

THE SEVEN SEALS CHART. Revelation 6

A.D. 31	FIRST SEAL -- The <u>white horse</u> symbolizes the <u>purity</u> of the faith in the first century. The rider with a crown, going forth to conquer, is emblematical of the zeal and success of the earliest minister of Christ.	69 years
100	SECOND SEAL -- The <u>red horse</u> indicates that the original purity of faith had become <u>corrupted</u> . The misery of iniquity had begun to work (2Thess. 2:17): errors arose, wordliness came in; the church sought the alliance of the state; and trouble and commotion were the result. The time of this seal extended to the conversion of Constantine.	223 years
323	THIRD SEAL -- The corruption of this period is denoted by the <u>black horse</u> . Between 303 and 538 the darkest errors sprang up in the church, and the greatest worldliness prevailed -- great darkness and moral corruption in the church. The celibacy of priests, the worship of images and relics, and a long train of superstitions, were substituted for true religion and genuine piety.	215 years
538	FOURTH SEAL -- A <u>pale horse</u> , or one of a sickly, yellowish hue, well symbolizes the state of the professed church from 538 to the opening of the Reformation. <u>Death</u> sat on the horse, and power was given to him to kill, etc. This was just what the papacy did during those long years of her supremacy, as the blood of more than 50,000,000 martyrs testifies.	979 years
1517	FIFTH SEAL -- This covers the time of the <u>Reformation</u> . The souls slain under the preceding seal here cry for vengeance on their persecutors. White robes were given them, that is, righteousness (Rev. 19:8) was ascribed to them, and they were bidden to rest a little longer.	238 years
1755	SIXTH SEAL -- Under this occurred the <u>great earthquake of 1755</u> , followed by the <u>dark day and night of May 19, 1780</u> . Then came the <u>meteoric shower of Nov. 13, 1833</u> , -- the last <u>sign</u> given in this line of prophecy before the heavens depart " <u>as a scroll when it is rolled together.</u> "	Indefinite
The End	SEVENTH SEAL -- This brings the Lord's coming and eternity.	

Above chart taken from 1888 Bible Readings for the Home Circle. Compiled by M. Harris

Trumpets, Horses and Seals

The trumpets denote a series of events which transpire contemporaneously with the events of the seals, but of an entirely different character. A trumpet is a symbol of war; hence the trumpets denote great political commotions to take place among the nations during the gospel age. **The seals denote events of a religious character, and contain the history of the church from the opening of the Christian era to the coming of Christ.** {1897 UrS, DAR 431.2}

-- Sealing process of God's people begins (Rev 7) PRIOR to commencement of 7th seal.

-- **7th Seal:** From the proclamation of the Three Angel's Messages in 1844 and continuing to our day, to the second coming of Christ to the 1000 year reign in heaven to the 3rd coming after the 1000 years and the wicked are finally destroyed is when this 7th Seal reaches its complete fulfillment.

Sealing of God's People

What is the Sealing in the forehead?

The work in Battle Creek is after the same order. The leaders in the sanitarium have mingled with unbelievers, admitting them to their councils, more or less; but it is like going to work with their eyes shut. They lack the discernment to see what is going to break upon us at any time. 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. {Ms173-1902.25}

Now is the time to prepare. **The seal of God will never be placed upon the forehead of an impure man or woman. It will never be placed upon the forehead of the ambitious, world-loving man or woman. It will never be placed upon the forehead of men or women of false tongues or deceitful hearts. All who receive the seal must be without spot before God—candidates for heaven.** Go forward, my brethren and sisters. I can only write briefly upon these points at this time, merely calling your attention to the necessity of preparation. Search the Scriptures for yourselves, that you may understand the fearful solemnity of the present hour. {5T 216.2}

What is the condition of those who **keep the commandments of God and have the faith of Jesus?** If in families there are those **who are refusing obedience to the Lord in keeping His Sabbath,** then the seal cannot be placed upon them. The sealing is a pledge from God of perfect security to His chosen ones (Exodus 31:13-17). **Sealing** indicates you are God's chosen. He has appropriated you to Himself. As the **sealed** of God we are Christ's purchased possession, and no one shall pluck us out of His hands. **The seal given in the forehead is God, New Jerusalem.** "I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God." Revelation 3:12. {Ms59-1895.43}

