

Chronological By Year:

Church Response to Truth & Present Condition Foretold – Pioneer & Past Teachings – Fallen Babylon Described

"Any connection with infidels and unbelievers which would identify us with them is forbidden by the word. We are to come out from them and be separate. In no case are we to link ourselves with them in their plans or work." (E.White, Fundamentals of Christian Education, p.482)

#1) "Regarding the testimonies, nothing is ignored; nothing is cast aside; but **time and place must be considered**" Selected Messages, book 1, p 57. 1907

#2) "**God's promises are all made upon conditions.**" Faith and Works, p 47. 1890

#3) **Error is never harmless. It never sanctifies, but always brings confusion and dissension. It is always dangerous.**—Page 292. {3BIO 257.4}

Isaiah 58:1 Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.

Revelation 14

And I saw **another angel** fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, Saying with a loud voice, **Fear God, and give glory to him**; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters. And there followed **another angel**, saying, **Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.** Rev 14:6-8

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

Here is the patience of the saints: here [are] they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. Rev 14: 9-12

Revelation 18

And after these things I saw **another angel** come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, **Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen**, and **is become** the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, **Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.** Rev 18:1-4

1) **1850-** The second angel's messaged called the second advent host from the various sects, and formed the Philadelphia church, or church of Brotherly Love, in the fall of 1844. To THIS CHURCH it is said- "Behold, I have set before thee an open door." This doubtless refers to the tabernacle of the testimony which was then opened, that the light of the holy law of God might shine out upon the waiting saints." (Present Truth Articles, April, 1850 No. 9, p. 68

2) **1850-** I saw the nominal church and nominal Adventists, like Judas, would betray us to the Catholics to obtain their influence to come against the truth. ...the churches and nominal Adventists who know of our faith and customs (for they hated us on account of the Sabbath, for they could not refute it) will betray the saints and report them to the Catholics as those who disregard the institutions (Sunday) of the people;... SpM 1.5 **1850**

3) **1851-** *I saw that the shepherds should consult those in whom they have reason to have confidence, **those who have been in all the messages,** and are firm in all the present truth, before they advocate new points of importance, which they may think the Bible sustains. Then the shepherds will be perfectly united, and the union of the shepherds will be felt by the church. Such a course I saw would prevent unhappy divisions, and then there would be no danger of the precious flock being divided, and the sheep scattered, without a shepherd. P. 26, Para. 3, [CEV]. 1851*

4) **1852-** As I have of late looked around to find the humble followers of the meek and lowly Jesus, my mind has been much exercised. **Many** who profess to be looking for the speedy coming of Christ, are becoming conformed to this world, and seek more earnestly the applause of those around them, than the approbation of God. **They are cold and formal, like the nominal church, that they but a short time since separated from.** The words addressed to the Laodicean Church, describe their present condition perfectly. See Revelation 3:14-20. They are "neither cold nor hot," but "lukewarm." And **unless they heed the counsel of the "faithful and True Witness,"** and zealously repent, and obtain "gold tried in the fire," "white raiment," and "eye-salve," he will spue them out of his mouth. {RH, June 10, 1852 par. 1&2

5) **1853-** "I then saw the third angel. Said my accompanying angel, 'Fearful is his word, awful is his mission. He is the angel that is to select the wheat from the tares, and seal or bind the wheat for the heavenly garner.' These things should engage the whole mind, the whole attention. Again I was shown the necessity of those who believe we are having the last message of mercy, being separate from those who are daily receiving or imbibing new error. I saw that **neither young nor old should attend the assemblies of those who are in error and darkness.** Said the angel, 'Let the mind cease to dwell on things of no profit.'" Manuscript Releases, volume 5, 425. 1853

6) **1854-** *I was shown like this. **The truth once got out now, will stand; for it is the truth for the last days,** and it will live, and less need to be said upon the truth after it is out. Numberless words need not be put upon paper to justify what speaks for itself, and shines in its clearness. But it is not so with error. It is so winding and twisting that it needs a multitude of words to explain it in its crooked form. But **truth is straight, plain, clear, and stands out boldly in its own defense.** The cause of truth should not be hindered in its onward progress for want of means. P. 14, Para. 2, [SUPCEV]. 1854*

7) **1858-** I saw that since Jesus had left the Holy place of the heavenly Sanctuary, and had entered within the second vail, the churches were left as were the Jews; and they have been filling up with every unclean and hateful bird. I saw great iniquity and vileness in the churches; yet they profess to be Christians. 58 GC 190 *That would be since 1844!*

8) **1858-** *So, I saw, that those who had no experience in the first and second angels' messages **must receive them from those who had an experience, and followed down through the messages.** As JESUS was crucified, so I saw that these messages have been crucified. And as the disciples declared that there was*

salvation in no other name under heaven, given among men; so, also, should the servants of GOD faithfully and fearlessly declare that those who embrace but a part of the truths connected with the third message must gladly embrace the first, second and third messages as GOD has given them, or have no part nor lot in the matter. P. 75, Para. 1, [GC 58].

9) 1858- The message of the fall of Babylon, as given by the second angel, is again given (4th angel), with the addition of the corruptions which have been entering the churches since 1844. 58 GC 194

10) 1858- (1st angles message) many ministers would not accept this saving message themselves, and those who would receive it, they hindered. Jesus turned his face from the churches when they turned from and rejected 1st AM. 1858GC 136

11) 1858- as churches rejected light from heaven (1st AM), they fell from the favor of God. —churches opposing first message placed themselves where they could not see the light of the second angel's message. 58GC 140

12) 1858- Those who rejected and opposed the light of the first angel's message, lost the light of the second, and could not be benefited by the power and glory which attended the message. "Behold, the Bridegroom cometh." → (2nd AM/ M/C) 58GC 155-156

Let all be warned by the messages sent from heaven that when any man shall exalt his own ways and his own judgment as supreme, he will come under Satan's jurisdiction and will be led blindfold by him until his spirit and his methods will conform to the archdeceiver, little by little, until his whole mind is under the influence of the spell. The serpent keeps its eye fixed upon a man, to charm him, until he has no power to go from the snare."{PM 175.1} 1905

13) 1858- God's anger will not cease until he has caused the land of light (U.S.A.) to drink of the dregs of the cup of his fury, and until he has rewarded unto Babylon double. 53GC 192-93

14) 1859- The greatest sin which now exists in the church is covetousness. God frowns upon his professed people for their selfishness. 5OT 14 1859

15) 1861- the publishing work was incorporated under the Seventh-day Adventist name, and the first of several local (often equivalent to state) conferences was legally incorporated.

