

# ALTAR OF INCENSE/ WHERE IS JESUS STANDING TODAY?

## **Sanctuary Complete System of Truth**

The subject of the sanctuary was the **key** which unlocked the mystery of the disappointment of 1844. It opened to view a **complete system of truth**, connected and harmonious, showing that God's hand had directed the great advent movement and revealing present duty as it brought to light the position and work of His people. As the disciples of Jesus after the terrible night of their anguish and disappointment were "glad when they saw the Lord," so did those now rejoice who had looked in faith for His second coming. They had expected Him to appear in glory to give reward to His servants. As their hopes were disappointed, they had lost sight of Jesus, and with Mary at the sepulcher they cried: "They have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid Him." Now in the holy of holies they again beheld Him, their compassionate High Priest, soon to appear as their king and deliverer. Light from the sanctuary illumined the past, the present, and the future. They knew that God had led them by His unerring providence. Though, like the first disciples, they themselves had failed to understand the message which they bore, yet it had been in every respect correct. In proclaiming it they had fulfilled the purpose of God, and their labor had not been in vain in the Lord. Begotten "again unto a lively hope," they rejoiced "with joy unspeakable and full of glory." {GC 423.1}

I have been surprised and made sad to read some of your articles in the "Medical Missionary," and especially those on the Sanctuary question. These articles show that you have been departing from the faith. You have helped in confusing the understanding of our people. The correct understanding of the ministration in the heavenly sanctuary, is the foundation of our faith.--Letter 208, 1906, p. 2. (To G. C. Tenney, June 29, 1906.)

The scripture which above all others had been both the **foundation and the central pillar** of the advent faith was the declaration: "Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed." Daniel 8:14. {GC 409.1}

Prophecy the Foundation of Our Faith.--Ministers should present the sure word of prophecy as the foundation of the faith of Seventh-day Adventists. The prophecies of Daniel and the Revelation should be carefully studied, and in connection with them the words, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." {Ev 196.2}

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

Dan 10:4 And in the four and twentieth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, which [is] Hiddekel;

10:5 Then I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a certain man clothed in linen [high priest on day of atonement], whose loins [were] girded with fine gold of Uphaz:

Eyes Fixed on Sanctuary.--As a people, we should be earnest students of prophecy; we should not rest until we become intelligent in regard to the subject of the sanctuary, which is brought out in the visions of Daniel and John. This subject sheds great light on our present position and work, and gives us unmistakable proof that God has led us in our past experience. It explains our disappointment in 1844, showing us that the sanctuary to be cleansed was not the earth, as we had supposed, but that Christ then entered into the most holy apartment of the heavenly sanctuary, and is there performing the closing work of His priestly office, in fulfillment of the words of the angel to the prophet Daniel, "Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed." {Ev 222.3}

Our faith in reference to the messages of the first, second, and third angels was correct. The great waymarks we have passed are immovable. Although the hosts of hell may try to tear them from their foundation, and triumph in the thought that they have succeeded, yet they do not succeed. These **pillars of truth** stand firm as the eternal hills, unmoved by all the efforts of men combined with those of Satan and his host. We can learn much, and should be constantly searching the Scriptures to see if these things are so. God's people are now to have their eyes fixed on the heavenly sanctuary, where the final ministration of our great High Priest in the work of the judgment is going forward,--where He is interceding for His people.--Review and Herald, Nov. 27, 1883. {Ev 223.1}

## **Heavenly Sanctuary**

Ps 102:19 For he hath looked down from the height of his sanctuary; from heaven did the LORD behold the earth;

### **Righteous understand movings in Sancturay**

Ps 68:19 Blessed [be] the Lord, [who] daily loadeth us [with benefits, even] the God of our salvation. Selah.

68:20 [He that is] our God [is] the God of salvation; and unto GOD the Lord [belong] the issues from death.

68:21 But God shall wound the head of his enemies, [and] the hairy scalp of such an one as goeth on still in his trespasses.

68:22 The Lord said, I will bring again from Bashan, I will bring [my people] again from the depths of the sea:

68:23 That thy foot may be dipped in the blood of [thine] enemies, [and] the tongue of thy dogs in the same.

68:24 They have seen thy goings, O God; [even] the goings of my God, my King, in the sanctuary.

### **Judgment before Jesus comes and work proceeding in heavenly sanctuary**

Lev 16:3 Thus shall Aaron [high priest] come into the holy [place]: with a young bullock for a sin offering, and a ram for a burnt offering.

16:4 He shall put on the holy linen coat, and he shall have the linen breeches upon his flesh, and shall be girded with a linen girdle, and with the linen mitre shall he be attired: these [are] holy garments; therefore shall he wash his flesh in water, and [so] put them on.

16:16 And he shall make an **atonement** for the holy [place], because of the uncleanness of the children of Israel, and because of their transgressions in all their sins: and so shall he do for the tabernacle of the congregation, that remaineth among them in the midst of their uncleanness.

16:19 And he shall sprinkle of the blood upon it with his finger **seven times**, and cleanse it, and hallow it **from** the uncleanness of the children of Israel.

16:29 **And [this] shall be a statute for ever unto you: [that] in the seventh month, on the tenth [day] of the month, ye shall afflict your souls [fast], and do no work at all, [whether it be] one of your own country, or a stranger that sojourneth among you:**

16:30 For on that day shall [the priest] make an atonement for you, to cleanse you, [that] ye may be clean from all your sins before the LORD.

Our ministers are not doing their whole duty. The attention of the people should be called to the momentous event which is so near at hand. The signs of the times should be kept fresh before their minds. The prophetic visions of Daniel and John foretell a period of moral darkness and declension; but at the time of the end, the time in which we are now living, the vision [Habakkuk's prophecy] was to speak and not lie. When the signs predicted begin to come to pass, the waiting, watching ones are bidden to look up and lift up their heads and rejoice because their redemption draweth nigh. {5T 9.2}

John 14:1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

14:2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if [it were] not [so], I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, [there] ye may be also.

The prophecies present a succession of events leading down to the opening of the Judgment. {GC88 355.3}

### **Following Jesus through the sanctuary:**

#### **The sanctuary on the day of atonement**

Rev 1:12 And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks;

1:13 And in the midst of the seven candlesticks [one] like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.

