ear to this? *who* will hearken and hear for the time to come? Isaiah 42:23.

A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels: To understand a proverb, and the interpretation; the words of the wise, and their dark sayings. Proverbs 1:5, 6.

MY WITNESSES

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

CYRUS & CHRIST

Thus saith the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have holden, to subdue nations before him; and I will loose the loins of kings, to open before him the two leaved gates; and the gates shall not be shut. Isaiah 45:1.

For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel mine elect, I have even called thee by thy name: I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known me. I *am* the Lord, and *there is* none else, *there is* no God beside me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known me: **That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that *there is none beside me.*** I *am* the Lord, and *there is* none else. I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the Lord do all these *things*. Isaiah 45:4–7.

A SAVIOUR

I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth: I said not unto the seed of Jacob, Seek ye me in vain: I the Lord speak righteousness, I declare things that are right. Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, ye *that are* escaped of the nations: they have no knowledge that set up the wood of their graven image, and pray unto a god *that* cannot save. Tell ye, and bring *them* near; yea, let them take counsel together: **who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from that time? have not I the Lord? and *there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me.*** Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I *am* God, and *there is* none else. Isaiah 45:19–22.

THE 144,000

Remember this, and show yourselves men: bring *it* again to mind, O ye transgressors. **Remember the former things of old:** for I *am* God, and *there is* none else; I *am* God, and *there is* none like me, **Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times *the things that are not yet done,*** saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure: Calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man that executeth my counsel from a far country: yea, I have spoken *it*, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed *it*, I will also do it. Harken unto me, ye stout hearted, that *are* far from righteousness: I bring near my righteousness: it shall not be far off, and my salvation shall not tarry: and **I will place salvation in Zion for Israel my glory.** Isaiah 46:8–13.

1260 Years

391 Years 15 days

2300 Years

In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah **came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and besieged it.** And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house of God: which he carried into the land of Shinar to the house of his god; and he brought the vessels into the treasure house of his god. Daniel 1:1, 2.

But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many. And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him. Daniel 11:44, 45.

God is Love.

IDAHO MEETING

CHRIST: THE BRIDEGROOM

SERMON NUMBER TWO

“The past history of the cause of God needs to be often brought before the people, young and old. We need often to recount God’s goodness and to praise Him for His wonderful works.” *Testimonies*, volume 6, 364–365.

ADVENTISM ILLUSTRATED

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

TO THE VERY LETTER

“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.

THREE ANGELIC SYMBOLS

“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. . . .

“**Another mighty angel was commissioned to descend to earth.** Jesus placed in his hand a writing, and as he came to the earth, he cried, ‘Babylon is fallen, is fallen.’ . . .

“As the people of God united in the cry of the second angel, the heavenly host marked with the deepest interest the effect of the message. . . .

“Jesus commissioned **other angels** to fly quickly to revive and strengthen the drooping faith of His people and prepare them to understand the message of the second angel and the important move which was soon to be made in heaven. I saw these angels receive great power and light from Jesus and fly quickly to earth to fulfill their commission to aid the second angel in his work. A great light shone upon the people of God as the angels cried, ‘Behold, the Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet Him.’” *Early Writings*, 245–248.

1833

William Miller receives his credentials to preach in 1833.

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

“To William Miller and his coloborers it was given to preach the warning in America. **This country became the center of the great advent movement.** It was here that the prophecy of the first angel’s message had its most direct fulfillment. The writings of Miller and his associates were carried to distant lands. Wherever missionaries had penetrated in all the world, were sent the glad tidings of Christ’s speedy return. Far and wide spread the message of the everlasting gospel: ‘Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come.’” *The Great Controversy*, 368.

THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT MANIFESTED

“A transforming power **attended** the proclamation of the first and second angels’ messages, as it attends the message of the third angel. Lasting convictions were made upon human minds. **The power of the Holy Spirit was manifested.** There was diligent study of the Scriptures, point by point. Almost entire nights were devoted to earnest searching of the Word. We searched for the truth as for hidden treasures. The Lord revealed Himself to us. Light was shed on the prophecies, and we knew that we received divine instruction.” *Manuscript Release*, volume 1, 47.

THE FIRST ANGEL’S MESSAGE FULFILLED IN THE ENTIRE WORLD

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

THE EMPOWERMENT OF THE FIRST ANGEL'S MESSAGE

“In the year 1840 another remarkable fulfillment of prophecy excited widespread interest. two years before, Josiah Litch, one of the leading ministers preaching the second advent, published an exposition of Revelation 9, predicting the fall of the Ottoman Empire. According to his calculations, this power was to be overthrown ‘in A.D. 1840, sometime in the month of August;’ and only a few days previous to its accomplishment he wrote: ‘Allowing the first period, 150 years, to have been exactly fulfilled before Deacozes ascended the throne by permission of the Turks, and that the 391 years, fifteen days, commenced at the close of the first period, it will end on the 11th of August, 1840, when the Ottoman power in Constantinople may be expected to be broken. And this, I believe, will be found to be the case.’

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

THE SECOND ANGEL'S MESSAGE

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

THE SECOND ANGEL'S MESSAGE PROCLAIMED

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

SECOND ANGEL'S MESSAGE FULFILLED IN THE UNITED STATES

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

THE TARRYING TIME

“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.’

“A portion of Ezekiel’s prophecy also was a source of strength and comfort to believers: ‘The word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Son of man, what is that proverb that ye have in the land of Israel, saying, The days are prolonged, and every vision faileth? Tell them therefore, Thus saith the Lord God. . . . The days are at hand, and the effect of every vision. . . . I will speak, and the word that I shall speak shall come to pass; it shall be no more prolonged.’ ‘They of the house of Israel say, The vision that he seeth is for many days to come, and he prophesieth of the times that are far off. Therefore say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; There shall none of My words be prolonged any more, but the word which I have spoken shall be done.’ Ezekiel 12:21–25, 27, 28.” *The Great Controversy*, 392.

THE MIDNIGHT CRY

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

OUTPOURING OF THE SPIRIT

“**Like a tidal wave the movement swept over the land.** From city to city, from village to village, and into remote country places it went, until the waiting people of God were fully aroused. Fanaticism disappeared before this proclamation like early frost before the rising sun. Believers saw their doubt and perplexity removed, and hope and courage animated their hearts. The work was free from those extremes which are ever manifested when there is human excitement without the controlling influence of the word and Spirit of God. **It was similar in character to those seasons of humiliation and returning unto the Lord which among ancient Israel followed messages of reproof from His servants. It bore the characteristics that mark the work of God in every age.** There was little ecstatic joy, but rather deep searching of heart, confession of sin, and forsaking of the world. A preparation to meet the Lord was the burden of agonizing spirits. There was persevering prayer and unreserved consecration to God.” *The Great Controversy*, 400, 401.

THE LIGHT OF THE MIDNIGHT CRY

“At this I raised my eyes, and saw a straight and narrow path, cast up high above the world. On this path the Advent people were traveling to the city, which was at the farther end of the path. They had a bright light set up behind them at the beginning of the path, which an angel told me was the midnight cry. **This light shone all along the path** and gave light for their feet so that they might not stumble. . . . Others rashly denied the light behind them and said that it was not God that had led them out so far. The light behind them went out, leaving their feet in perfect darkness, and they stumbled and lost sight of the mark and of Jesus, and fell off the path down into the dark and wicked world below.” *Early Writings*, 15.

THE CLOSE OF THE SECOND ANGEL’S MESSAGE

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

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

“Those entrusted with **the cry** made haste, and in the power of the Holy Spirit sounded **the message**, and aroused their discouraged brethren. This work did not stand in the wisdom and learning of men, but in the power of God, and His saints who heard the cry could not resist it. The most spiritual received this message first, and those who had formerly led in the work were the last to receive and help swell **the cry**, ‘Behold, the Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet Him!’

“In every part of the land, light was given upon the second angel’s message, and the cry melted the hearts of thousands. **It** went from city to city, and from village to village, until the waiting people of God were fully aroused. In many churches **the message** was not permitted to be given, and a large company who had the living testimony left these fallen churches. A mighty work was accomplished by **the midnight cry**. The message was heart-searching, leading the believers to seek a living experience for themselves. They knew that they could not lean upon one another.” *Early Writings*, 238.

THE DOOR WAS SHUT

And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh. Matthew 25:10–13.

A SHUT DOOR

“I was shown in vision, and I still believe, that there was a shut door in 1844. All who saw the light of **the first and second angels’ messages** and rejected that light, were left in darkness. And those who accepted it and received the Holy Spirit which attended the proclamation of the message from heaven, and who afterward renounced their faith and pronounced their experience a delusion, thereby rejected the Spirit of God, and it no longer pleaded with them.” *Selected Messages*, book 1, 63.

THE PHILADELPHIAN MESSAGE

And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth; I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name. Revelation 3:7–8.

A PROCESS OF PURIFICATION

“As the churches **refused to receive the first angel’s message**, they rejected the light from heaven and fell from the favor of God. They trusted to their own strength, and **by opposing the first message** placed themselves where they could not see the light of the second angel’s message.” *Early Writings*, 237.

“I turned to look at the company who were still bowed before the throne; they did not know that Jesus had left it. Satan appeared to be by the throne, trying to carry on the work of God. I saw them look up to the throne, and pray, ‘Father, give us Thy Spirit.’ Satan would then breathe upon them an unholy influence; in it there was light and much power, but no sweet love, joy, and peace. Satan’s object was to keep them deceived and to draw back and deceive God’s children.” *Early Writings*, 56.

HE PURIFIES AND BEGINNING AND CLOSE

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

HE PURIFIES AT THE SECOND AND FOURTH ANGELS’ MESSAGES

“When Jesus began His public ministry, He cleansed the temple from its sacrilegious profanation. Among the last acts of His ministry was the second cleansing of the temple. So in the last work for the warning of the world, **two distinct calls are made to the churches**. The second angel’s message is, ‘Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication’ Revelation 14:8. **And in the loud cry of the third angel’s message** a voice is heard from heaven saying, ‘Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities’ Revelation 18:45.” *Selected Messages*, book 2, 118.

TO THE VERY LETTER

“I am often referred to the parable of the ten virgins, five of whom were wise, and five foolish. This parable has been and will be fulfilled to the very letter, 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.

THE LIGHT OF THE MIDNIGHT CRY

“At this I raised my eyes, and saw a straight and narrow path, cast up high above the world. On this path the Advent people were traveling to the city, which was at the farther end of the path. They had a bright light set up behind them at the beginning of the path, which an angel told me was the midnight cry. This light shone all along the path and gave light for their feet so that they might not stumble. . . . Others rashly denied the light behind them and said that it was not God that had led them out so far. The light behind them went out, leaving their feet in perfect darkness, and they stumbled and lost sight of the mark and of Jesus, and fell off the path down into the dark and wicked world below.” *Early Writings*, 15.

NOTHING TO FEAR

“We have nothing to fear for the future except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us.” *Testimonies to Ministers*, 31.

FOURTH ANGEL IS TYPE OF FIRST ANGEL

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

PURIFICATION PROCESS REPEATED

“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.

CHARACTER REVEALED IN A CRISIS

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

“Saddest of all words that ever fell on mortal ear are those words of doom, ‘I know you not.’ The fellowship of the Spirit, which you have slighted, could alone make you one with the joyous throng at the marriage feast. In that scene you cannot participate. Its light would fall on blinded eyes, its melody upon deaf ears. Its love and joy could awake no chord of gladness in the world-benumbed heart. You are shut out from heaven by your own unfitness for its companionship.

“**We cannot be ready to meet the Lord by waking when the cry is heard,** ‘Behold, the Bridegroom!’ and then gathering up our empty lamps to have them replenished. We cannot keep Christ apart from our lives here, and yet be fitted for His companionship in heaven. *Christ’s Object Lessons*, 412–413.

MIDNIGHT CRY REPEATED

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

SHUT DOOR REPEATED

“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.

APPENDIX TO NUMBER TWO

PARALLEL LINES OF PROPHECY

The following passage is taken from *The Great Controversy*, 424–431. Among the information recorded here, please take note of the several different prophetic lines of Scripture that Inspiration has pointed out as the same prophetic history. Notice the theme of a purification process and the connection of a warning message to that process:

DANIEL 8:14 & REVELATION 14:6

“Both **the prophecy of Daniel 8:14**, ‘Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed,’ and **the first angel’s message**, ‘Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come,’ pointed to Christ’s ministration in the most holy place, to the investigative judgment, and not to the coming of Christ for the redemption of His people and the destruction of the wicked. The mistake had not been in the reckoning of the prophetic periods, but in the event to take place at the end of the 2300 days. Through this error the believers had suffered disappointment, yet all that was foretold by the prophecy, and all that they had any Scripture warrant to expect, had been accomplished. At the very time when they were lamenting the failure of their hopes, the event had taken place which was foretold by the message, and which must be fulfilled before the Lord could appear to give reward to His servants.

DANIEL 8:14; REVELATION 14:6 & DANIEL 7:13

“Christ had come, not to the earth, as they expected, but, as foreshadowed in the type, to the most holy place of the temple of God in heaven. He is represented by the prophet Daniel as coming at this time to the Ancient of Days: ‘I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came—not to the earth, but—to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him.’ **Daniel 7:13**.

DANIEL 8:14; REVELATION 14:6; DANIEL 7:13 & MALACHI 3:1

“This coming is foretold also by the prophet **Malachi**: ‘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.’ Malachi 3:1. The coming of the Lord to His temple was sudden, unexpected, to His people. They were not looking for Him there. They expected Him to come to earth, ‘in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel.’ 2 Thessalonians 1:8.

PURIFICATION PROCESS CONTINUES BEYOND 1844

“But the people were not yet ready to meet their Lord. **There was still a work of preparation to be accomplished for them.** Light was to be given, directing their minds to the temple of God in heaven; and as they should by faith follow their High Priest in His ministration there, new duties would be revealed. Another message of warning and instruction was to be given to the church.

THREE ANGEL'S MESSAGES REPRESENT A PURIFICATION PROCESS

“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.

“Besides the coming of the Lord to His temple, Malachi also foretells His second advent, His coming for the execution of the judgment, in these words: ‘And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not Me, saith the Lord of hosts.’ Malachi 3:5. Jude refers to the same scene when he says, ‘Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of His saints, to execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds.’ Jude 14, 15. This coming, and the coming of the Lord to His temple, are distinct and separate events.

DANIEL 8:14; 7:13; MALACHI 3:1 & THE PARABLE OF THE TEN VIRGINS

“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.

CHRIST RECEIVES HIS KINGDOM

“In the summer and autumn of 1844 the proclamation, ‘Behold, the Bridegroom cometh,’ was given. The two classes represented by the wise and foolish virgins were then developed—one class who looked with joy to the Lord’s appearing, and who had been diligently preparing to meet Him; another class that, influenced by fear and acting from impulse, had been satisfied with a theory of the truth, but were destitute of the grace of God. In the parable, when the bridegroom came, ‘they that were ready went in with him to the marriage.’ The coming of the bridegroom, here brought to view, takes place before the marriage. **The marriage represents the reception by Christ of His kingdom.** The Holy City, the New Jerusalem, which is the capital and representative of the kingdom, is called ‘the bride, the Lamb’s wife.’ Said the angel to John: ‘Come hither, I will show thee the bride, the Lamb’s wife.’ ‘He carried me away in the spirit,’ says the prophet, ‘and showed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God.’ Revelation 21:9, 10. Clearly, then, the bride represents the Holy City, and the virgins that go out to meet the bridegroom are a symbol of the church. In the Revelation the people of God are said to be the guests at the marriage supper. Revelation 19:9. If guests, they cannot be represented also as the bride. Christ, as stated by the prophet Daniel, will receive from the Ancient of Days in heaven, ‘dominion, and glory, and a kingdom;’ He will receive the New Jerusalem, the capital of His kingdom, ‘prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.’ Daniel 7:14; Revelation 21:2. Having received the kingdom, He will come in His glory, as King of kings and Lord of lords, for the redemption of His people, who are to ‘sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob,’ at His table in His kingdom (Matthew 8:11; Luke 22:30), to partake of the marriage supper of the Lamb.

“The proclamation, ‘Behold, the Bridegroom cometh,’ in the summer of 1844, led thousands to expect the immediate advent of the Lord. At the appointed time the Bridegroom came, not to the earth, as the people expected, but to the Ancient of Days in heaven, to the marriage, the reception of His kingdom. ‘They that were ready went in with Him to the marriage: and the door was shut.’ They were not to be present in person at the marriage; for it takes place in heaven, while they are upon the earth. The followers of Christ are to ‘wait for their Lord, when He will return from the wedding.’ Luke 12:36. But they are to understand His work, and to follow Him by faith as He goes in before God. It is in this sense that they are said to go in to the marriage.

“In the parable it was those that had oil in their vessels with their lamps that went in to the marriage. Those who, with a knowledge of the truth from the Scriptures, had also the Spirit and grace of God, and who, in the night of their bitter trial, had patiently waited, searching the Bible for clearer light—these saw the truth concerning the sanctuary in heaven and the Saviour’s change in ministration, and by faith they followed Him in His work in the sanctuary above. And all who through the testimony of the Scriptures accept the same truths, following Christ by faith as He enters in before God to perform the last work of mediation, and at its close to receive His kingdom—all these are represented as going in to the marriage.

DANIEL 8:14; 7:13; MALACHI 3:1; MATTHEW 25 & 22

“In the parable of Matthew 22 the same figure of the marriage is introduced, and the investigative judgment is clearly represented as taking place before the marriage. Previous to the wedding the king comes in to see the guests, to see if all are attired in the wedding garment, the spotless robe of character washed and made white in the blood of the Lamb. Matthew 22:11; Revelation 7:14. He who is found wanting is cast out, but all who upon examination are seen to have the wedding garment on are accepted of God and accounted worthy of a share in His kingdom and a seat upon His throne. This work of examination of character, of determining who are prepared for the kingdom of God, is that of the investigative judgment, the closing of work in the sanctuary above.

“When the work of investigation shall be ended, when the cases of those who in all ages have professed to be followers of Christ have been examined and decided, then, and not till then, probation will close, and the door of mercy will be shut. Thus in the one short sentence, ‘They that were ready went in with Him to the marriage: and the door was shut,’ we are carried down through the Saviour’s final ministration, to the time when the great work for man’s salvation shall be completed.

“In the service of the earthly sanctuary, which, as we have seen, is a figure of the service in the heavenly, when the high priest on the Day of Atonement entered the most holy place, the ministration in the first apartment ceased. God commanded: ‘There shall be no man in the tabernacle of the congregation when he goeth in to make an atonement in the holy place, until he comes out.’ Leviticus 16:17. So when Christ entered the holy of holies to perform the closing work of the atonement, He ceased His ministration in the first apartment. But when the ministration in the first apartment ended, the ministration in the second apartment began. When in the typical service the high priest left the holy on the Day of Atonement, he went in before God to present the blood of the sin offering in behalf of all Israel who truly repented of their sins. So Christ had only completed one part of His work as our intercessor, to enter upon another portion of the work, and He still pleaded His blood before the Father in behalf of sinners.