16) 1862- Here is a man, for instance, who does not agree with us on the subject of the second coming of Christ. He believes that we are wholly mistaken in regard to this great truth. Can we feel union with such a man, and take him into our fellowship and communion? We cannot. We can but feel that the shuts his eyes to some of the clearest light of the Scriptures, and refuses assent to their most unequivocal testimony. We cannot therefore extend to him the hand of Christian fellowship. Just so with the Sabbath. Can we fellowship the man who violates it? We cannot. On a vital point connected with the teaching of the word of God, we are at issue; and the union that would otherwise exist between us, is of course destroyed. So with the subjects of baptism, the sleep of the dead, the destruction of the wicked, etc. Where there is not agreement in theory, there can be, in the Christian sense, no real communion of heart and fellowship of feeling. (January 14, 1862 Jwe, ARSH 52.22)

17) 1862- When I study the Scriptures, I am alarmed for the Israel of God in these last days. They are exhorted to flee from idolatry. I fear that they are asleep, and so conformed to the world that it would be difficult to discern between him that serveth God and him that serveth Him not. The distance is widening between Christ and

His people, and lessening between them and the world. The marks of distinction between Christ's professed people and the world have almost disappeared.

Like ancient Israel, they follow after the abominations of the nations around them.—Testimonies, vol. 1, p. 277. {ChS 38.2} **1862**

18) 1862- “How frequently ancient Israel rebelled, and how often they were visited with judgments, and thousands slain, because they would not heed the commands of God who had chosen them! **The Israel of God in these last days are in constant danger of mingling with the world and losing all signs of being the chosen people of God.** Read again Titus 2:13-15. We are here brought down to the last days, when God is purifying unto Himself a peculiar people. **Shall we provoke Him as did ancient Israel? Shall we bring His wrath upon us by departing from Him and mingling with the world, and following the abominations of the nations around us?** The Lord hath set apart him that is godly for Himself; this consecration to God and separation from the world is plainly and positively enjoined in both the Old and the New Testament. There is a wall of separation which the Lord Himself has established between the things of the world and the things He has chosen out of the world and sanctified unto Himself. The calling and character of God's people are peculiar, their prospects are peculiar, and these peculiarities distinguish them from all other people. **All of God's people upon the earth are one body, from the beginning to the end of time. They have one Head that directs and governs the body. The same injunctions that rested upon ancient Israel, rest upon God's people now, to be separate from the world. The great Head of the church has not changed.** The experience of Christians in these days is much like the travels of ancient Israel. Please read 1 Corinthians 10, especially from the 6th to the 15th verse: -Testimonies Volume 1 p 283 1862

19) 1863- Church became a Corporation (business)

20) 1864- If the moral character and spiritual state of God's people, **do not correspond** with the blessings, privileges, and light, which have been conferred upon them, they are weighed in the balances and found wanting. Angels make their report WANTING. **They hear the truth, but do not fully understand it, because they do not conform their lives to it,** and therefore are not sanctified through obeying it. 1T 406 **1864** See Daniel 5:27; the 2520!

21) 1867- That night I dreamed that I was in Battle Creek looking out from the side glass at the door and saw a company marching up to the house, two and two. They looked stern and determined. **I knew them well** and turned to open the parlor door to receive them, but thought I would look again. **The scene was changed.** The company now presented the appearance of a Catholic procession. One bore in his hand a cross, another a reed. And as they approached, the one carrying a reed made a circle around the house, saying three times: “This house is proscribed. The goods must be confiscated. They have spoken against our holy order.” Terror seized me, and I ran through the house, out of the north door, and found myself in the midst of a company, some of whom I knew, but I dared not speak a word to them for fear of being betrayed. I tried to seek a retired spot where I might weep and pray without meeting eager, inquisitive eyes wherever I turned. I repeated frequently: “If I could only understand this! If they will tell me what I have said or what I have done!” I wept and prayed much as **I saw our goods confiscated**. I tried to read sympathy or pity for me in the looks of those around me, and marked the countenances of several whom I thought would speak to me and comfort me if they did not fear that they would be observed by others. I made one attempt to escape from the crowd, but seeing that I was watched, I concealed my intentions. I commenced weeping aloud, and saying: “If they would only tell me what I have done or what I have said!” {1T 577.2-578.1} **1867**

22) 1867- **Those who feel called out to join the movement in favor of woman's rights and the so-called dress reform might as well sever all connection with the third angel's message.** The spirit which attends the one cannot be in harmony with the other. The Scriptures are plain upon the relations and rights of men and women. Spiritualists have, to quite an extent, adopted this singular mode of dress. {1T 457.3}

23) 1869- I have been shown that we live amid the perils of the last days. Because iniquity abounds, the love of many waxes cold. The word “many” refers to the professed followers of Christ. They are affected by the prevailing iniquity and backslide from God, but it is not necessary that they should be thus affected. The cause of this declension is that they do not stand clear from this iniquity. The fact that their love to God is waxing cold because iniquity abounds shows that they are, in some sense, partakers in this iniquity, or it would not affect their love for God and their zeal and fervor in His cause. {2T 346.1} 1869

24) 1869- There are conditions to meet if we would be blessed and honored and exalted by God. It is separation from the world, a refusal to touch those things which would separate our affections from God. God has the first and highest claim upon you. Set your affections upon Him and heavenly things. Your tendrils must be severed from everything earthly. You are exhorted to touch not the unclean thing, for in doing this you will yourself become unclean. It is impossible for you to unite with those who are corrupt and still remain pure. “What fellowship hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial?” God and Christ and the heavenly host would have man know that if he unites with the corrupt, he will become corrupt. If we are found mingling with the world, we shall share the fate of the world. {2SAT 2.3} 1869

25) 1870- The church has departed from the light, neglected her duties, abused her high and exalted privileges of being peculiar and holy in character, and thereby dishonored her God, like ancient Israel. They have violated their covenant to live for God and him only. They have joined in with the selfish and world-loving. Pride, the love of pleasure, and sin, are cherished, and Christ has departed. His Spirit has been quenched in the church. Satan works side by side with Professed Christians: yet they are so destitute of spirituality and discernment that they do not detect him. {PH011 4.2} (T#18, pg 129- 1870)

26) 1870's “God's professed people are selfish and self-caring....They are idolaters, and are worse, in the sight of God, than the heathen, graven-image worshipers who have had no knowledge of a better way.” Testimonies, vol. 2, 441-442. (written in 1870's)

27) 1873- If God abhors one sin above another, of which His people are guilty, it is doing nothing in case of an emergency. Indifference and neutrality in a religious crisis is regarded of God as a grievous crime and equal to the very worst type of hostility against God. {3T 280.3} 1873

28) 1873- If wrongs are apparent among His people, and if the servants of God pass on indifferent to them, they virtually sustain and justify the sinner, and are alike guilty and will just as surely receive the displeasure of God; for they will be made responsible for the sins of the guilty. 3T p.266 1873

29) 1873- In the case of the sin of Achan, God has shown how he regards sin among those who profess to be his commandment-keeping people. Those whom he has especially honored with witnessing the remarkable exhibitions of his power, as did ancient Israel, and that will venture to disregard his express directions, will be subjects of his wrath. God would teach his people that disobedience and sin are exceedingly offensive to him, and not to be lightly regarded. He shows us that when his people are found in sin, they should at once take decided measures to put the sin from them, that his frown should not rest upon all his people. But if those in responsible positions pass over the sins of the people, his frown will be upon them, and the people of God, as a body, will be held responsible for the sins that exist in their midst....

