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THE EVERLASTING GOSPEL

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

Genesis 3:15

A PROPHECY

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

THE GOSPEL

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

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

MATTHEW 24:14–16

EVERLASTING

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

A TEST

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

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

CHARACTER DEVELOPED

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

“We are now living in a most perilous time, and not one of us should be tardy in seeking a preparation for the coming of Christ. Let none follow the example of the foolish virgins, and think that it will be safe to wait until the crisis comes before gaining a preparation of character to stand in that time. It will be too late to seek for the righteousness of Christ when the guests are called in and examined. Now is the time to put on the righteousness of Christ,—the wedding garment that will fit you to enter into the marriage supper of the Lamb. In the parable, the foolish virgins are represented as begging for oil, and failing to receive it at their request. **This is symbolic of those who have not prepared themselves by developing a character to stand in a time of crisis.** It is as if they should go to their neighbors and say, Give me your character, or I shall be lost. Those that were wise could not impart their oil to the flickering lamps of the foolish virgins. **Character is not transferable.** It is not to be bought or sold; it is to be acquired. The Lord has given to every individual an opportunity to obtain a righteous character through the hours of probation; but he has not provided a way by which one human agent may impart to another the character which he has developed by going through hard experiences, by learning lessons from the great Teacher, so that he can manifest patience under trial, and exercise faith so that he can remove mountains of impossibility. It is impossible to impart the fragrance of love,—to give to another gentleness, tact, and perseverance. It is impossible for one human heart to pour into another the love of God and humanity.

“But the day is coming, and it is close upon us, when every phase of character will be revealed by special temptation. Those who remain true to principle, who exercise faith to the end, will be those who have proved true under test and trial during the previous hours of their probation, and have formed characters after the likeness of Christ. It will be those who have cultivated close acquaintance with Christ, who, through his wisdom and grace, are partakers of the divine nature. But no human being can give to another, heart-devotion and noble qualities of mind, and supply his deficiencies with moral power. We can each do much for each other by giving to men a Christlike example, thus influencing them to go to Christ for the righteousness without which they cannot stand in the judgment. Men should prayerfully consider the important matter of character-building, and frame their characters after the divine model.” *Youth Instructor*, January 16, 1896.

MANIFESTED AT THE VINDICATION OF THE LAW

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

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

THE GREAT CRISIS

“**A great crisis** awaits the people of God. **A crisis** awaits the world. The most momentous struggle of all the ages is just before us. Events which for more than forty years we have upon the authority of the prophetic word declared to be impending are now taking place before our eyes. Already the question of an amendment to the Constitution restricting liberty of conscience has been urged upon the legislators of the nation. **The question of enforcing Sunday observance** has become one of national interest and importance. We well know what the result of this movement will be. But are we ready for the issue? Have we faithfully discharged the duty which God has committed to us of giving the people warning of the danger before them?” *Testimonies*, volume 5, 711.

SUPERNATURAL ENMITY

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

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

Philippians 2:5; Romans 8:6–7

SANCTIFY THEM THROUGH THY WORD

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

HIS PROPHETIC WORD IS TRUTH

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

CHRIST’S PARABLES

“By the parable of the sower, Christ illustrates the things of the kingdom of heaven, and the work of the great Husbandman for His people. Like a sower in the field, He came to scatter **the heavenly grain of truth.** And **His parable teaching itself was the seed** with which the most precious truths of His grace were sown. Because of its simplicity the parable of the sower has not been valued as it should be. From the natural seed cast into the soil, Christ desires to lead our minds to the gospel seed, the sowing of which results in bringing man back to his loyalty to God. He who gave the parable of the tiny seed is the Sovereign of heaven, and **the same laws that govern earthly seed sowing govern the sowing of the seeds of truth.**” *Christ’s Object Lessons*, 33.

THE SEED OF TRUTH

“Plain and specific prophecies had been given regarding the appearance of the Promised One. To Adam was given an assurance of the coming of the Redeemer. The sentence pronounced on Satan, ‘I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel’ (Genesis 3:15), was to our first parents a promise of the redemption to be wrought out through Christ.

“To Abraham was given the promise that of his line the Saviour of the world should come: ‘In thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed.’ ‘He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.’ Genesis 22:18; Galatians 3:16.” *Acts of the Apostles*, 222.

THE PHARISEE AND THE PUBLICAN

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

PETER THE PHARISEE

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

THRICE TESTED—MARK 14:29–30

PROGRESSIVE

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

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

PETER THE PUBLICAN

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

THREE TESTS

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

PURIFIED, MADE WHITE, AND TRIED

THE MILLERITES—DANIEL 12:3, 4, 9, 10

Hosea 4:6

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

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

First Message: Purified

Second Message: Made White

Third Message: Tried

JOHN 16:8

Sin; First Angel’s Message; Purified

Righteousness; Second Angel’s Message; Made White

Judgment; Third Angel’s Message; Tried

PSALM 77:13

Courtyard; Sin; First Angel’s Message; Purified

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

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

Justification; Courtyard; Sin; First Message; Purified

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

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

THE CLOSED DOOR

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

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

THE WHEAT AND THE TARES MANIFESTED

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

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

WHEAT & TARES

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

THE FINAL THREEFOLD TEST—REVELATION 14:6–12

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

THE GOSPEL OF REVELATION

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

THE PROPHECIES OF REVELATION

“To John were opened scenes of deep and thrilling interest in the experience of the church. He saw the position, dangers, conflicts, and final deliverance of the people of God. He records **the closing messages** which are to **ripen the harvest of the earth**, either as sheaves for the heavenly garner or as fagots for the fires of destruction.” *The Great Controversy*, 341.

THE LATTER RAIN

“**The latter rain, ripening earth’s harvest**, represents the spiritual grace that prepares the church for the coming of the Son of man. But unless the former rain has fallen, there will be no life; the green blade will not spring up. Unless the early showers have done their work, the latter rain can bring no seed to perfection.” *Testimonies to Ministers*, 506–507.

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

THE MESSAGES OF GOD'S SPIRIT

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

"God is dishonored when we do not receive **the communications which he sends us. Thus we refuse the golden oil** which he would pour into our souls to be communicated to those in darkness. When the call shall come, 'Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him,' **those who have not received the holy oil**, who have not cherished the grace of Christ in their hearts, will find, like the foolish virgins, that they are not ready to meet their Lord. They have not, in themselves, the power to obtain the oil, and their lives are wrecked. But if God's Holy Spirit is asked for, if we plead, as did Moses, 'Show me thy glory,' the love of God will be shed abroad in our hearts. Through the golden pipes, the golden oil will be communicated to us. 'Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts.' By receiving the bright beams of the Sun of Righteousness, God's children shine as lights in the world." *Review and Herald*, July 20, 1897.

THE TIME OF THE LATTER RAIN

"Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain; so the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain.' 'He will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain.' In the East the former rain falls at the sowing time. It is necessary in order that the seed may germinate. Under the influence of the fertilizing showers, the tender shoot springs up. The latter rain, falling near the close of the season, ripens the grain and prepares it for the sickle. The Lord employs these operations of nature to represent the work of the Holy Spirit. As the dew and the rain are given first to cause the seed to germinate, and then to ripen the harvest, so the Holy Spirit is given to carry forward, from one stage to another, the process of spiritual growth. The ripening of the grain represents the completion of the work of God's grace in the soul. By the power of the Holy Spirit the moral image of God is to be perfected in the character. We are to be wholly transformed into the likeness of Christ.

"**The latter rain, ripening earth's harvest**, represents the spiritual grace that prepares the church for the coming of the Son of man. But unless the former rain has fallen, there will be no life; the green blade will not spring up. Unless the early showers have done their work, the latter rain can bring no seed to perfection.