“This subject was not understood by Adventists in 1844. After the passing of the time when the Saviour was expected, they still believed His coming to be near; they held that they had reached an important crisis and that the work of Christ as man’s intercessor before God had ceased. It appeared to them to be taught in the Bible that man’s probation would close a short time before the actual coming of the Lord in the clouds of heaven. This seemed evident from those scriptures which point to a time when men will seek, knock, and cry at the door of mercy, and it will not be opened. And it was a question with them whether the date to which they had looked for the coming of Christ might not rather mark the beginning of this period which was immediately to precede His coming. Having given the warning of the judgment near, they felt that their work for the world was done, and they lost their burden of soul for the salvation of sinners, while the bold and blasphemous scoffing of the ungodly seemed to them another evidence that the Spirit of God had been withdrawn from the rejecters of His mercy. All this confirmed them in the belief that probation had ended, or, as they then expressed it, ‘the door of mercy was shut.’

“But clearer light came with the investigation of the sanctuary question. They now saw that they were correct in believing that the end of the 2300 days in 1844 marked an important crisis. But while it was true that that door of hope and mercy by which men had for eighteen hundred years found access to God, was closed, another door was opened, and forgiveness of sins was offered to men through the intercession of Christ in the most holy. One part of His ministration had closed, only to give place to another. There was still an ‘open door’ to the heavenly sanctuary, where Christ was ministering in the sinner’s behalf.

DANIEL 8:14; 7:13; MALACHI 3:1; MATTHEW 25; 22 & REVELATION 3:7,8

“Now was seen the application of those words of Christ in the Revelation, addressed to the church at this very time: ‘These things saith He that is holy, He that is true, He that hath the key of David, He that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth; I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it.’ Revelation 3:7, 8.

THE JEWS SHUT DOOR

“It is those who by faith follow Jesus in the great work of the atonement who receive the benefits of His mediation in their behalf, while those who reject the light which brings to view this work of ministration are not benefited thereby. The Jews who rejected the light given at Christ’s first advent, and refused to believe on Him as the Saviour of the world, could not receive pardon through Him. When Jesus at His ascension entered by His own blood into the heavenly sanctuary to shed upon His disciples the blessings of His mediation, **the Jews were left in total darkness** to continue their useless sacrifices and offerings. The ministration of types and shadows had ceased. That door by which men had formerly found access to God was no longer open. The Jews had refused to seek Him in the only way whereby He could then be found, through the ministration in the sanctuary in heaven. Therefore they found no communion with God. **To them the door was shut.** They had no knowledge of Christ as the true sacrifice and the only mediator before God; hence they could not receive the benefits of His mediation.

THE JEWS ILLUSTRATE REJECTION OF A WARNING MESSAGE

“The condition of the unbelieving Jews illustrates the condition of the careless and unbelieving among professed Christians, who are willingly ignorant of the work of our merciful High Priest. In the typical service, when the high priest entered the most holy place, all Israel were required to gather about the sanctuary and in the most solemn manner humble their souls before God, that they might receive the pardon of their sins and not be cut off from the congregation. How much more essential in this antitypical Day of Atonement that we understand the work of our High Priest and know what duties are required of us.

STRONG DELUSION

“Men cannot with impunity reject the warning which God in mercy sends them. **A message was sent from heaven to the world in Noah’s day**, and their salvation depended upon the manner in which they treated that message. Because **they rejected the warning**, the Spirit of God was withdrawn from the sinful race, and they perished in the waters of the Flood. **In the time of Abraham**, mercy ceased to plead with the guilty inhabitants of Sodom, and all but Lot with his wife and two daughters were consumed by the fire sent down from heaven. **So in the days of Christ**. The Son of God declared to the unbelieving Jews of that generation: ‘Your house is left unto you desolate.’ Matthew 23:38. **Looking down to the last days**, the same Infinite Power declares, concerning those who ‘received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved’: ‘For this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: that they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.’ 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12. As they reject the teachings of His word, God withdraws His Spirit and leaves them to the deceptions which they love.

“But Christ still intercedes in man’s behalf, and light will be given to those who seek it. Though this was not at first understood by Adventists, it was afterward made plain as the Scriptures which define their true position began to open before them.

“The passing of the time in 1844 was followed by a period of great trial to those who still held the advent faith. Their only relief, so far as ascertaining their true position was concerned, was the light which directed their minds to the sanctuary above. **Some renounced their faith in their former reckoning of the prophetic periods and ascribed to human or satanic agencies the powerful influence of the Holy Spirit which had attended the advent movement.** Another class firmly held that the Lord had led them in their past experience; and as they waited and watched and prayed to know the will of God they saw that their great High Priest had entered upon another work of ministration, and, following Him by faith, they were led to see also the closing work of the church. They had a clearer understanding of the first and second angels’ messages, and were prepared to receive and give to the world the solemn warning of the third angel of Revelation 14.” *The Great Controversy*, 424–431.

IDAHO MEETING
CHRIST: THE MIGHTY ANGEL
SERMON NUMBER THREE

REVELATION TEN

And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow *was* upon his head, and his face *was* as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire: And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and *his left foot on the earth*, And cried with a loud voice, as *when a lion roareth*: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices.

And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not.

And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven, And swore by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that **there should be time no longer**:

But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.

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

And he said unto me, **Thou must prophesy again** before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.

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

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

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

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

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

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

DELINEATION OF EVENTS UNDER FIRST AND SECOND ANGELS’ MESSAGE

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1840—THE FIRST ANGEL ARRIVES

“The advent movement of 1840–44 was a glorious manifestation of the power of God; **the first angel’s message was carried to every missionary station in the world.**” *The Great Controversy*, 611.

1842—THE SECOND ANGEL ARRIVES

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

THE SECOND ANGEL’S MESSAGE PROCLAIMED

“The first and **second messages were given in 1843 and 1844**, and we are now under the proclamation of the third; but all three of the messages are still to be proclaimed.” *Selected Messages*, book 2, 104.

SPRING OF 1844—THE TARRYING TIME ARRIVES

“When the time passed at which the Lord’s coming was first expected,—in the spring of 1844,—those who had looked in faith for His appearing were for a season involved in doubt and uncertainty. . . .

“No one, however, then noticed than an apparent delay in the accomplishment of the vision—a **tarrying time**—is presented in the same prophecy. After **the disappointment**, this scripture appeared very significant: ‘The vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry. . . . The just shall live by his faith.’” *The Great Controversy*, 391–392.

AUGUST 12–17, 1844 THE MIDNIGHT CRY ARRIVES

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

“This was **the midnight cry**, which was to give power to the second angel’s message.” *Early Writings*, 238.

OCTOBER 22, 1844 THE SECOND MESSAGE CLOSES

“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.**” *Early Writings*, 260.

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THE SEVEN THUNDERS COVER THE HISTORY OF AUGUST 11, 1840 THROUGH OCTOBER 22, 1844

DANIEL SHALL STAND IN HIS LOT:

A PROPER PLACE

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DANIEL STOOD IN HIS LOT AT THE FIRST ANGEL'S MESSAGE

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

1840—THE FIRST ANGEL ARRIVES

“The advent movement of 1840–44 was a glorious manifestation of the power of God; the first angel's message was carried to every missionary station in the world.” *The Great Controversy*, 611.

WHAT TIME PROPHECY ARRIVED IN 1840?

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

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

THE FIRST ANGEL’S MESSAGE ARRIVED ON AUGUST 11, 1840

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

THE SEVEN THUNDERS COVER THE HISTORY OF AUGUST 11, 1840 THROUGH OCTOBER 22, 1844

“The special light given to John which was expressed in the seven thunders was a delineation of events which would transpire” from August 11, 1840 through October 22, 1844.

AND: THE SEVEN THUNDERS REPRESENT FUTURE EVENTS

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

TWO WITNESSES ESTABLISHES TRUTH

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

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

A SUBJECT OF GREAT CONSEQUENCE

“Some prophecies God has repeated, thus showing that importance must be given to them. The Lord does not repeat things that are of no great consequence.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 9, 7–8.

LINE UPON LINE

“This parable **has been** and **will be** fulfilled to the very letter” *Review and Herald*, August 19, 1890.

THE EXPERIENCE OF ADVENTISM

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

THE SEVEN THUNDERS IDENTIFY CHRIST’S PART IN THE HISTORY

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

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1. August 11, 1840—First angel’s message empowered
2. June 1842—Second angel’s message arrives
3. 1843—Second angel’s message proclaimed
4. March 21, 1844—First disappointment
5. Spring 1844—tarrying time
6. August 11–17, 1844—Midnight cry
7. October 22, 1844—Third angel’s message

THE LITTLE BOOK OPENED—THE BOOK OF DANIEL

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

And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven . . . And he had in his hand a little book open . . . And the voice which I heard from heaven spake unto me again, and said, Go *and take the little book* . . . And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, Give me **the little book**. And he said unto me, Take *it*, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey. And I took **the little book** out of the angel’s hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter.

THE TIME PROPHECIES OF DANIEL AND REVELATION

“We have, as had John, a message to bear of the things which we have seen and heard. 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.

“**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.

THE END OF PROPHETIC TIME

And the angel . . . swore . . . that there should be time no longer.

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

“The truth in regard to the time of the advent of our Lord was a precious message to our souls.” *The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, volume 7, 971.

“Again and again have I been warned in regard to time setting. **There will never again be a message for the people of God that will be based on time.** We are not to know the definite time either for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit or for the coming of Christ.” *Selected Messages*, book 1, 188.

“Let all our brethren and sisters beware of anyone who would set a time for the Lord to fulfill His word in regard to His coming, or in regard to any other promise He has made of special significance. ‘It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in His own power.’ False teachers may appear to be very zealous for the work of God, and may expend means to bring their theories before the world and the church; but as they mingle error with truth, their message is one of deception, and will lead souls into false paths. They are to be met and opposed, not because they are bad men, but because they are teachers of falsehood and are endeavoring to put upon falsehood the stamp of truth.” *Testimonies to Ministers*, 55.

“The world placed all time-proclamation on the same level and called it a delusion, fanaticism and heresy. Ever since 1844 I have borne my testimony that we were now in a period of time in which we are to take heed to ourselves lest our hearts be overcharged with surfeiting and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon us unawares. **Our position has been one of waiting and watching, with no time-proclamation to intervene between the close of the prophetic periods in 1844 and the time of our Lord’s coming.** We do not know the day nor the hour, or when the definite time is, and yet the prophetic reckoning shows us that Christ is at the door.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 10, 270.

THE SOUNDING OF THE SEVENTH ANGEL

But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.

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

HEREAFTER AND QUICKLY

One woe is past; *and*, behold, there come two woes more **hereafter**. Revelation 9:12.

The second woe is past; *and*, behold, the **third woe** cometh **quickly**. Revelation 11:14.

HEREAFTER EQUATED TO NO TIME WHATSOEVER!

QUICKLY EQUATED TO FOUR YEARS?

The second woe is past; *and*, behold, the **third woe** cometh **quickly**.

And **the seventh angel sounded**; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become *the kingdoms* of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God,

Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.

And **the nations were angry**, and **thy wrath is come**, and **the time of the dead**, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth.

And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail. Revelation 11:14–19.

SEPARATE AND DISTINCT

“I saw that the anger of the nations, the wrath of God, and the time to judge the dead were separate and distinct, one following the other, also that Michael had not stood up, and that the time of trouble, such as never was, had not yet commenced. The nations are now getting angry, but when our High Priest has finished His work in the sanctuary, He will stand up, put on the garments of vengeance, and then the seven last plagues will be poured out.” *Early Writings*, 36.

VERSES ONE THROUGH FOUR ILLUSTRATE AUGUST 11, 1840 THROUGH OCTOBER 22, 1844:

And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven [on August 11, 1840], clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow *was* upon his head, and his face *was* as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire: And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and *his* left *foot* on the earth, And cried with a loud voice, as *when* a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices. And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not.

VERSES FIVE THROUGH SEVEN ILLUSTRATE OCTOBER 22, 1844:

And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven, And swore by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer [as of October 22, 1844]: But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound [on October 22, 1844], the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.

VERSES EIGHT THROUGH TEN ILLUSTRATE AUGUST 11, 1840 THROUGH OCTOBER 22, 1844:

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

VERSES ELEVEN ILLUSTRATES A REPETITION OF THE EVENTS OF AUGUST 11, 1840 THROUGH OCTOBER 22, 1844:

And he said unto me, **Thou must prophesy again [after October 22, 1844]** before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.

AUGUST 11, 1840 THROUGH OCTOBER 22, 1844 HAS BEEN SEALED
UP

And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, **Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not.**

JUST BEFORE THE CLOSE OF PROBATION THE HISTORY OF THE
EVENTS AND THE EXPERIENCE OF THAT TIME IS UNSEALED

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

“The book of Revelation must be opened to the people. Many have been taught that it is a sealed book; but **it is sealed only to those who reject light and truth.** The truth it contains must be proclaimed, that people may have an opportunity to prepare for the events which are so soon to transpire. The third angel’s message must be presented as the only hope for the salvation of a perishing world.” *Evangelism*, 195.

“**The Revelation is a sealed book**, but it is also an open book, recording marvelous events that are to take place in the last days of this earth’s history. Its teachings are definite, not mystical and unintelligible, and God would have us understand it.” *Signs of the Times*, January 11, 1899.

APPENDIX TO NUMBER THREE

There are only a few topics identified in the Bible as subjects that all of the prophets spoke about. One of those topics is the development of the 144,000. In Revelation 10:7, the mystery of God is primarily dealing with the development of the 144,000, although the standard and correct understanding of the mystery of God is the incarnation—Christ in us, the hope of glory. The incarnation is what the 144,000 will perfectly demonstrate, but the finishing of the mystery of God during the sounding of the seventh trumpet is addressing the 144,000. During the time-period of the sounding of the seventh trumpet and the accomplishment of the third woe the mystery of God will be finished, human probation will close, Christ will cease His work in the sanctuary above. The following passages are evidence that this is a subject that all the prophets spoke about.

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But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.

THE MYSTERY WHICH HATH BEEN HID—

Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: To whom God would make known what *is the riches* of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is **Christ in you**, the hope of glory: Colossians 1:26–27.

FORGIVEN THEIR INIQUITY

The Inhabitants shall *shall be* Forgiven *Their* Iniquity
And the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick: the people that dwell therein *shall be* forgiven *their* iniquity. Isaiah 33:24.

I HAVE BLOTTED OUT

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 44:22–23.

I WILL REMOVE THE INIQUITY OF THAT LAND IN ONE DAY

Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee: for they *are* men wondered at: for, behold, I will bring forth my servant the BRANCH.

For behold the stone that I have laid before Joshua; upon one stone *shall be* seven eyes: behold, I will engrave the graving thereof, saith the Lord of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day. Zechariah 3:8–9.

THE REMNANT ARE “MEN WONDERED AT”

“Zechariah 3:8 quoted. In the Branch, the Deliverer to come, lay the hope of Israel. It was by faith in the coming Saviour that Joshua and his people had received pardon. Through faith in Christ they had been restored to God’s favor. By virtue of His merits, **if they walked in His ways and kept His statutes, they would be ‘men wondered at,’ honored as the chosen of Heaven among the nations of the earth. . . .**

“**Now is reached the complete fulfillment of the words of the Angel:** ‘Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee: for **they are men wondered at:** for, behold, I will bring forth My Servant the Branch.’ Zechariah 3:8. Christ is revealed as the Redeemer and Deliverer of His people. **Now indeed are the remnant ‘men wondered at,’** as the tears and humiliation of their pilgrimage give place to joy and honor in the presence of God and the Lamb. ‘**In that day** shall the branch of the Lord be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel. And it shall come to pass, **that he that is left in Zion, and he that remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called holy,** even everyone that is written among the living in Jerusalem.’ Isaiah 4:2, 3.” *Prophets and Kings*, 585, 592.

I WILL CLEANSE THEIR BLOOD

So shall ye know that I *am* the Lord your God dwelling in Zion, my holy mountain: **then shall Jerusalem be holy,** and there shall no strangers pass through her any more. **For I will cleanse their blood that I have not cleansed:** for the Lord dwelleth in Zion. Joel 3:17, 21.

I WILL PARDON THEM WHOM I RESERVE

In those days, and in that time, saith the Lord, the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and *there shall be* none; and the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found: for I will pardon them whom I reserve. Jeremiah 50:19–20.

IN THAT DAY

In that day shalt thou not be ashamed for all thy doings, wherein thou hast transgressed against me: for then I will take away out of the midst of thee them that rejoice in thy pride, and thou shalt no more be haughty because of my holy mountain. I will also leave in the midst of thee an afflicted and poor people, and they shall trust in the name of the Lord. **The remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity,** nor speak lies; neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth: for they shall feed and lie down, and none shall make *them* afraid. **Sing,** O daughter of Zion; **shout,** O Israel; be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem. **The Lord hath taken away thy judgments,** he hath cast out thine enemy: the king of Israel, *even* the Lord, *is* in the midst of thee: **thou shalt not see evil any more.** In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem, Fear thou not: *and to Zion,* Let not thine hands be slack. The Lord thy God in the midst of thee *is* mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing. I will gather *them that are* sorrowful for the solemn assembly, *who* are of thee, *to whom* the reproach of it *was* a burden.

Behold, **at that time** I will undo all that afflict thee: and I will save her that halteth, and **gather her** that was driven out; and I will get them praise and fame in every land where they have been put to shame.

At that time will I bring you *again*, even **in the time that I gather you**: for I will make you a name and a praise among all people of the earth, **when I turn back your captivity before your eyes**, saith the Lord. Zephaniah. 3:11–20.

A REFINER AND PURIFIER

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

WHO SHALL BE ABLE TO STAND? REVELATION 6:17

“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.

IN THE LAST DAYS

But in the last days

it shall come to pass, *that* the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it. And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for

the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

In that day, saith the Lord, will I assemble her that halteth, and I will gather her that is driven out, and her that I have afflicted; And I will make her that halted a **remnant**, and her that was cast far off a strong nation: and the Lord shall reign over them in mount Zion from henceforth, even for ever. Micah 4:1–2, 6.

IN THE LAST DAYS I WILL GATHER A REMNANT, BEFORE THE DECREE

Gather yourselves together, yea, gather together, O nation not desired; **Before the decree** bring forth, before the day pass as the chaff, before the fierce anger of the Lord come upon you, before the day of the Lord's anger come upon you. Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger. Zephaniah 2:1–3.