The Lord is soon to finish up His work, and for this I am thankful. **The great thing for each of us now is to be prepared to close up our earthly history. If our life is hid with Christ in God, then when the seal of God is placed in the forehead, whatever may betide, or wherever we may be, we shall be safe.** If we now make our calling and election sure, we shall be protected in the coming storm. **Let those who have a knowledge of the truth live out the light they have received;** for it will not be long before the end comes. {Lt122-1910.3}

When Did the Sealing Work Begin ?

My Dear Brethren and Sisters:--Let the commandments of God, and the testimony of Jesus Christ be in your minds continually, and let them crowd worldly thoughts and cares from the mind. When you lie down, and when you rise up, let them be your meditation. Live, and act wholly in reference to the coming of the Son of Man. The sealing time is very short, and soon will be over. Now is the time to make our calling and election sure, while the four angels are holding the four winds. {Broadside2, January 31, 1849 par. 12}

Loughborough- "Questions on the Sealing Message" 1916:

Note: italics are in the original

THE SEALING MESSAGE

Such was the situation in **the summer of 1848**. This led the Seventh-day Adventists to earnest, prayerful study for light. The Lord led their minds to the holding of the winds (wars) and the sealing work, with a determination to find the meaning of the situation. They found, in their study of the Scriptures, that the Seventh-day Sabbath was the sign of the living God, and the seal of His law. This newly received light from the word of God gave still greater force to the Sabbath message, and doubly assured them that this, as the sealing message, must be proclaimed to the world before the actual coming of Christ. {1916 JNL, QSM 14.2}

Next came words that spoiled the claims of the first-day Adventists that "the angels were no longer holding the winds of war and strife, but were letting them blow." The words spoken in vision were: "**The angels are holding the winds.** It is God that restrains the powers. The angels have not let go, for the saints are not all sealed. The time of trouble has commenced. It has begun. The reason why the four winds are not let go, is because the saints are not sealed. It (the trouble) is on the increase more and more: that trouble will never end until the earth is rid of the wicked. Why, they (the winds) are just ready to blow. There is a check put on because the saints are not all sealed. Yes, **publish the things thou hast seen and heard**, and the blessing of God will attend." {1916 JNL, QSM 16.1}

WHEN DID THE SEALING WORK BEGIN?

THE testimonies already quoted as to the reception of the sealing message by the Seventh-day Adventists is also good proof as to the time when the sealing began. The four winds of war were about to blow when that commotion among the nations of Europe broke out. The four angels had their commission to hold those winds of war, that the work of sealing be not hindered. "A check was put on," so that the sealing might advance. {1916 JNL, QSM 19.1}

We will note other testimonies showing that the sealing work was going on at that time. In "Experience and Views," "Early Writings," old edition, page 35, speaking of what was then occurring, we read: "**Satan is now using every device in this sealing time to keep the minds of God's people from the 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, and was pure in heart, was to be covered with the covering of the Almighty.**" {1916 JNL, QSM 19.2}

From the same testimony, page 36, we read: "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. . . . Satan was trying his every art to hold them where they were, until the sealing was past, until the covering was drawn over God's people, and they left without a shelter from the burning wrath of God, in the seven last plagues. 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." {1916 JNL, QSM 20.1}

I will quote from a tract published in 1852, a vision given to Sister White, at the home of Brother Harris, at Centerport, New York, August 24, 1850: "I saw that Satan will work now more powerfully than ever before, for he knows that his time is short, and that the sealing will soon be over. And he will *now* work in every insinuation to get the saints off their guard, and get them to sleep upon present truth, and doubting it, so as to prevent their being sealed with the seal of the living God." We read in "Early Writings," "Experience and Views," page 49, old edition: "The sealing time is very short, and soon will be over. Now is the time, while the four angels are holding the four winds, to make our calling and election sure." {1916 JNL, QSM 20.2}