"There is to be '**first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear.**' There must be a constant development of Christian virtue, a constant advancement in Christian experience. This we should seek with intensity of desire, that we may adorn the doctrine of Christ our Saviour.

“Many have in a great measure failed to receive the former rain. They have not obtained all the benefits that God has thus provided for them. They expect that the lack will be supplied by the latter rain. When the richest abundance of grace shall be bestowed, they intend to open their hearts to receive it. They are making a terrible mistake. The work that God has begun in the human heart in giving His light and knowledge must be continually going forward. Every individual must realize his own necessity. The heart must be emptied of every defilement and cleansed for the indwelling of the Spirit. It was by the confession and forsaking of sin, by earnest prayer and consecration of themselves to God, that the early disciples prepared for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost. The same work, only in greater degree, must be done now. Then the human agent had only to ask for the blessing, and wait for the Lord to perfect the work concerning him. It is God who began the work, and He will finish His work, making man complete in Jesus Christ. But there must be no neglect of the grace represented by the former rain. Only those who are living up to the light they have will receive greater light. Unless we are daily advancing in the exemplification of the active Christian virtues, **we shall not recognize the manifestations of the Holy Spirit in the latter rain. It may be falling on hearts all around us, but we shall not discern or receive it.**” *Testimonies to Ministers*, 506–507.

THE LATTER RAIN—REFRESHING

“The prophecies which were fulfilled in the outpouring of the former rain at the opening of the gospel are again to be fulfilled in **the latter rain** at its close. Here are ‘the times of refreshing’ to which the apostle Peter looked forward when he said: ‘Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing **shall come from the presence of the Lord; and He shall send Jesus.**’ Acts **3:19, 20.**” *The Great Controversy*, 611.

A TESTING PROCESS—ISAIAH 28:12; JEREMIAH 6:16; ACTS 2:13–21

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STUDENTS OF PROPHECY

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

PROPHECY DEFINED

“Historical events, showing the direct fulfillment of prophecy, were set before the people, and the **prophecy was seen to be a figurative delineation of events leading down to the close of this earth’s history.**” *Selected Messages*, book 2, 101–102.

THE THREE AND ONE COMBINATION

SIMPLE ILLUSTRATIONS

Noah and his three sons
Balaam’s three blessings, followed by another
Three disciples and Christ on the Mount of Transfiguration
Three disciples and Christ in Gethsemane
Three Hebrews and Christ in the furnace
Gideon and his three troops
Abraham and the three heavenly visitors

COMPLEX ILLUSTRATIONS

The three decrees
The history of Christ
Elijah
Moses
Noah
The Millerites

THE WAYMARKS OF EVERY REFORMATORY MOVEMENT

1. TIME OF THE END
2. FIRST MESSAGE
3. SECOND MESSAGE
4. THIRD MESSAGE
5. A WORK
6. BACKSLIDING
7. FOURTH MESSAGE

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE WAYMARKS

1. TIME OF THE END

- Fulfillment of a prophecy
- An unsealing of a prophetic passage
- The prophetic passage relates to the message or the work of the upcoming period
- Men understand the fulfillment (running to and fro in God's word)
- The unsealed truth begins an escalating process of separation

2. FIRST MESSAGE

- Preceded by darkness or a scattering
- A gathering is initiated
- Associated with a reformer or reform message
 - Fearful conviction of sin
- Foundation established
- Worldwide impact in the prophetic geographical setting
- Testing process initiated
- Empowered with descent of divine symbol

3. SECOND MESSAGE

- Local in the prophetic geographical setting
- Activities of the enemies of the message or work
- A specific manifestation of the power of God
 - A glorification
- The temple is finished and cleansed
- A sealing illustrated
- Life or death decisions made

4. THIRD MESSAGE

- Judgment illustrated
- A door closes
- Gathering accomplished
- Two groups demonstrated
- A covenant established
- Followed by a disappointment
 - The number seven

5. A WORK

6. BACKSLIDING

7. FOURTH MESSAGE

- Repetition of the second message
- Work finished
- Return to the old paths
- Accomplished in troublous times

THE PROPHETIC PATTERN

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

THE THREE DECREES: THE FIRST LINE

1. THE TIME OF THE END

Daniel 9:1–2

DARKNESS

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

2. THE FIRST DECREE

Worldwide: Ezra 1:1–2; the Foundation laid: Ezra 3:1–11

3. THE SECOND DECREE—EZRA 6:1

Concerning the House of God at Jerusalem/Local

A PUBLIC ACTION FROM THE ENEMIES: EZRA 4:1–24

“During the reign of Cambyses the work on the temple progressed slowly. And during the reign of the false Smerdis (called Artaxerxes in Ezra 4:7) the Samaritans induced the unscrupulous impostor to issue a decree forbidding the Jews to rebuild their temple and city.” *Prophets and Kings*, 572.

OUT OF BABYLON—ZECHARIAH 2:6–7

“A score or more of years passed by, when a second decree, quite as favorable as the first, was issued by Darius Hystaspes, the monarch then ruling. Thus did God in mercy provide another opportunity for the Jews in the Medo-Persian realm to return to the land of their fathers. The Lord foresaw the troublous times that were to follow during the reign of Xerxes,—the Ahasuerus of the book of Esther,—and He not only wrought a change of feeling in the hearts of men in authority, but also inspired Zechariah to plead with the exiles to return.

“‘Ho, ho, come forth, and flee from the land of the north,’ was the message given the scattered tribes of Israel who had become settled in many lands far from their former home. Zechariah 2:6–9 quoted.” *Prophets and Kings*, 598–599.

IN THE SIXTH YEAR OF DARIUS: EZRA 6:15—TEMPLE COMPLETED

“The promise, ‘The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it,’ was literally fulfilled. Verse 9. ‘The elders of the Jews builded, and they prospered through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. And they builded, and finished it, according to the commandment of the God of Israel, and according to the commandment of Cyrus, and Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia. And this house was finished on the third day of the month Adar [the twelfth month], which was in the sixth year of the reign of Darius the king.’ Ezra 6:14, 15.” *Prophets and Kings*, 596.

4. THE THIRD DECREE

The Law of the Lord: Ezra 7:7–11; The scepter returned: Ezra 7:12–28; A Fast: Ezra 8:21–23.

THE PERFECTION REQUIRED BY THE PROPHECY

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

TEMPLE FINISHED

“Ezra’s arrival in Jerusalem was opportune. There was great need of the influence of his presence. His coming brought courage and hope to the hearts of many who had long labored under difficulties. Since the return of the first company of exiles under the leadership of Zerubbabel and Joshua, over seventy years before, much had been accomplished. **The temple had been finished**, and the walls of the city had been partially repaired. Yet much remained undone.” *Prophets and Kings*, 618.

SEPARATION: EZRA 8:24–32

Ezra 9:4, 8; Isaiah 66:2

LET US MAKE A COVENANT: EZRA 9:8–10:17

THE DISAPPOINTMENT

“Ezra had expected that a large number would return to Jerusalem, but the number who responded to the call was **disappointingly** small.” *Prophets and Kings*, 612.

5. WORK: FINISH THE RESTORATION

6. BACKSLIDING

“Solemnly and publicly the people of Judah had pledged themselves to obey the law of God. But when the influence of Ezra and Nehemiah was for a time withdrawn, there were many who departed from the Lord. Nehemiah had returned to Persia. During his absence from Jerusalem, evils crept in that threatened to pervert the nation.” *Prophets and Kings*, 669.