CALL A SOLEMN ASSEMBLY

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

Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly:

Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet. Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O Lord, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where *is* their God?

Then will the Lord be jealous for his land, and pity his people. Joel 2:15–18.

THEN WILL THE LORD BE JEALOUS

I am jealous for Jerusalem & my house shall be built

So the angel that communed with me said unto me, Cry thou, saying, Thus saith the Lord of hosts; **I am jealous for Jerusalem** and for Zion with a **great jealousy**. And I am very sore displeased with the heathen *that are* at ease: for I was but a little displeased, and they helped forward the affliction.

Therefore thus saith the Lord I am returned to Jerusalem with mercies: my house shall be built in it, saith the Lord of hosts, and a line shall be stretched forth upon Jerusalem. Cry yet, saying, Thus saith the Lord of hosts; My cities through prosperity shall yet be spread abroad; and the Lord shall yet comfort Zion, and **shall yet choose Jerusalem**. Zechariah 1:14–16.

THE BRANCH OF THE LORD SHALL BE BEAUTIFUL AND GLORIOUS

In that day shall the branch of the Lord be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth *shall be* excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel.

And it shall come to pass, **that he that is left in Zion, and he that remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called holy**, *even* every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem: When the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning. Isaiah 4:2–4.

IN THE LAST DAYS, HE THAT REMAINS IN JERUSALEM, SHALL BE HOLY

In the last days shall the branch of the Lord be beautiful and glorious

The branch of my planting

Thy people also shall be all righteous: they shall inherit the land for ever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, **that I may be glorified**. Isaiah 60:21.

FROM WHERE YE HAVE BEEN SCATTERED

Therefore say, Thus saith the Lord God; I will even gather you from the people, and assemble you out of the countries where ye have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel. And they shall come thither, and they shall take away all the detestable things thereof and all the abominations thereof from thence.

And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh: That they may walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God.

But as for them whose heart walketh after the heart of their detestable things and their abominations, I will recompense their way upon their own heads, saith the Lord God. Ezekiel 11:17–21.

A MESSAGE FOR TODAY

“I have been instructed to direct the minds of our people to the fifty-sixth chapter of Isaiah. This chapter contains important lessons for those who are fighting on the Lord’s side in the conflict between good and evil.

“Thus saith the Lord, Keep ye judgment, and do justice: for my salvation is near to come, and my righteousness to be revealed. Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the son of man that layeth hold on it; that keepeth the Sabbath from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil.

“Neither let the son of the stranger, that hath joined himself to the Lord, speak, saying, The Lord hath utterly separated me from his people: neither let the eunuch say, Behold, I am a dry tree. For thus saith the Lord unto the eunuchs that keep my Sabbaths, and choose the things that please me, and **take hold of my covenant**; even unto them will I give in mine house and within my walls a place and a name better than of sons and of daughters: I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off.

“Also the sons of the stranger, that join themselves to the Lord, to serve him, and to love the name of the Lord, to be his servants, every one that keepeth the Sabbath from polluting it, and **taketh hold of my covenant; even them will I bring to my holy mountain**, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called a house of prayer.’

“‘And taketh hold of my covenant.’ This is the covenant spoken of in the following scripture:

“‘Moses went up unto God, and the Lord called him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel: Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bear you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself. Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed,’—in truth, earnestness, and sincerity,—‘and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me . . . for all the earth is mine: and ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

“‘And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words which the Lord commanded him. And all the people answered together, and said, All that the Lord hath spoken we will do.’

“‘**This is the pledge that God’s people are to make in these last days.** Their acceptance with God depends on a faithful fulfillment of the terms of their agreement with him. God includes in his covenant all who will obey him. To all who will do justice and judgment, keeping their hand from doing any evil, the promise is, ‘Even unto them will I give in mine house and within my walls a place and a name better than of sons and daughters: I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off.’

“‘The Lord God which gathereth the outcasts of Israel saith, Yet will I gather others to him, besides those that are gathered unto him.’ . . .

“‘God sees the struggle that is to take place in our world, **the whole progress and outcome of which has been traced in the pages of his Word.**’” *Review and Herald*, June 23, 1904.

NOTICE THE STATEMENT: THE WHOLE PROGRESS AND OUTCOME OF WHICH HAS BEEN TRACED IN THE PAGES OF HIS WORD

“September 23, 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, 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 wrong for any to refer to the scattering for examples to govern us now in the gathering; for if God should do no more for us now than He did then, Israel would never be gathered.” *Early Writings*, 74.

I WILL SIFT THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL

For, lo, I will command, and **I will sift the house of Israel** among all nations, like as *corn* is sifted in a sieve, yet shall not the least grain fall upon the earth.

All the sinners of my people shall die by the sword, which say, The evil shall not overtake nor prevent us.

In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old: That they may possess the remnant of Edom, and of all the heathen, which are called by my name, saith the Lord that doeth this. Amos 9:9–12.

AND I WILL PURGE OUT FROM AMONG YOU THE REBELS

And I will bring you out from the people, and will gather you out of the countries wherein ye are scattered, with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out. And I will bring you into the wilderness of the people, and there will I plead with you face to face. Like as I pleaded with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so will I plead with you, saith the Lord God. And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and **I will bring you into the bond of the covenant**:

And **I will purge out from among you the rebels**, and them that transgress against me: I will bring them forth out of the country where they sojourn, and they shall not enter into the land of Israel: and ye shall know that I *am* the Lord. Ezekiel 20:34–38.

A SANCTIFIED MINISTRY PREPARED FOR THE LATTER RAIN

“The great issue near at hand will weed out those whom God has not appointed and He will have a pure, true, sanctified ministry prepared for the latter rain.” *Selected Messages*, book 3, 385.

STRANGERS SHALL BE JOINED WITH THEM

For the Lord will have mercy on Jacob, and **will yet choose Israel**, and set them in their own land: **and the strangers shall be joined with them**, and they shall cleave to the house of Jacob. And the people shall take them, and bring them to their place: and the house of Israel shall possess them in the land of the Lord for servants and handmaids: and they shall take them captives, whose captives they were; and they shall rule over their oppressors. Isaiah 14:1–2.

THE PLACE LEFT VACANT

“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 places 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 become deficient in doing the ways and will of God, while those who have great light, have, through perversity of their own natural hearts, turned away from Christ because displeased with the requirements.

“But God will not be left without witness. The one-hour labourers will be brought in at the eleventh hour, and will consecrate 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. . . .

“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. . . . The record of their works in the books of heaven is ‘Weighed in the balances, and found wanting.’” *Testimonies to Southern Africa*, 50–51.

TERRIBLE AS AN ARMY WITH BANNERS

“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.

WHEN THEN

“**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.’” *Testimonies*, volume 5, 81.

“Clad in the armor of Christ’s righteousness, the church is to enter upon her final conflict. ‘Fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners’ (Song of Solomon 6:10), she is **to go forth into all the world, conquering and to conquer.**” *Prophets and Kings*, 725.

I HAVE CHOSEN THEE

But thou, Israel, *art* my servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, the seed of Abraham my friend. *Thou* whom I have taken from the ends of the earth, and called thee from the chief men thereof, and said unto thee, Thou *art* my servant; I have chosen thee, and not cast thee away. Fear thou not; for I *am* with thee: be not dismayed; for I *am* thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. Isaiah 41:8–10.

“I was shown that those who are trying to obey God and purify their souls through obedience to the truth are God’s chosen people, His modern Israel. God says of them, through Peter: ‘But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.’” *Testimonies*, volume 2, 110.

To whom coming, *as unto* a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, *and* precious, Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.

Unto you therefore which believe *he is* precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, *even to them* which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.

But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: Which in time past *were* not a people, but *are* now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy. 1 Peter 2:4–10.

AS A SIGNET

And thou shalt make a plate *of* pure gold, and grave upon it, *like* the engravings of a signet, HOLINESS TO THE LORD. And they made the plate of the holy crown *of* pure gold, and wrote upon it a writing, *like to* the engravings of a signet, **HOLINESS TO THE LORD**. Exodus 28:36; 39:30.

And a stone was brought, and laid upon the mouth of the den; and **the king sealed it with his own signet**, and with the **signet** of his lords; that the purpose might not be changed concerning Daniel. Daniel 6:17.

“The sign, or seal, of God is revealed in the observance of the seventh-day Sabbath, the Lord’s memorial of creation. . . . The mark of the beast is the opposite of this,—the observance of the first day of the week. **This mark distinguishes those who acknowledge the supremacy of the papal authority from those who acknowledge the authority of God.**” *Review and Herald*, April 27, 1911.

Moreover also I gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I *am* the Lord that sanctify them. I *am* the Lord your God; walk in my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them; And hallow my sabbaths; and they shall be **a sign between me and you**, that ye may know that I *am* the Lord your God. Ezekiel 20:12, 19–20.

Every man of the children of Israel shall pitch by his own standard, with **the ensign of their father's house**: far off about the tabernacle of the congregation shall they pitch. Numbers 2:2

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 5:26.

“In order that men might not forget the true God, Jehovah gave them a memorial of His love and power—the Sabbath. He says: ‘Verily My Sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between Me and you.’ Exodus 31:13. Concerning Israel, the Lord declared: ‘The people shall dwell alone, and shall not be reckoned among the nations.’ Numbers 23:9. To us as well as to ancient Israel these words apply. God’s people are to stand alone. The observance of the seventh-day Sabbath is to be a sign between them and God, showing that they are to be a peculiar people, separate from the world in habit and practice. **Through them God will work to gather from all nationalities a people for Himself.**” *Testimonies*, volume 7, 109.

And **in that day** there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for **an ensign** of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious. And it shall come to pass **in that day**, *that* the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the **remnant** of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth. Isaiah 11:10–12.

HIS PEOPLE SHALL BE LIFTED UP AS AN ENSIGN UPON HIS LAND

As for thee also, by the blood of thy covenant I have sent forth thy prisoners out of the pit wherein *is* no water.

Turn you to the strong hold, ye prisoners of hope: even to day do I declare *that* I will render double unto thee; When I have bent Judah for me, filled the bow with Ephraim, and raised up thy sons, O Zion, against thy sons, O Greece, and made thee as the sword of a mighty man.

And the Lord shall be seen over them, and his arrow shall go forth as the lightning: and the Lord God shall blow the trumpet, and shall go with whirlwinds of the south. The Lord of hosts shall defend them; and they shall devour, and subdue with sling stones; and they shall drink, *and* make a noise as through wine; and they shall be filled like bowls, *and* as the corners of the altar.

And **the Lord their God shall save them in that day as the flock of his people:** for they *shall be as the stones of a crown, lifted up as an ensign* upon his land. For how great *is* his goodness, and how great *is* his beauty! corn shall make the young men cheerful, and new wine the maids. Zechariah 9:11–17.

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. 1 Peter 2:5.

A BEACON UPON A MOUNTAIN, AND AN ENSIGN ON AN HILL

For thus saith the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel; In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength: and ye would not. But ye said, No; for we will flee upon horses; therefore shall ye flee: and, We will ride upon the swift; therefore shall they that pursue you be swift. One thousand *shall flee* at the rebuke of one; at the rebuke of five shall ye flee: till ye be left as **a beacon upon the top of a mountain, and as an ensign on an hill.**

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

For the people shall dwell **in Zion at Jerusalem:** thou shalt weep no more: he will be very gracious unto thee at the voice of thy cry; when he shall hear it, he will answer thee. And *though* the Lord give you the bread of adversity, and the water of affliction, yet shall not thy teachers be removed into a corner any more, but thine eyes shall see thy teachers: And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This *is* the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left. Isaiah 30:15–21.

THE WORLD'S ONLY WARNING

“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.

**THE WORLD CAN ONLY BE WARNED BY SEEING THOSE WHO
HAVE THE SEAL OF GOD.**

IDAHO MEETING

CHRIST: THE OTHER ANGEL

SERMON NUMBER FOUR

THE MIGHTY ANGEL

And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow *was* upon his head, and his face *was* as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire. Revelation 10:1.

THE THREE ANGELS

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

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

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

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

THE FOURTH ANGEL

And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities. Revelation 18:1–5.

ANGELS

WARNINGS SO IMPORTANT

“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 Great Controversy*, 595.

ANGELS ARE A SYMBOL OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

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

THE THIRD ANGEL REPRESENTS THE PEOPLE OF GOD

“I was shown that **the third angel**, proclaiming the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, **represents the people** who receive this message and raise the voice of warning to the world, to keep the commandments of God as the apple of the eye, and that in response to this warning many would embrace the Sabbath of the Lord.” *Testimonies*, volume 1, 76.

THE WORK OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

“Under the appropriate symbol of an angel flying through the midst of heaven is represented **the work of the people of God**. In this work heavenly intelligences cooperate with human agencies in extending the last message to the inhabitants of the world.” *Fundamentals of Christian Education*, 209.

ANGELS REPRESENT THE PEOPLE OF GOD PROCLAIMING

“The work for this time is represented by the first, second, and third angels flying in the midst of heaven. The first angel has his message, the second follows the first and bears his message. But the first is not dropped; it loses none of its force as the second is proclaimed. So also with the third. **These angels represent the people of God proclaiming the word of God to the world**, whereby are produced impressions so powerful that truth is separated from the rubbish of error and stands revealed in its unblemished pure beauty. These messages of truth open the most lofty contemplation of scenes through which they conduct us--solemn, refining, and awfully grand.” *The 1888 Materials*, 939.

THE VOICE OF ANGELS ARE A SYMBOL OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

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“The third angel is represented as following the first and second angels, and crying with a loud voice, . . . The angels are represented as flying in the midst of heaven, uttering a solemn proclamation. **Their voices are not heard by the inhabitants of earth, save through the people who carry forward the work as the messengers of God.** Those who search the Scriptures understand the messages given by the angels, and take up the cry, proclaiming the warning to the world. The three messages for this time are of most solemn import, and it is of the greatest consequence to those who hear whether or not they act upon the light given.” *Review and Herald*, July 7, 1891.

THE WORK OF THE FOURTH ANGEL IS THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

“Time is short. The first, second, and third angel’s messages are the messages to be given to the world. We hear not literally the voice of the three angels, but these angels in Revelation represent a people who will be upon the earth and give these messages.

“John saw ‘Another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the whole earth was lightened with his glory.’ Revelation 19:1. **That work is the voice of the people of God proclaiming a message of warning to the world.** Has God, through John, given us light relating to the things which are to transpire in the remnant of time just at the end? Then with pen and voice we are to proclaim that very message to the world, not in a tame, indistinct whisper.” *The 1888 Materials*, 926.

“The fact that an angel is said to be the herald of this warning is significant. By the purity, the glory, and the power of the heavenly messenger, divine wisdom has been pleased to represent the exalted character of the work to be accomplished by the message and the power and glory that were to attend it. And the angel’s flight ‘in the midst of heaven,’ the ‘loud voice’ with which the warning is uttered, and its promulgation to all ‘that dwell on the earth,’—‘to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,’—give evidence of the rapidity and world-wide extent of the movement.” *The Great Controversy*, 355.

THE OTHER ANGEL

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And **I heard another voice** from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities. Revelation 18:1–5.

THE OTHER ANGEL REPRESENTS A WORLD-WIDE WORK

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

THE OTHER ANGEL’S WORK PARALLELS THE MIGHTY ANGEL’S WORK

And I saw **another mighty angel come down from heaven**, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow *was* upon his head, and his face *was* as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire: And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and *his* left *foot* on the earth. Revelation 10:1, 2.

“The angel’s position, with one foot on the sea, the other on the land, signifies the wide extent of the proclamation of the message. It will cross the broad waters and be proclaimed in other countries, even to all the world.” *The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, volume 7, 971.

TWO VOICES

And after these things **I saw another angel come down from heaven**, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. And **he cried mightily** with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

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THE SECOND VOICE PARALLELS THE SECOND ANGEL & IS THE LOUD CRY OF THE THIRD ANGEL

“The second angel’s message is, ‘Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication’ Revelation 14:8. And in **the loud cry of the third angel’s** message a voice is heard from heaven saying, ‘Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities’ Revelation 18:4, 5.” *Selected Messages*, book 2, 118.

THE DOOR CLOSED AT THE CLIMAX OF THE SECOND ANGEL’S MESSAGE

“I was shown in vision, and I still believe, that there was a shut door in 1844.” *Selected Messages*, book 1, 63.

THE DOOR CLOSES AT THE LOUD CRY OF THE THIRD ANGEL’S MESSAGE

“More and more, as the days go by, it is becoming apparent that God’s judgments are in the world. In fire and flood and earthquake He is warning the inhabitants of this earth of His near approach. The time is nearing when the great crisis in the history of the world will have come, when every movement in the government of God will be watched with intense interest and inexpressible apprehension. In quick succession the judgments of God will follow one another—fire and flood and earthquake, with war and bloodshed.

“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.

THE LATTER RAIN BEGINS AT THE LOUD CRY

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

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

THE DOOR CLOSSES & THE LATTER RAIN BEGINS AT THE LOUD CRY

“There are true Christians in every church, not excepting the Roman Catholic communion. None are condemned until they have had the light and have seen the obligation of the fourth commandment. But **when the decree shall go forth enforcing the counterfeit sabbath**, and **the loud cry of ‘the third angel’** shall warn men against the worship of the beast and his image, the line will be clearly drawn between the false and the true. Then those who still continue in transgression will receive the mark of the beast.” *Signs of the Times*, November 8, 1899.

THE DOOR CLOSSES AT THE LOUD CRY OF THE THIRD ANGEL

THE MIDNIGHT CRY PARALLELS THE LOUD CRY

THE 1ST & 2ND ANGEL’S MESSAGES RUN PARALLEL WITH THE 4TH

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

THE BURDEN OF OUR WORK

“The great message, **combining the first, second, and third angels’ messages**, is to be given to the world. This is to be the burden of our work.” *The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, volume 7, 949.

LINE UPON LINE

“I am often referred to the parable of the ten virgins, five of whom were wise, and five foolish. This parable has been and will be fulfilled to the very letter. . .” *Review and Herald*, August 19, 1890.

“There is a delay in the coming of the Bridegroom in order that all may have an opportunity to hear the last message of mercy to a fallen world. **The first and second angels’ messages are all united and complete in the third:** ‘And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of His indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb.’

“John was shown these things in holy vision. He saw the company represented by **the five wise virgins**, with their lamps trimmed and burning, and he exclaimed in rapture, **‘Here is the patience of the saints; here are they that keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.** And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.’

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

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

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

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

LINE UPON LINE

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

Christ the Mighty Angel descended in Revelation ten on the 11th of August, 1840. His descent took place at the collapse of a power from the bottomless pit in Bible prophecy—Islam. The collapse was in fulfillment of a prophecy located in Revelation 9:15.