1:14 His head and [his] hairs [were] white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes [were] as a flame of fire;

1:15 And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters.

15:6 And the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues, clothed in pure and white linen, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles.

#### **In the Holy Place**

Rev 4:1 After this I looked, and, behold, a door [was] opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard [was] as it were **of a trumpet** talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will show thee things which must be hereafter.

4:2 And immediately I was in the spirit; and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and [one] sat on the throne.

4:3 And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and [there was] a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald.

4:4 And round about the throne [were] four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold.

4:5 And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and [there were] seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

### **High Priest moving on day of atonement**

Rev 8:3 And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer [it] with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.

8:4 And the smoke of the incense, [which came] with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand.

### **Now Most Holy Place:**

Rev 11:15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become [the kingdoms] of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

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

### **Priest goes back to courtyard and lays sins on scapegoat**

Rev 15:5 And after that I looked, and, behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened:

15:6 And the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues, clothed in pure and white linen [day of atonement], and having their breasts girded with golden girdles.

15:7 And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, who liveth for ever and ever.

15:8 And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled. [close of probation]

### **Hands laid on scapegoat:**

Rev 20:1 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

20:2 And he laid hold on [hands on scapegoat] the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,

20:3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

### **What took place at end of day of atonement? God's people become one.... sins blotted out. Feast of Tabernacles represent sins blotted out and Christ's 2nd coming.**

Rev 21:1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

21:2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

21:3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God [is] with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, [and be] their God.

21:4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

21:5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

21:6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

21:7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

### **We Are in the Day of Atonement**

We are in the great day of atonement, when our sins are, by confession and repentance, to go beforehand to judgment. God does not now accept a tame, spiritless testimony from His ministers. Such a testimony would not be present truth. The message for this time must be meat in due season to feed the church of God. But Satan has been seeking gradually to rob this message of its power, that the people may not be prepared to stand in the day of the Lord. {1SM 124.3}

In 1844 our great High Priest entered the most holy place of the heavenly sanctuary, to begin the work of the investigative judgment. The cases of the righteous dead have been passing in review before God. When that work shall be completed, judgment is to be pronounced upon the living. How

precious, how important are these solemn moments! Each of us has a case pending in the court of heaven. We are individually to be judged according to the deeds done in the body. In the typical service, when the work of atonement was performed by the high priest in the most holy place of the earthly sanctuary, the people were required to afflict their souls before God, and confess their sins, that they might be atoned for and blotted out. Will any less be required of us in this antitypical day of atonement, when Christ in the sanctuary above is pleading in behalf of His people, and the final, irrevocable decision is to be pronounced upon every case? {1SM 125.1}

What is our condition in this fearful and solemn time? Alas, what pride is prevailing in the church, what hypocrisy, what deception, what love of dress, frivolity, and amusement, what desire for the supremacy! All these sins have clouded the mind, so that eternal things have not been discerned. Shall we not search the Scriptures, that we may know where we are in this world's history? Shall we not become intelligent in regard to the work that is being accomplished for us at this time, and the position that we as sinners should occupy while this work of atonement is going forward? If we have any regard for our souls' salvation, we must make a decided change. We must seek the Lord with true penitence; we must with deep contrition of soul confess our sins, that they may be blotted out. {1SM 125.2}

We must no longer remain upon the enchanted ground. We are **fast** approaching the close of our probation. **Let every soul inquire, How do I stand before God? We know not how soon our names may be taken into the lips of Christ, and our cases be finally decided. What, oh, what will these decisions be! Shall we be counted with the righteous, or shall we be numbered with the wicked?** {1SM 125.3}

The great truths set forth by the types in the service of the sanctuary were brought to view, and faith grasped the central object of all that system--the Lamb of God, that was to take away the sin of the world. {Ed 47.2}

Through His chosen agencies God will graciously make known His purposes. Then the grand work of redemption will go forward. Men will learn of the reconciliation for iniquity and of the everlasting righteousness which the Messiah has brought in through His sacrifice. **The cross of Calvary is the great center. This truth acted upon will make Christ's sacrifice effectual.** This is that which Gabriel revealed to Daniel in answer to fervent prayer. It was of this that Moses and Elijah and Christ talked at His transfiguration. By the humiliation of the cross He was to bring everlasting deliverance to all who would walk after Him, giving positive evidence that they are separated from the world. {11MR 101.2}

All who have received the light upon these subjects are to bear testimony of the great truths which God has committed to them. The sanctuary in heaven is the very center of Christ's work in behalf of men. It concerns every soul living upon the earth. It opens to view the plan of redemption, bringing us down to the very close of time, and revealing the triumphant issue of the contest between righteousness and sin. It is of the utmost importance that all should thoroughly investigate these subjects, and be able to give an answer to every one that asketh them a reason of the hope that is in them.--The Great Controversy, pp. 488, 489. (1888) {Ev 222.1}

*We know Spirit of Prophecy and the Bible never contradict each other or themselves. If there appears to be a contradiction, then we know that we must have a misunderstanding. We need to study the subject more thoroughly and let the weight of evidence tell for truth.*

*There seems to be a contradiction between the two following statements:*

**Holy Compartment:**

He is **today standing at the altar of incense**, presenting before God the prayers of those who desire His help. {ST, October 25, 1905 par. 6}

**Most Holy Compartment:**

Then I saw that Jesus **would not leave the Most Holy Place**, until every case was decided either for salvation or destruction: {RH, August 1, 1849 par. 14}

Then Jesus rose up and shut the door in the outer apartment and **opened the door in the inner apartment and passed into the Most Holy Place**, and the faith of Israel now reaches within **the second veil** where Jesus **now stands by the ark**. {Lt5-1849.8}

*What about the da 568.4 and ST quotes below? Have changes been made to these quotes? Or could Jesus be officiating by the ark and altar of incense at the same time?*

**Could it possibly be that he is indeed standing in the Most Holy Place between the ark and the altar divided by the curtain, officiating at the altar of incense that is right before him?**

**Please note the quotes below DO NOT state that Jesus is standing in the holy place, it says Jesus is standing at the altar of incense.**

**This means that JESUS MUST BE STANDING IN THE MOST HOLY PLACE WHILE HE IS NEAR (STANDING AT) THE ALTAR OF INCENSE AT THE SAME TIME.**