7. THE FOURTH DECREE

Nehemiah 2:7–8

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

EVEN IN TROUBLOUS TIMES

Daniel 9:25

“The work which the church has failed to do in a time of peace and prosperity, she will have to do in **a terrible crisis**, under most discouraging, forbidding, circumstances. The warnings that worldly conformity has silenced or withheld, must be given under the fiercest opposition from enemies of the faith. And at that time the superficial, conservative class, whose influence has steadily retarded the progress of the work, will renounce the faith, and take their stand with its avowed enemies, toward whom their sympathies have long been tending. These apostates will then manifest the most bitter enmity, doing all in their power to oppress and malign their former brethren, and to excite indignation against them. This day is just before us. **The members of the church will individually be tested and proved.** They will be placed in circumstances where they will be forced to bear witness for the truth. Many will be called to speak before councils and in courts of justice, perhaps separately and alone. The experience which would have helped them in this emergency they have neglected to obtain, and **their souls are burdened with remorse** for wasted opportunities and neglected privileges.” *Testimonies*, volume 5, 463.

REPETITION OF SECOND DECREE—THE FOUNDATIONS OF MANY GENERATIONS

“The spiritual restoration of which the work carried forward in Nehemiah’s day was a symbol, is outlined in the words of Isaiah: ‘They shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities.’ ‘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 61:4; 58:12.” *Prophets and Kings*, 677.

REVIVAL

“This reformation was not permanent. Nehemiah himself, returning from an extended visit to the Persian court, found a sad state of affairs. With characteristic zeal he sought to purify the church from its wickedness.” *The Southern Watchman*, January 3, 1905.

JUDGMENT—NEHEMIAH 13:9, 14, 22, 30–31

“When Nehemiah learned of this bold profanation, he promptly exercised his authority to expel the intruder. ‘It grieved me sore; therefore I cast forth all the household stuff of Tobiah out of the chamber.’” *Signs of the Times*, January 17, 1884.

THE HISTORY OF CHRIST & THE MILLERITES

1. TIME OF THE END IN THE HISTORY OF CHRIST—ISAIAH 7:14

1. TIME OF THE END FOR MILLERITES: 1798 SEE *THE GREAT CONTROVERSY*, 356

DARKNESS BEFORE CHRIST

“Before the days of Christ, men asked in vain, ‘What is truth?’ **Darkness** covered the earth, and gross darkness the people. Even Judea was shrouded in gloom, although the voice of God spoke to them in His oracles. **The truth of God had been silenced by the superstition and traditions** of its professed interpreters, and contention, jealousy, and prejudice divided the professed children of God.” *Fundamentals of Christian Education*, 238–239.

DARKNESS BEFORE MILLERITES

“He [William Miller] could see hypocrisy, **darkness**, and death everywhere. His spirit was stirred within him. God called him to leave his farm, as He called Elisha to leave his oxen and the field of his labor to follow Elijah. With trembling, William Miller began to unfold to the people the mysteries of the kingdom of God, carrying his hearers down through the prophecies to the second advent of Christ. With every effort he gained strength. **As John the Baptist heralded the first advent of Jesus and prepared the way for His coming, so William Miller and those who joined with him proclaimed the second advent of the Son of God.**” *Early Writings*, 229–230.

DARKNESS TODAY

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

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

2. THE FIRST MESSAGE: REFORM OF CHRIST & MILLERITES

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

REFORM TODAY: SIN, RIGHTEOUSNESS AND JUDGMENT

“Concerning **the advent of the Holy Spirit**, Jesus said, ‘It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.’ **Now read carefully, that you may discern what is the work of the Holy Spirit.** ‘And when he is come, he will reprove the world of **sin**, and of **righteousness**, and of **judgment**: of sin, because **they believed not** on me.’ If they do not believe on Jesus as a personal Saviour, they have no promise of salvation; for it is through faith in Christ alone that there is hope for the lost. ‘Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more.’ From the time he ascended to his Father, he has represented man, as his surety and substitute. The Father looks upon the Son in the perfection of his character, as one who has borne the penalty for sin, and **has wrought perfect righteousness for the repenting soul**, and he is reconciled to all who believe in Christ as one fully able to save from sin.

“It is essential that we who are fallen through sin, shall put on the robe of Christ’s righteousness which has been prepared for us. The Holy Spirit was to convince ‘of judgment, because **the prince of this world is judged.**’” *Review and Herald*, April 25, 1893.

WORLDWIDE

Matthew 3:5

“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.

“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.” *Ibid.*

THE FOUNDATION

Matthew 3:5–12

“The warning has come: Nothing is to be allowed to come in that will disturb **the foundation of the faith upon which we have been building ever since the message came in 1842, 1843, and 1844.**” *Review and Herald*, April 14, 1903.

Isaiah 58:12

3. THE SECOND MESSAGE LOCAL

John 18:14

“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.

Revelation 13:11

A PUBLIC ACTION FROM THE ENEMIES

John 11:49–53

“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.

Revelation 13:11

MANIFESTATION OF THE POWER OF GOD

“The midnight cry was not so much carried by argument, though the Scripture proof was clear and conclusive. There went with it an impelling power that moved the soul. There was no doubt, no questioning. Upon the occasion of Christ’s triumphal entry into Jerusalem, the people who were assembled from all parts of the land to keep the feast, flocked to the Mount of Olives, and as they joined the throng that were escorting Jesus, they caught the inspiration of the hour, and helped to swell the shout, ‘Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord!’ [Matthew 21:9.] In like manner did unbelievers who flocked to the Adventist meetings—some from curiosity, some merely to ridicule—feel the convincing power attending the message, ‘Behold, the Bridegroom cometh!’” *Spirit of Prophecy*, volume 4, 250–251.

“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.

OUT OF BABYLON

“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, Revelation 18:4, 5 quoted.” *Selected Messages*, book 2, 118.

“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.

LIFE OR DEATH

“I was pointed back to the proclamation of the first advent of Christ. John was sent in the spirit and power of Elijah to prepare the way of Jesus. Those who rejected the testimony of John were not benefited by the teachings of Jesus. Their opposition to the message that foretold His coming placed them where they could not readily receive the strongest evidence that He was the Messiah. Satan led on those who rejected the message of John to go still farther, to reject and crucify Christ. In doing this they placed themselves where they could not receive the blessing on the day of Pentecost, which would have taught them the way into the heavenly sanctuary.” *Early Writings*, 259–261.

“Many look with horror at the course of the Jews in rejecting and crucifying Christ; and as they read the history of His shameful abuse, they think they love Him, and would not have denied Him as did Peter, or crucified Him as did the Jews. But God who reads the hearts of all, has brought to the test that love for Jesus which they professed to feel. All heaven watched with the deepest interest the reception of the first angel’s message. But many who professed to love Jesus, and who shed tears as they read the story of the cross, derided the good news of His coming. Instead of receiving the message with gladness, they declared it to be a delusion. They hated those who loved His appearing and shut them out of the churches. Those who rejected the first message could not be benefited by the second; neither were they benefited by the midnight cry, which was to prepare them to enter with Jesus by faith into the most holy place of the heavenly sanctuary. And by rejecting the two former messages, they have so darkened their understanding that they can see no light in the third angel’s message, which shows the way into the most holy place. I saw that as the Jews crucified Jesus, so the nominal churches had crucified these messages, and therefore they have no knowledge of the way into the most holy, and they cannot be benefited by the intercession of Jesus there. Like the Jews, who offered their useless sacrifices, they offer up their useless prayers to the apartment which Jesus has left; and Satan, pleased with the deception, assumes a religious character, and leads the minds of these professed Christians to himself, working with his power, his signs and lying wonders, to fasten them in his snare.” *Early Writings*, 259–261.