It was because of these plain statements, that our people and ministers, down to 1894, believed and taught that the sealing work had been going on since 1848, and that the 144,000 were being sealed. I do not see how we could draw any other idea, from the testimonies we have quoted, than that the sealing work had begun in 1848-1850. {1916 JNL, QSM 21.1}

When the third message closes, mercy no longer pleads for the guilty inhabitants of the earth. The people of God have accomplished their work; they have received the latter rain, or the refreshing from the presence of the Lord, and they are prepared for the trying hour before them. Angels are hurrying to and fro in Heaven. **An angel returning from the earth announces that his work is done, that the seal of God [See Appendix, note 9.] has been placed upon his people. Then Jesus ceases his intercession in the sanctuary above.** He lifts his hands, and with a loud voice says, "It is done;" and all the angelic host lay off their crowns as he makes the solemn announcement: "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still; and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still; and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still; and he that is holy, let him be holy still." [Revelation 22:11] **Every case has been decided for life or death. Christ has made the atonement for his people, and blotted out their sins. The number of his subjects is made up;** "the kingdom and dominion and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven," is about to be given to the heirs of salvation, and Jesus is to reign as King of kings and Lord of lords. {4SP 431.2} aka 84 GC

Note 9. Page 431. ← The word 'seal' is used in the Scriptures in various senses, even as in common life. The definition given by Webster, the most comprehensive, is as follows: "That which confirms, ratifies, or makes stable; assurance; that which authenticates; that which secures, makes reliable, or stable." The terms "mark" and "sign," also given by him, are used in the Scriptures as synonymous with seal, as in Romans 4:11. {4SP 504.3}

In the covenant with Noah it is used in the sense of assurance, or evidence of stability. The bow in the cloud was given as a sign or token that God would not again destroy the earth by a flood. Genesis 9:13. In the covenant with Abraham, circumcision was the token or sign. This ratified, or made sure; for they who had not this token were cut off. Genesis 17:11, 14. This sign or token was an institution, a rite. Gesenius gives "a memorial" as one definition of the word found in the original of these texts. But a memorial, in the sense of a reminder, or a remembrance, is a token or sign. {4SP 504.4}

In Exodus 31:17 and Ezekiel 20:12, 20, the Sabbath of the Lord is called a sign. It is a memorial of the Creator's work, and so a sign of his power and Godhead. Romans 1:20. This is also *an institution* as was circumcision; but there was this distinction: circumcision was a sign *in the flesh*, while the Sabbath was a sign in the mind. "Hallow my Sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and you, *that ye may know* that I am the Lord your God" Ezekiel 20:20. {4SP 504.5}

In Ezekiel 9:4 the word used in the original is translated mark. Genesis says, "a mark, sign." The *Septuagint* gives the same word in this text that is given in the Greek of Romans 4:11, rendered "sign." Thus the words token, sign, mark, and seal are applied to the same things, or used as of like signification, in the Scriptures. {4SP 505.1}

In Ezekiel 9:4 and Revelation 7:2, 3, the mark or sign is said to be placed in the foreheads of the servants of God. Both these scriptures refer to a time when utter destruction is coming on the ungodly. The seal is placed upon God's people as a safeguard to preserve them from the evil impending. But "the forehead" is evidently used as a figure, to denote the intellect or mind, as "the heart" is used to denote the disposition or affections. **To mark or seal in the forehead is the same as to "write in the mind."** Hebrews 10:16. {4SP 505.2}