Christ might commission the angels of heaven to pour out the vials of His wrath on our world, to destroy those who are filled with hatred of God. He might wipe this dark spot from His universe. But He does not do this. **He is today standing at the altar of incense**, presenting before God the prayers of those who desire His help. {DA 568.4} 1898

Christ might commission the angels of heaven to pour out the vials of wrath on our world, full of hypocrisy and sin, destroying those who are filled with hatred to God. He might blot this dark spot from His universe. But He does not do this. **He is today standing at the altar of incense**, presenting before God the prayers of those who desire His help. "Who is He that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us." {ST, May 9, 1900 par. 18}

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**Where is the golden altar of incense located in relation to the ark? Answer: Directly before the ark.**

**Jesus must be standing in the Most Holy Place directly between the mercy seat and the golden altar of incense! He is ministering in both apartments!**

**Within the second veil was placed the ark of the testimony, and the beautiful and rich curtain was drawn before the sacred ark.** This curtain did not reach to the top of the building. The glory of God, which was above the mercy-seat, could be seen from both apartments, but in a much less degree from the first apartment. **Directly before the ark, but separated by the curtain, was the golden altar of incense.** {4aSG 8.3}

**I saw that Jesus ministered in both apartments of the heavenly Sanctuary.** He entered into the heavenly Sanctuary by the offering of his own blood. {1SG 160.1}

**Jesus will not leave the Most Holy Place until probation closes but yet he is ministering in both apartments so that means he is standing in the Most Holy Place as He ministers in BOTH apartments:**

R. & H. August 1, 1849: —At the commencement of the Holy Sabbath, (Jan. 5,) we engaged in prayer with Bro. Belden's family at Rocky Hill, Ct., and the Holy Ghost fell upon us. **I was taken off in vision to the Most Holy Place, where I saw Jesus still interceding for Israel.** On the bottom of his garment was a bell and a pomegranate, a bell and a pomegranate. **Then I saw that Jesus would not leave the Most Holy Place, until every case was decided either for salvation or destruction:** and that the wrath of God could not come until Jesus had finished his work in the Most Holy Place—laid off his priestly attire and clothed himself with the garments of vengeance. {RH, August 1, 1849 par. 14}

**I saw that since Jesus had left the Holy place of the heavenly Sanctuary, and had entered within the second veil, the churches were left as were the Jews; and they have been filling up with every unclean and hateful bird.** {1SG 190.1}


**Since 1844, Jesus has been ministering in the Holy of Holies/ Holiest (MHP) NOT the Holy Place. Our adversaries are trying to open the door (that Jesus has shut) to the outer apartment (Holy Place) where Jesus is no longer standing; keeping them from present truth!**

## **OPEN AND SHUT DOOR:**

**I saw that the enemies of the present truth have been trying to open the door of the Holy Place, that Jesus has shut; and to close the door of the Most Holy Place, which he opened in 1844,** where the Ark is containing the two tables of stone, on which are written the ten commandments, by the finger of Jehovah. {PT August 1, 1849, par. 5} Satan is now using every device in this sealing time, to keep the minds of God's people from the present, **sealing truth;** and to cause them to waver. I saw a covering that God was drawing over his people, to protect them in the time of trouble; and every soul **that was decided on the truth,** and **was pure in heart,** was to be covered with the covering of Almighty God. {PT August 1, 1849, par. 6}

I saw the commandments of God and shut door could not be separated. **I saw [that] the time for the commandments of God to shine out to His people was when the door was opened in the inner apartment of the heavenly sanctuary in 1844. Then Jesus rose up and shut the door in the outer apartment and opened the door in the inner apartment and passed into the Most Holy Place, and the faith of Israel now reaches within the second veil where Jesus now stands by the ark.** I saw that Jesus had shut the door in the Holy Place and no man can open it, and that He had opened the door in the Most Holy Place and no man can shut it; and that since Jesus had opened the door in the Most Holy Place the commandments have been shining out and God has been testing His people on the holy Sabbath. I saw that the test on the Sabbath could not come until the mediation of Jesus was finished in the Holy and He had passed within the second veil; therefore Christians who died before the seventh month, 1844, and had not kept the true Sabbath, rest in hope, for there was no condemnation until the true light on the Sabbath came. {Lt5-1849.8}

We had a sweet, interesting meeting with the brethren and sisters at Topsham, Me. The Spirit of God rested upon us, and I was taken off in the Spirit. {Ms1-1849.1} I saw that the **commandments of God and the shut door could not be separated.** I saw that the time for the commandments of God to shine out to His people was when the door was opened in the inner apartment of the heavenly sanctuary where the ark is containing the commandments. **This door was not opened until Jesus' mediation was finished in the outer apartment of the sanctuary in 1844.** {Ms1-1849.2}

 Then Jesus rose up and shut the door in the outer apartment **and opened the [most] holy;** and the faith of Israel now reaches within the second veil where Jesus **now** stands by the ark. I saw that **Jesus had shut the door in the Holy Place,** and **no man can open it.** And that **He had opened the door in the Most Holy place,** and **no man can shut it.** And that since Jesus has opened the door in the Most Holy place, the commandments have been shining out and God has been testing His people on the holy Sabbath. {Ms1-1849.3}

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I saw that the test on the Sabbath could not come **until the mediation of Jesus in the Holy was finished,** and **He had passed within the second veil.** Therefore Christians who died before the seventh month 1844, and had not kept the Sabbath, rest in hope; for there was no condemnation until the true light on the Sabbath came. I saw that Satan was tempting God's people on this point because so many good Christians had died in the hope, and had not kept the true Sabbath. {Ms1-1849.4}

**I saw that our adversaries had been trying to open the door in the outer apartment and to close the door in the inner apartment** where the ark is containing the two tablets of stone on which were written the ten commandments by God's own finger. **I saw that Satan was using every device in this time to keep the minds of God's people from present truth and cause them to waver.** I saw a covering that God was drawing over His people to protect them in the time of trouble, and every soul that was decided on the truth was to be covered with this covering of Almighty God. Satan knew this and was also at work in mighty power. {Ms1-1849.5}