TEMPLE FINISHED

John 2:19–20

“Let every one who is seeking to live a Christian life, remember that the church militant is not the church triumphant. Those who are carnally minded will be found in the church. They are to be pitied more than blamed. The church is not to be judged as sustaining these characters, though they are found within her borders. Should the church expel them, the very ones who found fault with their presence there, would blame the church for sending them adrift in the world; they would claim that they were treated unmercifully. It may be that in the church there are those who are cold, proud, haughty, and un-Christian, but you need not associate with this class. There are many who are warm-hearted, who are self-denying, self-sacrificing, who would, were it required, lay down their lives to save souls. Jesus saw the bad and the good in church relationship, and said, ‘**Let both grow together until the harvest.**’” *Review and Herald*, January 16, 1894.

4. THE THIRD MESSAGE JUDGMENT

“Five hundred years before, the Lord had declared by the prophet Zechariah, ‘Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem. Behold, thy King cometh unto thee. He is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.’ [1 Zechariah 9:9.] Had the disciples realized that **Christ was going to judgment** and to death, they could not have fulfilled this prophecy.

“**In like manner**, Miller and his associates fulfilled prophecy, and gave a message which inspiration had foretold should be given to the world, but which they could not have given had they fully understood the prophecies pointing out their disappointment, and presenting another message to be preached to all nations before the Lord should come. The first and second angels’ messages were given at the right time, and accomplished the work which God designed to accomplish by them.” *The Great Controversy*, 405.

“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.’” *The Great Controversy*, 355–356.

1 Peter 4:17

THE DISAPPOINTMENT

“**Like the first disciples**, William Miller and his associates did not, themselves, fully comprehend the import of the message which they bore. Errors that had been long established in the church prevented them from arriving at a correct interpretation of an important point in the prophecy. Therefore, though they proclaimed the message which God had committed to them to be given to the world, yet through a misapprehension of its meaning they suffered disappointment.” *The Great Controversy*. 351–352.

5. WORK

“The gospel commission is the great missionary charter of Christ’s kingdom. The disciples were to work earnestly for souls, giving to all the invitation of mercy. They were not to wait for the people to come to them; they were to go to the people with their message.” *Acts of the Apostles*, 28.

“I cannot too strongly urge all our church members, all who are true missionaries, all who believe the third angel’s message, all who turn away their feet from the Sabbath, to consider the message of the fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah. The work of beneficence enjoined in this chapter is the work that God requires His people to do at this time. It is a work of His own appointment. We are not left in doubt as to where the message applies, and the time of its marked fulfillment, for we read: ‘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.’ Verse 12. God’s memorial, the seventh-day Sabbath, the sign of His work in creating the world, has been displaced by the man of sin. God’s people have a special work to do in repairing the breach that has been made in His law; and the nearer we approach the end, the more urgent this work becomes. All who love God will show that they bear His sign by keeping His commandments. They are the restorers of paths to dwell in. The Lord says: ‘If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on My holy day; and call the Sabbath a delight, . . . then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth.’ Verses 13, 14. Thus genuine medical missionary work is bound up inseparably with the keeping of God’s commandments, of which the Sabbath is especially mentioned, since it is the great memorial of God’s creative work. Its observance is bound up with the work of restoring the moral image of God in man. This is the ministry which God’s people are to carry forward at this time. This ministry, rightly performed, will bring rich blessings to the church.” *Testimonies* volume 6, 265–266.

6. BACKSLIDING

John 21:4–6

“Had Adventists, after the great disappointment in 1844, held fast their faith and followed on unitedly in the opening providence of God, receiving the message of the third angel and in the power of the Holy Spirit proclaiming it to the world, they would have seen the salvation of God, the Lord would have wrought mightily with their efforts, the work would have been completed, and Christ would have come ere this to receive His people to their reward. But in the period of doubt and uncertainty that followed the disappointment, many of the advent believers yielded their faith. . . . Thus the work was hindered, and the world was left in darkness. Had the whole Adventist body united upon the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, how widely different would have been our history!” *Evangelism*, 695.

7. THE FOURTH MESSAGE REPEATS THE SECOND

- A. **Sin:** the First Message———reform message
- B. **Righteousness:** the Second Message——manifestation of the power of God
- C. **Judgment:** the third message———Judgment

SIN, RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND JUDGMENT

“The work of the Holy Spirit is to convince the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment.” *The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, volume 7, 980.

“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, Revelation 18:2–5 quoted.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 16, 270.

“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.

A. REPEAT OF REFORM IN CHRIST’S HISTORY

“Would it not be well for you to seek the Lord as the disciples sought Him before the day of Pentecost? After Christ’s ascension, His disciples—men of varied talents and capabilities—assembled in an upper chamber to pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit. In this room ‘all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication.’ **They made thorough work of repentance by confessing their own sins.** Upon them was laid no burden to confess one another’s sins. **Settling all differences and alienations, they were of one accord, and prayed with unity of purpose for ten days, at the end of which time ‘they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.’**” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 5, 94–95.

REPEAT OF REFORM TODAY: REVELATION 3:18–19

REPEAT OF REFORM IN NEHEMIAH'S DAY

“The spirit of true reform will be met in our day as in ancient times. Those who are zealous for the honor of God, and who will not countenance sin either in ministers or people, need not expect rest or pleasure in this life. Untiring vigilance must be the watchword of all who guard the interests of Christ’s church. **During Nehemiah’s absence from Jerusalem**, evils were introduced which threatened to pervert the nation. The same dangers exist in our time. If those who have the oversight of the church leave their charge, unconsecrated ones, claiming to believe the truth but having no connection with God, will take advantage of their absence to do much harm.” *Signs of the Times*, January 24, 1884.

B. REPEAT OF REVIVAL IN CHRIST HISTORY

Acts 2:1–4

REPEAT OF REVIVAL TODAY

“When we as a people understand what this book means to us, there will be seen among us a great revival.” *Testimonies to Ministers*, 113.

“The angel who unites in the proclamation of the third angel’s message is to lighten the whole earth with his glory. . . .

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

C. REPEAT OF JUDGMENT IN CHRIST DAY—ACTS 5:1

REPEAT OF JUDGMENT TODAY

“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. . . .

“This goody-goody religion that makes light of sin and that is forever dwelling upon the love of God to the sinner, encourages the sinner to believe that God will save him while he continues in sin and he knows it to be sin. This is the way that many are doing who profess to believe present truth. The truth is kept apart from their life, and that is the reason it has no more power to convict and convert the soul. There must be a straining of every nerve and spirit and muscle to leave the world, its customs, its practices, and its fashions.” *Selected Messages*, book 3, 154–155.

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

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

MOSES

1. Time of the End
2. First Message
3. Second Message
4. Third Message
5. A Work
6. Backsliding
7. Fourth Message

THE END FROM THE BEGINNING— LIKE UNTO ME

Acts 3:20–22

1. TIME OF THE END

Exodus 2:10

DARKNESS

“In their bondage the Israelites had to some extent lost the knowledge of God’s law, and they had departed from its precepts.” *Patriarchs and Prophets*, 258.

2. THE FIRST MESSAGE: REFORM

“In their bondage the Israelites had to some extent lost the knowledge of God’s law, and they had departed from its precepts. The Sabbath had been generally disregarded, and the exactions of their taskmasters made its observance apparently impossible. But Moses had shown his people that obedience to God was the first condition of deliverance; and the efforts made to restore the observance of the Sabbath had come to the notice of their oppressors.” *Patriarchs and Prophets*, 258.

3. THE SECOND MESSAGE: MANIFESTATION OF THE POWER OF GOD

“It was the hand of God, and no human influence or power possessed by Moses and Aaron, that wrought the miracles which they showed before Pharaoh. Those signs and wonders were designed to convince Pharaoh that the great ‘I AM’ had sent Moses, and that it was the duty of the king to let Israel go, that they might serve the living God.” *Patriarchs and Prophets*, 264.