If wrongs exist among the people, and the servants of God pass on indifferent to them, they virtually sustain and justify the sinner, and are guilty alike with the sinner, and will receive the displeasure of God just as surely as the sinner; for they will be made responsible for the sins of the guilty. Those men who have excused wrongs have been thought by the people to be very amiable, and of lovely disposition, simply because they shunned to discharge a plain and scriptural, duty. The task was not agreeable to their feelings; therefore they avoided it...

How does this instance compare with the course pursued by those who will not raise their voice against sin and wrong; but whose sympathies are ever found with those who trouble the camp of Israel with their sins? Said God to Joshua, "Thou canst not stand before thine enemies until ye take away the accursed thing from among you."

{RH September 23, 1873, par. 2, 3, 7}

30) 1875- **"We shall receive the most fierce opposition from the Adventists who oppose the law of God. But, like the builders of the walls of Jerusalem, we should not be diverted and hindered from our work by reports, by messengers desiring discussion or controversy, or by intimidating threats, the publication of falsehoods, or any of the devices that Satan may instigate.** Our answer should be: We are engaged in a great work, and we cannot come down. We shall sometimes be perplexed to know what course we should pursue to preserve the honor of the cause of God and to vindicate His truth." {3T 574.2 1875}

31) 1876- If the **heart of the work** becomes corrupt, the **whole church**, in its various branches and interests, scattered abroad over the face of the earth, suffers in consequence. **Satan's chief work is at the headquarters of our faith.** {4T 210.4} **1876**

32) 1878- The express car was crushed to pieces, **the goods scattered**, and many of them destroyed. **The baggage car not much injured, and our large trunk of books was safe.** {3SP 334.1} **1878**

33) 1878- **False and true devotion bear so close a resemblance to each other** that it may be difficult for human wisdom to distinguish the difference between them. {ST February 21, 1878, par. 10}

34) 1881- "As the men of Israel witnessed the corrupt course of the priests, they thought it safer for their families not to come up to the appointed place of worship. Many went from Shiloh with their peace disturbed, their indignation aroused, until they at last determined to offer their sacrifices themselves, concluding that this would be fully as acceptable to God, as to sanction in any manner the abominations practiced in the Sanctuary." E.G. White, The Signs of the Times, vol. 1, p. 264, col. 3, December 1, 1881.

35) 1881- The people of Israel, in their gratitude at deliverance from the Midianites, proposed to Gideon that he should become **their king**, and that the throne should be confirmed to his descendants. **This proposition was in direct violation of the principles of the theocracy.** . . . Gideon recognized this fact; his answer shows how true and noble were his motives. "I will not rule over you," he declared; "neither shall my son rule over you: the Lord shall rule over you." {ST July 28, 1881, par. 1}

36) 1882- Satan knows this; and **before the loud cry of the third angel is given, he raises an excitement in these religious bodies, that those who have rejected the truth may think that God is with them. He hopes to deceive the honest and lead them to think that God is still working for the churches. But the light will shine, and all who are honest will leave the fallen churches, and take their stand with the remnant.**" {EW 261}

37) 1882- "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of **many shall wax cold.**" The very atmosphere is polluted with sin. **Soon God's people will be tested by fiery trials, and the great proportion of those who now appear to be genuine and true will prove to be base metal.** Instead of being strengthened and confirmed by opposition, threats, and abuse, **they will cowardly take the side of the opposers.** The promise is: "Them that honor Me I will honor." Shall we be less firmly attached to God's law because the world at large **have attempted to make it void?** {5T136.1} **1882**

38) 1882- "I saw that God has honest children among the **nominal Adventists** and the **fallen churches**, and **before the plagues shall be poured out,** ministers and people **will be called out from these churches** and will gladly receive the truth. Satan knows this; and **before the loud cry of the third angel is given,** he raises an

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38A) 1882- We cannot be half the Lord's and half the world's. We are not God's people unless we are such entirely. Every weight, every besetting sin, must be laid aside. **God's watchmen will not cry, "Peace, peace," when God has not spoken peace.** The voice of the faithful watchmen will be heard: "**Go ye out from thence, touch no unclean thing; go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord.**" The church cannot measure herself by the world nor by the opinion of men **nor by what she once was.** Her faith and her position in the world as they now are must be compared with what they would have been if her course had been continually onward and upward. **The church will be weighed in the balances of the sanctuary.** {5T 83.1-2}

38B) 1882- There are few really consecrated men **among us, few** who have fought and conquered in the battle with self. **Real conversion is a decided change of feelings and motives; it is a virtual taking leave of worldly connections, a hastening from their spiritual atmosphere, a withdrawing from the controlling power of their thoughts, opinions, and influences.** The **separation** causes pain and bitterness to both parties. It is the variance which Christ declares that He came to bring. But the converted will feel a continual longing desire that their friends shall forsake all for Christ, knowing that, unless they do, **there will be a final and eternal separation.** {5T 82.5}

39) 1882- The greatest want of this age is the want of men,—men who will not be bought or sold; men who are true and honest in their inmost souls; men who will not fear to call sin by its right name, and to condemn it, in themselves or in others; men whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole; **men who will stand for the right, though the heavens fall.** {ST May 4, 1882, Art. B, par. 16}

40) 1882- I was shown the necessity of those who believe that we are having the last message of mercy, **being separate from those who are daily imbibing new errors.** I saw that **neither young nor old should attend their meetings; for it is wrong to thus encourage them while they teach error that is a deadly poison to the soul and teach for doctrines the commandments of men.** The influence of such gatherings is not good. If God has delivered us from such darkness and error, we should stand fast in the liberty wherewith He has set us free and rejoice in the truth. **God is displeased with us when we go to listen to error, without being obliged to go; for unless He sends us to those meetings where error is forced home to the people by the power of the will, He will not keep us.** The angels cease their watchful care over us, and we are left to the buffetings of the enemy, to be darkened and weakened by him and the power of his evil angels; and the light around us becomes contaminated with the darkness. {EW 124.3} 1882

41) 1882- "At Oswego, New York, September 7, 1850, the Lord showed me that a great work must be done for His people before they could stand in the battle in the **day of the Lord.** I was pointed to **those who claim to be Adventists,** but who **reject the present truth,** and saw that they were crumbling and that the hand of the Lord was in their midst to **divide and scatter** them now **in the gathering time,** so that the precious jewels among them, who have formerly been deceived, may have their eyes opened to see their true state. And now when the truth is presented to them by the Lord's messengers, they are prepared to listen, and see its beauty and harmony, and to **leave their former associates and errors,** embrace the precious truth and stand where they can define their position." -*Early Writings* 69.2 1882

42) 1882- We should individually seek to obtain new victory every day. **We must learn to stand alone and depend wholly upon God.** The sooner we learn this the better. {EW 105.2} 1882

43) 1882- "I saw a number of companies that seemed to be bound together by cords. Many in these companies were in total darkness; their eyes were directed downward to the earth, and there seemed to be no connection between them and Jesus. But scattered through these different companies were persons whose countenances looked light, and whose eyes were raised to heaven. Beams of light from Jesus, like rays from the sun, were imparted to them. An angel bade me look carefully, and I saw an angel watching over every one of those who had a ray of light, while evil angels surrounded those who were in darkness. I heard the voice of an angel cry, 'Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come.'