The Sabbath is the sign of God; it is the seal of his law. Isaiah 8:16. It is the token of his authority and power. It is a sign whereby *we may know* that he is God, and therefore it is appropriately said to be placed *in the forehead*. **The worshipers of the beast (Revelation 13) are said to receive his mark in their foreheads or in their hands. As the forehead represents the intellect, the hand represents power,** as Psalm 89:48, "Shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave?" Compulsory worship is not acceptable to God; his servants are sealed only in their foreheads. But it is acceptable to wicked powers; it has always been craved by the Romish hierarchy. See Note 8 for proof on the nature of this mark. **The sign or seal of God is his Sabbath, and the seal or mark of the beast is in direct opposition to it; it is a counterfeit Sabbath on the "day of the sun." In the message of the third angel (Revelation 14:9-12) they who do not receive the mark of the beast keep the commandments of God, and the Sabbath is in the fourth precept; they keep the Sabbath of the Lord; they have his sign or seal.** The importance of this sign is shown in this, that the fourth commandment is the only one in the law which distinguishes the Creator from false gods. Compare Jeremiah 10:10-12; Acts 17:23, 24; Revelation 14:6, 7; etc. and it is **that part of his law for keeping which his people will suffer persecution.** But when the wrath of God comes upon the persecutors who are found enforcing the sign or mark of the beast, then they will realize the importance of the Sabbath,—the seal of the living God. They who turn away from that which the Lord spoke when his voice shook the earth, will confess their fatal error when his voice shall shake the heavens and the earth. Hebrews 12:25, 26; Joel 3:9-16, and others. **See also page 457 of this book.** {4SP 505.3}

Sealing Report of E. G. White Utterances During Vision, November 19, 1848

[J. Bates introduction:] A small company of brethren and sisters were assembled in meeting in Dorchester, near Boston, Mass. Before the meeting commenced, some of us were examining some of the points in the **sealing** message; some difference of opinion existed about the correctness of the view of the word ascending, &c., and whereas we had made the publishing of the message a subject of prayer at the Topsham Conference (Me.) a little previous, and the way to publish appeared not sufficiently clear, we therefore resolved unitedly to refer it all to God. After some time spent in earnest prayer for light and instruction, God gave Sister White the following in vision, viz: {Ms1-1848.8}

"Where did the light break out? Let thine angels teach us where the light broke out! **It commenced from a little**, then Thou didst give one light after another. The testimony and commandments are linked together, they cannot be separated; that comes first the ten commandments, by God." {Ms1-1848.9}

"The commandments never would be struck against if it were not to get rid of the Sabbath commandment. That one that has relaxed it is very foolish. It was very small, and when it rose, though it rose in strength, it was weak back there, when it came up it increase, (or increased.) If they won't hear it they are as accountable as though they did hear it." {Ms1-1848.10}

"He was well pleased when His law began to come up in strength, and **the waste places began to be built up**." {Ms1-1848.11}

"Out of weakness it has become strong from searching His Word. The test upon it has been but a short time. **All who are saved will be tried upon it in some way. That **truth** arises and is on the increase, stronger, and stronger. **It's the seal!** It's coming up! It arises, commencing from the rising of the sun. Like the sun, first cold, grows warmer and sends its rays.**" {Ms1-1848.12}

"When that truth arose there was but little light in it, but **it has been increasing**. O the power of these rays." {Ms1-1848.13}

"It grows in strength, the greatest weight and light is on that truth for it lasts forever when the Bible is not needed. It arose there in the east, it began with a small light, but its beams are healing. O how mighty is that truth; it's the highest after they enter the goodly land, but it will increase till they are made immortal. It commenced from the rising of the sun, keeps on its course like the sun, but it never sets." {Ms1-1848.14}

"**The angels are holding the four winds.**" {Ms1-1848.15}

"**It is God that restrains the powers.**" {Ms1-1848.16}

"**The angels have not let go, for the saints are not all sealed.**" {Ms1-1848.17}

"**The time of trouble has commenced, it is begun. The reason why the four winds have not let go, is because the saints are not all sealed.** It's on the increase, and will increase more and more; the trouble will never end until the earth is rid of the wicked." {Ms1-1848.18}

"At that time neighbor will be against neighbor. That time has not yet come, when brother against brother and sister against sister; but will come when Michael stands up." {Ms1-1848.19}

"When Michael stands up this trouble will be all over the earth." {Ms1-1848.20}

"Why they are just ready to blow. There's a check put on because the **saints are not sealed**." {Ms1-1848.21}

"Yea, publish **the things thou hast seen and heard**, and the blessing of God will attend. Look ye! that rising is in strength, and grows brighter and brighter. **That truth is the seal, that's why it comes last**. The shut door we have had. God has taught and taught, but **that experience is not the seal**, and that commandment that has been trodden under foot will be exalted. And when ye get that you will go through the time of trouble." {Ms1-1848.22}