RESISTANCE OF THE ENEMIES

Exodus 5:7–8

4. THE THIRD MESSAGE: JUDGMENT

“The **judgment** of which Egypt had first been warned, was to be the last visited. God is long-suffering and plenteous in mercy. He has a tender care for the beings formed in His image. If the loss of their harvests and their flocks and herds had brought Egypt to repentance, the children would not have been smitten; but the nation had stubbornly resisted the divine command, and now the final blow was about to fall.” *Patriarchs and Prophets*, 273.

DISAPPOINTMENT

“Upon us is shining the accumulated light of past ages. The record of Israel’s forgetfulness has been preserved for our enlightenment. In this age God has set His hand to gather unto Himself a people from every nation, kindred, and tongue. In the advent movement He has wrought for His heritage, even as He wrought for the Israelites in leading them from Egypt. **In the great disappointment of 1844 the faith of His people was tested as was that of the Hebrews at the Red Sea.** Had the Adventists in the early days still trusted to the guiding Hand that had been with them in their past experience, they would have seen of the salvation of God. If all who had labored unitedly in the work of 1844 had received the third angel’s message and proclaimed it in the power of the Holy Spirit, the Lord would have wrought mightily with their efforts. A flood of light would have been shed upon the world. Years ago the inhabitants of the earth would have been warned, the closing work would have been completed, and Christ would have come for the redemption of His people.” *Testimonies*, volume 8, 115–116.

5. WORK—MANNA: EXODUS 16

6. BACKSLIDING—EXODUS 16

7. THE FOURTH MESSAGE

A. REFORM—EXODUS 19:10

B. RIGHTEOUSNESS

“Never since man was created had there been witnessed such a manifestation of divine power as when the law was proclaimed from Sinai. ‘The earth shook, the heavens also dropped at the presence of God: even Sinai itself was moved at the presence of God, the God of Israel.’ Psalm 68:8.” *Patriarchs and Prophets*, 340.

C. JUDGMENT

“Those who performed this terrible work of **judgment** were acting by divine authority, executing the sentence of the King of heaven.” *Patriarchs and Prophets*, 324.

COVENANT ANCIENT AND MODERN ISRAEL

“That which God purposed to do for the world through Israel, the chosen nation, He will finally accomplish through His church on earth today. He has ‘let out His vineyard unto other husbandmen,’ even to His covenant-keeping people, who faithfully ‘render Him the fruits in their seasons.’ Never has the Lord been without true representatives on this earth who have made His interests their own. These witnesses for God are numbered among the spiritual Israel, and **to them will be fulfilled all the covenant promises made by Jehovah to His ancient people.**” *Prophets and Kings*, 714.

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TWO TABLES, TWO LOAVES AND TWO TABLES

THE PRESENT PARALLELS THE PAST

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

JOEL

THE FOURTH GENERATION: JOEL 1:1–5

Exodus 34:7, Numbers 14:18; Deuteronomy 5:9

THE FIRST PENTECOST: OUR ADMONITION

“The entire history of the children of Israel was ‘written for our admonition upon whom the ends of the world are come.’” No Hebrews could so fully estimate the sacredness and exalted character of God’s law as those who accepted Christ as their Redeemer. He was the foundation of the entire Jewish system.” *Review and Herald*, April 29, 1875.

MOSES—GENESIS 15:16

Matthew 3:7; 12:34

SINAI

A TARRYING TIME, TWO TABLES AND FORTY-SIX DAYS

Exodus 24:1, 6–8, 12–18

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

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

A DAY FOR A YEAR

Numbers 14:33–34

THE GLORY OF THE LORD, A COVENANT AND GOD'S HAND

Exodus 33:21–34:10

A MANIFESTATION OF GOD'S POWER

“Never since man was created had there been witnessed such a manifestation of divine power as when the law was proclaimed from Sinai.” *Patriarchs and Prophets*, 340.

PENTECOST COMMEMORATED

TWO WAVE LOAVES

Even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a new meat offering unto the Lord. Ye shall bring out of your habitations **two wave loaves** of two tenth deals: they shall be of fine flour; they shall be baked **with leaven**; *they are* the **firstfruits** unto the Lord. Leviticus 23:16–17.

FIRST FRUITS & VIRGINS

Revelation 14:3–4

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

BAKEN WITH LEAVEN—SIN: 1 CORINTHIANS 5:6–8

WAVE OFFERING—AN ENSIGN

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

THE ENSIGN IS LIFTED UP

Isaiah 5:25–26; Isaiah 18:3; Zechariah 9:16; Isaiah 30:16–17

PENTECOST'S TWO LOAVES: A TYPE OF CHRIST

And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. John 6:35.

PENTECOST

FORTY AND SIX YEARS TO BUILD THE TEMPLE—JOHN 2:19–21

A TARRYING TIME AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD—LUKE 24:44–52.

AN INCREASE OF KNOWLEDGE

“After his resurrection **he opened their minds that they might understand the Scriptures**, and told them the same things which before they could not comprehend, saying, ‘These are the things which I spake unto you while I was yet with you.’ We should pray that our understanding may be opened, that we may comprehend what Christ has said unto us; for we are to be sanctified through his word.” *Signs of the Times*, April 6, 1891.

COVENANT CONFIRMED—DANIEL 9:27

THE MILLERITES

MAKE IT PLAIN UPON TABLES

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

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

TABLE ONE

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

TABLE TWO

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

A TARRYING TIME

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

While the bridegroom **tarried**, they all slumbered and slept. Matthew 25:5.

BLESSED IS HE THAT WAITETH (THOUGH IT TARRIES)

Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days. Daniel 12:13.

HIS HAND REMOVED

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

SCRIPTURES OPENED

“**The disappointed ones saw from the Scriptures that they were in the tarrying time**, and that **they must patiently wait** the fulfillment of the vision. The same evidence which led them to look for their Lord in 1843, led them to expect Him in 1844.” *Early Writings*, 247.

A COVENANT

“The ‘true tabernacle’ in heaven is the sanctuary of the new covenant. And as the prophecy of Daniel 8:14 is fulfilled in this dispensation, the sanctuary to which it refers must be the sanctuary of the new covenant.” *The Great Controversy*, 417.

THOSE WHO FOLLOWED THE LAMB IN 1844

“Those who by faith followed their great High Priest as He entered upon His ministry in the most holy place, beheld the ark of His testament. As they had studied the subject of the sanctuary they had come to understand the Saviour’s change of **ministration**, and they saw that He was now officiating before the ark of God, pleading His blood in behalf of sinners.” *The Great Controversy*, 433.

THOSE WHO FOLLOW THE LAMB TODAY

“Those who would share the benefits of the Saviour’s mediation should permit nothing to interfere with their duty to perfect holiness in the fear of God. The precious hours, instead of being given to pleasure, to display, or to gain seeking, should be devoted to an earnest, prayerful study of the word of truth. The subject of the sanctuary and the investigative judgment should be clearly understood by the people of God. **All need a knowledge for themselves of the position and work of their great High Priest.** Otherwise it will be impossible for them to exercise the faith which is essential at this time or to occupy the position which God designs them to fill. Every individual has a soul to save or to lose. Each has a case pending at the bar of God. Each must meet the great Judge face to face. How important, then, that every mind contemplate often the solemn scene when the judgment shall sit and the books shall be opened, when, with Daniel, every individual must stand in his lot, at the end of the days.” *The Great Controversy*, 488.

THE MESSENGER OF THE COVENANT—MALACHI 3:1

THE SAME EVENT

“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 KINGDOM OF PRIESTS—EXODUS 19:5–6.

PENTECOST, THE MILLERITES AND THE 144,000—1 PETER 2:2–12.

A SURE FOUNDATION—ISAIAH 28:14–18

MOSES' TWO TABLES

“God’s law is the transcript of His character.” *Christ’s Object Lessons*, 305.