"A glorious light then rested down upon these companies, to enlighten all who would receive it. Some of those who were in darkness received the light and rejoiced. Others resisted the light from heaven, saying that it was sent to lead them astray. The light passed away from them, and they were left in darkness. Those who had received the light from Jesus joyfully cherished the increase of precious light which was shed upon them. Their faces beamed with holy joy, while their gaze was directed upward to Jesus with intense interest, and their voices were heard in harmony with the voice of the angel, 'Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come.' As they raised this cry, I saw those who were in darkness thrusting them with side and with shoulder. Then many who cherished the sacred light, broke the cords which confined them and stood out separated from those companies. As they were doing this, men belonging to the different companies and revered by them passed through, some with pleasing words, and others with wrathful looks and threatening gestures, and fastened the cords which were weakening. These men were constantly saying, 'God is with us. We stand in the light. We have the truth.' I inquired who these men were, and was told that they were ministers and leading men who had rejected the light themselves, and were unwilling that others should receive it." -Early Writings 240.1&2 1882

44) 1882- Some look with horror upon one deception, while they readily receive another. **Satan deceives some with Spiritualism.** He also comes as an angel of light and spreads his influence over the land by means of false reformations. The churches are elated, and consider that God is working marvelously for them, when it is the work of another spirit. The excitement will die away and leave the world and the church in a worse condition than before. {EW 260.1}

45) 1883- *Influences have been at work to unsettle the faith, and weaken the confidence of the naturally doubting and skeptical. There are some, even connected with our institutions, who are in great danger of making shipwreck of faith. Satan will work in disguise, in his most deceptive manner, in these branches of God's work. He makes these important instrumentalities his special points of attack, and he will leave no means untried to cripple their usefulness. The same enemy that is ever on my track, will be on yours also. He will suggest, conjecture, fabricate all sorts of reports, and those who wish them true will believe them. But be assured that the attacks of Satan will not turn me from the path of duty. The work committed to me forty years ago I must carry forward as long as life shall last. I will not shun to declare the whole counsel of God. Unpleasant as it may be, I must warn, reprove, rebuke, as God bids me, whether the carnal heart will accept or reject the words of warning. For forty years, Satan has made the most determined efforts to cut off this testimony from the church; but it has continued from year to year to warn the erring, to unmask the deceiver, to encourage the desponding. My trust is in God. I have learned not to be surprised at opposition in any form or from almost any source. I expect to be betrayed, as was my Master, by professed friends.* {RH, October 16, 1883 par. 17}

46) 1883- I have learned not to be surprised at opposition in any form or from almost any source. I expect to be betrayed, as was my Master, by professed friends. RH, Oct 16, 1883 p 17

47) 1883- It is a fearful thing for those who profess to be children of God, to cross the line of demarcation that should separate the church from the world. Such are Satan's most effective agents. LP 233,34 1883

48) **1883-** There was a shut door in Noah's day. There was at that time a withdrawal of the Spirit of God from the sinful race that perished in the waters of the Flood. God Himself gave the shut-door message to Noah: "My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years" (Genesis 6:3). **There was a shut door in the days of Abraham**. Mercy ceased to plead with the inhabitants of Sodom, and all but Lot, with his wife and two daughters, were consumed by the fire sent down from heaven. **There was a shut door in Christ's day**. The Son of God declared to the unbelieving Jews of that generation, "Your house is left unto you desolate" (Matthew 23:38). Looking down the stream of time to the last days, the same infinite power proclaimed through John: "These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth" (Revelation 3:7). I was shown in vision, and I still believe, that there **was a shut door in 1844**. All who saw the light of the first and second angels' messages and rejected that light, were left in darkness. And those who accepted it and received the Holy Spirit which attended the proclamation of the message from heaven, and who afterward renounced their faith and pronounced their experience a delusion, thereby rejected the Spirit of God, and it no longer pleaded with them. {1SM 63.4-9} 1883?

1883-The Church militant is not the church triumphant, and earth is not Heaven. The church is composed of erring, imperfect men and women, who are but learners in the school of Christ, to be trained, disciplined, educated for this life, and for the future, immortal life. No one of us can in our own strength represent the character of Christ; but if Jesus lives in the heart, the spirit dwelling in him will be revealed in us; all our lack will be supplied. Who will seek at the beginning of this new year to obtain a new and genuine experience in the things of God? Make your wrongs right as far as possible. Confess your errors and sins one to another. Let all bitterness and wrath and malice be put away; let patience, long-suffering, kindness, and love become a part of your very being; then whatsoever things are pure and lovely and of good report will mature in your experience. Another year with its spotless record is before us; what shall that record be? {ST, January 4, 1883 par. 4}

49) **1884-** The Waldenses were the first of all the peoples of Europe to obtain a translation of the Scriptures. Hundreds of years before the Reformation, they possessed the entire Bible in manuscript in their native tongue. **They had the truth unadulterated**, and this rendered them the special objects of hatred and persecution. **They declared the Church of Rome to be the apostate Babylon of the Apocalypse**, and at the peril of their lives they stood up to resist her corruptions. 4SP 70.1 1884

50) 1884- Christ declares that there will exist similar unbelief concerning his second coming. **As the people of Noah's day** "knew not until the flood came and took them all away, so," in the words of our Saviour, "shall also the coming of the Son of man be." [Matthew 24:39.] **When the professed people of God are uniting with the world, living as they live, and joining with them in forbidden pleasure**; when the luxury of the world becomes the luxury of the church; **when the marriage bells are chiming**, and all are looking forward to many years of worldly prosperity,—then, suddenly as the lightning flashes from the heavens, will come the end of their bright visions and delusive hopes. {4SP 209.2}

51) **1884-** The term Babylon, derived from Babel, and signifying confusion, is applied in Scripture to the various forms of false or apostate religion. **But** the message announcing the fall of Babylon must apply to some religious body that was once pure and has become corrupt. **It cannot be the Romish Church** which is here meant; for that church has been in a fallen condition for many centuries. **But how appropriate the figure as applied to the Protestant churches, all professing to derive their doctrines from the Bible, yet divided into almost innumerable sects**. The unity for which Christ prayed does not exist. Instead of one Lord, one faith, one baptism, there are numberless conflicting creeds and theories. Religious faith appears so confused and discordant that the world know not what to believe as truth. God is not in all this; it is the work of man,—the work of Satan.