Many and determined efforts were made to overthrow the faith of those who would build up the old waste places, and heal the breach which had been made in the law of God. **How hard Satan and men tried to close the door which had been opened into the sanctuary where Jesus had entered to make atonement for his people, and where the humble, faithful ones followed him by faith. Christ had opened the door, or ministrations, of the most holy place,** and light was shining from **the open door** that all who desired might see the claims of the fourth commandment, and believe. God had established his law, and not one jot or tittle of it was to be annulled. {PrT November 3, 1885, par. 5}



Men sought to close the door which God had opened, and to open the door which he had closed. But “He that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth,” had declared, “Behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it.” [Revelation 3:7, 8.] Christ had opened the door, or ministration, of the most holy place, light was shining from that open door of the sanctuary in Heaven, and the fourth commandment was shown to be included in the law which is there enshrined; what God had established, no man could overthrow. {GC88 435.1}

It was on my first journey east to relate my visions that the precious light in regard to the heavenly sanctuary was opened before me and **I was shown the open and shut door**. We believed that the Lord was soon to come in the clouds of heaven. I was shown that there was a great work to be done in the world for those who had not had the light and rejected it. Our brethren could not understand this with our faith in the immediate appearing of Christ. Some accused me of saying, “My Lord delayeth His coming” [Matthew 24:48], especially the fanatical ones. **I saw that in 1844 God had opened a door and no man could shut it, and shut a door and no man could open it.** Those who rejected the light which was brought to the world by **the message of the second angel** went into darkness and how great was that darkness. {Lt2-1874.3}

2. The view of the “**Open and Shut Door,**” on pages 24-27, was given in 1849. **The application of Revelation 3:7, 8, to the Heavenly Sanctuary and Christ’s ministry, was entirely new to me.** I had never heard the idea advanced by any one. Now, as the subject of the Sanctuary is being clearly understood, the application is seen in its beauty and force. {ExV54 4.1}

***The ministration of Jesus in the Holy Place ended in 1844 and he closed the door of that apartment. Notice he is not wearing apparel of the Holy Place but apparel only worn by the high priest in the Most Holy Place; the robe with the bells and pomegranates:***

**I was then shown what did take place in heaven as the prophetic periods ended in 1844. I saw that as the ministration of Jesus in the Holy place ended, and he closed the door of that apartment,** a great darkness settled upon those who had heard, and had rejected the messages of Christ’s coming, and they lost sight of him. Jesus then clothed himself with precious garments. Around the bottom of his robe was a bell and a pomegranate, a bell and a pomegranate. {1SG 158.1}

**At the crucifixion, as Jesus died on Calvary, he cried, It is finished, and the vail of the temple was rent in twain, from the top to the bottom. This was to show that the services of the earthly Sanctuary were forever finished,** and that God would no more meet with them in their earthly temple, to accept their sacrifices. The blood of Jesus was then shed, which was to be ministered by himself in the heavenly Sanctuary. **As the priests in the earthly Sanctuary entered the Most Holy once a year to cleanse the Sanctuary, Jesus entered the Most Holy of the heavenly, at the end of the 2300 days of Dan, viii, in 1844, to make a final atonement for all who could be benefited by his mediation, and to cleanse the Sanctuary.** {1SG 161.1}

I was then shown the grievous disappointment of the people of God. They did not see Jesus at the expected time. They knew not why their Saviour did not come. **They could see no evidence why prophetic time had not ended.** Said an angel, Has God’s word failed? Has God failed to fulfill his promises? No: he has fulfilled all he promised. **Jesus has risen up, and has shut the door of the Holy place of the heavenly Sanctuary, and has opened a door into the Most Holy place, and has entered in to cleanse the Sanctuary.** Said the angel, **All who wait patiently shall understand the mystery.** Man has erred; but there has been no failure on the part of God. All was accomplished that God promised; but man erroneously looked to the earth, believing it to be the Sanctuary to be cleansed at the end of the prophetic periods. Man’s expectations have failed; but God’s promise not at all. Jesus sent his angels to direct the disappointed ones, **to lead their minds into the Most Holy place where he had gone to cleanse the Sanctuary,** and make a special atonement for Israel. Jesus told the angels that all who found him would understand the work which he was to perform. **I saw that while Jesus was in the Most Holy place he would be married to the New Jerusalem, and after his work should be accomplished in the Holiest, he would descend to earth in kingly power and take the precious ones to himself who had patiently waited his return.** {1SG 157.1}

***Those who send up their prayers to the Holy (HP), which Jesus has left, have Satan answer their prayers. They are keeping Jesus in the Holy Place! Satan has more than one deceptions to keep Jesus in the apartment which He has left.***

All heaven watched with the deepest interest the reception of the message. But many who profess to love Jesus, and who shed tears as they read the story of the cross, instead of receiving the message with gladness, are stirred, with anger, and deride the good news of Jesus' coming, and declare it to be delusion. They would not fellowship those who loved his appearing, but hated them, and shut them out of the churches. Those who rejected the first message could not be benefited by the second, and were not 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 can see no light in the third angel's message, which shows the way into the Most Holy place. I saw that the nominal churches, as the Jews crucified Jesus, had crucified these messages, and therefore they have no knowledge of the move made in heaven, or 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 of the professed followers of Christ, fastens them in his snare, and assumes a religious character, and leads the minds of these professed Christians to himself, and works with his power, his signs and lying wonders. Some he deceives in one way and some in another. He has different delusions prepared to affect different minds. Some look with horror upon one deception, while they readily receive another. Satan deceives some with Spiritualism. He also comes as an angel of light, and spreads his influence over the land. I saw false reformations every where. The churches were elated, and considered that God was marvelously working for them, when it was another spirit. It will die away and leave the world and the church in a worse condition than before. {1SG 171.1}