PENTECOST’S TWO LOAVES—JOHN 6:35

HABAKKUK’S TWO TABLES

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

THE REMNANT

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

And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, **which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.** Revelation 12:17.

And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed *are* they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God. And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See *thou do it* not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for **the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.** Revelation 19:8–10.

MOSES' TWO TABLES: THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD

PENTECOST’S TWO LOAVES: THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY

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

HABAKKUK’S TWO TABLES: THE FAITH OF JESUS

“In his [Paul’s] presentation of the gospel he sought to make plain the prophecies relating to the first advent of Christ. He showed conclusively that these prophecies had been literally fulfilled in Jesus of Nazareth. **The foundation of his faith was the sure word of prophecy.**” *Acts of the Apostles*, 124.

THE COVENANT

“In the last days of this earth’s history, God’s covenant with his commandment-keeping people is to be renewed.” *Review and Herald*, February 26, 1914.

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THE PRESENT PARALLELS THE PAST

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

JOEL’S THREE HISTORIES

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

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

TWO DISTINCT CALLS

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

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

HIS MISSION

“In the cleansing of the temple, Jesus was announcing His mission as the Messiah, and entering upon His work.” *Desire of Ages*, 161.

DIVINITY FLASHES THROUGH HUMANITY

“Again the piercing look of Jesus swept over the desecrated court of the temple. All eyes were turned toward Him. Priest and ruler, Pharisee and Gentile, looked with astonishment and awe upon Him who stood before them with the majesty of heaven's King. **Divinity flashed through humanity, investing Christ with a dignity and glory He had never manifested before.** Those standing nearest Him drew as far away as the crowd would permit. **Except for a few of His disciples, the Saviour stood alone.** Every sound was hushed. The deep silence seemed unbearable. Christ spoke with a power that swayed the people like a mighty tempest: ‘It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.’ **His voice sounded like a trumpet through the temple.** The displeasure of His countenance seemed like consuming fire. With authority He commanded, ‘Take these things hence.’ John 2:16.” *The Desire of Ages*, 590.

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“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 Adventists Bible Commentary*, volume 7, 971.

THE FIRST ANGEL

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

THE MESSENGER OF THE COVENANT—MALACHI 3:1–4

THE SIGNAL

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

THE MIDNIGHT CRY

“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.” *The Great Controversy*, 400.

PENTECOST, JOEL, REVELATION 18, EZEKIEL 37, ISAIAH 6 & 28 & THE LATTER RAIN

“It is with an earnest longing that I look forward to the time when the events of **the day of Pentecost shall be repeated** with even greater power than on that occasion. John says, ‘I saw **another angel come down from heaven**, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.’ Then, as at the Pentecostal season, the people will hear the truth spoken to them, every man in his own tongue. **God can breathe new life into every soul** that sincerely desires to serve him, and **can touch the lips with a live coal** from off the altar, and cause them to become eloquent with his praise. Thousands of voices will be imbued with the power to speak forth the wonderful truths of God’s word. The **stammering tongue will be unloosed**, and the timid will be made strong to bear courageous testimony to the truth. May the Lord help his people to cleanse the soul temple from every defilement, and to maintain such a close connection with him that they may be partakers of **the latter rain** when it shall be poured out.” *Review and Herald*, July 20, 1886.

PARTIAL FULFILLMENT

PENTECOSTAL DRUNKENNESS—ACTS 2:14–21

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

TO THIS CLASS

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

A PURIFYING PROCESS—MALACHI 3:1–4 QUOTED.

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

CONSIDER THE CLEANSING OF THE TEMPLE

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

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

THE MAN WITH THE FAN—3:11–12

“Page after page might be written in regard to these things. Whole conferences are becoming leavened with the same perverted principles. ‘For the rich men thereof are full of violence, and the inhabitants thereof have spoken lies, and their tongue is deceitful in their mouth.’ **The Lord will work to purify His church.** I tell you in truth, the **Lord is about to turn and overturn in the institutions called by His name.**

“Just how soon this refining process will begin I cannot say, but it will not be long deferred. **He whose fan is in His hand will cleanse His temple of its moral defilement.** He will thoroughly purge His floor. God has a controversy with all who practice the least injustice; for in so doing they reject the authority of God and imperil their interest in the atonement, the redemption which Christ has undertaken for every son and daughter of Adam. Will it pay to take a course abhorrent to God? Will it pay to put upon your censers strange fire to offer before God, and say it makes no difference?” *Testimonies to Ministers*, 372–373.

A MESSAGE WHICH IS A TWO-EDGED SWORD

“The words of the Lord in Malachi 3:1–3 lay down the work essential to be done in the church of God: ‘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.’ **A message which is as a two-edged sword must be given to the people,** to clear away the evils that are seen among them. A living testimony that will awaken the paralyzed conscience is to be borne.” *Review and Herald*, December 1, 1896.

BY THE WORDS OF TRUTH

“‘Whose fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly purge His floor, and gather His wheat into the garner.’ Matthew 3:12. This was one of the times of purging. **By the words of truth, the chaff was being separated from the wheat.** Because they were too vain and self-righteous to receive reproof, too world-loving to accept a life of humility, many turned away from Jesus. Many are still doing the same thing. Souls are tested today as were those disciples in the synagogue at Capernaum. When truth is brought home to the heart, they see that their lives are not in accordance with the will of God. They see the need of an entire change in themselves; but they are not willing to take up the self-denying work. Therefore they are angry when their sins are discovered. They go away offended, even as the disciples left Jesus, murmuring, ‘This is an hard saying; who can hear it?’” *The Desire of Ages*, 392.

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TWO STEPS

“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.

PROPHETIC ANGELS

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

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

CONNECTED

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

PARALLEL

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

DANIEL'S LAST VISION (EVENTS & PREPARATION)

“The **events** connected with the close of probation and **the work of preparation** for the time of trouble, are clearly presented. But multitudes have no more understanding of these important truths than if they had never been revealed. Satan watches to catch away every impression that would make them **wise unto salvation**, and the time of trouble will find them unready.” *The Great Controversy*, 594.

OUR SHUT DOOR MESSAGE (TWO DOORS SHUT)

“There was **a shut door in Noah's day**. There was at that time a withdrawal of the Spirit of God from the sinful race that perished in the waters of the Flood. God Himself gave **the shut-door message** to Noah: ‘My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years’ (Genesis 6:3).

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

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

“Looking down the stream of time to the last days, the same infinite power proclaimed through John: ‘These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth’ (Revelation 3:7).

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

“Those who did not see the light, had not the guilt of its rejection. It was only the class who had despised the light from heaven that the Spirit of God could not reach. And this class included, as I have stated, both those who refused to accept the message when it was presented to them, and also those who, **having received it, afterward renounced their faith**. These might have a form of godliness, and profess to be followers of Christ; but having no living connection with God, they would be taken captive by the delusions of Satan. These two classes are brought to view in the vision—**those who declared the light which they had followed a delusion**, and the wicked of the world who, having rejected the light, had been rejected of God. No reference is made to those who had not seen the light, and therefore were not guilty of its rejection.” *Selected Messages*, book 1, 62–63.

TWO STEPS

CHRIST'S TWO STEPS

"I was pointed back to the proclamation of the first advent of Christ. John was sent in the spirit and power of Elijah to prepare the way of Jesus. Those who rejected the testimony of John were not benefited by the teachings of Jesus." *Early Writings*, 259.

THE MILLERITE'S TWO STEPS

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

THE 144,000'S TWO STEPS

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

JOEL'S TRIPLE APPLICATION OF PROPHECY—THE CLOSE OF PROBATION CHRIST AND THE WRATH TO COME—MATTHEW 3:7

THE MILLERITES

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

THE 144,000

"The events connected with the close of probation and the work of preparation for the time of trouble, are clearly presented. But multitudes have no more understanding of these important truths than if they had never been revealed. Satan watches to catch away every impression that would make them wise unto salvation, and the time of trouble will find them unready." *The Great Controversy*, 594.