In Revelation 17, Babylon is represented as a woman, a figure which is used in the Scriptures as the symbol of a church. A virtuous woman represents a pure church, a vile woman an apostate church. Babylon is said to be a harlot; and the prophet beheld her drunken with the blood of saints and martyrs. The Babylon thus described **represents Rome, that apostate church** which has so cruelly persecuted the followers of Christ. **But Babylon the harlot is the mother of daughters** who follow her

example of corruption. Thus are represented **those churches that cling to the doctrines and traditions of Rome and follow her worldly practices,** and whose **fall is announced in the second angel's message.** {4SP 232-33}

52) 1884- In the days of the Reformation, the gentle and pious Melancthon declared, "There is no other church than the assembly of those who have the word of God, and who are purified by it." Adventists, seeing that the churches rejected the testimony of God's Word, could no longer regard them as constituting the church of Christ, "**the pillar and ground of the truth;**" and as the message, "**Babylon is fallen,**" began to be **proclaimed, they felt themselves justified in separating from their former connection.** {4SP 237.2}

53) 1884- **At the proclamation of the first angel's message, the people of God were in Babylon; and many true Christians are still to be found in her communion.** Not a few who have never seen the special truths for this time are dissatisfied with their present position, and are longing for clearer light. They look in vain for the image of Christ in the church. **As the churches depart more and more widely from the truth, and ally themselves more closely with the world, the time will come when those who fear and honor God can no longer remain in connection with them.** Those that "believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness," will be left to receive "strong delusion," and to "believe a lie." [2 Thessalonians 2:11, 12.] **Then the spirit of persecution will again be revealed.** But the light of truth will shine upon all whose hearts are open to receive it, and **all the children of the Lord still in Babylon, will heed the call, "Come out of her, my people."** {4SP 239-40}

54) 1884- **(1st AM-2520-Judgment- Rev 14:6-7): --The churches that refused to receive the FIRST ANGEL'S MESSAGE, rejected light from Heaven.** That message was sent in mercy to arouse them **to see their true condition** of worldliness and **backsliding,** and to **seek a preparation** to meet their Lord. 4SP 230.1 **1884**

55) 1884- **The sin of the world's impenitence lies at the door of the church.** God sent his **professed people a message** (1st AM: see pg 231) **that would have corrected the evils which separated them from his favor.** A state of union, faith and love had been produced among those who from **every denomination** in Christendom received the Advent doctrine; and had the churches in general accepted the same truth, the same blessed results would have followed. **Babylon scornfully rejected the last means which Heaven had in reserve for her restoration,** and then, with greater eagerness, **she turned to seek the friendship of the world.** 4SP 236 **1884**

56) 1884- Love for Christ and faith in his coming **waxed cold.** Such is the sure **result** of neglect to appreciate and improve the **light and privileges** which God bestows. Unless the church will follow on in his opening providence, **accepting every ray of light,** performing **every duty which may be revealed,** religion will inevitably degenerate into the observance of forms, and the spirit of vital godliness will disappear. **This truth has been repeatedly illustrated in the history of the church.** God requires of **his people works of faith and obedience** corresponding to the blessings and **privileges** bestowed. **Obedience** requires a sacrifice and involves a cross; and this is why so many of the **professed followers** of Christ **refused to receive the light from Heaven,** and, **like the Jews** of old, **knew not the time of their visitation.** [Luke 19:44.] (see 4SP 17) Because of **their** pride and unbelief, **the Lord passed them by, and revealed his truth to men in humble life,** who had given heed to all the **light** they had received. {4SP 200.2} **1884**

57) 1884- The Lord has a controversy with **his professed people** in these last days. In this controversy **men** in responsible positions **will take a course directly opposite to that pursued by Nehemiah.** **They will** not only **ignore and despise the Sabbath themselves,** but they **will** try to keep it from others by burying it beneath the rubbish of **custom and tradition.** In churches and in large gatherings in the open air, **ministers will urge upon the people the necessity of keeping the first day of the week.** There are calamities on sea and land: and these calamities will increase, one disaster following close upon another; and the **little band of conscientious Sabbath-**

keepers will be pointed out as the ones who are bringing the wrath of God upon the world by their **disregard of Sunday**. {RH, March 18, **1834** par. 8} Read pg 55 to see that **Easter Sunday Observance is a form of Sunday worship.**

58) **1884-** “Thus will the message of the **third angel** be proclaimed. As the time comes for the **loud cry** to be given, the Lord will work through humble instruments, leading the minds of those who consecrate themselves to his service. The laborers will be qualified rather by the unction of **his Spirit** than by the training of literary institutions. Men of faith and prayer will be constrained to go forth with holy zeal, declaring the words which God gives them. **The sins of Babylon will be laid open**. **The fearful results of a union of Church and State**, (ie 501-C-3 status, joining of Ecumenical movements) the inroads of **Spiritualism**, (ie NLP Hypnotism of the masses in the pews, Spiritual formation of Loyola) the stealthy but rapid progress of the papal power, (ie control of the masses through clergy)—all **will be unmasked**. By these solemn warnings the people will be stirred. Thousands upon thousands have never listened to words like these. **In amazement they hear the testimony that Babylon is the church, fallen because of her errors and sins, because of her rejection of the truth sent to her from Heaven**. The people go to their former teachers with the eager inquiry, Are these things so? The ministers present fables, prophesy smooth things, to soothe their fears, and quiet the awakened conscience. But many refuse to be satisfied with the mere authority of men, and demand a plain “Thus saith the Lord.” **The popular ministry, like the Pharisees of old, are filled with anger as their authority is questioned; they denounce the message as of Satan, and stir up the sin-loving multitudes to revile and persecute those who proclaim it.** {4SP 424} **1884**

59) **1884-** Many are the forms of human influence through which **Satan works to bind his captives**. **He secures multitudes** to himself by attaching them **by the silken cords of affection to those who are enemies of the cross of Christ**. Whatever this attachment may be, **parental** (parents), **filial** (son/ daughter), **conjugal** (spouse), or **social** (neighbors, friends, church relations), the effect is the same; the opposers of truth rule with despotic power, and the souls held under their sway have not sufficient courage or independence to obey their own convictions of duty. {4SP 424.1}

60) **1884-** ---those who assimilate to the **world** are addressed as **“adulterers and adulteresses.”** --- God looks down upon those **apostate bodies**, and declares them **daughters of a harlot**. 4SP 234 **1884**

61) **1884-** Through the two great errors, the **immortality of the soul** and **Sunday sacredness**, Satan will bring the people under his deceptions. While the former lays the foundation of Spiritualism, **the latter creates a bond of sympathy with Rome**. Protestantism **will yet stretch her hand across the gulf to grasp the hand of Spiritualism; she will reach over the abyss to clasp hands with the Roman power**; and under the **influence** of this threefold union, our country **will follow in the steps of Rome** in trampling on the rights of conscience. {4SP 405.1} **1884**

62) **1884-** As the **Protestant churches have been seeking the favor of the world**, false charity has blinded their eyes. They do not see but that it is right to believe good of all evil; and as the inevitable result, **they will finally believe evil of all good. Instead of standing in defense of the faith once delivered to the saints, they are now, as it were, apologizing to Rome for their uncharitable opinion of her, BEGGING PARDON FOR THEIR BIGOTRY**. {4SP 388.3} **1884**