Christ the other Angel of Revelation eighteen descended in 1989. His descent took place at the collapse of a power from the bottomless pit in of Bible prophecy—atheism. The collapse was in fulfillment of a prophecy located in Daniel 11:40.

When Christ descended in Revelation ten, in fulfillment of Revelation 9:15, the first angel’s message empowered the Philadelphian church.

When Christ descended in Revelation eighteen, in fulfillment of Daniel 11:40, the fourth angel had the potential to empower the Laodicean church.

The empowerment of the Philadelphian church was brought about by Josiah Litch’s publication of the prophecy of Revelation 9:15 identifying the collapse of the Ottoman Empire.

The empowerment of the Laodicean church was not brought about, though a publication of the prophecy of Daniel 11:40 identifying the collapse of the Soviet Union was produced by a Seventh-day Adventist pastor named Louis Were in the 1950’s.

LINE UPON LINE

ANGELS REPRESENT THE WORK OF GOD'S PEOPLE IN THE
HISTORY

THUNDERS REPRESENT THE ROLE CHRIST PLAYS IN THE
HISTORY

THE TEN VIRGINS REPRESENT THE EXPERIENCE OF GOD'S
PEOPLE

IDAHO MEETING CHRIST: THE MAN IN LINEN

SERMON NUMBER FIVE

THEY THAT BE WISE

And **they that be wise** shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, *even* to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

Then I Daniel looked, and, behold, there stood other two, the one on this side of the bank of the river, and the other on that side of the bank of the river. And *one* said to **the man clothed in linen**, which *was* upon the waters of the river, How long *shall it be* to the end of these wonders?

And I heard **the man clothed in linen**, which *was* upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swore by him that liveth for ever that *it shall be* for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these *things* shall be finished. And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what *shall be* the end of these *things*?

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

And from the time *that* the daily *sacrifice* shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, *there shall be* a thousand two hundred and

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

But go thou thy way till the end *be*: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days. Daniel 12:4–13.

A MAN CLOTHED IN LINEN

And in the four and twentieth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, which *is* Hiddekel;

Then I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold **a certain man clothed in linen**, whose loins *were* girded with fine gold of Uphaz: His body also *was* like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet like in colour to polished brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude.

And I Daniel alone saw the vision: for the men that were with me saw not the vision; but a great quaking fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves. Therefore I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and there remained no strength in me: for my comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and I retained no strength.

Yet heard I the voice of his words: and when I heard the voice of his words, then was I in a deep sleep on my face, and my face toward the ground. And, behold, an hand touched me, which set me upon my knees and *upon* the palms of my hands.

And he said unto me, O Daniel, a man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak unto thee, and stand upright: for unto thee am I now sent. And when he had spoken this word unto me, I stood trembling. Daniel 10:4–11.

FOR THOSE WHO SHOULD LIVE IN THE LATTER DAYS

“At the time of Gabriel’s visit, the prophet Daniel was unable to receive further instruction; but a few years afterward, desiring to know more of subjects not yet fully explained, he again set himself to seek light and wisdom from God. ‘In those days I Daniel was mourning three full weeks. I ate no pleasant bread, neither came flesh nor wine in my mouth, neither did I anoint myself at all. . . . Then I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a certain man clothed in linen whose loins were girded with fine gold of Uphaz. His body also was like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet like in color to polished brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude.’

“No less a personage than the Son of God appeared to Daniel. This description is similar to that given by John when Christ was revealed to him upon the Isle of Patmos. Our Lord now comes with another heavenly messenger to teach Daniel what would take place in the latter days. **This knowledge was given to Daniel and recorded by inspiration for us upon whom the ends of the world are come.**

“The great truths revealed by the world’s Redeemer are for those who search for truth as for hid treasures. Daniel was an aged man. His life had been passed amid the fascinations of a heathen court, his mind cumbered with the affairs of a great empire; yet he turns aside from all these to afflict his soul before God, and seek a knowledge of the

purposes of the Most High. And in response to his supplications, light from the heavenly courts was communicated **for those who should live in the latter days**. With what earnestness, then, should we seek God, that he may open our understanding to comprehend the truths brought to us from Heaven.

“‘And I Daniel alone saw the vision ; for the men that were with me saw not the vision; but a great quaking fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves. . . . And there remained no strength in me; for my comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and I retained no strength.’ **Such will be the experience of every one who is truly sanctified.** The clearer their views of the greatness, glory, and perfection of Christ, the more vividly will they see their own weakness and imperfection. They will have no disposition to claim a sinless character; that which has appeared right and comely in themselves will, in contrast with Christ’s purity and glory, appear only as unworthy and corruptible. It is when men are separated from God, when they have very indistinct views of Christ, that they say, ‘I am sinless; I am sanctified.’

“Gabriel then appeared to the prophet, and thus addressed him; ‘O Daniel, a man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak unto thee, and stand upright; for unto thee am I now sent. And when he had spoken this word unto me, I stood trembling. Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel; for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words.’

“What great honor was shown to Daniel by **the Majesty of Heaven!** He comforts his trembling servant, and assures him that his prayer was heard in Heaven, and that in answer to that fervent petition, the angel Gabriel was sent to affect the heart of the Persian king. The monarch had resisted the impressions of the Spirit of God during the three weeks while Daniel was fasting and praying, but Heaven’s Prince, the archangel, Michael, was sent to turn the heart of the stubborn king to take some decided action to answer the prayer of Daniel.

“‘And when he had spoken such words unto me, I set my face toward the ground, and I became dumb. And behold, one like the similitude of the sons of men touched my lips. . . . And said, O man greatly beloved, fear not: peace be unto thee; be strong, yea, be strong. And when he had spoken unto me, I was strengthened, and said, Let my lord speak; for thou hast strengthened me.’ So great was the divine glory revealed to Daniel that he could not endure the sight. Then **the messenger of Heaven** veiled the brightness of his presence and appeared to the prophet as ‘one like the similitude of the sons of men.’ By his divine power he strengthened this man of integrity and of faith, to hear the message sent to him from God.

“Daniel was a devoted servant of the Most High. His long life was filled up with noble deeds of service for his Master. His purity of character, and unwavering fidelity, are equaled only by his humility of heart and his contrition before God. We repeat, The life of Daniel is an inspired illustration of true sanctification.” *Review and Herald*, February 8, 1888.

WHAT SHALL BEFALL THY PEOPLE

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

THE ANGEL OF THE COVENANT.

“And what a representation is given in Revelation 7 for our consideration and comfort and encouragement! The four angels are commissioned to do a work upon the earth. But One who purchased the world by giving Himself for its ransom has a chosen few. Who? Those who are keeping all of the commandments of God and have the faith of Jesus.

“John’s attention was called to another scene: ‘And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God’ (Rev. 7:2). **Who is this?** The Angel of the covenant. He comes from the sunrising. He is the Dayspring from on high. He is the Light of the world. ‘In Him was life; and the life was the light of men’ (John 1:4). This is the One Isaiah describes: ‘Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder; and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace’ (Isa. 9:6). He cried, as One who had superiority over the hosts of angels in heaven ‘to whom it was given to hurt the earth, and the sea, saying, “hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads”’ (Rev. 7:2, 3).

“Here is the divine and human united. The command is given to the four angels to hold in check the four winds until they receive His summons. Read the entire chapter. The cry, ‘Hurt not,’ is uttered by the Restorer, the Redeemer.

“Judgment and wrath were to be repressed only for a little space until a certain work was done. The message, the last message of warning and mercy, has been retarded in doing its work by the selfish love of money, the selfish love of ease, and the unfitness of man to do a work that needs to be done. The angel that is to lighten the earth with His glory has waited for human instrumentalities through whom the light of heaven could shine, and they thus cooperate to give, in its sacred, solemn importance, the message which is to decide the destiny of the world.

“But the churches are not awake. New life must enter into the churches. The last work of warning and mercy for a fallen world is being done. None are to be deceived, thinking to lay their individual work on somebody else. **When this probationary time shall close**, there is no opportunity for those who have received the warning message, the proclamation of pardon and salvation, and have refused—have turned from light and truth and accepted fables—to be justified. There is no second bidding to the marriage feast, no intermediate state when another call will be made to come to the heavenly feast.

“Now is the time to work, just now. There is not a moment to lose. **All national, denominational, and sectarian distinctions between rank and rank, between caste and caste, are lost.** The message is to be proclaimed in the highways and byways and hedges. Every human agent is merging his character under one of two heads—the Prince of Life and the prince of darkness. To those who receive Christ He gives power to become loyal sons of God. They keep His commandments. The benediction rests upon them, ‘Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city’ (Rev. 22:14). The commandment breakers are left outside with the false shepherds whom they believed, and with ‘whosoever loveth and maketh a lie’ (Rev. 22:15).” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 15, 221–223.

THIS MIGHTIEST OF ANGELS

“If such scenes as this are to come, such tremendous judgments on a guilty world, where will be the refuge for God’s people? How will they be sheltered until the indignation be overpast? John sees the elements of nature—earthquake, tempest, and political strife—represented as being held by four angels. These winds are under control until God gives the word to let them go. There is the safety of God’s church. The angels of God do His bidding, holding back the winds of the earth, that the winds should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree, until the servants of God should be sealed in their foreheads. **The mighty angel is seen ascending from the east** (or sunrising). **This mightiest of angels** has in his hand the seal of the living God, or of Him who alone can give life, who can inscribe upon the foreheads the mark or inscription, to whom shall be granted immortality, eternal life. It is the voice of this highest angel that had authority to command the four angels to keep in check the four winds until this work was performed, and until he should give the summons to let them loose.” *Testimonies to Ministers*, 444.

ONE MAN CLOTHED WITH LINEN

“The true people of God, who have the spirit of the work of the Lord and the salvation of souls at heart, will ever view sin in its real, sinful character. They will always be on the side of faithful and plain dealing with sins which easily beset the people of God. Especially in the closing work for the church, in the sealing time of the one hundred and forty-four thousand who are to stand without fault before the throne of God, will they feel most deeply the wrongs of God’s professed people. This is forcibly set forth by the prophet’s illustration of the last work under the figure of the men each having a slaughter weapon in his hand. **One man among them was clothed with linen**, with a writer’s inkhorn by his side. ‘And the Lord said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof.’” *Testimonies*, volume 3, 266.

STANDING IN HIS LOT IN THE MILLERITE TIME-PERIOD

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

STANDING IN HIS LOT IN THE TIME-PERIOD OF THE 144,000

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

“Honored by men with the responsibilities of state and with the secrets of kingdoms bearing universal sway, Daniel was honored by God as His ambassador, and was given many revelations of the mysteries of ages to come. His wonderful prophecies, as recorded by him in chapters 7 to 12 of the book bearing his name, were not fully understood even by the prophet himself; but before his life labors closed, he was given the blessed assurance that ‘at the end of the days’—in the closing period of this world’s history—**he would again be permitted to stand in his lot and place**. It was not given him to understand all that God had revealed of the divine purpose. ‘Shut up the words, and seal the book,’ he was directed concerning his prophetic writings; these were to be sealed ‘even to the time of the end.’ ‘Go thy way, Daniel,’ the angel once more directed the faithful messenger of Jehovah; ‘for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end. . . . Go thou thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days.’ Daniel 12:4, 9, 13.

“As we near the close of this world’s history, the prophecies recorded by Daniel demand our special attention, as they relate to the very time in which we are living. With them should be linked the teachings of the last book of the New Testament Scriptures. Satan has led many to believe that the prophetic portions of the writings of Daniel and of John the revelator cannot be understood. But the promise is plain that special blessing will accompany the study of these prophecies. ‘The wise shall understand’ (verse 10), was spoken of the visions of Daniel that were to be unsealed in the latter days; and of the revelation that Christ gave to His servant John for the guidance of God’s people all through the centuries, the promise is, ‘Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein.’ Revelation 1:3.” *Prophets and Kings*, 547.

A PURIFICATION PROCESS

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

A PURIFICATION PROCESS IN THE MILLERITE TIME-PERIOD

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

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

A PURIFICATION PROCESS IN THE TIME-PERIOD OF THE 144,000

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

A DOUBLE CLEANSING

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

“Daniel writes: ‘I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swore by him that liveth forever that it shall be for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished. And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things? And He said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the

time of the end. **Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried;** but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.’

“This world is a theatre. The actors, the inhabitants of the world, are preparing to act their part in the last great drama. God is lost sight of. There is no unity of purpose, except as parties of men confederate to gain their ends. God is looking on. His purposes in regard to his rebellious subjects will be fulfilled. The world has not been given into the hands of men, though God is permitting the elements of confusion and disorder to bear sway for a season. A power from beneath is working to bring about the last great scenes in the drama,—Satan coming as Christ, and working with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in those who are binding themselves together in secret societies. Those who are yielding to the passion for confederation are working out the plans of the enemy. The cause will be followed by the effect.

“Transgression has almost reached its limit. Confusion fills the world, and a great terror is soon to come upon human beings. And the end is very near. We who know the truth should be preparing for what is soon to break upon the world as an overwhelming surprise.

“God permits men to work out the purposes he would have saved them from had they kept his commandments. When in the face of light and evidence, they refuse to obey, they must reap the harvest of the seed they have sown. ‘**Many shall be purified, and made white and tried;** but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand.’ The wicked have chosen Satan as their leader. Under his control the wonderful faculties of the mind are used to construct agencies of destruction. God has given the human mind great power, power to show that the Creator has endowed man with ability to do a great work against the enemy of all righteousness, power to show what victories may be gained in the conflict against evil. To those who fulfill God’s purpose, for them will be spoken the words, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.’ The human machinery has been used to do a work that is a blessing to humanity; and God is glorified.” *Bible Training School*, February 1, 1903.

DANIEL UNSEALED IN REVELATION

“Daniel stood in his lot to bear his testimony which was sealed until the time of the end, when the first angel’s message should be proclaimed to our world. These matters are of **infinite importance** in these last days; but while ‘many shall be purified, and made white, and tried,’ ‘the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand.’ How true this is! Sin is the transgression of the law of God; and those who will not accept the light in regard to the law of God will not understand the proclamation of the first, second, and third angel’s messages. **The book of Daniel is unsealed in the revelation to John, and carries us forward to the last scenes of this earth’s history.**

“Will our brethren bear in mind that we are living amid the perils of the last days? Read Revelation in connection with Daniel. Teach these things.” *Testimonies to Ministers*, 115.

A SEALED BOOK IN THE MILLERITE TIME-PERIOD

“John sees the little book unsealed. Then Daniel’s prophecies have their proper place in the first, second, and third angels’ messages to be given to the world. The unsealing of the little book was the message in relation to time.” *The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, volume 7, 971.

A SEALED BOOK IN THE TIME-PERIOD OF THE 144,000

Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered. Revelation 10:4.

AN INCREASE OF KNOWLEDGE IN THE MILLERITE TIME-PERIOD

“The message itself sheds light as to the time when this movement is to take place. It is declared to be a part of the ‘everlasting gospel;’ and it announces the opening of the judgment. The message of salvation has been preached in all ages; but this message is a part of the gospel which could be proclaimed only in the last days, for only then would it be true that the hour of judgment had come. **The prophecies present a succession of events leading down to the opening of the judgment.** This is especially true of the book of Daniel. But that part of his prophecy which related to the last days, Daniel was bidden to close up and seal ‘to the time of the end.’ Not till we reach this time could a message concerning the judgment be proclaimed, based on the fulfillment of these prophecies. But at the time of the end, says the prophet, ‘many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.’ Daniel 12:4.” *The Great Controversy*, 356.

AN INCREASE OF KNOWLEDGE IN THE TIME-PERIOD OF THE 144,000

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

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

THE WISE AND THE FOOLISH

THE WISE AND THE WICKED

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

knowledge shall be increased. Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the **wicked** shall do wickedly: and none of the **wicked** shall understand; but the **wise** shall understand. Daniel 12:3,4, 10.

THE WISE AND THE FOOLISH

“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.

Wise *men* lay up knowledge: but the mouth of the foolish *is* near destruction. Proverbs 10:14.

DESTROYED FOR LACK OF KNOWLEDGE

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

“The end of all things is at hand. God is moving upon every mind that is open to receive the impressions of his Holy Spirit. He is sending out messengers that they may give the warning in every locality. God is testing the devotion of his churches and their willingness to render obedience to the Spirit’s guidance. **Knowledge is to be increased.** The messengers of Heaven are to be seen running to and fro, seeking in every possible way to warn the people of the coming judgments, and presenting the glad tidings of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. The standard of righteousness is to be exalted. The Spirit of God is moving upon men’s hearts, and those who respond to its influence will become lights in the world. Everywhere they are seen going forth to communicate to others the light they have received as they did after the descent of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. And as they let their light shine, they receive more and more of the Spirit’s power. The earth is lighted with the glory of God.

“But O, sad picture! those who do not submit to the influence of the Holy Spirit soon lose the blessings received when they acknowledged the truth as from Heaven. They fall into a cold, spiritless formality; they lose their interest in perishing souls: they have ‘left their first love.’ And Christ says unto them, ‘Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.’ **He will take his Holy Spirit from the church, and give it to others who will appreciate it.**

“There is no greater evidence that those who have received great light do not appreciate that light, than is given by their refusal to let their light shine upon those who are in darkness, and devoting their time and energies in celebrating forms and ceremonies. Thoughts of the inner work, the necessary purity of heart, are not entertained. The absence of harmony with God becomes apparent. The light grows dim, goes out; the candlestick has been removed. There is much exercising of man-made authority by those to whom God has not given his wisdom because they did not feel the

need of the wisdom from above. This wisdom, ‘first pure, then peaceable, gentle, easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy,’ is contrary to their disposition. They have not the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, with which the believer in Jesus should be adorned. They do not represent the meek and lowly Carpenter of Nazareth. They set aside as of little value that which God has said ‘is of great price.’” *Review and Herald*, July 16, 1895.

IDAHO MEETING

CHRIST: THE LION OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH

SERMON NUMBER SIX

“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.

“A wonderful connection is here seen between the universe of heaven and this world. **The things revealed to Daniel were afterward complemented by the revelation made to John on the isle of Patmos.** These two books should be carefully perused. Twice Daniel inquired, How long shall it be to the end of time? ‘And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things? And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end. Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand. . . . But go thou thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days’.

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

And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, **the Lion of the tribe of Juda**, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open **the book**, and to loose the seven seals thereof. Revelation 5:5.

THE SACRED VOLUMES

“When Christ came to this earth, the traditions that had been handed down from generation to generation, and the human interpretation of the Scriptures, hid from men the truth as it is in Jesus. The truth was buried beneath a mass of tradition. The spiritual import of **the sacred volumes** was lost; for in their unbelief men locked the door of the heavenly treasure. Darkness covered the earth, and gross darkness the people. Truth looked down from heaven to earth; but nowhere was revealed the divine impress. A gloom like the pall of death overspread the earth.