"Yea, all that thou art looking at, thou shalt not see just now. Be careful, **let not light be set aside** which comes from another way from which thou art looking for." {Ms1-1848.23}

[Note by J. Bates:] The above was copied word for word as she spake in vision, therefore it's unadulterated; some sentences escaped us, and some which we have not copied here. This probably is sufficient to show the answer to our prayers. {Ms1-1848.24}

Ms 1, 1849
The Open and Shut Door

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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}

January 31, 1849 To those who are receiving the seal of the living God.

"This is that which was spoken of by the prophet Joel; And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: and on my servants, and on my handmaidens, I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy." {Broadside2, January 31, 1849 par. 1}

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. **Then Jesus will step out from between the Father and man, and God will keep silent no longer; but pour out his wrath on those who have rejected his truth.** I saw that the anger of the nations, the wrath of God, and the time to judge the dead, were separate events, one following the other. I saw that Michael had not stood up, and that the time of trouble, such as never was, had not yet commenced. The nations are now getting angry, but when our High Priest has finished his work in the Sanctuary, he will stand up, put on the garments of vengeance, and then the seven last plagues will be poured out. I saw that the four angels would hold the **four winds** until Jesus work was done in the Sanctuary, and then will come the **seven last plagues. These plagues enraged the wicked against the righteous, and they thought that we had brought them down upon them, and if they could rid the earth of us, then the plagues would be stayed. A decree went forth to slay the saints**, which caused them to cry day and night for deliverance. This was the time of Jacob's trouble. Then all the saints cried out with anguish of spirit, and were delivered by the Voice of God. Then the 144,000 triumphed. Their faces were lighted up with the glory of God. Then I was shown a company who were howling in agony. **On their garments was written in large characters--thou art weighed in the balance, and found wanting.** I asked who this company were. The angel said, "**these are they who have once kept the Sabbath and have given it up.**" I heard them cry with a loud voice--"we have believed in thy coming, and taught it with energy." And while they were speaking, their eyes would fall upon their garments and **see the writing**, and then they would wail aloud. I saw they had drunk of the deep waters, and fouled the residue with their feet--trodden the Sabbath underfoot, and that is why they were weighed in the balance and found wanting. Then my attending angel directed me to the city again, where I saw four angels winging their way to the gate of the city, and were just presenting the golden card to the angel at the gate. Then I saw another angel swiftly flying from the direction of the most excellent glory, and crying with a loud voice to the other angels, and waving something up and down in his hand. I asked my attending angel for an explanation of what I saw. He told me that I could see no more then, but he would shortly show me what those things that I then saw meant. {Broadside2, January 31, 1849 par. 2}

Sabbath afternoon one of our number was sick, and requested prayers that he might be healed. We all united in applying to the Physician who never lost a case, and while healing power came down, and the sick was healed, the Spirit fell upon me and I was taken off in vision. **I saw the state of some who stood on present truth, but disregarded the visions,--the way God had chosen to teach in some cases, those who erred from Bible truth.** I saw that in striking against the visions they did not strike against the worm--the feeble instrument that God spake through; but against the Holy Ghost. I saw it was a small thing to speak against the instrument, but it was dangerous to slight the words of God. I saw if they were in error and God chose to show them their errors through visions, and they disregarded the teachings of God through visions, they would be left to take their own way, and run in the way of error, and think they were right, until they would find it out too late. Then in the time of trouble I heard them cry to God in agony--"Why didst thou not show us our wrong, that we might have got right and been ready for this time?" Then an angel pointed to them and said--"My Father taught, but you would not be taught.--He spoke through visions, but you disregarded his voice, and he gave you up to your own ways, to be filled with your own doings." Then I saw four angels who had a work to do on the earth, and were on their way to accomplish it. Jesus was clothed with Priestly garments. He gazed in pity on the **remnant**, then raised his hands upward, and with a voice of deep pity cried--"My Blood, Father, my Blood, my Blood, my Blood." Then I saw an exceeding bright light come from God, who sat upon the great white throne, and was shed all about Jesus. Then I saw an angel with a commission from Jesus, swiftly flying to the four angels who had a work to do on the earth, and waving something up and down in his hand, and crying with a loud voice--"**Hold,! Hold! Hold! Hold! until the servants of God are sealed in their foreheads.**"--I asked my accompanying angel the meaning of what I heard, and what the four angels were about to do. He said to me that it was God that restrained the powers, and that he gave his angels charge over things on the earth, and that the four angels had power from God to hold the four winds, and that they were about to let the four winds go, and while they had started on their mission to let them go, the merciful eye of Jesus gazed on the remnant