63) **1884-** The **church** appeals to the strong arm of civil power, and in this work, **papists are solicited to come to the help of Protestants**. 4SP 42 **1884**

64) **1884-** **So closely will the counterfeit resemble the true, that it will be impossible to distinguish between them except by the Holy Scriptures**. By their testimony every statement and every miracle must be tested. {4SP 411.1} **1884**

64A) **1886- God has a church. It is not the great cathedral, neither is it the national establishment, neither is it the various denominations; it is the people who love God and keep His commandments.** “Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them” (Matthew 18:20).” Letter 108, 1886. 17MR 82.2

65) **1886-** We must **as a people** arouse and cleanse the camp of Israel. **Licentiousness, unlawful intimacy, and unholy practices are coming in among us** in a large **degree**; and ministers who are handling sacred things are guilty of sin in this respect. They are coveting their neighbors’ wives, and the seventh commandment is broken. **We are in danger of becoming a sister to fallen Babylon, of allowing our churches to become corrupted, and filled with every foul spirit, a cage for every unclean and hateful bird**; and will we be clear unless we make decided movements to cure the existing evil? 21MR380.1} Written September 6, **1886** from Basel, Switzerland, to G. I. Butler

66) **1886-** “When **Jerusalem was divorced from God** it was because of her sins. She **fell** from an exalted height that Tyre and Sidon had never reached. **And when an angel falls he becomes a fiend.** The depth of our ruin is measured by the exalted light to which God has raised us in His great goodness and unspeakable mercy. Oh, what privileges are granted to us as a people! And **if God spared not His people that He loved, because they refused to walk in the light, how can He spare the people whom He has blessed with the light of heaven in having opened to them the most exalted truth ever entrusted to mortal man to give to the world?**”
[Manuscript releases 12, pp. 319,320] 1886

67) **1886- We are in danger of becoming a sister to fallen Babylon, of allowing our churches to become corrupted, and filled with every foul spirit, a cage for every unclean and hateful bird**;... {21MR380.1} Written September 6, **1886** from Basel, Switzerland, to G. I. Butler

68) **1887-** We have far more to fear from within than from without. The hindrances to strength and success are far greater from the church itself than from the world. Unbelievers have a right to expect that those who profess to be keeping the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, will do more than any other class to promote and honor, by their consistent lives, by their godly example and their active influence, the cause which they represent. **But how often have the professed advocates of the truth proved the greatest obstacle to its advancement!** The **unbelief indulged,** the **doubts expressed,** the **darkness cherished,** encourage the presence of evil angels, and open the way for the accomplishment of Satan’s devices. {RH, March 22, **1887** par. 4}

69) **1887-** When the religion of Christ is most held in contempt, when his law is most despised, then should our zeal be the warmest and our courage the most unflinching. **To stand in defense of truth and righteousness** when the majority forsake us, to fight the battles of the Lord when champions are few,—**this will be our test.** **At this time we must gather warmth from the coldness of others, courage from their cowardice, and loyalty from their treason.** The nation will be on the side of the great rebel leader. { RH January 11, 1887, par. 2 }

70) **1888-** 1888 message rejected.

71) **1888-** “We are exhorted, ‘**Touch not the unclean.**’ **Those who associate with the impure, themselves become impure.** **If we choose the society of the ungodly, we shall be affected by their ungodliness.**” Review and Herald, October 23, 1888 (vol 2, p 255).

72) **1888-** The union of the church with the state, be the degree never so slight, while it may appear to bring the world nearer to the church, does in reality but bring the church nearer to the world” (88GC 297)

73) 1888- "When the early church became corrupted by departing from the simplicity of the gospel, and accepting heathen rites and customs, she lost the Spirit and power of God; and in order to control the consciences of the people she sought the support of the secular power. **The result was the papacy, a church that controlled the power of the State**, and employed it to further her own ends, especially for the punishment of 'heresy.' In order for the United States to form an image of the beast, the religious power must so control the civil government that the authority of the State will also be employed by the church to accomplish her own ends. **"Whenever the church has obtained secular power, she has employed it to punish dissent from her doctrines. Protestant churches that have followed in the steps of Rome by forming alliance with worldly powers have manifested a similar desire to restrict liberty of conscience"** (88GC 443).

74) 1888- Notwithstanding the widespread declension of faith and piety, there are true followers of Christ in these churches. Before the final visitation of God's judgments upon the earth, there will be, among the people of the Lord, such a revival of primitive godliness as has not been witnessed since apostolic times. The Spirit and power of God will be poured out upon his children. At that time many will separate themselves from those churches in which the love of this world has supplanted love for God and his Word. Many, both of ministers and people, will gladly accept those great truths which God has caused to be proclaimed at this time, to prepare a people for the Lord's second coming. The enemy of souls desires to hinder this work; and before the time for such a movement shall come, he will endeavor to prevent it, by introducing a counterfeit. In those churches which he can bring under his deceptive power, he will make it appear that God's special blessing is poured out; there will be manifest what is thought to be great religious interest. Multitudes will exult that God is working marvelously for them, when the work is that of another spirit. Under a religious guise, Satan will seek to extend his influence over the Christian world. {GC88 464.1}

75) 1888- Sometimes the case seems hopeless to me, because you have been treading in the very footsteps of the Jewish nation. You are repeating their history. The whole heavenly universe is astonished at the spiritual condition of things at Battle Creek. {1888 1631.2}

76) 1889- We should not, after accepting the truth, unite with those who oppose it, nor in any manner place ourselves where it will be difficult for us to live out our faith. {5T 183.4} 1889

77) 1890- Followers of Christ are to separate themselves from sinners.... Shun company of those who exert an influence to draw us away from God PP 458.2 1890

78) 1890- The state of corruption and apostasy that in the last days would exist in the religious world, was presented to the prophet John in the vision of Babylon, "that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth." Revelation 17:18. Before its destruction the call is to be given from heaven, "Come out of her. My people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." Revelation 18:4. As in the days of Noah and Lot, there must be a marked separation from sin and sinners. There can be no compromise between God and the world, no turning back to secure earthly treasures. "Ye cannot serve God and mammon." Matthew 6:24. Like the dwellers in the vale of Siddim, the people are dreaming of prosperity and peace. "Escape for thy life," is the warning from the angels of God; but other voices are heard saying, "Be not excited; there is no cause for alarm." The multitudes cry, "Peace and safety," while Heaven declares that swift destruction is about to come upon the transgressor. On the night prior to their destruction, the cities of the plain rioted in pleasure and derided the fears and warnings of the messenger of God; but those scoffers perished in the flames; that very night the door of mercy was forever closed to the wicked, careless inhabitants of Sodom. God will not always be mocked; He will not long be trifled with. "Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and He shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it." Isaiah 13:9. The great mass of the world will reject God's mercy, and will be overwhelmed in swift and irretrievable ruin. But those who heed the warning shall dwell "in the secret place of the Most High," and "abide under the shadow of the Almighty." His truth shall be their shield and buckler. For them is the promise, "With long life will I satisfy him, and show him My salvation." Psalm 91:1, 4, 16. -Patriarchs and Prophets p 167.1 & 2 1890

79) 1891- "The world must not be introduced into the church, and married to the church, forming a bond of unity. **Through this means the church will become indeed corrupt, and, as stated in Revelation, 'A cage of every unclean and hateful bird'**.... "And when men in the highest responsible positions make no difference between those who serve God and those who serve Him not, they evidence that their eyes are not single to the glory of God; therefore **their whole body is full of darkness**....