“But the Lion of the tribe of Judah prevailed. **He opened the seal that closed the book of divine instruction.** The world was permitted to gaze upon pure, unadulterated truth. **Truth itself descended** to roll back the darkness and counteract error. A Teacher was sent from heaven with the light that was to light every man that comes into the world. **There were men and women who were eagerly seeking for knowledge, the sure word of prophecy, and when it came, it was as a light shining in a dark place.**” *Spalding and Magan, 58.*

THE DIVINE UTTERANCES

“Again we ask John, What of Christ? [John 1:9–14, 29, quoted]. We hear the testimony of Isaiah: [Isaiah 62:1–3; 63:1–4, quoted]. We ask John what he saw and heard in the vision at Patmos, and he answers: [Revelation 5:1–3, quoted].

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

“This roll was written within and without. John says: ‘I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon’ [verse 4]. The vision as presented to John made its impression upon his mind. The destiny of every nation was contained in that book. John was distressed at the utter inability of any human being or angelic intelligence to read the words, or even to look thereon. His soul was wrought up to such a point of agony and suspense that one of the strong angels had compassion on him, and laying his hand on him assuringly, said, ‘Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof’ [verse 5].” *Manuscript Releases, volume 12, 296.*

THOSE THINGS WHICH HAVE BEEN, WILL BE REPEATED

“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**.

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

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

REVELATION TEN

CHRIST CRIED OUT

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

REASON FROM CAUSE TO EFFECT

“We should know for ourselves what constitutes Christianity, what is truth, what is the faith that we have received, what are the Bible rules—the rules given us from the highest authority. There are many who believe, without a reason on which to base their faith, without sufficient evidence as to the truth of the matter. If an idea is presented that harmonizes with their own preconceived opinions, they are all ready to accept it. They do not reason from cause to effect. Their faith has no genuine foundation, and in the time of trial they will find that they have built upon the sand.” *Mind, Character, and Personality*, book 2, 535.

WHEN HE HAD CRIED, SEVEN THUNDERS UTTERED THEIR VOICES

And he had in his hand **a little book open**: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and *his* left *foot* on the earth, And **cried** with a loud voice, **as when a lion roareth**: and when he had **cried**, seven thunders uttered their voices. And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not. Revelation 10:2–4.

HAD IN HIS HAND A LITTLE BOOK OPEN

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

REASON FROM CAUSE TO EFFECT

Lion cries and then comes seven thunders
John eats the book and his stomach is made bitter

“Our great need today is for men who are baptized with the Holy Spirit of God--men who walk with God as did Enoch. We do not want men who are so narrow in their outlook that they will circumscribe the work instead of enlarging it, or who follow the motto: ‘Religion is religion; business is business.’ We need men who are farseeing, who can take in the situation and reason from cause to effect.” *Testimonies*, volume 5, 555.

SEAL UP THE SEVEN THUNDERS

And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not. Revelation 10:4.

THE TIME IS AT HAND

And he said unto me, These sayings *are* faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to show unto his servants the things which must shortly be done. Behold, I come quickly: blessed *is* he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.

And I John saw these things, and heard *them*. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which showed me these things. Then saith he unto me, See *thou do it* not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God.

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

And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward *is* with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. Revelation 22:6–13.

LINE UPON LINE—DANIEL TWELVE

And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever. But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, *even* to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased. Daniel 12:3, 4.

LINE UPON LINE—MATTHEW TWENTY-FIVE

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

THE FIRST ANGEL'S MESSAGE

THE MESSAGE OF THE HOUR—DANIEL 8:14:

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

TYPE OF MESSAGE

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

Based upon the book of Daniel
A warning, arousal, reform & preparation message
Judgment is beginning
When fulfilled the judgment of the dead begins
Giving in the time-period of Philadelphia
A mighty angel comes down to empower the message
Empowered when a power from the bottomless pit collapses
And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men. Revelation 9:15.

THE MIDNIGHT CRY

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

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

THREE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE FULFILLMENT OF THE MIDNIGHT CRY

New prophetic light
Directly connected to the message of the hour
When the new light is fulfilled in history the door closes
In the time-period of Philadelphia

THE THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE

THE MESSAGE OF THE HOUR—REVELATION 14:

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

TYPE OF MESSAGE

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

Based upon the book of Daniel
A warning, arousal, reform & preparation message
Judgment is closing
When fulfilled the judgment of the living begins
Giving in the time-period of Laodicea
A mighty angel comes down to empower the message
Empowered when a power from the bottomless pit collapses

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

THE MIDNIGHT OR LOUD CRY

While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.

And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. Matthew 25:5–7.

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

THREE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE FULFILLMENT OF THE MIDNIGHT CRY

New prophetic light

Directly connected to the message of the hour

When the new light is fulfilled in history the door closes

In the time-period of Laodicea

THE NEXT PROPHETIC EVENT AFTER DANIEL 11:40, AND THE COLLAPSE OF THE SOVIET UNION IN 1989, IS THE SUNDAY LAW IN THE UNITED STATES!

“Heretofore those who presented 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. . . . 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*, 605–606.

THE FOURTH ANGEL’S MESSAGE

THE MESSAGE OF THE HOUR—REVELATION 18:1–5

“**A**” And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

“**B**” And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.

- A. Description of Babylon that encompasses the earth—Daniel 11:40
- B. The outpouring of the Spirit and the closing of the door—Daniel 11:41

IDAHO MEETING SIMILAR SCENES

SERMON NUMBER SEVEN

WHO APPOINTED THE ANCIENT PEOPLE?

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

THE PROPHECY IN THE ELEVENTH OF DANIEL

“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. And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily *sacrifice*, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate. And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do *exploits*. And they that understand among the people shall instruct many: yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, *many* days. Now when they shall fall, they shall be holpen with a little help: but many shall cleave to them with flatteries. And *some* of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make them white, *even* to the time of the end: because *it*

is yet for a time appointed. And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done.’ **Daniel 11:30–36.**

“**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*, number 13, 394.

GOD’S HELPING HAND

“Everything that can be done should be done to circulate *Thoughts on Daniel and Revelation*. I know of no other book that can take the place of this one. It is God’s helping hand.” *Publishing Ministry*, 356.

THE TRANSITION OF ROME

have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant

THE PAPACY BECOMES THE SUBJECT

And arms shall stand on his part
they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength
shall take away the daily *sacrifice*
they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate

TEN HORNS

After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it *was* diverse from all the beasts that *were* before it; and it had ten horns. I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn *were* eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things. And of the ten horns that *were* in his head, and *of* the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even *of* that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look *was* more stout than his fellows. I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them. Daniel 7:7, 8, 20, 21.

A LITTLE HORN—HE OR IT

And out of one of them came forth **a little horn**, which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant *land*.

And **it** waxed great, *even* to the host of heaven; and *it* cast down *some* of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them.

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

And an host was given *him* against the daily *sacrifice* by reason of transgression, and *it* cast down the truth to the ground; and **it** practiced, and prospered. Daniel 8:9–12.

THE SETTING UP

And from the time *that* the daily *sacrifice* shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, *there shall be* a thousand two hundred and ninety days. Blessed *is* he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days. Daniel 12:11, 12.

PERGAMOS & THYATIRA

And to the angel of the church in **Pergamos** write; These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges; I know thy works and where thou dwellest, *even where Satan's seat is*: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein **Antipas** was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where **Satan dwelleth**.

But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold **the doctrine of Balaam**, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, **to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication**. So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitanes, which thing I hate.

Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth *it*.

And unto the angel of the church in **Thyatira** write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet *are* like fine brass; I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last *to be* more than the first.

Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols. And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not. Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds. And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.

But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden. But that which ye have *already* hold fast till I come.

And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father. And I will give him the morning star. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. Revelation 2:12–29.

THE BLACK & PALE HORSES

And when he had opened **the third seal**, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo **a black horse**; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand. And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and *see* thou hurt not the oil and the wine.

And when he had opened **the fourth seal**, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see. And I looked, and behold **a pale horse**: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth. And when he had opened **the fifth seal**, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they *were*, should be fulfilled. Revelation 6:5–11.

THE TRUMPETS OF REVELATION 8 & 9

POWER, SEAT & AUTHORITY

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

“Thus while the dragon, primarily, represents Satan, it is, in a secondary sense, a symbol of pagan Rome.” *The Great Controversy*, 439.

UNTIL HE BE TAKEN OUT OF THE WAY

Let no man deceive you by any means: for *that day shall not come*, except there come **a falling away first**, and that **man of sin** be revealed, **the son of perdition**; Who

opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?

And now ye know **what withholdeth** that he might be revealed in his time.

For **the mystery of iniquity** doth already work: only **he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way**. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: *Even him*, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness. 2 Thessalonians 2: 3–12.

Leteth and withholdeth: restrains.

THE TWO PHASES OF ROME

TWO KINGDOMS:

Daniel 2—two iron legs: 2:33, 40

Daniel 7—the diverse kings: 7:7, 19, 23, 24

Daniel 8—the little horn: 8:9

Daniel 11—the king of the north: 11:16, 31

TWO DESOLATING POWERS:

The daily and the transgression of desolation: 8:13

The daily and the abomination of desolation: 11:31: 12:11

TREADING DOWN:

After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and **stamped the residue with the feet of it**: and it *was* diverse from all the beasts that *were* before it; and it had ten horns.

Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth *were of iron*, and his nails *of brass*; *which* devoured, brake in pieces, and **stamped the residue with his feet**.

Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and **shall tread it down**, and break it in pieces. Daniel 7:7, 19, 23.

PLURAL DESOLATIONS

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

2,300 YEARS:

Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain *saint* which spake, How long *shall be* the vision *concerning* the daily *sacrifice*, and the transgression of desolation, to give both **the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot**? Daniel 8:13.

AD 70:

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

DARK AGES:

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

THE 2520 YEAR TIME PROPHECY

LEVITICUS 26:18, 21, 24, 28	=2520 YEARS
DANIEL 4—SEVEN TIMES	=2,520 YEARS
DANIEL 5—MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN	=2,520 YEARS

In the ninth year of Hoshea the king of Assyria took Samaria, and **carried Israel away into Assyria**, and placed them in Halah and in Habor *by* the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes. Until the Lord removed Israel out of his sight, **as he had said by all his servants the prophets**. So was Israel carried away out of their own land to Assyria unto this day. 2 Kings 17:6, 23.

James Usher's Chronology dates this as 723 BC.

THE YEAR 723 BC, PLUS 2,520 YEARS—ENDS IN 1798.

Paganism tramples down the sanctuary and the host for 1260 years and Papalism tramples down the sanctuary and host for 1260 years.

"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.

"SCENES SIMILAR TO THOSE DESCRIBED IN THESE WORDS WILL TAKE PLACE."

VERSE THIRTY:

shall be grieved, and return

have indignation against the holy covenant
have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant
Pagan Rome has intelligence with them the Papal power—they that forsake the
.holy covenant:

Let no man deceive you by any means: for *that day shall not come*, except there
come **a falling away first**, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition. 2
Thessalonians 2:3.

VERSE THIRTY-ONE:

THE PAPACY BECOMES THE SUBJECT

And arms shall stand on his part
they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength
shall take away the daily *sacrifice*
they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate

His: the papacy
Arms: military & economic power of seven European kings
Sanctuary of strength: the city of Rome
The daily: paganism
The abomination that maketh desolate: the papacy

And arms shall stand on his part—From 496 through 508 and beyond the military
and economic support of the seven European kings took up the work of establishing the
papacy on the throne of the earth.

The first European king to bow to the papacy was Clovis kings of France in 496.
The last of the seven was Arthur king of England in 508.

“They”; the “arms”; the military power of the seven European kings would wage
warfare that was primarily directed against the city of Rome, the sanctuary of strength
after the year 330 until 538.

The destruction brought upon the city of Rome “polluted” the city.

Sanctuary—Miqdash, *Strong's* 4720: 8:11; 9:17. As opposed to qodesh, *Strong's*
6944: 8:13, 14, 9:26.

“They”; the “arms”; the military power of the seven European kings would
remove paganism as the official religion of each of their seven countries as they bowed to
Rome.

Clovis began the process in 496 and Arthur ended it in 508.

When the process was complete the religion of paganism had been “taken away”.

“They”; the “arms”; the military power of the seven European kings would place
the papacy, “the abomination that maketh desolate” on the throne of the earth in 538.

THE SEQUENCE

Intelligence between the papacy and the power that will place the papacy.

The power that will place the papacy stands up for the papacy.

The power that will place the papacy pollutes its prophetic source of strength.

The power that will place the papacy progressively removes its religious profession—seven kings, one at a time.

The power that will place the papacy—places the papacy on the throne of the earth.

DANIEL 11:31–36

Intelligence between the pagan Rome and the papacy—before 538.

The seven European kings stand up for the papacy, from 496 and onward.

The seven European kings engage in warfare focused upon the city of Rome.

One by one the seven European kings remove the religion of paganism as the legal national religion.

The seven European kings place the papacy on the throne of the earth.

DANIEL 11:40–43

Reagan opens secret dialogue with papacy, using the Central *Intelligence* Agency as his avenue of communication—VERSE 40.

Reagan and the United States stand up for the papacy in the struggle against the Soviet Union—VERSE 40.

The United States destroys its prophetic strength—the Constitution—at the Sunday law—VERSE 41.

The United States ceases to be Protestant and becomes apostate Protestant—VERSE 40 & 41.

The United States places the papacy on the throne of the earth, the deadly wound is healed—VERSES 42 & 43.

IDAHO MEETING
ROME ESTABLISHES THE VISION
SERMON NUMBER EIGHT

THE VISION

And in those times there shall many stand up against the king of the south: also **the robbers of thy people** shall exalt themselves **to establish the vision**; but they shall fall. Daniel 11:14.

THE VISION

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

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

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

But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many. And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him. Daniel 11:40–45.

THEY THAT BE WISE

And **they that be wise** shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever. But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, *even* to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased. Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and **none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand**. Daniel 12:3, 4, 10.

TWO VISIONS

Mareh: *Strongs* 4758, appearance—**snapshot**. Daniel 8:16, 17, 26 first vision, 27; 10:1, (7 twice, 8 feminine), 16.

Chazown: *Strongs* 2377, **complete**. Daniel 8:1, 2 twice, 13, 15, 26 second vision; 9:21, 23, 24; 10:14; 11:14.

THE SNAPSHOT VISION OF THE EVENING AND MORNING

And the **snapshot** vision of the evening and the morning which was told *is* true: wherefore shut thou up the **complete** vision; for it *shall be* for many days. Daniel 8:26.

THE VISION OF THE EVENINGS AND MORNINGS

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

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

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

THE APPEARANCE OF A MAN

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

UNDERSTAND THE SNAPSHOT

And I heard a man's voice between *the banks of* Ulai, which called, and said, Gabriel, make this *man* to **understand** the **snapshot** vision. So he came near where I stood: and when he came, I was afraid, and fell upon my face: but he said unto me, **Understand**, O son of man: for at the time of the end *shall be* the **snapshot** vision. Daniel 8:16, 17.

DANIEL UNDERSTANDS THE SNAPSHOT VISION

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

And I Daniel alone saw the **snapshot** vision: for the men that were with me saw not the **snapshot** vision; but a great quaking fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves. Therefore I was left alone, and saw this great **snapshot** vision, and there remained no strength in me: for my comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and I retained no strength. And, behold, *one* like the similitude of the sons of men touched my lips: then I opened my mouth, and spake, and said unto him that stood before me, O my lord, by the **snapshot** vision my sorrows are turned upon me, and I have retained no strength. For how can the servant of this my lord talk with this my lord? for as for me,

straightway there remained no strength in me, neither is there breath left in me. Daniel 10:1, 7, 8, 16, 17.

THE SNAPSHOT VISION IS TRUE

And the **snapshot** vision of the evening and the morning which was told *is true*: wherefore shut thou up the complete vision; for it *shall be* for many days. Daniel 8:26.

In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a thing was revealed unto Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar; and **the thing was true**, but the time appointed *was long*: and he understood the thing, and had understanding of the **snapshot** vision. Daniel 10:1.

THE SNAPSHOT VISION AT THE HIDDEKEL

And in the four and twentieth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, which *is* **Hiddekel**. Daniel 10:4.

THE FOUNDATIONAL QUESTION FOR ADVENTISM

Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain *saint* which spake, How long *shall be* the **complete** vision *concerning* the daily *sacrifice*, and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot? Daniel 8:13.

THE SUBJECT OF THE COMPLETE VISION

Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain *saint* which spake, How long *shall be* the **complete** vision *concerning* **the daily sacrifice, and the transgression of desolation**, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot? Daniel 8:13.

THE ACTION OF THE COMPLETE VISION

Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain *saint* which spake, How long *shall be* the **complete** vision *concerning* the daily *sacrifice*, and the transgression of desolation, to give both **the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot**? Daniel 8:13.

THE COMPLETE VISION OF THE ULAI

In the third year of the reign of king Belshazzar a **complete** vision appeared unto me, *even unto* me Daniel, after that which appeared unto me at the first. And I saw in a **complete** vision; and it came to pass, when I saw, that I *was* at Shushan *in* the palace, which *is* in the province of Elam; and I saw in a **complete** vision, and I was by **the river of Ulai**. Daniel 8:1–2.

SHUT UP THE COMPLETE VISION

And the **snapshot** vision of the evening and the morning which was told *is true*: wherefore shut thou up the **complete** vision; for it *shall be* for many days. And I Daniel fainted, and was sick *certain* days; afterward I rose up, and did the king's business; and I was astonished at the **snapshot** vision, but none understood *it*. Daniel 8:26, 27.

UNDERSTANDING THE COMPLETE VISION

Yea, whiles I *was* speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the **complete** vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation. And he informed *me*, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and **understanding**. At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to show *thee*; for thou *art* greatly beloved: therefore understand the matter, and consider the **complete** vision. Daniel 9:21–23.

THE COMPLETE VISION’S THEME

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

THE COMPLETE VISION IS ESTABLISHED BY ROME

And in those times there shall many stand up against the king of the south: also the robbers of thy people shall exalt themselves to establish the **complete** vision; but they shall fall. Daniel 11:14.

HABAKKUK AND THE COMPLETE VISION

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 reprov'd. And the Lord answered me, and said, Write the **complete** vision, and make *it* plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. For the **complete** 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.

INSTRUCTION ESPECIALLY ADAPTED

“Interwoven with prophecies which they had regarded as applying to the time of the second advent was **instruction specially adapted to their state of uncertainty and suspense**, and encouraging them to wait patiently in the faith that what was now dark to their **understanding** would in due time be made plain.

“Among these prophecies was that of Habakkuk 2:1-4: ‘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 reprov'd. 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.’