THE JUDGMENT MESSAGE

CHRIST AND THE MILLERITES

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

THE 144,000

“Our own course of action will determine whether we shall receive the seal of the living God or be cut down by the destroying weapons. Already a few drops of God’s wrath have fallen upon the earth; but when the seven last plagues shall be poured out without mixture into the cup of His indignation, then it will be forever too late to repent and find shelter. No atoning blood will then wash away the stains of sin.

““And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, everyone that shall be found written in the book.’ When this time of trouble comes, every case is decided; there is no longer probation, no longer mercy for the impenitent. The seal of the living God is upon His people. This small remnant, unable to defend themselves in the deadly conflict with the powers of earth that are marshaled by the dragon host, make God their defense. The decree has been passed by the highest earthly authority that they shall worship the beast and receive his mark under pain of persecution and death. May God help His people now, for what can they then do in such a fearful conflict without His assistance!” *Testimonies*, volume 5, 212.

THE ULAI AND THE HIDDEKEL— DANIEL 8:2, 16; 10:4

“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*, 113.

TWO VISIONS

THE HIDDEKEL

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

THE ULAI

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

MAREH—DANIEL 8:15; NUMBERS 12:6; EZEKIEL 8:4; DANIEL 10:1, 7, 8, 14, 16

CHAZON—PROVERBS 29:18; HABAKKUK 2:2–3

HEART AND MIND

THE MAREH: HEART (EXPERIENCE)—DANIEL 10:4–8

“True holiness and humility are inseparable. The nearer the soul comes to God, the more completely is it humbled and subdued. When Job heard the voice of the Lord out of the whirlwind, he exclaimed, ‘I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes.’ It was when Isaiah saw the glory of the Lord and heard the cherubim crying, ‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts,’ that he cried out, ‘Woe is me, for I am undone!’ Daniel, when visited by the holy messenger, says, ‘My comeliness was turned in me to corruption.’ Paul, after he was caught up into the third Heaven and heard things that it was not lawful for a man to utter, speaks of himself as ‘less than the least of all saints.’ It was the beloved John, that leaned on Jesus' breast, and beheld his glory, who fell as one dead before the angel. The more closely and continuously we behold our Saviour, the less shall we see to approve in ourselves.” *Review and Herald*, December 20, 1881.

THE CHAZON: MIND (KNOWLEDGE)—DANIEL 10:14; PROVERBS 29:18; HOSEA 4:6

INTELLECTUAL AND SPIRITUAL

“There is a spirit of desperation, of war and bloodshed, and that spirit will increase until the very close of time. Just as soon as the people of God are sealed in their foreheads—it is not any seal or mark that can be seen, but a settling into the truth, both **intellectually and spiritually**, so they cannot be moved—just as soon as God's people are sealed and prepared for the shaking, it will come. Indeed, it has begun already. The judgments of God are now upon the land, to give us warning, that we may know what is coming.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 10, 252.

CHARACTER

“You should keep off from Satan's enchanted ground and not allow your minds to be swayed from allegiance to God. Through Christ you may and should be happy and should acquire habits of self-control. Even your thoughts must be brought into subjection to the will of God and your feelings under the control of reason and religion. Your imagination was not given you to be allowed to run riot and have its own way without any effort at restraint or discipline. If the thoughts are wrong the feelings will be wrong, and **the thoughts and feelings combined make up the moral character**. When you decide that as Christians you are not required to restrain your thoughts and feelings you are brought under the influence of evil angels and invite their presence and their control. If you yield to your impressions and allow your thoughts to run in a channel of suspicion, doubt, and repining you will be among the most unhappy of mortals, and your lives will prove a failure.” *Testimonies*, volume 5, 310.

THE TIDINGS OUT OF THE EAST AND NORTH

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

Amos 8:11–14

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THE GLORIOUS ARGUMENT

“GLORIOUS” #1

GLORIOUS—6643: in the sense of prominence; splendor (as conspicuous), beautiful, goodly. *Strong’s*.

DANIEL’S USAGE #2

Daniel 11:16; Ezekiel 20:6, 15.

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.

Uriah Smith describes the previous verse:

“After putting an end to the war, Pompey demolished the walls of Jerusalem, transferred several cities from the jurisdiction of Judea to that of Syria, and imposed tribute on the Jews. For the first time Jerusalem was by conquest placed in the hands of Rome, that power was to hold the ‘glorious land’ in its iron grasp till it had utterly consumed it.” *Daniel and the Revelation*, 247.

THE COVENANT #3

MIND—PHILIPPIANS 2:5

BODY—1 CORINTHIANS 15:52–53

LAND—EXODUS 32:13

“**Never** has the Lord been without true representatives on this earth who have made His interests their own. These witnesses for God are numbered among the spiritual Israel, and to them will be fulfilled all the covenant promises made by Jehovah to His ancient people.” *Patriarchs and Prophets*, 714.

“Of special value to God’s church on earth today—the keepers of His vineyard—are the messages of counsel and admonition given through the prophets who have made plain His eternal purpose in behalf of mankind. In the teachings of the prophets, His love for the lost race and His plan for their salvation are clearly revealed. The story of Israel’s call, of their successes and failures, of their restoration to divine favor, of their rejection of the Master of the vineyard, and of the carrying out of the plan of the ages by **a goodly remnant to whom are to be fulfilled all the covenant promises—this has been the theme of God’s messengers to His church throughout the centuries that have passed.** And today God’s message to His church—to those who are occupying His vineyard as faithful husbandmen—is none other than that spoken through the prophet of old:

‘Sing ye unto her, A vineyard of red wine. I the Lord do keep it; I will water it every moment: lest any hurt it, I will keep it night and day.’ Isaiah 27:2, 3.” *Prophets and Kings*, 22.

THE HERITAGE OF JACOB—EXODUS 6:8

THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY #4

THE GLORY OF THE WHOLE EARTH

“The unrivaled mercies and blessings of God have been showered upon our nation, it has been a land of liberty, and **the glory of the whole earth.**” *Review and Herald*, May 2, 1893.

GIVEN TO THIS NATION

“Is it in vain that the declaration of eternal truth has been given to this nation to be carried to all the nations of the world? God has chosen a people and made them the repositories of truth weighty with eternal results. To them has been given the light that must illuminate the world. Has God made a mistake? Are we indeed His chosen instrumentalities? Are we the men and women who are to bear to the world the messages of Revelation fourteen, to proclaim the message of salvation to those who are standing on the brink of ruin? Do we act as if we were?” *Selected Messages*, book 1, 92.

THE LAND

“When the land which the Lord provided as an asylum for His people, that they might worship Him according to the dictates of their own consciences, the land over which for long years the shield of Omnipotence has been spread, the land which God has favored by making it the depository of the pure religion of Christ,—when that land shall, through its legislators, abjure the principles of Protestantism, and give countenance to Romish apostasy in tampering with God’s law,—it is then that the final work of the man of sin will be revealed.” *Signs of the Times*, June 12, 18

MORE THAN ANY OTHER COUNTRY

“The Lord has done more for the United States than 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 GREATEST LIGHT

“America, . . . where the greatest light from heaven has been shining upon the people, can become the place of greatest peril and darkness because the people do not continue to practice the truth and walk in the light.” *Selected Messages*, book 3, 387.

A FAVORED PEOPLE

“The people of the United States have been a favored people; but when they restrict religious liberty, surrender Protestantism, and give countenance to popery, the measure of their guilt will be full, and ‘national apostasy’ will be registered in the books of heaven. The result of this apostasy will be national ruin.” *Review and Herald*, May 2, 1893.