"Let us not form unholy bonds of union with the friends of the world; for God has pronounced His curse upon all such unions..." Already has the power of darkness placed its mold and superscription upon the work that should stand forth untainted, unpolluted, from Satan's cunning devices....Woe be unto him whose wisdom is not from above but from beneath!" Testimonies to Ministers, p 265, 273, 277. 1891

80) 1892- "Take the young men and women, and place them where they will **come as little in contact with our churches as possible, that the low grade of piety which is current in this day shall not leaven their ideas of what it meansto be a Christian.**" {12MR333.1} Letter 16f, 1892. (Written to S. N. Haskell, May 9, 1892, from Preston, Melbourne, Australia.)

81) 1892- "Now those who have had years in this same experience, know not God nor Jesus Christ whom He has sent, and should such go forth as representatives of Jesus Christ? These men will never give the right mold to other minds; they have grown up to the full stature of men and women in Christ. They simply have the name of Christians but are not fitted for the work of God, and never will be until they are born again, and learn the A.B.C. in true religion of Jesus Christ. There is a little hope in one direction: Take the young men and women, and place them **where they will come as little in contact with our churches as possible,** that the low grad of piety which is current in the day shall not leaven their ideas of what it means to be a Christian." –Letter 16f, May 9, 1892 & Manuscript Releases, vol 12, p 332-333

82) 1892?- *In reviewing our past history, having traveled over every step of advance to our present standing, I can say, Praise God! As I see what God has wrought, I am filled with astonishment, and with confidence in Christ as leader. **We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history.*** {CET 204.1}

83) 1893- *There is but one church in the world who are **at the present time** standing in the breach, and making up the hedge, building up the old waste places; and for any man to call the attention of the world and other churches to this church, **denouncing her as Babylon,** is to do a work in harmony with him who is the accuser of the brethren TM 50.8—this was written in **1893!***

84) 1893- God is leading out a people. He has a chosen people, a church on the earth, whom He has made the depositaries of His law. He has committed to them sacred trust and eternal truth to be given to the world. He would reprove and correct them. **The message to the Laodiceans is applicable to Seventh-day Adventists who have had great light and have not walked in the light.** It is those who have made great profession, but have not kept in step with their Leader, that will be spewed out of His mouth unless they repent. **The message to pronounce the Seventh-Day Adventist Church Babylon,** and call the people of God out of her, does not come from any heavenly messenger, or any human agent inspired by the Spirit of God. 2SM 66 - *this was written in 1893!*

85) 1893- I do not doubt your sincerity or honesty. I have written long letters at different times to those who were accusing the church of Seventh-day **Adventists of being Babylon,** that they were not handling the truth. You think individuals have prejudiced my mind. If I am in this state, I am not fitted to be entrusted with the work of God. But this matter has been brought before my mind in other cases where individuals have claimed to have messages for the Seventh-day Adventist Church, of a similar character, and the word has been given me, "Believe them not." "I have not sent them, and yet they ran." 2SM 63 – *this was written in 1893!*

86) **1893-** Those who advocate error, will say, "The Lord saith, when the Lord hath not spoken." They testify to falsehood, and not to truth. If those who have been proclaiming the message that the church is Babylon, had used the money expended in publishing and circulating this error, in building up, instead of tearing down, they would have made it evident that they were with the people whom God is leading. . . If those who have done this kind of work, had felt the necessity of answering the prayer of Christ that He offered to His Father just previous to His crucifixion,—that the disciples of Christ might be one as He was one with the Father,—they would not be wasting the means intrusted to them, and so greatly needed to advance the truth. They would not be wasting precious time and ability in disseminating error, and thus necessitate the devoting of the laborer's time to counteracting and quenching its influence. A work of this character is inspired not from above, but from beneath. TM 43, 44 *this was written in 1893!*

⇒ **1893-** The Lord has not given you a message to call the Seventh-day Adventists Babylon, and to call the people of God to come out of her. All the reasons you may present cannot have weight with me on this subject; because the Lord has given me decided light that is opposed to such a message. {1MR 358.2}

The message to pronounce the Seventh-day Adventist Church Babylon, and call the people of God out of her, does not come from any heavenly messenger, or any human agent inspired by the Spirit of God. {1MR 360.3}

-Jesus is coming in to give the individual members of the church the richest blessings, if they will open the door to Him. He does not once call them Babylon, nor ask them to come out. But He says, "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten" (Revelation 3:19), (with messages of reproof and warning). These reproofs I am not ignorant of. I have given warnings because the Spirit of the Lord has constrained me to do so, and have uttered reproofs because the Lord has given me words of reproof. I have not shunned to declare the whole counsel of God, which has been given me for the church. {1MR 361.2}

⇒ **87) 1893-** "Of those who boast of their light, and yet fail to walk in it, Christ says, "But I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgment, than for you. And thou, Capernaum [Seventh-day Adventists, who have had great light], which art exalted unto heaven [in point of privilege], shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. But I say unto you, That it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for thee." At that time Jesus answered and said, "I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent [in their own estimation], and hast revealed them unto babes." Matt 11:22-25 {**Bracketed material added by Sister White**} {RH, August 1, 1893}

88) 1893- "Every soul that gains eternal life must be like Christ, "holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners." [HEB. 7:26.] The followers of Christ must shine as lights in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation." {GW92 445.2} 1893

89) 1894- It is impossible for any one to become a true follower of Jesus Christ, without distinguishing himself from the worldly mass of unbelievers. If the world would accept of Jesus, then there would be no sword of dissension; for all would be disciples of Christ and in fellowship one with another, and their unity would be unbroken. But this is not the case. Here and there an individual member of a family is true to the convictions of his conscience, and is compelled to stand alone in his family or in the church to which he belongs, and is finally compelled, because of the course of those with whom he associates, to separate himself from their companionship. The line of 15ractices15n is made distinct. One stands upon the word of God, the others upon the traditions and sayings of men. —Review & Herald, July 24, 1894, para. 3

90) 1895- "The world must not be introduced into the church and married to the church. Through union with the world the church will become corrupt. 'a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.' The customs of the world must not have a place; for they will be open doors through which the prince of darkness will find access, and

the line of demarcation will become indistinguishable between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not....Satanic forces are continually at work through the world, and it is Satan's object to bring the church and the world into such close fellowship that their aims, their spirit, their principles, shall harmonize..." Review and Herald, February 26, **1895** (vol 3, p 233, col 2).