“As early as 1842 the direction given in this prophecy to ‘write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it,’ had suggested to Charles Fitch the preparation of a prophetic chart to illustrate the visions of Daniel and the Revelation. The publication of this chart was regarded as a fulfillment of the command given by Habakkuk. No one, however, then noticed than an apparent delay in the accomplishment

of the vision—a tarrying time—is presented in the same prophecy. After the disappointment, this scripture appeared very significant: ‘The vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry. . . . The just shall live by his faith.’

“A portion of Ezekiel’s prophecy also was a source of strength and comfort to believers: ‘The word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Son of man, what is that proverb that ye have in the land of Israel, saying, The days are prolonged, and every **complete** vision faileth? Tell them therefore, Thus saith the Lord God. . . . The days are at hand, and the effect of every **complete** vision. . . . I will speak, and the word that I shall speak shall come to pass; it shall be no more prolonged.’ ‘They of the house of Israel say, The vision that he seeth is for many days to come, and he prophesieth of the times that are far off. Therefore say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; There shall none of My words be prolonged any more, but the word which I have spoken shall be done.’ Ezekiel 12:21–25, 27, 28.

“The waiting ones rejoiced, believing that He who knows the end from the beginning had looked down through the ages and, foreseeing their disappointment, had given them words of courage and hope. Had it not been for such portions of Scripture, admonishing them to wait with patience and to hold fast their confidence in God’s word, their faith would have failed in that trying hour.

“The parable of the ten virgins of Matthew 25 also illustrates the experience of the Adventist people.” *The Great Controversy*, 391–393.

THE COMPLETE VISION IS CONNECTED TO THE TEN VIRGINS

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 **complete** vision, and make *it* plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. For the **complete** 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.

THE DAYS ARE AT HAND

And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

Son of man, what *is* that proverb *that* ye have in the land of Israel, saying, The days are prolonged, and every **complete** vision faileth?

Tell them therefore, Thus saith the Lord God; I will make this proverb to cease, and they shall no more use it as a proverb in Israel; but say unto them, The days are at hand, and the effect of every **complete** vision. For there shall be no more any vain **complete** vision nor flattering divination within the house of Israel. For I *am* the Lord: I will speak, and the word that I shall speak shall come to pass; it shall be no more

prolonged: for in your days, O rebellious house, will I say the word, and will perform it, saith the Lord God. Again the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

Son of man, behold, *they of the house of Israel* say, The **complete** vision that he seeth *is for many days to come*, and he prophesieth of the times *that are far off*. Therefore say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; There shall none of my words be prolonged any more, but the word which I have spoken shall be done, saith the Lord God. Ezekiel 12:21–28.

HIDDEN TREASURE

“The Bible was designed to be a guide to all who wish to become acquainted with the will of their Maker. God gave to men the sure word of prophecy; angels and even Christ Himself came to make known to Daniel and John the things that must shortly come to pass. **Those important matters that concern our salvation were not left involved in mystery. They were not revealed in such a way as to perplex and mislead the honest seeker after truth.** Said the Lord by the prophet Habakkuk: ‘Write the vision, and make it plain, . . . that he may run that readeth it.’ Habakkuk 2:2. The word of God is plain to all who study it with a prayerful heart. Every truly honest soul will come to the light of truth. ‘Light is sown for the righteous.’ Psalm 97:11. And **no church can advance in holiness unless its members are earnestly seeking for truth as for hid treasure.**” *The Great Controversy*, 521.

THE GREAT RIVERS OF SHINAR

“The Holy Spirit has so shaped matters, both in the giving of the prophecy and in the events portrayed, as to teach that the human agent is to be kept out of sight, hid in Christ, and that the Lord God of heaven and His law are to be exalted. Read the book of Daniel. Call up, point by point, the history of the kingdoms there represented. Behold statesmen, councils, powerful armies, and see how God wrought to abase the pride of men, and lay human glory in the dust. . . .

“The light that Daniel received from God was given especially for these last days. The visions he saw by the banks of the Ulai and the Hiddekel, the great rivers of Shinar, are now in process of fulfillment, and all the events foretold will soon come to pass.

“Consider the circumstances of the Jewish nation when the prophecies of Daniel were given.” *Testimonies to Ministers*, 112, 113.

And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, Give me the little book. And he said unto me, Take *it*, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey. And I took the little book out of the angel’s hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter. Revelation 10:9–10.

ZECHARIAH THREE

“Zechariah’s vision of Joshua and the Angel applies with peculiar force to the experience of God’s people in the closing scenes of the great day of atonement.” *Prophets and Kings*, 587.

A MAN THAT IS WAKENED

And the angel that talked with me came again, and waked me, as a man that is wakened out of his sleep, And said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a candlestick all *of* gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which *are* upon the top thereof: And two olive trees by it, one upon the right *side* of the bowl, and the other upon the left *side* thereof.

So I answered and spake to the angel that talked with me, saying, What *are* these, my lord?

Then the angel that talked with me answered and said unto me, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord. Zechariah 4:1–5.

THE COMPLETE VISION—QUESTION?

Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain *saint* which spake, How long *shall be* the **complete** vision *concerning* the daily *sacrifice*, and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot? Daniel 8:13.

THE SNAPSHOT VISION—ANSWER!

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

THE COMPLETE VISION

And in those times there shall many stand up against the king of the south: also **the robbers of thy people** shall exalt themselves **to establish the vision**; but they shall fall. Daniel 11:14.

THE SNAPSHOT VISION

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

IDAHO MEETING POWER, SEAT AND AUTHORITY

SERMON NUMBER NINE

And in those times there shall many stand up against the king of the south: also the robbers of thy people shall exalt themselves to establish the vision; but they shall fall. Daniel 11:14.

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

“Thus while the dragon, primarily, represents Satan, it is, in a secondary sense, a symbol of pagan Rome.” *The Great Controversy*, 439.

“In the sixth century the papacy had become firmly established. Its seat of power was fixed in the imperial city, and the bishop of Rome was declared to be the head over the entire church. Paganism had given place to the papacy. The dragon had given to the beast ‘his power, and his seat, and great authority.’ Revelation 13:2. And now began the 1260 years of papal oppression foretold in the prophecies of Daniel and the Revelation. Daniel 7:25; Revelation 13:5-7.” *The Great Controversy*, 55.

Seat: In the year 330, Constantine moves capital of Empire from the city of Rome to the city of Constantinople.

Power: Beginning with Clovis, king of France in 496, the seven European kings of Daniel seven, form church-state alliances with the papacy and surrender their military power to do the papacies biddings. The last of the seven was Arthur, king of England in 508.

Authority: In 533, Justinian identifies the pope of Rome as the “corrector of heretics” and the “head of the churches”, thus in principle surrendering the civil authority of the Empire unto the papacy.

THE PLACE OF HIS SANCTUARY, BY REASON OF TRANSGRESSION

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

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

Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain *saint* which spake, How long *shall be* the vision *concerning* the daily *sacrifice*, and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot? And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed. Daniel 8:11–14.

THE TIME APPOINTED

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

And both these kings' hearts *shall be* to do mischief, and they shall speak lies at one table; but it shall not prosper: for yet the end *shall be* at **the time appointed**.

At **the time appointed** he shall return, and come toward the south; but it shall not be as the former, or as the latter. Daniel 11:24, 27, 29.

INTELLIGENCE, POLLUTION & TAKING AWAY

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

TAKING AWAY

And from the time *that* the daily *sacrifice* shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, *there shall be* a thousand two hundred and ninety days. Blessed *is* he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days. Daniel 12:11–12.

NATIONAL APOSTASY FOLLOWED BY NATIONAL RUIN

And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound. The first angel [**Aleric**] sounded, . . .

And the second angel [**Genseric**] sounded, . . .

And the third angel [**Attila the Hun**] sounded, . . .

And the fourth angel [**Odeacer**] sounded, . . .

And the fifth angel [**Mohammed–Islam**] sounded, . . . Revelation 8:6–9:2.

THE SEAT OF SATAN

I know thy works and where thou dwellest [**Pergamos**], *even* where Satan's seat *is*: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days

wherein Antipas *was* my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth.

And unto the angel of the church in **Thyatira** write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet *are* like fine brass; I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last *to be* more than the first. Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman **Jezebel**, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols. Revelation 2:13, 18–20.

Seat: In the year 330, Constantine moves capital of Empire from the city of Rome to the city of Constantinople.

Power: Beginning with Clovis, king of France in 496, the seven European kings of Daniel seven, form church-state alliances with the papacy and surrender their military power to do the papacies bidding. The last of the seven was Arthur, king of England in 508.

Authority: In 533, Justinian identifies the pope of Rome as the “corrector of heretics” and the “head of the churches”, thus in principle surrendering the civil authority of the Empire unto the papacy.

SEAT:

And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will show unto thee the judgment of **the great whore that sitteth upon many waters**: So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and **I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast**, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. And here *is* the mind which hath wisdom. **The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth**. And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, **where the whore sitteth**, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues. And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, **which reigneth over the kings of the earth**. Revelation 17:1, 3, 9, 15, 18.

“As we approach the last crisis, it is of vital moment that harmony and unity exist among the Lord’s instrumentalities. The world is filled with storm and war and variance. **Yet under one head**—the papal power—the people will unite to oppose God in the person of His witnesses. This union is cemented by the great apostate.” *Testimonies*, volume 7, 182.

POWER:

And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. Revelation 13:11–12.

AUTHORITY:

And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received **no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.**

These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.

For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and **to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast**, until the words of God shall be fulfilled. Revelation 17:12, 13, 17.

DANIEL EIGHT

Yea, he [**pagan Rome**] magnified *himself* even to the prince of the host, and by him the daily [**paganism**] was taken away [**lifted up and exalted**], and the place of his sanctuary [**the city of Rome**] was cast down [**by Constantine in 330**].

And an host [**military power**] was given *him* [**the papacy**] against the daily [**the Heruli, Ostrogoth and Vandals**] by reason of transgression [**combination of church and state**], and it [**the papacy**] cast down the truth to the ground; and it practiced, and prospered.

Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain *saint* which spake, How long *shall be* the vision *concerning* the daily [**pagan desolating power**], and the transgression [**papal desolating power**] of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host [**God's sanctuary and people**] to be trodden under foot? And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed. Daniel 8:11–14.

DANIEL ELEVEN AND THE YEAR 330

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

And both these kings' hearts *shall be* to do mischief, and they shall speak lies at one table; but it shall not prosper: for yet the end *shall be* at **the time appointed**.

At **the time appointed** he shall return, and come toward the south; but it shall not be as the former, or as the latter. Daniel 11:24, 27, 29.

At the battle of Actium in the year 31BC, pagan Rome conquered the third geographical obstacle identified in prophecy, and then ruled the world supremely for 360 years. At the end of that time period, the year 330, the “time appointed” for the time prophecy to conclude—Constantine moved the capital of the Empire from Rome to Constantinople.

DANIEL ELEVEN VERSES THIRTY AND THIRTY-ONE

For the ships of Chittim [**Genseric, the second trumpet**] shall come against him [**pagan Rome**]: therefore he shall be grieved [**the Empire is crumbling**], and return, and

have indignation against the holy covenant [**historic warfare against the Bible during that history**] : so shall he do; he [**pagan Rome**] shall even return, and have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant [**the papacy**]. And arms [**the military power of the seven European kings**] shall stand on his [**the papacy**] part, and they [**the military power of the seven European kings**] shall pollute the sanctuary of strength [**the city of Rome**], and [**the military power of the seven European kings**] shall take away [**remove**] the daily [**the religion of paganism as the official and legal religion of their countries**], and they [**the military power of the seven European kings**] shall place the abomination that maketh desolate **the papacy on the throne of the earth in 538**]. Daniel 11:30–31.

DANIEL TWELVE

And from the time [**508**] *that* the daily [**paganism, as the legal religion of the seven European kingdoms**] shall be taken away [**removed**], and the abomination that maketh desolate [**the papacy**] set up [**538**], *there shall be* a thousand two hundred and ninety days. Blessed *is* he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days. Daniel 12:11–12.

THE TRUMPETS

And the fourth angel [**Odeacer**] sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise.

And the fifth angel [**Mohammed–Islam**] sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit. And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit. Revelation 8:12, 9:1–2.

The trumpets began to blow, symbolizing the Providential forces that brought about the disintegration of the Roman Empire after Constantine cast down the city of Rome as the capital of the Empire. The first four trumpets brought down Western Rome by 476, and Mohammed was raised up to oppose the papacy. Therefore the fourth trumpet encompasses the history prior to 538 and the fifth trumpet begins after 538.

REVELATION TWO

I know thy works and where thou dwellest [**Pergamos**], *even* where Satan's seat *is*: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas *was* my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth.

And unto the angel of the church in **Thyatira** write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet *are* like fine brass; I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last *to be* more than the first. Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman **Jezebel**, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to

seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.
Revelation 2:13, 18–20.

“Thus while the dragon, primarily, represents Satan, it is, in a secondary sense, a symbol of pagan Rome.” *The Great Controversy*, 439.

IDAHO MEETING THREE ELIJAHS—OUR MESSAGE

SERMON NUMBER TEN

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.

“In the Revelation all the books of the Bible meet and end.” *Acts of the Apostles*, 581.

MODERN BABYLON

And **the great city was divided into three parts**, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath. Revelation 16:19.

A CITY

A city in Bible prophecy is a kingdom. See Revelation 11:8 where the city represents the kingdom of France; Revelation 11:13, where one tenth of the city is once again France, but the city is the kingdom of pagan Rome which was divided into ten nations, of which France was a tenth; Revelation 14:8; 17:8; 18:10, 16, 18, 19, 21 where the kingdom of spiritual Babylon is identified at the end of time; and Revelation 3:12; 11:2; 14:20; 20:9; 21:2, 10, 14–16, 18, 19, 21, 23; 22:19 where the holy city Jerusalem represents God’s kingdom.

And **the great city was divided into three parts**, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.

And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs *come* out of the mouth of the **dragon**, and out of the mouth of the **beast**, and out of the mouth of the **false prophet**. Revelation 16:19–12.

PROTESTANTISM THE ROMAN POWER & SPIRITUALISM

“By the decree enforcing the institution of the papacy in violation of the law of God, our nation will disconnect herself fully from righteousness. When **Protestantism**

shall stretch her hand across the gulf to grasp the hand of **the Roman power**, when she shall reach over the abyss to clasp hands with **spiritualism**, when, under the influence of this threefold union, our country shall repudiate every principle of its Constitution as a Protestant and republican government, and shall make provision for the propagation of papal falsehoods and delusions, then we may know that the time has come for the marvelous working of Satan and that the end is near.” *Testimonies*, volume 5, 451.

DANIEL 11:41 AND ISAIAH 11:14

Edom, Moab and the children of Ammon

THE RE-BUILDING OF JERUSALEM

Sanballat, Tobiah and Geshem the Arabian

NUMBERS 22

Moab, Midian and Balaam from the land of the children of his people

THE CROSS

Latin, Hebrew and Greek

THE THREE ELIJAHS

Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse. Malachi 4:5.

And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said unto him, *Art* thou he that troubleth Israel? And he answered, I have not troubled Israel; but thou, and thy father’s house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the Lord, and thou hast followed Baalim. Now therefore send, *and* gather to me all Israel unto mount Carmel, and the prophets of Baal four hundred and fifty, and the prophets of the groves four hundred, which eat at Jezebel’s table.

So Ahab sent unto all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together unto mount Carmel. And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the Lord *be* God, follow him: but if Baal, *then* follow him. And the people answered him not a word. Then said Elijah unto the people, I, *even* I only, remain a prophet of the Lord; but Baal’s prophets *are* four hundred and fifty men. 1 Kings 18:17–22.

And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and withal how he had slain all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger unto Elijah, saying, So let the

gods do *to me*, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by to morrow about this time.

And when he saw *that*, he arose, and went for his life, and came to Beersheba, which *belongeth* to Judah, and left his servant there. 1 Kings 19:1–3.

And when the messengers of John were departed, he began to speak unto the people concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness for to see? A reed shaken with the wind? But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? Behold, they which are gorgeously apparelled, and live delicately, are in kings' courts. But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? Yea, I say unto you, and much more than a prophet. This is *he*, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee. For I say unto you, Among those that are born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist: but he that is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he. Luke 7:24–28.

For Herod had laid hold on John, and bound him, and put *him* in prison for Herodias' sake, his brother Philip's wife. For John said unto him, It is not lawful for thee to have her. And when he would have put him to death, he feared the multitude, because they counted him as a prophet.

But when Herod's birthday was kept, the daughter of Herodias danced before them, and pleased Herod. Whereupon he promised with an oath to give her whatsoever she would ask. And she, being before instructed of her mother, said, Give me here John Baptist's head in a charger.

And the king was sorry: nevertheless for the oath's sake, and them which sat with him at meat, he commanded *it* to be given *her*. And he sent, and beheaded John in the prison. And his head was brought in a charger, and given to the damsel: and she brought *it* to her mother. Matthew 14:3–11.

THE BEAST DRAGON AND FALSE PROPHET

DANCE OF DECEPTION—DECIEIVING POWER: FALSE PROPHET, UNITED STATES

The prophets of Baal and Salome the daughter of Herodias performed a dance of deception

KINGS—CIVIL AUTHORITIES: DRAGON, UNITED NATIONS

Herod and Ahab are the civil authorities

IMPURE WOMAN—IMPURE CHURCH: BEAST, VATICAN

Jezebel & Salome

THE CAUSE: COMBINATION OF CHURCH AND STATE

Unlawful marriage

THE EFFECT—THE MESSAGE

Elijah told Ahab “Your house is the troubler” and John rebuked Herod because he had married his brother's wife

THE WOMAN IS BEHIND THE SCENES PULLING THE STRINGS

Salome was under direction of mother—prophets of Baal under direction of Jezebel

THE ISSUE

The woman's right to deal with heretics

IMPRISONED

Ahab could not catch Elijah, but Herod laid hold on John, and bound him, and put *him* in prison for Herodias' sake

THE INTENT IS DEATH

A PUBLIC EVENT

Mount Carmel—Herod's birthday

CIVIL POWER DECEIVED

Ahab went quickly to inform Jezebel—And Herod was sorry: nevertheless for the oath's sake, and them which sat with him at meat, he commanded *it* to be given *her*.

THE BEAST DRAGON AND FALSE PROPHET

THE DANCE OF DECEPTION—DECIEVING POWER: FALSE PROPHET, USA

The prophets of Baal & Salome did the dance of deception

HE MAKETH FIRE COME DOWN FROM HEAVEN

And he doeth great wonders, so that **he maketh fire come down from heaven** on the earth in the sight of men, 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. Revelation 13:13–14.