“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.

DANIEL’S DISTINCTION #5

“LAND” AND “MOUNTAIN”

. . . enter also into the glorious **land** . . . verse forty-one

. . . between the seas in the glorious holy **mountain** . . . verse forty-five

PIONEERS #6

J. N. ANDREWS

“We have found that the **earth** is not the sanctuary, but simply the territory where it will finally be located; that the **church** is not the sanctuary, but simply the worshipers connected with the sanctuary; and that the **land** of Canaan is not the **sanctuary**, but that it is the place where the typical sanctuary was located.” J. N. Andrews, *The Sanctuary and the 2300 Days*, 45.

Earth: Place where the sanctuary will be finally located.

Church: Worshipers connected to the sanctuary

Land: A Place where the sanctuary was located

HIRAM EDSON

“It is **in this American land** that the great body of the Church has chiefly shared her glorious triumph and prosperity since 1798. It is here that the wilderness and the solitary place have been made glad for them, and the desert has rejoiced and blossomed as the rose. . . .

“From the above it is clear that this wilderness of preparation is the pleasant land brought to view Daniel 8:9. **It is called in chapters 11:41, 45, the glorious land**, and the glorious holy mountain, or goodly land, land of delight or ornament, &c. See margin.” *Review and Herald*, January 3, 1856.

RISE AND FALL #7

AS MADE PLAIN

“From the rise and fall of nations as made plain in the books of Daniel and the Revelation, we need to learn how worthless is mere outward and worldly glory.” *Prophets and Kings*, 548.

THE RISE AND FALL OF KINGDOMS

“In past ages the Lord God of heaven revealed His secrets to His prophets, and this He does still. The present and the future are equally clear to Him, and He shows to His servants the future history of what shall be. The Omniscient looked down the ages, and predicted through His prophets the rise and fall of kingdoms, hundreds of years before the events foretold took place. The voice of God echoes down the ages, telling man what is to take place. Kings and princes take their places at their appointed time. They think they are carrying out their own purposes, but in reality they are fulfilling the word God has given through His prophets. They act their part in carrying out God’s great purposes. Events fall into line, fulfilling the word God has spoken.” *The Upward Look*, 96.

“The prophet Daniel described the kingdoms that would rise and fall.” *Bible Training School*, December 1, 1912.

GEOGRAPHY #8

- 11:2—Persians versus Greeks
- 11:3—Alexander the Great
- 11:4–5—Alexander’s four generals
- 11:6–9—Ptolmey & Seleucus
- 11:10— Ptolmey & Seleucus
- 11:11–12— Ptolmey & Seleucus
- 11:13–15— Ptolmey & Seleucus
- 11:16–30—Pagan Rome versus Syria, Egypt and Palestine
- 11:31—Papal Rome versus Heruli, Ostrogoths and Vandals
- 11:40—France versus Papacy and Papacy versus Soviet Union
- 11:41—Papacy versus United States
- 11:42–43—Papacy versus United Nations

THREE ROMES #9

Pagan Rome conquered Syria, Palestine and Israel, Daniel 8:9; 11:16, 17.

Papal Rome conquered Heruli, Ostrogoths and Vandals, Daniel seven.

Modern Rome conquers atheism (Soviet Union), Protestantism (USA) and the world (United Nations)

DANIEL AND REVELATION #10

SAME SUBJECTS

“This is the suggestion that I made to Elder Haskell which resulted in the book he published. The need is not filled by this book. 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.**” *Publishing Ministry*, 98.

SAME LINE OF PROPHECY

“Many ministers make no effort to explain Revelation. They call it an unprofitable book to study. They regard it as a sealed book, because it contains the record of figures and symbols. But the very name that has been given it, ‘Revelation,’ is a denial of this supposition. Revelation is a sealed book, but it is also an opened book. It records marvelous events that are to take place in the last days of this earth’s history. The teachings of this book are definite, not mystical and unintelligible. **In it 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 8, 415.

THE COMPLEMENT

“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. The angel commanded, ‘But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end.’ Daniel 12:4.” *Acts of the Apostles*, 585.

DIVINE PATTERN #11

DANIEL 11:40 # 12:2

1. 1798
2. Deadly wound healed
3. Message of the hour
4. Close of Probation
5. Plagues
6. Second Coming

REVELATION 13 # 16

1. 1798
2. Deadly wound healed
3. Message of the hour
4. Close of Probation
5. Plagues
6. Second Coming

REVELATION 17 # 19

1. 1798
2. Deadly wound healed
3. Message of the hour
4. Close of Probation
5. Plagues
6. Second Coming

THE DIVINE SEQUENCE #12

USA, THEN THE WORLD

Glorious land then Egypt—Daniel 11:41–43.

Speaks as a dragon then commands the world—Revelation 13:11–14

One is and one is yet to come—Revelation 17:10

“As America, the land of religious liberty, shall unite with the papacy in forcing the conscience and compelling men to honor the false sabbath, the people of every country on the globe will be led to **follow** her example.” *Testimonies*, volume 6, 18.

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

THE ALPHA AND OMEGA APOSTASY #13

ALPHA OF PROPHETIC ERROR

NEW VIEW FROM 1901:

The “daily” in Daniel is Christ’s sanctuary ministry

PIONEER VIEW FROM 1840’S:

“I read on, and could find no other case in which if [the daily] was found but in Daniel. I then [by the aid of a concordance] took those words which stood in connection with it, ‘take away;’ ‘he shall take away the daily;’ ‘from the time that the daily shall be taken away;’ &c. I read on and thought I should find no light on the text. Finally I came to 2 Thessalonians 2:7, 8, ‘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.’&c. And when I had come to that text, O, how clear and glorious the truth appeared! There it is! That is ‘the daily!’ Well, now, what does Paul mean by ‘he who now letteth’ or hindereth? By ‘the Man of Sin,’ and the ‘wicked,’ Popery is meant. Well what is it which hinders Popery from being revealed? Why it is Paganism. **Well, then, ‘the daily’ must mean Paganism.**” William Miller, *Review and Herald*, January 28, 1858.

“Then I saw in relation to the ‘daily’ (Daniel 8:12) that the word ‘sacrifice’ was supplied by man’s wisdom, and does not belong to the text, and that the Lord gave the correct view of it to those who gave the judgment hour cry.” *Early Writings*, 74.

New View: A work of Christ

Pioneer view: A work of Satan

OMEGA OF PROPHETIC ERROR

Glorious land: Seventh-day Adventist Church—A work of Christ

Glorious land: The United States—A work of Satan

2 Thessalonians 2:6–12.

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EZEKIEL'S TWO STEPS—EZEKIEL 37:1–14

PREPARED TO STAND IN THE BEGINNING

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

STANDS UP IN THE BEGINNING

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

PREPARED TO STAND IN THE LATTER DAYS

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

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

STANDING UP IN THE LATTER DAYS

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

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

FROM THE EAST

THE CHILDREN OF THE EAST—GENESIS 25:6

AN ANGRY HORSE—THE WILD ARABIAN ASS

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

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

TURNING POINTS: 9/11

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

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

THE LIGHT FOR THIS TIME

“The latter rain is to fall upon the people of God. A mighty angel is to come down from heaven, and the whole earth is to be lighted with his glory.” *Review and Herald*, April 21, 1891.

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

THE LORD ARISES—ACTS 7:55–56; ISAIAH 3:13–14; ISAIAH 28:21; DANIEL 12:1

THE SHAKING OF THE POWERS THAT RULE ON EARTH

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

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

TURN ASIDE OUT OF THE PATH

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

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

THE NEW WINE IS CUT OFF

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

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

“Isaiah 29:19–24 quoted.

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

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

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

THE BUDDING TREES OF SPRING

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

WE MUST NOT WAIT

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

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

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

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

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