that **were not all sealed**, then he raised his hands to the Father and plead with him that he had spilled his blood for them. Then another angel was commissioned to fly swiftly to the four angels, and bid them hold until the servants of God were sealed with the seal of the living God in their foreheads. {Broadside2, January 31, 1849 par. 3}

Dec. 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 who bear 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. {Broadside2, January 31, 1849 par. 4}

Dark, heavy clouds came up, and clashed against each other. The atmosphere parted and rolled back, then we could look up through the open space in **Orion**, from whence came the voice of God. The Holy City will come down through that open space. 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. {Broadside2, January 31, 1849 par. 5}

I have seen the tender love that God has for his people, and it is very great. I saw an angel over every saint, with their wings spread about them: and if the saints wept through discouragement, or were in danger, the angel that ever attended them would fly quickly upward to carry the tidings, and the angels in the city would cease to sing. Then Jesus would commission another angel to descend to encourage, watch over and **try to keep them from going out of the narrow path:** but, if they did not take heed to the watchful care of these angels, and would not be comforted by them, and continued to go astray, the angels would look sad and weep. Then they would bear the tidings upward, and all the angels in the city would weep, and then with a loud voice say, Amen. But if the saints fixed their eyes on the prize before them, and glorified God by praising him, then the angels would bear the glad tidings to the city, and the angels in the city would touch their golden harps and sing with a loud voice--Alleluia! and the heavenly arches would ring with their lovely songs. I will here state, that there is perfect order and harmony in the holy city. {Broadside2, January 31, 1849 par. 6}

All the angels that are commissioned to visit the earth hold a **golden card**, which they present to the angels at the gates of the city as they pass in and out. Heaven is a good place. I long to be there, and behold my lovely Jesus, who gave his life for me, and be changed into his glorious image. Oh! for language to express the glory of the bright world to come. I thirst for the living streams that make glad the city of our God. {Broadside2, January 31, 1849 par. 7}

The Lord has given me a view of **other worlds**. Wings were given me, and an angel attended me from the city to a place that was bright and glorious. The grass of the place was living green, and the birds there warbled a sweet song. The **inhabitants of the place were of all sizes**, they were noble, majestic and lovely. They bore the express image of Jesus, and their countenances beamed with holy joy, expressive of the freedom and happiness of the place. I asked one of them why they were so much more lovely than those on the earth. The reply was--"we have lived in strict obedience to the commandments of God, and have not fallen by disobedience, like those on the earth." Then I saw two trees, one looked much like the tree of life in the city. The fruit of both looked beautiful; but of one they could not eat. They had power to eat of both, but were forbidden to eat of one. Then my attending angel said to me--"none in this place have tasted of the forbidden tree; but if they should eat they would fall." **Then I was taken to a world which had seven moons.** There I saw good old Enoch, who had been translated. On his right arm he bore a glorious palm, and on each leaf was written Victory. Around his head was a dazzling white wreath, and leaves on the wreath, and in the middle of each was written Purity; and around the leaf were stones of various colors, that shone brighter than the stars, and cast a reflection upon the letters, and magnified them. On the back part of his head was a bow that confined the wreath, and upon the bow was written Holiness. Above the wreath was a lovely crown that shone brighter than the sun. I asked him if this was the place he was taken to from the earth. He said, "It is not; but the city is my home, and I have come to visit this place." He moved about the place as if perfectly at home. I begged of my attending angel to let me remain in that place. I could not bear the thought of coming back to this dark world again. Then the angel said--"you must go back, and if you are faithful, you, with the 144,000 shall have the privilege of visiting all the worlds and viewing the handy work of God." {Broadside2, January 31, 1849 par. 8}