**Dream of April 6, 1846—  
a portion of "To the Little Remnant Scattered Abroad"**

In February, 1845, I had a vision of events commencing with the Midnight Cry. I saw a throne and on it sat the Father and the Son. I gazed on Jesus' countenance and admired his lovely person. The Father's person I could not behold, for a cloud of glorious light covered him. I asked Jesus if his Father had a form like himself. He said he had, but I could not behold it, for said he if you should once behold the glory of his person you would cease to exist. Before the throne I saw the Advent people, the church, and the world. I saw a company, bowed down before the throne, deeply interested, while the most of them stood up disinterested and careless. Those who were bowed before the throne would offer up their prayers and look to Jesus; then he would look to his Father, and appeared to be pleading with Him. A light would come from the Father to the Son, and from the Son to the praying company. Then I saw an exceeding bright light come from the Father to the Son, and from the Son it waved over the people before the throne. But few would receive this great light; many came out from under it and immediately resisted it; others were careless and did not cherish the light, and it moved off from them; some cherished it, and went and bowed down with the little praying company. This company all received the light, and rejoiced in it, as their countenances shone with its glory. And I saw the Father rise from the throne, and in a flaming Chariot go into the Holy of Holies, within the veil, and did sit. There I saw thrones that I had never seen before. Then Jesus rose up from the throne, and the most of those who were bowed down arose with Him; and I did not see one ray of light pass from Jesus to the careless multitude after he arose, and they were left in perfect darkness. Those who rose up when Jesus did, kept their eyes fixed on Him as He left the throne and led them out a little way.—Then He raised His right arm and we heard his lovely voice saying, "Wait here—I am going to my Father to receive the Kingdom; keep your garments spotless, and in a little while I will return from the wedding and receive you to myself." And I saw a cloudy chariot, with wheels like flaming fire, and Angels were all around it as it came where Jesus was. He stepped into the chariot and was borne to the Holiest where the Father sat. There I beheld Jesus, as He was standing before the Father, a great High Priest. On the hem of His garment was a bell and pomegranate. Then Jesus shew me the difference between faith and feeling. And I saw those who rose up with Jesus send up their faith to Him in the Holiest, and pray—my Father give us thy Spirit. Then Jesus would breathe upon them the Holy Ghost. In the breath was light, power, and much love, joy and peace. Then I turned to look at the company who were still bowed before the throne; they did not know that Jesus had left it.—Satan appeared to be by the throne, trying to carry on the work of God; I saw them look up to the throne and pray, my Father give us thy Spirit; then Satan would breathe upon them an unholy influence; in it there was light and much power, but no sweet love, joy and peace. Satan's object was to keep them deceived, and to draw back and deceive God's children. I saw one after another leave the company who were praying to Jesus in the Holiest, and go and join those before the throne, and they at once received the unholy influence of Satan. {Broadside 1 April 6, 1846, par. 7} Notice the first 3 fruits of the spirit are missing: love, joy and peace?

**MORE QUOTES REGARDING WHERE JESUS IS TODAY IN THE SANCTUARY. ALSO KEEP IN MIND, THE WEIGHT OF EVIDENCE ALWAYS TELLS FOR TRUTH. PLEASE READ 1SG (58GC) 157-162 "THE SANCTUARY" TO SEE CLEARLY THAT JESUS IS STANDING IN THE MOST HOLY PLACE TODAY.**



***Sr. White in heavenly vision saw the Altar of Incense in the 1st Apartment of the heavenly Sanctuary, and that Jesus pleads the prayers of the saints before the Ark in the 2<sup>nd</sup> apartment. Notice that the —golden censer is between the Cherubims, on top of the mercy-seat. Jesus is standing by the ark in the Holiest (MHP).***

R. & H. July 21, 1851: —We felt an unusual spirit of prayer. And as we prayed, the Holy Ghost fell upon us. We were very happy. Soon I was lost to earthly things, and was wrapped up in a vision of God's glory. I saw an angel swiftly flying to me. He quickly carried me from the earth to the Holy City. In the City I saw a temple, which I entered. I passed through a door before I came to the first veil. This veil was raised, and I passed into the Holy Place. Here I saw the altar of incense, the candlestick with seven lamps, and the table on which was the shew-bread. After viewing the glory of the Holy, Jesus raised the second veil, and I passed into the Holy of Holies. {RH, July 21, 1851 par. 9}

In the Holiest I saw an ark; on the top and sides of it was purest gold. On each end of the ark was a lovely cherub, with their wings spread out over it. Their faces were turned towards each other, and they looked downwards. Between the angels was a golden censer. Above the ark, where the angels stood, was an exceeding bright glory, that appeared like a throne where God dwelt. Jesus stood by the ark. And as the saints' prayers came up to Jesus, the incense in the censer would smoke, and he offered up the prayers of the saints with the smoke of the incense to his Father. {RH, July 21, 1851 par. 10}

Spirit of Prophecy, Vol. 4 pp. 261, 262: —In the temple in Heaven, the dwelling-place of God, his throne is established in righteousness and judgment. In the most holy place is his law, the great rule of right by which all mankind are tested. The ark that enshrines the tables of the law is covered with the mercy-seat, before which Christ pleads his blood in the sinner's behalf. {4SP 261.3}

Spirit of Prophecy, Vol. 1 P. 274: —The priest in the holy place, directing his prayer by faith to the mercy-seat, which he could not see, represents the people of God directing their prayers to Christ before the mercy seat in the heavenly sanctuary. They cannot behold their Mediator with the natural eye, but with the eye of faith they see Christ before the mercy-seat, and direct their prayers to him, and with assurance claim the benefits of his mediation. {1SP 273.3}

Spiritual Gifts, Volume 1, p. 197: —I saw angels hurrying to and fro in heaven. An angel returned from the earth with a writer's inkhorn by his side, and reported to Jesus that his work was done, that the saints were numbered and sealed. Then I saw Jesus, who had been ministering before the ark containing the ten commandments, throw down the censer. He raised his hands upward, and with a loud voice said, It is done. And all the angelic host laid off their crowns as Jesus made the solemn declaration, He that is unjust, let him be unjust still; and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still; and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still; and he that is holy, let him be holy still. {1SG 197.2} (Pg. 57)

In the Holiest I saw an ark; on the top and sides of it was purest gold. On each end of the ark was a lovely Cherub, with their wings spread out over it. Their faces were turned towards each other, and they looked downwards. [Exodus 25:18-22.] Between the angels was a golden censor. Above the ark, where the angels stood, was an exceeding bright glory, that appeared like a throne where God dwelt. [Exodus 25:20-22.] Jesus stood by the ark. And as the saints' prayers came up to Jesus, the incense in the censor would smoke, and He offered up the prayers of the saints with the smoke of the incense to His Father. [Revelation 8:3, 4.] {WLF 18.3}