“But the stern tracing of the prophetic pencil reveals a change in this peaceful scene. The beast with lamblike horns speaks with the voice of a dragon, and “exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him.” Prophecy declares that he will **say to them that dwell on the earth that they should make an image to the beast**, and that “he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads; and that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.” Thus **Protestantism follows in the steps of the Papacy.**” *Signs of the Times*, November 1, 1899.

KINGS—CIVIL AUTHORITIES: DRAGON, UNITED NATIONS

Herod and Ahab are the civil authorities

I know thy works and where thou dwellest, *even* where Satan's seat *is*: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas

was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth. Revelation 2:13.

“Thus while the dragon, primarily, represents Satan, it is, in a secondary sense, a symbol of pagan Rome.” *The Great Controversy*, 439.

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

IMPURE WOMAN—IMPURE CHURCH: BEAST, VATICAN

Jezebel & Salome

Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols. Revelation 2:20.

“In this time of prevailing iniquity, the Protestant churches that have rejected a ‘Thus saith the Lord,’ will reach a strange pass. They will be converted to the world. In their separation from God, they will seek to make falsehood and apostasy from God the law of the nation. They will work upon the rulers of the land to make laws **to restore the lost ascendancy of the man of sin, who sits in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.** The Roman Catholic principles will be taken under the protection of the state. The protest of Bible truth will no longer be tolerated by those who have not made the law of God their rule of life.” *Review and Herald*, December 21, 1897.

IDAHO MEETING THREE ROMES

SERMON NUMBER ELEVEN

BABYLON IS FALLEN, IS FALLEN

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

TWICE FALLEN

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

In that night was Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans slain. And Darius the Median took the kingdom, *being* about threescore and two years old. Daniel 5:30–31.

UPON THE TESTIMONY OF TWO

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

“John separated himself from friends, and from the luxuries of life. The simplicity of his dress, a garment woven of camel's hair, was a standing rebuke to the extravagance and display of the Jewish priests, and of the people generally. His diet, purely vegetable, of locusts and wild honey, was a rebuke to the indulgence of appetite, and the gluttony that everywhere prevailed. The prophet Malachi declares, ‘Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord; and he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers.’ Here the prophet describes the character of the work. Those who are to prepare the way for the second coming of Christ, are represented by faithful Elijah, as John came in the spirit of Elijah to prepare the way for Christ's first advent.” *Counsels on Diet and Foods*, 71.

THREE ROMES

PAGAN ROME—PERSECUTING POWER

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PAGAN ROME—DESOLATING POWER; THE DAILY DESOLATING POWER

PAPAL ROME—DESOLATING POWER; THE ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION

PAGAN ROME—PONTIFEX MAXIMUS

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PAGAN ROME'S RELIGION—PAGANISM

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PAGAN ROME—SUN WORSHIPPERS

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PAGAN ROME—ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION IN AD 70 TIME-PERIOD

PAPAL ROME—ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION IN 1260 70 TIME-PERIOD

PAGAN ROME—REPRESENTS STATE-CRAFT

PAPAL ROME—REPRESENTS CHURCH-CRAFT

PAGAN ROME—TIME PROPHECY IDENTIFYING HOW LONG IT WOULD RULE SUPREME

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PAPAL ROME—RULED SUPREME FROM THE CITY OF ROME

PAGAN ROME—COUNTERFEITS JERUSALEM AND GOD

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VERSE FORTY—THE KING OF THE SOUTH

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

VERSE FORTY-ONE—THE GLORIOUS LAND

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

VERSE FORTY-TWO AND FORTY-THREE—EGYPT

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

THE KING OF THE SOUTH: THE SOVIET UNION

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

THE GLORIOUS LAND: THE UNITED STATES

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

EGYPT: THE COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD—THE UNITED NATIONS

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

THE DEADLY WOUND HEALED

“And let it be remembered, it is the boast of Rome that she never changes. The principles of Gregory VII and Innocent III are still the principles of the Roman Catholic Church. **And had she but the power, she would put them in practice with as much vigor now as in past centuries.** Protestants little know what they are doing when they propose to accept the aid of Rome in the work of Sunday exaltation. While they are bent upon the accomplishment of their purpose, **Rome is aiming to re-establish her power, to recover her lost supremacy.** Let the principle once be established in the United States that the church may employ or control the power of the state; that religious observances may be enforced by secular laws; in short, that the authority of church and state is to dominate the conscience, and the triumph of Rome in this country is assured.

“God’s word has given warning of the impending danger; let this be unheeded, and the Protestant world will learn what the purposes of Rome really are, only when it is too late to escape the snare. She is silently growing into power. Her doctrines are exerting their influence in legislative halls, in the churches, and in the hearts of men. She is piling up her lofty and massive structures in the secret recesses of which **her former persecutions will be repeated.** Stealthily and unsuspectedly she is strengthening her forces to further her own ends when the time shall come for her to strike. All that she desires is vantage ground, and this is already being given her. We shall soon see and shall feel what the purpose of the Roman element is. Whoever shall believe and obey the word of God will thereby incur reproach and persecution.” *The Great Controversy*, 581.

FORCED TO DESIST

“At the time when the Papacy, robbed of its strength, **was forced to desist from persecution**, John beheld a new power coming up to echo the dragon’s voice, and carry forward the same cruel and blasphemous work. This power, the last that is to wage war against the church and the law of God, is represented by a beast with lamblike horns. The beasts preceding it had risen from the sea; but this came up out of the earth, representing the peaceful rise of the nation which it symbolized—the United States.” *Signs of the Times*, February 8, 1910.

533 THROUGH 538

“Such was the position of affairs, when, in 533, Justinian entered upon his Vandal and Gothic wars. Wishing to secure the influence of the pope and the Catholic party, he issued that memorable decree which was to constitute the pope the head of all the churches, and from the carrying out of which, in 538, the period of papal supremacy is to be dated. And whoever will read the history of the African campaign, 533–534, and the Italian campaign, 534–538, will notice that the Catholics everywhere hailed as deliverers the army of Belisarius, the general of Justinian.” *Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation*, U. Smith, 151.

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

Power: 496 and onward

Seat: 330

Authority: 533

BEGAN TO RULE SUPREME IN 538!

A PROGRESSIVE CHANGE

“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.

“Notwithstanding the spiritual darkness and alienation from God that exist in the churches which constitute Babylon, the great body of Christ’s true followers are still to be found in their communion. There are many of these who have never seen the special truths for this time. Not a few are dissatisfied with their present condition and are longing for clearer light. They look in vain for the image of Christ in the churches with which they are connected. As these bodies depart further and further from the truth, and ally themselves more closely with the world, the difference between the two classes will widen, and it will finally result in separation. The time will come when those who love God supremely can no longer remain in connection with such as are ‘lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof.’

“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.

MILLERITE TIME-PERIOD

1842—Spiritual Fall: Denomination in USA closed the door on the Millerite message and ended up in perfect darkness.

DANIEL 11:40

1984—Political Fall: Reagan appoints an ambassador to the antichrist of Bible prophecy and forms a secret (now open) alliance. USA begins work as false prophet of Revelation 16.

DANIEL 11:41

The Sunday law—Cup of iniquity is full in USA. The USA forces the world to accept one-world government.

DANIEL 11:42–43

Egypt conquered—The ten kings (United Nations) agree to joint rule with papacy. Babylon has fully fallen.

DANIEL 11:40

1984—Political Fall: Reagan has intelligence with them who have forsaken the covenant. Reagan stands up for and begins to use military and economic power for the papal power.

DANIEL 11:41

The Sunday law—USA clasp hands with the papacy in an act of homage, “fully disconnecting” itself from righteousness. This action destroys the Constitution—the sanctuary of strength for the USA, and removing the religion of Protestantism and replacing it with apostate Protestantism.

DANIEL 11:42–43

Egypt conquered—The papacy returns to its former position of power, and persecution begins.

DANIEL 11:44–45

Persecution begins and the man of sin comes to his end.

ROME ESTABLISHES THE VISION

IDAHO MEETING
THREE ABOMINATION OF DESOLATIONS—THE
SANCTUARY OF STRENGTH

SERMON NUMBER TWELVE

TRIPLE APPLICATIONS OF PROPHECY

1. Babylon is fallen, is fallen equals the fall of modern Babylon
2. Pagan Rome and papal Rome equal modern Rome
3. Elijah the 1st and Elijah the 2nd equals God's people at the end
4. Three Woes
5. Three prophecies describing the healing of the deadly wound
6. Three abominations of desolation

STAND IN THE HOLY PLACE

When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house: Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.

And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day: For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened. Matthew 24:15–22.

STANDING WHERE IT OUGHT NOT

But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judaea flee to the mountains. Luke 13:14.

And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto. Luke 21:20–22.

PAGAN ROME'S ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION

“With the humble Teacher who had that day passed out from its golden gate, the glory had forever departed from the temple. Already were the Saviour's words fulfilled: ‘Your house is left unto you desolate.’ Matthew 23:38.

“The disciples had been filled with awe and wonder at Christ’s prediction of the overthrow of the temple, and they desired to understand more fully the meaning of His words. Wealth, labor, and architectural skill had for more than forty years been freely expended to enhance its splendors. Herod the Great had lavished upon it both Roman wealth and Jewish treasure, and even the emperor of the world had enriched it with his gifts. Massive blocks of white marble, of almost fabulous size, forwarded from Rome for this purpose, formed a part of its structure; and to these the disciples had called the attention of their Master, saying: ‘See what manner of stones and what buildings are here!’ Mark 13:1.

“To these words, Jesus made the solemn and startling reply: ‘Verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.’ Matthew 24:2.

“With the overthrow of Jerusalem the disciples associated the events of Christ’s personal coming in temporal glory to take the throne of universal empire, to punish the impenitent Jews, and to break from off the nation the Roman yoke. The Lord had told them that He would come the second time. Hence at the mention of judgments upon Jerusalem, their minds reverted to that coming; and as they were gathered about the Saviour upon the Mount of Olives, they asked: ‘When shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of Thy coming, and of the end of the world?’ Verse 3.

“The future was mercifully veiled from the disciples. Had they at that time fully comprehend the two awful facts—the Redeemer’s sufferings and death, and the destruction of their city and temple—they would have been overwhelmed with horror. Christ presented before them an outline of the prominent events to take place before the close of time. His words were not then fully understood; but their meaning was to be unfolded as His people should need the instruction therein given. The prophecy which He uttered was twofold in its meaning; while foreshadowing the destruction of Jerusalem, it prefigured also the terrors of the last great day.

“Jesus declared to the listening disciples the judgments that were to fall upon apostate Israel, and especially the retributive vengeance that would come upon them for their rejection and crucifixion of the Messiah. Unmistakable signs would precede the awful climax. The dreaded hour would come suddenly and swiftly. And the Saviour warned His followers: ‘When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) then let them which be in Judea flee into the mountains.’ Matthew 24:15, 16; Luke 21:20, 21. **When the idolatrous standards of the Romans should be set up in the holy ground**, which extended some furlongs outside the city walls, **then** the followers of Christ were to find safety in **flight**. When **the warning sign** should be **seen**, those who would escape must make no delay. Throughout the land of Judea, as well as in Jerusalem itself, **the signal for flight must be immediately obeyed**. He who chanced to be upon the housetop must not go down into his house, even to save his most valued treasures. Those who were working in the fields or vineyards must not take time to return for the outer garment laid aside while they should be toiling in the heat of the day. They must not hesitate a moment, lest they be involved in the general destruction. . . .

“All the predictions given by Christ concerning the destruction of Jerusalem were **fulfilled to the letter**. The Jews experienced the truth of His words of warning: ‘With what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.’ Matthew 7:2.

“Signs and wonders appeared, foreboding disaster and doom. In the midst of the night an unnatural light shone over the temple and the altar. Upon the clouds at sunset were pictured chariots and men of war gathering for battle. The priests ministering by night in the sanctuary were terrified by mysterious sounds; the earth trembled, and a multitude of voices were heard crying: ‘Let us depart hence.’ The great eastern gate, which was so heavy that it could hardly be shut by a score of men, and which was secured by immense bars of iron fastened deep in the pavement of solid stone, opened at midnight, without visible agency.—Milman, *The History of the Jews*, book 13.

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

“**Not one Christian perished in the destruction of Jerusalem**. Christ had given His disciples warning, and all who believed His words watched for the promised sign. ‘When ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies,’ said Jesus, ‘then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. Then let them which are in Judea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out.’ Luke 21:20, 21. **After the Romans under Cestius had surrounded the city, they unexpectedly abandoned the siege** when everything seemed favorable for an immediate attack. The besieged, despairing of successful resistance, were on the point of surrender, when the Roman general withdrew his forces without the least apparent reason. But God's merciful providence was directing events for the good of His own people. The promised sign had been given to the waiting Christians, and now an opportunity was offered for all who would, to obey the Saviour's warning. Events were so overruled that neither Jews nor Romans should hinder the flight of the Christians. Upon the retreat of Cestius, the Jews, sallying from Jerusalem, pursued after his retiring army; and while both forces were thus fully engaged, the Christians had an opportunity to leave the city. At this time the country also had been cleared of enemies who might have endeavored to intercept them. At the time of the siege, the Jews were assembled at Jerusalem to keep the Feast of Tabernacles, and thus the Christians throughout the land were able to make their escape unmolested. Without delay they fled to a place of safety—the city of Pella, in the land of Perea, beyond Jordan.” *The Great Controversy*, 24–30.

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4. After the sign was placed, the Romans temporarily withdrew
5. To not obey the sign was certain death

PAPAL ROME’S ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION

Let no man deceive you by any means: for *that day shall not come*, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? 2 Thessalonians 2:3–5.

But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty *and* two months. And I will give *power* unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred *and* threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. Revelation 11:2–3.

“But there is no union between the Prince of light and the prince of darkness, and there can be no union between their followers. When Christians consented to unite with those who were but half converted from paganism, they entered upon a path which led further and further from the truth. Satan exulted that he had succeeded in deceiving so large a number of the followers of Christ. He then brought his power to bear more fully upon these, and inspired them to persecute those who remained true to God. None understood so well how to oppose the true Christian faith as did those who had once been its defenders; and these apostate Christians, uniting with their half-pagan companions, directed their warfare against the most essential features of the doctrines of Christ.

“It required a desperate struggle for those who would be faithful to stand firm against the deceptions and abominations which were disguised in sacerdotal garments and introduced into the church. The Bible was not accepted as the standard of faith. The doctrine of religious freedom was termed heresy, and its upholders were hated and proscribed.

“After a long and severe conflict, the faithful few decided to dissolve all union with the apostate church if she still refused to free herself from falsehood and idolatry. They saw that separation was an absolute necessity if they would obey the word of God. They dared not tolerate errors fatal to their own souls, and set an example which would imperil the faith of their children and children’s children. To secure peace and unity they were ready to make any concession consistent with fidelity to God; but they felt that even peace would be too dearly purchased at the sacrifice of principle. If unity could be secured only by the compromise of truth and righteousness, then let there be difference, and even war.

“Well would it be for the church and the world if the principles that actuated those steadfast souls were revived in the hearts of God’s professed people. There is an alarming indifference in regard to the doctrines which are the pillars of the Christian faith. The opinion is gaining ground, that, after all, these are not of vital importance. This degeneracy is strengthening the hands of the agents of Satan, so that false theories and fatal delusions which the faithful in ages past imperiled their lives to resist and expose, are now regarded with favor by thousands who claim to be followers of Christ.

“The early Christians were indeed a peculiar people. Their blameless deportment and unswerving faith were a continual reproof that disturbed the sinner’s peace. Though few in numbers, without wealth, position, or honorary titles, they were a terror to evildoers wherever their character and doctrines were known. Therefore they were hated by the wicked, even as Abel was hated by the ungodly Cain. For the same reason that Cain slew Abel, did those who sought to throw off the restraint of the Holy Spirit, put to death God’s people. It was for the same reason that the Jews rejected and crucified the Saviour—because the purity and holiness of His character was a constant rebuke to their selfishness and corruption. From the days of Christ until now His faithful disciples have excited the hatred and opposition of those who love and follow the ways of sin.” *The Great Controversy*, 45–46.

THE EARTH HELPED THE WOMAN— THE EARTH OPENED HER MOUTH

And **the woman fled into the wilderness**, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred *and* threescore days. And to **the woman** were given two wings of a great eagle, **that she might fly into the wilderness**, into her place, where she is nourished for **a time, and times, and half a time**, from the face of the serpent. And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood. And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth. Revelation 12:6, 14–16.

THE EARTH BEAST

And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and **he spake as a dragon**. Revelation 13:11.

A STRIKING CONTRADICTION

“The lamblike horns and **dragon voice** of the symbol point to **a striking contradiction between the professions and the practice of the nation thus represented**. The ‘speaking’ of the nation is the action of its legislative and judicial authorities. By such action it will give the lie to those liberal and peaceful principles which it has put forth as the foundation of its policy. The prediction that it will speak ‘as a dragon’ and exercise ‘all the power of the first beast’ plainly foretells a development of the spirit of intolerance and persecution that was manifested by the nations represented by the dragon and the leopardlike beast.” *The Great Controversy*, 442.

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MODERN ROME’S ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION

“It is no time now for God’s people to be fixing their affections or laying up their treasure in the world. The time is not far distant, when, like the early disciples, we shall be forced to seek a refuge in desolate and solitary places. As **the siege of Jerusalem by the Roman armies was the signal for flight to the Judean Christians, so the assumption of power on the part of our nation in the decree enforcing the papal sabbath will be a warning to us.** It will **then** be time to leave the large cities, preparatory to leaving the smaller ones for retired homes in secluded places among the mountains.” *Testimonies*, volume 5, 465.

UPON THE TESTIMONY OF TWO A THING SHALL BE ESTABLISHED

PAGAN ROME’S ABOMINATION

1. The abomination of desolation was a sign to flee from Jerusalem
2. The sign was the mark of Rome—it flag displaying the symbols of idolatry
3. The sign was established when the standards of Rome’s power were placed in the sacred grounds of the temple in AD 66
4. After the sign was placed, the Romans temporarily withdrew
5. To not obey the sign was certain death

PAPAL ROME’S ABOMINATION

1. The abomination of desolation was a sign to flee into the wilderness
2. The sign was the mark of Rome—the combination of paganism and Christianity
3. The sign was established when the standards of Rome’s power were placed in the sacred grounds of the spiritual temple from 538 through 1798
4. To not obey the sign was certain death

MODERN ROME’S ABOMINATION

1. The modern abomination of desolation is sign to flee the cities
2. The Sunday law is the sign and the mark of Rome’s authority and her idolatry
3. The sign is the Sunday law established in a “place where it ought not be”—the Constitution of the United States; accomplished first in 1888
4. After the sign was exhibited, the law was temporarily and unexpectedly withdrawn in 1888
5. To not obey the sign is certain death

THAT GRAND OLD DOCUMENT

“In that grand old document which our forefathers set forth as their bill of rights—the Declaration of Independence—they declared: ‘We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.’ And the Constitution guarantees, in the most explicit terms, the inviolability of conscience: ‘No religious test shall ever be required as a qualification to any office of public trust under the United States.’ ‘Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.’