For two years past, the Lord has shown me in vision, repeatedly, that it is contrary to the Bible to make any provision for our temporal wants in the time of trouble. I saw that if the saints have food laid up by them, or in the fields, in the time of trouble when sword, famine, and pestilence are in the land, it will be taken from them by violent hands and strangers would reap their fields. **Then will be the time for us to trust wholly in God, and he will sustain us. I saw that our bread and water would be sure at that time, and we should not lack, or suffer hunger.**--The Lord has shown me that some of his children would fear when they see the price of food rising, and they would buy food and lay it by for the time of trouble. Then in a time of need, I saw them go to their food and look at it, and it had bred worms, and was full of living

and not fit for use. About one week since, the Lord showed me in vision, that **houses and lands would be of no use in the time of trouble**, and in that time they could not be disposed of. **I saw it was the will of God that the saints should cut loose from every encumbrance--dispose of their houses and lands before the time of trouble comes, and make a covenant with God by sacrifice.** I saw they would sell if they laid their property on the altar and earnestly inquired for duty. Then God will teach them when to dispose of these things. Then they will be free in the time of trouble, and have no clogs to weigh them down. {Broadside2, January 31, 1849 par. 9}

I saw if they held on to their property, and did not inquire duty of the Lord, he would not make duty known, and they would be permitted to keep their property, and then in the time of trouble their property would come up before them like a mountain to crush them. Then they tried to get rid of it, but could not. I heard them mourn like this,--the cause was languishing--**God's people were suffering for truth**, and we made no effort to supply the lack, and now our property is useless. Oh! that we had let it go, and laid up treasure in heaven. I saw a sacrifice did not increase, but decrease, and was consumed. I also saw that God had not required all of his people to dispose of their property at the same time, but in a time of need he would teach them, if they desired to be taught, when to sell and how much to sell. I saw that some had been required to dispose of their property in past time to sustain the advent cause, while he permitted others to keep theirs until a time of need. Then as the cause needs it, their duty is to sell. {Broadside2, January 31, 1849 par. 10}

Now is the time to lay up treasure in heaven, and to set our hearts in order, ready for the time of trouble. Those only who have clean hands and a pure heart will stand that trying time. **Now is the time for the law of God to be in our minds (foreheads), and written in our hearts.** The Lord has shown me the danger of letting our minds be filled with worldly thoughts and cares. I saw that some minds were led away from present truth and a love of the holy Bible, by reading other exciting books; and others were filled with perplexity and care for what they shall eat, drink and wear. I saw some, **looking too far off** for the coming of the Lord. **Time has continued on a few years longer than they expected, therefore they think it may continue a few years more, and in this way their minds are being led from present truth, out after the world.** In these things I saw great danger; for if the mind is filled with other things, **present truth is shut out**, and there is no place in our **foreheads** for the **seal** of the living God. This **seal** is the **Sabbath**. I saw that the time for Jesus to **be in the most holy place** was nearly finished, and that time can last but a very little longer; and **what leisure time we have should be spent in searching the Bible, which is to judge us in the last day.** {Broadside2, January 31, 1849 par. 11}

My Dear Brethren and Sisters:--**Let the commandments of God, and the testimony of Jesus Christ be in your minds continually, and let them crowd worldly thoughts and cares from the mind.** When you lie down, and when you rise up, let them be your meditation. **Live, and act wholly in reference to the coming of the Son of Man. The sealing time is very short, and soon will be over. Now is the time to make our calling and election sure, while the four angels are holding the four winds.** {Broadside2, January 31, 1849 par. 12}

If any among us are sick, let us not dishonor God by applying to earthly physicians, but apply to the God of Israel. If we follow his directions (James 5:14, 15) the sick will be healed. God's promise cannot fail. Have faith in God, and trust wholly in him, that when Christ who is our life shall appear we may appear with him in glory.

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