***What is the work that Christ is doing today in the MHP today? Ans. Blotting out of sin.***

In the typical system,—which was a shadow of the sacrifice and priesthood of Christ,—the cleansing of the sanctuary was the last service performed by the high priest in the yearly round of ministration. It was the closing work of the atonement,—a removal or putting away of sin from Israel. It prefigured the closing work in the ministration of our High Priest in Heaven, in the removal or blotting out of the sins of his people, which are registered in the heavenly records. This service involves a work of investigation, a work of judgment; and it immediately precedes the coming of Christ in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory; for when he comes, every case has been decided. Says Jesus, "My reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be." [Revelation 22:12.] It is this work of judgment, immediately preceding the second advent, that is announced in the first angel's message of Revelation 14:7: "Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his Judgment is come." {GC88 352.2}

I was then shown what did take place in heaven as the prophetic periods ended in 1844. I saw that as the ministration of Jesus in the Holy place ended, and he closed the door of that apartment, a great darkness settled upon those who had heard, and had rejected the messages of Christ's

coming, and they lost sight of him. Jesus then clothed himself with precious garments. Around the bottom of his robe was a bell and a pomegranate, a bell and a pomegranate. He had suspended from his shoulders a breastplate of curious work. And as he moved, it glittered like diamonds, magnifying letters which looked like names written, or engraven upon the breastplate. After he was fully attired, with something upon his head which looked like a crown, angels surrounded him, and in a flaming chariot he **passed within the second vail**. I was then bid to take notice of the **two apartments of the heavenly Sanctuary**. The curtain, or door, was opened, and I was permitted to enter. In the first apartment I saw the candlestick with seven lamps, which looked rich and glorious; also the table on which was the shew-bread, and the altar of incense, and the censer. All the furniture of this apartment looked like purest gold, and reflected the image of the one who entered that place. The curtain which separated these two apartments looked glorious. It was of different colors and material, with a beautiful border, with figures of gold wrought upon it, representing angels. The vail was lifted, **and I looked into the second apartment. I saw there an ark** which had the appearance of being of the finest gold. As a border around the top of the ark, was most beautiful work representing crowns. It was of fine gold. In the ark were the tables of stone containing the ten commandments. On each end of the ark was a lovely cherub with their wings spread out over it. Their wings were raised on high, and touched each other above the head of **Jesus, as he stood by the ark**. Their faces were turned towards each other, and they looked downwards to the ark, representing all the angelic host looking with interest at the law of God. **Between the cherubim was a golden censer. And as the prayers of the saints in faith came up to Jesus, and he offered them to his Father, a sweet fragrance arose from the incense**. It looked like smoke of most beautiful colors. Above the place where Jesus stood, before the ark, I saw an exceeding bright glory that I could not look upon. It appeared like a throne where God dwelt. **As the incense ascended up to the Father, the excellent glory came from the Father's throne to Jesus, and from Jesus it was shed upon those whose prayers had come up like sweet incense**. Light and glory poured upon Jesus in rich abundance, and overshadowed the mercy-seat, and the train of the glory filled the temple. I could not long look upon the glory. No language can describe it. I was overwhelmed, and turned from the majesty and glory of the scene. {1SG 158.1}

### **Crosier had true light on the cleaning of the Sanctuary:**

"I believe the Sanctuary, to be cleansed at the end of the 2,300 days, is the New Jerusalem Temple, of which Christ is a minister. **The Lord shew me in vision, more than one year ago, that Brother Crosier had the true light, on the cleansing of the Sanctuary; and that it was his will, that Brother C. should write out the view which he gave us in the Day-Star, Extra, February 7, 1846. I feel fully authorized by the Lord, to recommend that Extra, to every saint.**" EGW. Word to the Little Flock May 1847

### **Crosier-- Day-Star, Extra, February 7, 1846:**

"The object in either case was to make ready for the atonement. This was the office of the Advent movement (or Elias) up **the tenth day of the seventh month 1844**. The 2300 days ending on that day, the Bridegroom came to the marriage and began the cleansing of the sanctuary which is the first event in the day of atonement."

**Interesting to note that Crosier connects the cleansing of the sanctuary in 1844 with the sounding of the 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet. Notice the language of "the open door/ time no longer" along with the 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet?**

### **Crosier—Day Star, Extra, Feb 7, 1846:**

#### **The Transition.**

The opinion generally obtains that **the seventh trumpet** ushers in the Age to come. The first thing upon its sounding are "*great voices saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ.*" These voices must be heard in the world in which those kingdoms are. It is also evident that the kingdoms sustain a different relation to God at the time these voices are heard, from what they did before the 7th trumpet sounded. The declaration, "*He shall reign forever and ever;*" and the humble expression of thanks from the four and twenty elders, (a symbol of the whole church,) "*Because thou hast taken to thee thy great power and hast reigned,*" shows that at that time he began to reign in a special sense.

**Such voices have been heard since the 7th month 1844**, and produced the effects here described, deep humiliation and profound gratitude. This change of the relation of the kingdoms of this world to Christ, is the same as making his enemies his footstool, (Hebrews 10:13) which event was expected by him while he set at the right hand of the Father fulfilling the daily ministrations. [Hebrews] verses 11,12. Revelation 10 gives in part the

character and circumstances of the transition from the Gospel to the following Dispensation. The angel that declares, "**There should be time no longer**," is not the Lord at his appearing, for after uttering that oath he told John, "**Thou must prophesy again**." Whatever the nature of this prophesying may be, it certainly follows the oath of verses 6,7.

I think we have misunderstood the 7th verse. We have understood or explained the 6th verse as the language of the angel, but the 7th as a declaration of John; whereas both verses are the language of the angel, the 7th being a qualification or explanation of the 6th, **showing the manner in which time should close**. The angel of the Philadelphia church having "**an open door**", gave the Midnight Cry with the solemn assurance of this oath. He swore, or positively declared, "**That there should be time no longer, but in the days of the voice of the 7th angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets**." There are "days" (plural) in

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Sister White:

"And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven, and swore by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be **time no longer**." [Verses 5, 6.] **This message announces the end of the prophetic periods**. The disappointment of those who expected to see our Lord in **1844** was indeed bitter to those who had so ardently looked for His appearing. It was in the Lord's order that this disappointment should come, and that hearts should be revealed. {Ms32-1896.12}

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which **the 7th angel begins to sound**. Whether these days are literal or symbolic, which is most in accordance with the character of this book, they denote a short **period** of time, **in which not only the 7th angel begins to sound, but the mystery of God is finished also**.