“‘The framers of the Constitution recognized the eternal principle that man’s relation with his God is above human legislation, and his rights of conscience inalienable. Reasoning was not necessary to establish this truth; we are conscious of it in our own bosoms. It is this consciousness which, in defiance of human laws, has sustained so many martyrs in tortures and flames. They felt that their duty to God was superior to human enactments, and that man could exercise no authority over their consciences. It is an inborn principle which nothing can eradicate.’—Congressional documents (U.S.A.), serial No. 200, document No. 271.” *The Great Controversy*, 295.

“‘And he had two horns like a lamb.’ The lamblike horns indicate youth, innocence, and gentleness, fitly representing the character of the United States when presented to the prophet as ‘coming up’ in 1798. Among the Christian exiles who first fled to America and sought an asylum from royal oppression and priestly intolerance were many who determined to establish a government upon the broad foundation of civil and religious liberty. Their views found place in the Declaration of Independence, which sets forth the great truth that ‘all men are created equal’ and endowed with the inalienable right to ‘life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.’ And the Constitution guarantees to the people the right of self-government, providing that representatives elected by the popular vote shall enact and administer the laws. Freedom of religious faith was also granted, every man being permitted to worship God according to the dictates of his conscience. Republicanism and Protestantism became the fundamental principles of the nation. **These principles are the secret of its power and prosperity.** The oppressed and downtrodden throughout Christendom have turned to this land with interest and hope. Millions have sought its shores, and the United States has risen to a place among the most powerful nations of the earth.” *The Great Controversy*, 441.

GOD DESIGNED THE UNITED STATES

“The Lord has done more for the United States than for any other country upon which the sun shines. Here He provided an asylum for His people, where they could worship Him according to the dictates of conscience. Here Christianity has progressed in its purity. The life-giving doctrine of the one Mediator between God and man has been freely taught. **God designed** that this country should ever remain free for all people to worship Him in accordance with the dictates of conscience. **He designed** that its civil

institutions, in their expansive productions, should represent the freedom of gospel privileges." *Maranatha*, 193.

THE GLORIOUS LAND CONQUERED

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

THE FOUNDATIONS OF CIVIL AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

THE BULWARK AND GLORY OF THIS COUNTRY

"Many were driven across the ocean to America and here laid the foundations of civil and religious liberty which have been the bulwark and glory of this country." *The Great Controversy*, 252.

THE SANCTUARY OF STRENGTH

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

THE PLACE OF HIS SANCTUARY WAS CAST DOWN

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

THESE PRINCIPLES ARE THE SECRET OF ITS POWER AND PROSPERITY

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THE THREE WOES

THE FIRST WOE

1. Islam
2. Mode of warfare: strike suddenly and unexpectedly
3. Focus of warfare: the armies of Rome
4. Directed by their tails: The ancient and honourable, he *is* the head; and the prophet that teacheth lies, he *is* the tail. Isaiah 9:15.
5. Providential force that tormented the armies of down Rome

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

IDAHO MEETING

THE VISION OF THE HIDDEKEL

SERMON NUMBER THIRTEEN

“The light that Daniel received from God was given especially for these last days. The visions he saw by the banks of the Ulai and the Hiddekel, the great rivers of Shinar, are now in process of fulfillment, and all the events foretold will soon come to pass.” *Testimonies to Ministers*, 112.

WHERE *THERE IS* NO VISION, THE PEOPLE PERISH; BUT HE THAT
KEEPETH THE LAW, HAPPY *IS* HE. PROVERBS 29:15.

JERUSALEM IS THE CHURCH

“The true people of God, who have the spirit of the work of the Lord and the salvation of souls at heart, will ever view sin in its real, sinful character. They will always be on the side of faithful and plain dealing with sins which easily beset the people of God. Especially in **the closing work for the church, in the sealing time of the one hundred and forty-four thousand** who are to stand without fault before the throne of God, will they feel most deeply the wrongs of God's professed people. This is forcibly set forth by the prophet's illustration of the last work under the figure of the men each having a slaughter weapon in his hand. One man among them was clothed with linen, with a writer's inkhorn by his side. ‘And the Lord said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, **through the midst of Jerusalem**, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof.’

“Who are standing in the counsel of God at this time? Is it those who virtually excuse wrongs among the professed people of God and who murmur in their hearts, if not openly, against those who would reprove sin? Is it those who take their stand against them and sympathize with those who commit wrong? No, indeed! Unless they repent, and leave the work of Satan in oppressing those who have the burden of the work and in holding up the hands of sinners in Zion, they will never receive the mark of God's sealing approval. They will fall in the general destruction of the wicked, represented by the work of the five men bearing slaughter weapons. Mark this point with care: Those who receive the pure mark of truth, wrought in them by the power of the Holy Ghost, represented by a mark by the man in linen, are those ‘that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done’ **in the church**. Their love for purity and the honor and glory of God is such, and they have so clear a view of the exceeding sinfulness of sin, that they are represented as being in agony, even sighing and crying. Read the ninth chapter of Ezekiel.” *Testimonies*, volume 3, 266–267.

WOE TO JERUSALEM

Woe to Ariel, to Ariel, **the city where David dwelt!** add ye year to year; let them kill sacrifices.

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 29:1, 9–16.

SURELY YOUR TURNING OF THINGS UPSIDE DOWN

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

THE JUDGMENT HOUR CRY UNDERSTANDING OF THE DAILY—PAGANISM

THE MODERN ADVENTIST UNDERSTANDING OF THE DAILY—CHRIST IN THE SANCTUARY

PAGANISM OR CHRIST?

STRONG DELUSION

Let no man deceive you by any means: for *that day shall not come*, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?

And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.

For the mystery of iniquity doth already work:

only he who now letteth *will let*, until he be taken out of the way.

And then shall that Wicked be revealed,

whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: *Even him*, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

And **for this cause** God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness. 2 Thessalonians 2:3–12.

FIRST TO BE LEFT

“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. Let the converting power of God be experienced in the heart of the individual members, and then we shall see the deep moving of the Spirit of God. Mere forgiveness of sin is not the sole result of the death of Jesus. He made the infinite sacrifice not only that sin might be removed, but that human nature might be restored, rebeautified, reconstructed from its ruins, and made fit for the presence of God.” *Selected Messages*, book 3, 154.

THE FOURTH ANGEL’S MESSAGE

“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.

DANIEL TWELVE—THE WISE SHALL UNDERSTAND

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

Then I Daniel looked, and, behold, there stood other two, the one on this side of the bank of the river, and the other on that side of the bank of the river. And *one* said to the man clothed in linen, which *was* upon the waters of the river, How long *shall it be* to the end of these wonders?

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

And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what *shall be* the end of these *things*?

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

And from the time *that* the daily *sacrifice* shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, *there shall be* a thousand two hundred and ninety days. Daniel 12:3–11.

In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a thing was revealed unto Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar; and the thing *was* true, but the time appointed *was* long: and he understood the thing, and had understanding of the vision. Daniel 10:1.

KNOWLEDGE INCREASED

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

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

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

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

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

And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered, saying, *Not so*; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. Matthew 25:6–10.

SUPPLEMENTAL THOUGHTS FOR THE IDAHO MEETING

KING OF THE NORTH

1. First and the last—Daniel 1:1–2 and 11:44–45.
2. Babylon: Dictionaries before 1950; the Protestants churches

“**In the Revelation all the books of the Bible meet and end.**” *Acts of the Apostles*, 585.

“The woman (Babylon) of Revelation 17 is described as Revelation 17:4–6, 18 quoted. The power that for so many centuries maintained despotic sway over the monarchs of Christendom is Rome.” *The Great Controversy*, 382.

“In it [the book of Revelation] **the same line of prophecy is taken up as in Daniel**. Some prophecies God has repeated, thus showing that importance must be given to them. The Lord does not repeat things that are of no great consequence.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 9, 7–8.

“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).” *Selected Messages*, book 3, 338.

EZEKIEL

For thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will bring upon Tyrus Nebuchadrezzar king of **Babylon**, a king of kings, **from the north**, with horses, and with chariots, and with horsemen, and companies, and much people. Ezekiel 26:7.

MICAH

And he shall stand and feed in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God; and they shall abide: for now shall he be great unto the ends of the earth. And this man shall be the peace, when **the Assyrian** shall come into our land: and when he shall tread in our palaces, then shall we raise against him seven shepherds, and eight principal men. And they shall waste the land of Assyria with the sword, and **the land of Nimrod** in the entrances thereof: thus shall he deliver us from **the Assyrian**, when he cometh into our land, and when he treadeth within our borders. Micah 5:4–6.

JEREMIAH

Thus saith the Lord, Behold, a people cometh from **the north country**, and a great nation shall be raised from the sides of the earth. They shall lay hold on bow and spear; they are cruel, and have no mercy; their voice roareth like the sea; and they ride

upon horses, **set in array as men for war against thee, O daughter of Zion.** Jeremiah 6:22–23.

JOEL

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

JEREMIAH

Behold, I will send and take all **the families of the north**, saith the Lord, and **Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon**, my servant, and **will bring them against this land**, and against the inhabitants thereof, and against all these nations round about, and will utterly destroy them, and make them an astonishment, and an hissing, and perpetual desolations. Jeremiah 25:9.

EZEKIEL

Therefore, thou son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal:

And I will turn thee back, and leave but the sixth part of thee, and will cause thee to come up from **the north parts**, and **will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel**: And I will smite thy bow out of thy left hand, and will cause thine arrows to fall out of thy right hand.

Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel, thou, and all thy bands, and the people that is with thee: I will give thee unto the ravenous birds of every sort, and to the beasts of the field to be devoured. Thou shalt fall upon the open field: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord God.

And I will send a fire on Magog, and among them that dwell carelessly in the isles: and they shall know that I am the Lord.

So will I make my holy name known in the midst of my people Israel; and I will not let them pollute my holy name any more: and the heathen shall know that I am the Lord, the Holy One in Israel.

Behold, it is come, and it is done, saith the Lord God; this is the day whereof I have spoken. Ezekiel 39:1–8.

Isaiah

Howl, O gate; cry, O city; thou, whole Palestina, art dissolved: for there shall come **from the north a smoke**, and none shall be alone in his appointed times.

What shall one then answer the messengers of the nation?

That the Lord hath founded Zion, and the poor of his people shall trust in it. Isaiah 14:31–32.

3. Satan

A Song and Psalm for the sons of Korah. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness. Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is **mount Zion, on the sides of the north**, the city of the great King. Psalm 48:1–2.

How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, **I will exalt my throne** above the stars of God: I will sit also upon **the mount of the congregation**, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Isaiah 14:12–14.

“Through the pope of Rome the same work has been carried on here on earth as was carried on in the courts of heaven before the expulsion of the prince of darkness. Satan sought to correct the law of God in heaven, and to supply an amendment of his own. He exalted his own judgment above that of his Creator, and placed his will above the will of Jehovah, and in this way virtually declared God to be fallible. The pope also takes the same course and, claiming infallibility for himself, seeks to adjust the law of God to meet his own ideas, thinking himself able to correct the mistakes he thinks he sees in the statutes and commands of the Lord of heaven and earth. He virtually says to the world, I will give you better laws than those of Jehovah. What an insult is this to the God of heaven!” *Signs of the Times*, November 19, 1894.

4. Daniel 11: power that controls Egypt is the king of the south; power that controls Syria (which includes Babylon) is the king of the north—Uriah Smith

6. Uriah Smith and James White—repeat and enlarge

“This power is the last that treads down the true church of God: and as the true church is still trodden down, and cast out by all Christendom, it follows that the last oppressive power has not "come to his end;" and Michael has not stood up. This last power that treads down the saints is brought to view in Rev.13:11-18. His number is 666.” James White, *Word to the Little Flock*, 9.

“In a vision given me at Bordoville, Vermont, December 10, 1871, I was shown that the position of my husband has been a very difficult one. . . . I was shown that his relation to the people of God was similar, in some respects, to that of Moses to Israel. There were murmurers against Moses, when in adverse circumstances, and there have been murmurers against him. . . .

“He has opened before me many channels of light, not only for my benefit, but for the benefit of His people at large. He has also given my husband great light upon Bible

subjects, not for himself alone, but for others. I saw that these things should be written and talked out, and that new light would continue to shine upon the word.” *Testimonies*, volume 3, 85.

6. Time appointed—Daniel 11:24, 27, 29—Uriah Smith; verses 34 and 40

THE KING OF THE SOUTH

7. Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. Galatians 3:7.

And if ye *be* Christ’s, then are ye Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise. Galatians 3:29.

And their dead bodies *shall lie* in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. Revelation 11:8.

And upon her forehead *was* a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. Revelation 17:5.

“In it [the book of Revelation] **the same line of prophecy is taken up as in Daniel.**” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 9, 7–8.

“‘The great city’ in whose streets the witnesses are slain, and where their dead bodies lie, is ‘spiritually’ Egypt. Of all nations presented in Bible history, **Egypt most boldly denied the existence of the living God and resisted His commands.** No monarch ever ventured upon more open and highhanded rebellion against the authority of Heaven than did the king of Egypt. When the message was brought him by Moses, in the name of the Lord, Pharaoh proudly answered: ‘Who is Jehovah, that I should hearken unto His voice to let Israel go? I know not Jehovah, and moreover I will not let Israel go.’ Exodus 5:2, A.R.V. **This is atheism, and the nation represented by Egypt** would give voice to a similar denial of the claims of the living God and would manifest a like spirit of unbelief and defiance. . .

“According to the words of the prophet, then, a little before the year 1798 some power of satanic origin and character would rise to make war upon the Bible. And in the land where the testimony of God’s two witnesses should thus be silenced, there would be manifest the atheism of the Pharaoh and the licentiousness of Sodom.

“This prophecy has received a most exact and striking fulfillment in the history of France.” *The Great Controversy*, 269.

8. “countries”—the Soviet Union “**the nation represented by Egypt** would give voice to a similar denial of the claims of the living God and would manifest a like spirit of unbelief and defiance.”

THE GLORIOUS LAND

9. The words of Daniel: quodesh or maqdes; rum or sur; chazown or mareh; land of holy mountain.

“The Bible contains all the principles that men need to understand in order to be fitted either for this life or for the life to come. And these principles may be understood by all. No one with a spirit to appreciate its teaching can read a single passage from the Bible without gaining from it some helpful thought. But the most valuable teaching of the Bible is not to be gained by occasional or disconnected study. Its great system of truth is not so presented as to be discerned by the hasty or careless reader. Many of its treasures lie far beneath the surface, and can be obtained only by diligent research and continuous effort. The truths that go to make up the great whole must be searched out and gathered up, ‘here a little, and there a little.’ Isaiah 28:10.

“When thus searched out and brought together, they will be found to be perfectly fitted to one another. Each Gospel is a supplement to the others, every prophecy an explanation of another, every truth a development of some other truth. The types of the Jewish economy are made plain by the gospel. Every principle in the word of God has its place, **every fact its bearing**. And the complete structure, in design and execution, bears testimony to its Author. Such a structure no mind but that of the Infinite could conceive or fashion.” *Education*, 123.

10. In sense of prominence

11. Daniel and Revelation: where is USA in Daniel?

12. A ten year olds understanding

“The influence of Rome in the countries that once acknowledged her dominion is still far from being destroyed. And prophecy foretells a restoration of her power.” *The Great Controversy*, 579.

“The so-called Christian world is to be the theater of great and decisive actions. Men in authority will enact laws controlling the conscience, after the example of the papacy. Babylon will make all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. **Every nation will be involved.**” *Selected Messages*, book 3, 392.

“The plagues of **Egypt** when God was about to deliver Israel were similar in character to those more terrible and extensive judgments which are to fall upon **the world** just before the final deliverance of God’s people.” *The Great Controversy*, 627–628.

“Many are not growing strong, because they do not take God at his Word. They are conforming to **the world**. Every day they pitch their tents nearer to **Egypt**, when they should encamp a day’s march nearer the heavenly Canaan.” *Signs of The Times*, March 6, 1884.

“The Lord God of Israel is to execute judgment upon **the gods of this world**, as upon **the gods of Egypt**.” *Manuscript Releases*, vol. 10, 240.

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

“Ever since the Fall, Satan has been at work to establish himself as **ruler of this earth**.” *Review and Herald*, March 9, 1886.

13. Three enemies

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

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

The beast, the false prophet and the dragon—Revelation 16:19, 12–13.

“**In the Revelation all the books of the Bible meet and end.**” *Acts of the Apostles*, 585.

“The Protestants of the United States will be foremost in stretching their hands across the gulf to grasp the hand of spiritualism; they will reach over the abyss to clasp hands with the Roman power; and under the influence of this threefold union, this country will follow in the steps of Rome in trampling on the rights of conscience.” *The Great Controversy*, 588.

Beast: Catholicism

False prophet: Apostate Protestantism

Dragon: Spiritualism

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

Numbers 22:4–5—Moab, Midian, Balaam of Pethro which is in the land of the children of his people

“Near the close of this earth’s history Satan will work with all his powers in the

same manner and with the same temptations wherewith he tempted ancient Israel just before **their entering the land of promise**. He will lay snares for those who claim to keep the commandments of God, and who are almost on the borders of the heavenly Canaan.” *Adventist Home*, 327.

Nehemiah 2:19—Sanballat, Tobiah and Geshem the Arabian

“The experience of **Nehemiah is repeated in the history of God’s people in this time**. Those who labor in the cause of truth will find that they cannot do this without exciting the anger of its enemies. Though they have been called of God to the work in which they are engaged, and their course is approved of Him, they cannot escape reproach and derision.” *Christian Service*, 173–174.

Isaiah 11:11–16— Edom, Moab, children of Ammon

“There are true Christians in every church, not excepting the Roman Catholic communion. None are condemned until they have had the light and have seen the obligation of the fourth commandment. But when the decree shall go forth enforcing the counterfeit sabbath, and the loud cry of ‘the third angel’ shall warn men against the worship of the beast and his image, the line will be clearly drawn between the false and the true. Then those who still continue in transgression will receive the mark of the beast.” *Signs of the Times*, November 8, 1899.

“Some prophecies God has repeated, thus showing that importance must be given to them. **The Lord does not repeat things that are of no great consequence.**” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 9, 7–8.

14. Events connected with the close of probation

“Satan was leading very many to look far in the future for the great events connected with the judgment and the end of probation. It was necessary that the people be brought to seek earnestly for a present preparation.” *Early Writings*, 246.

“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.

“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.” *The Great Controversy*, 594–595.