Thus we see that the mystery is finished, not in a **point**, but in a **period**, and while the mystery is finishing, the 7th angel is beginning to sound. **What is the mystery to be finished? "The mystery of the Gospel."** Ephesians 6:19. "*The mystery which was kept secret since the world began, but is now made manifest.*" The riches of the glory of this mystery is Christ in you, the **hope** of glory, Colossians 1:27. "*The mystery of Christ, which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the spirit; that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel;*" Ephesians 2:4-6. It is the dispensation of the grace of God; verse 2.

These texts show that the mystery of God or Christ is the Gospel Dispensation. It is the period of **hope** and **heirship**. While we hope we pray for the object of hope, and that is glory - as exhibited on the Holy Mount, immortality, the Kingdom and society of Jesus. Until these are obtained we hope; and while we hope the mystery is not finished. - Again, we are heirs during the mystery of God, and when that is finished, we shall become inheritors. We must therefore conclude that the mystery of God will end with the mysterious change from mortal to immortality; 1 Corinthians 15:51-54. **Then, as the Dispensation of the fulness of times begins with the 7th trumpet, and the Gospel Dispensation reaches to the resurrection,** it is manifest that the Dispensation of the fulness of times, begins before the Gospel Dispensation ends. - There is a short period of overlapping or running together of the two Dispensations, in which the peculiarities of both mingle like the twilight, minglings of light and darkness.

End of Crosier's article

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Everything that could be done has been done to make our salvation possible. Christ has obtained an everlasting victory, in order that **He might open to us the door of heaven**. To obtain our salvation, He hung on Calvary's cross. For our sake He was laid in the tomb. For us He was raised from the dead; and for us, too, He declared over the rent sepulcher of Joseph. "I am the resurrection and the life." **And when at the close of His earthly ministry He ascended to heaven, the portals of the city of God were opened wide, and He entered as a conqueror, there to take up, in the heavenly sanctuary, His ministry in behalf of those for whom He had given His life.** The divine human Son of God is **now standing in the presence of the Father**, pleading our cases and presenting His sacrifice as the atonement for our transgressions. {ST January 14, 1903, par. 5}

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**Sabbath, March 24th, 1849**, we had a sweet, and very interesting meeting with the Brethren at Topsham, Me. The Holy Ghost was poured out upon us, and **I was taken off in the Spirit to the City of the living God**. There **I was shown** that the commandments of God, and the testimony of Jesus Christ, relating to the shut door, could not be separated, and that the time for the commandments of God to shine out, with all their importance, and for God's people to be tried on the Sabbath truth, was when the door was opened in the Most Holy Place of the Heavenly Sanctuary, where the Ark is, containing the ten commandments. **This door was not opened, until the mediation of Jesus was finished in the Holy Place of the Sanctuary in 1844.** Then, **Jesus rose up, and shut the door in the Holy Place, and opened the door in the Most Holy, and passed within the second vail, where he now stands by the Ark; and where the faith of Israel now reaches.** {PT August 1, 1849, par. 2}

**I saw** that Jesus **had shut the door in the Holy Place, and no man can open it;** and that **he had opened the door in the Most Holy, and no man can shut it** (See Revelation 3:7, 8.); and that **since Jesus has opened the door in the Most Holy Place**, which contains the Ark, the commandments have been shining out to God's people, and they are being tested on the Sabbath question. {PT August 1, 1849, par. 3}

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## OPEN AND CLOSED DOOR IN CONNECTION WITH THE SEALING:

Ms 1, 1849

### The Open and Shut Door

March 24, 1849

See PT 08/1849; Lt 5, 1849. See also Annotations.

We had a sweet, interesting meeting with the brethren and sisters at Topsham, Me. The Spirit of God rested upon us, and I was taken off in the Spirit. {Ms1-1849.1}

I saw that the commandments of God and the shut door could not be separated. I saw that the time for the commandments of God to shine out to His people was when the door was opened in the inner apartment of the heavenly sanctuary where the ark is containing the commandments. This door was not opened until Jesus' mediation was finished in the outer apartment of the sanctuary in 1844. {Ms1-1849.2}

Then Jesus rose up and shut the door in the outer apartment and opened the holy; and the faith of Israel now reaches within the second veil where Jesus now stands by the ark. I saw that Jesus had shut the door in the Holy Place, and no man can open it. And that He had opened the door in the Most Holy place, and no man can shut it. And that since Jesus has opened the door in the Most Holy place, the commandments have been shining out and God has been testing His people on the holy Sabbath. {Ms1-1849.3}

I saw that the test on the Sabbath could not come until the mediation of Jesus in the Holy was finished, and He had passed within the second veil. Therefore Christians who died before the seventh month 1844, and had not kept the Sabbath, rest in hope; for there was no condemnation until the true light on the Sabbath came. I saw that Satan was tempting God's people on this point because so many good Christians had died in the hope, and had not kept the true Sabbath. {Ms1-1849.4}

I saw that our adversaries had been trying to open the door in the outer apartment and to close the door in the inner apartment where the ark is containing the two tablets of stone on which were written the ten commandments by God's own finger. I saw that Satan was using every device in this time to keep the minds of God's people from present truth and cause them to waver. I saw a covering that God was drawing over His people to protect them in the time of trouble, and every soul that was decided on the truth was to be covered with this covering of Almighty God. Satan knew this and was also at work in mighty power. {Ms1-1849.5}

I saw that the mysterious knocking in N.Y. was the power of Satan clothed in a religious garb to lull the deceived to more security and to draw the minds of God's people, if possible, to look at that and cause them to doubt the teachings of God among His people. I saw that Satan was working through agents in a number of ways. He was at work through ministers who had rejected God's truth, and had been given over to strong delusions to believe a lie that they might be damned. While they are preaching or praying some would fall prostrate and helpless; not by the power of the Holy Ghost, no, no; but by the power of Satan breathed on these agents and through them to the people. {Ms1-1849.6}

I saw some professed Adventists who had rejected present truth while preaching, praying, or in private conversation used mesmerism to gain adherents; and the people would rejoice, thinking it was the power of God; and some that used it were so far in the darkness and deception of the devil that they thought it was the power of God given them to exercise. I saw that these men had made God altogether such an one as themselves and valued His power as a thing of naught. I saw that some of these agents of the devil were affecting the bodies of those that they could not deceive and draw from the present truth. Some of these were even trying to affect some of the saints unto death. Oh, that all could get a view of it as God revealed it unto me,—that they might know more of the wiles of Satan so as to be on their guard. {Ms1-1849.7}

I saw that Satan was at work in these ways to distract, draw away, and deceive God's people just now in this sealing time. I saw some who were not standing stiffly, their knees were trembling, their feet were sliding because they were not planted on the present truth, and the covering of Almighty God could not be drawn over them while they were thus trembling. Satan was trying his every art to hold them where they were until the sealing was over, and the covering drawn over God's people, and they were left without protection in the time of slaughter. God has begun to draw the covering over His people; therefore it will very soon be drawn over all those who are to have a shelter in the day of the Lord. {Ms1-1849.8}

I saw that as God worked in power for His people, Satan would also work, and that the mysterious knocking, and signs and wonders of Satan and false reformations would increase and spread. The reformations that were shown me were not reformations from error to truth; no, no; but from bad to worse, for those who professed a change of heart had only wrapped about them a religious garb



which covered up the iniquity of a vile heart. Some appeared to have been really converted so as to deceive God's people. But if their hearts could be seen they would appear as black as ever. My accompanying angel bade me look for the travail of soul for sinners as used to be. I looked, but could not see it, for the time of their salvation is passed. {Ms1-1849.9}

## **The Open and Shut Door**

Sabbath, March 24th, 1849, we had a sweet and very interesting meeting with the brethren at Topsham, Me. The Holy Ghost was poured out upon us, and I was taken off in the Spirit to the City of the living God. Then I was shown that the commandments of God, and the testimony of Jesus Christ, relating to the shut door, could not be separated, and **that the time for the commandments of God to shine out, with all their importance, and for God's people to be tried on the Sabbath truth, was when the door was opened in the Most Holy Place of the Heavenly Sanctuary**, where the Ark is, containing the ten commandments. **This door was not opened until the mediation of Jesus was finished in the Holy Place of the Sanctuary in 1844. Then, Jesus rose up and shut the door in the Holy Place, and opened the door in the Most Holy, and passed within the second veil, where he now stands by the Ark, and where the faith of Israel now reaches.** {ExV 24.2}

I saw that **Jesus had shut the door in the Holy Place, and no man can open it: and that he had opened the door in the Most Holy, and no man can shut it; [Revelation 3:7, 8.]** and that since Jesus has opened the door in the Most Holy Place, which contains the Ark, the commandments have been shining out to God's people; and they are being tested on the Sabbath question. {ExV 25.1}

I saw that the present test on the Sabbath could not come until the mediation of Jesus in the Holy Place was finished, and he had passed within the second veil; therefore, Christians who fell asleep before the door was opened in the Most Holy, when the midnight cry was finished, at the seventh month 1844, and had not kept the true Sabbath, now rest in hope, for they had not the light, and the test on the Sabbath, which we now have since that door was opened. I saw that Satan was tempting some of God's people on this point. Because so many good Christians have fallen asleep in the triumphs of faith, and have not kept the true Sabbath, they were doubting about it being a test for us now. {ExV 25.2}

**The enemies of the present truth have been trying to open the door of the Holy Place, that Jesus has shut, and to close the door of the Most Holy Place, which he opened in 1844**, where the Ark is, containing the two tables of stone, on which are written the ten commandments, by the finger of Jehovah. {ExV 25.3}

Satan is now using every device in this sealing time, to keep the minds of God's people from the present truth, and to cause them to waver. I saw a covering that God was drawing over his people to protect them in the time of trouble; and every soul that was decided on the truth, and was pure in heart, was to be covered with the covering of Almighty God. {ExV 25.4}

Satan knew this, and was at work in mighty power to keep the minds of as many as he possibly could unsettled and wavering on the truth. I saw that the mysterious knocking in N. Y. and other places, was the power of Satan, and that such things would be more and more common, clothed in a religious garb, to lull the deceived to more security, and to draw the minds of God's people, if possible, to those things and cause them to doubt the teachings, and power of the Holy Ghost. {ExV 25.5}

I saw that Satan was working through agents in a number of ways. He was at work through ministers who have rejected the truth, and are given over to strong delusions to believe a lie that they might be damned. While they were preaching or praying some would fall prostrate and helpless; not by the power of the Holy Ghost, but by the power of Satan breathed upon these agents, and through them to the people. Some professed Adventists who had rejected the present truth, while preaching, praying or in conversation used mesmerism to gain adherents, and the people would rejoice in this influence, for they thought it was the Holy Ghost. And even some that used it were so far in the darkness and deception of the Devil, that they thought it was the power of God, given them to exercise. They had made God altogether such an one as themselves, and had valued his power as a thing of naught. {ExV 26.1}

Some of these agents of Satan were affecting the bodies of some of the saints; those that they could not deceive and draw away from the truth, by a Satanic influence. Oh, that all could get a view of it as God revealed it to me, that they might know more of the wiles of Satan, and be on their guard. I saw that Satan was at work in these ways to distract, deceive, and draw away God's people, just now in this sealing time. I saw some who were not standing stiffly for present truth. Their knees were trembling, and their feet were sliding, because they were not firmly planted on the truth, and the covering of Almighty God could not be drawn over them while they were thus trembling. {ExV 26.2}

Satan was trying his every art to hold them where they were, until the sealing was past, and the covering drawn over God's people, and they left out, without a shelter from the burning wrath of God, in the seven last plagues. {ExV 27.1}

God has begun to draw this covering over his people, and it will soon be drawn over all who are to have a shelter in the day of slaughter. God will work in power for his people; and Satan will be permitted to work also. {ExV 27.2}

I saw that the mysterious signs and wonders, and false reformations would increase, and spread. The reformations that were shown me, were not reformations from error to truth. My accompanying angel bade me look for the travail of soul for sinners as used to be. I looked, but could not see it; for the time for their salvation is past. {ExV 27.3}

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