91) **1895**- "The Spirit is poured out upon all who will yield to its promptings, and casting off all man's machinery, his binding rules and cautious methods, they will declare the truth with the might of the Spirit's power. Multitudes will receive the faith and join the armies of the Lord...**The safeguards which false shepherds have thrown around their flocks with become as naught; thousands will step out into the light, and work to spread the light.**" –Review and Herald, vol 3, p 272-275 (July 16 & 23, 1895)

92) **1894**- The Lord has pronounced a curse upon those who take from or add to the Scriptures. The great I AM has decided what shall constitute the rule of faith and doctrine, and he has designed that the Bible shall be a household book. The church that holds to the word of God is irreconcilably separated from Rome. Protestants were once thus apart from this great church of apostasy, but they have approached more nearly to her, and are still in the path of reconciliation to the Church of Rome **Rome never changes.** Her principles have not altered in the least. She has not lessened the breach between herself and Protestants; they have done all the advancing. But what does this argue for the Protestantism of this day? It is the rejection of Bible truth which makes men approach to infidelity. It is a backsliding church that lessens the distance between itself and the Papacy. {ST, February 19, **1894** par. 4}

93) **1896**- The light that is to lighten the whole earth with its glory was resisted, and by the action of our own brethren has been in a great degree kept away from the world." 1SM 235 **1896**

94) **1896**- The voice from Battle Creek, which has been regarded as authority in counseling how the work should be done, is no longer the voice of God.—Manuscript Releases 17:185 (1896). {LDE 50.2}

95) **1896**- Jesus was a nonconformist, and did not always remain a silent spectator to men's erroneous practices. His clear penetration in distinguishing between the false and the true, greatly annoyed his brethren, who held to the traditions of men. {ST August 6, 1896, par. 2}

96) **1896**- **BABYLON** THE GREAT- 16. What follows her unlawful union with the governments of earth? Ans.- The fall of Babylon. Rev. 14:8 SEE NOTE...
NOTE. The second angel speaks of the professed people of God not as individuals, but as a body—Babylon—which has fallen, because of fornication with the world. The message comes to individuals, but of Babylon. This is the last part of, the three-fold fall of Babylon. (1) "When the early church departed from God and imbibed pagan errors, she became Babylon When she united with the state, she fell and, as an organization, was the body of Christ no longer. While the Reformation churches held fast to the word, Christ was with them. Then they crystallized their various errors into creeds and endeavored thus to confine God's word, they made themselves daughters of Babylon. When some of them united with the state, they fell, and God had to use other people, called out of Babylon to carry forward His work. Now [in 1896] among these very churches which came out of the second Babylon, confusion reigns; and now [in 1896] great Babylon, including later daughters, is in adulterous union with the kings of earth, and is endeavoring to make that union stronger. God calls no church Babylon which holds to His word, and follows the light that shines from it, even though there are in its membership many who do not know Christ When the controlling influence of a church is downward, it erects some other standard besides God's word...It has ever been true that a backslidden body, one that has turned from God's word to men, from God's power to the state, was never reformed in itself. Invariably God's message has called out those from the fallen church who would do His will and preach His gospel. (2) Israel went

down to Egypt for help, and their captivity and loss of power followed. **Out of** the captives God gathered a faithful band to do His work. **(3) The Jewish church failed,** and God **called out** the apostolic church to do His bidding. **(4) The Roman Church failed,** and **out of it** God called the churches of the Reformation. **(5) Some of these churches failed** to advance, and God **called out** others to bear His gospel to the world such as the Baptist, Methodist, Congregationalist, Disciple, Adventists. **(6) His last 'called-out' people will know no standard but His word, no power but His Spirit.** "First Quarter, Lesson IX & X, February 29 & March 7, 1896, p. 33, 35-36 (Rather clear is it not? (highlighted numbers added by compiler))

97) **1897-** **By choosing the world and its attractions, they divorce themselves from God.** Review and Herald, July 13, **1897** (vol 3, p 481, col 1).

98) **1897-** **Many will stand in our pulpits with the torch of false prophecy in their hands, kindled from the hellish torch of Satan.** If doubts and unbelief are cherished, **the faithful ministers will be removed from the people** who think they know so much. "If thou hadst known," said Christ, "even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! But now they are hid from thine eyes." SpTA11 8.1 **1897**

99) **1897-** Again I ask, In view of the revelation made to John on the Isle of Patmos, which from the opening of the first chapter to the close of the last chapter is light, great light, revealed to us by Jesus Christ, who chose John to be the channel through whom this light was to shine forth to the world—with such wonderful, solemn truths revealed, with such grand truths unfolded before us in the events to transpire just prior to the second appearing of Christ in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory, **how can those who claim to see wondrous things out of the law of God, be found in the list of the impure, of the fornicators and adulterers, constantly evading the truth, and secretly working out iniquity? Do you think that they can hide their ways from the Lord? That God seeth not? That God taketh no knowledge?** {TM 433.2} **1897**

100) **1897-** They cried out for the crucifixion of Christ and, as representatives of the Jewish nation, placed themselves under the Roman jurisdiction, which they despised by saying, **"We have no king but Caesar." When they said this, they unchurched themselves.** 12MR 388.1 **1897**

101) **1898-** **We shall in the future,** as we have **in the past,** see all kinds of character developed. **We shall witness the apostasy of men in whom we have had confidence, in whom we trusted,** who, we supposed, were as true as steel to **principle.** 3SM 411 **1898**

102) **1898-** It has been some years since I have considered the **General Conference** as the **voice of God.**—Manuscript Releases 17:216 (1898). { LDE 50.3}

103) **1898-** By associating with those **whom they should avoid,** they place themselves in the way of temptation. **They invite the enemy to tempt them, and are led to say and do that of which under other circumstances they would never have been guilty.**—*Desire of ages* p712.1

104) **1898-** The church is in the Laodicean state. The **presence of Christ is not in her midst.**—Notebook Leaflets, p 99

105) **1898-** **"If the church of God becomes lukewarm, it does not stand in favour with God any more than do the churches that are represented as having fallen and become the habitation of devils and the hold of every foul spirit and the cage of every unclean and hateful bird."** *Letter 35, 1898, p. 6-7*

106) **1898-** "As the light and life of men was rejected by the ecclesiastical authorities in the days of Christ, so it has been rejected in every succeeding generation. **Again and again the history of Christ's withdrawal from Judea has been repeated.** When the Reformers preached the word of God, they had no thought of separating

themselves from the established church; but the religious leaders would not tolerate the light, and those that bore it were forced to seek another class, who were longing for the truth. In our day few of the professed followers of the Reformers are actuated by their spirit. Few are listening for the voice of God, and ready to accept truth in whatever guise it may be presented. Often those who follow in the steps of the Reformers are forced to turn away from the churches they love, in order to declare the plain teaching of the word of God. And many times those who are seeking for light are by the same teaching obliged to leave the church of their fathers, that they may render obedience." {DA 231-232} 1898

107) 1898- WORDS OF WARNING."We have far greater light than Judas had. We have a crucified, risen, and ascended Saviour, who ever liveth to make intercession for us. The Lord reveals to men their danger, and warns them to put away all selfishness, that they may have that faith which works by love and purifies the soul. Yet, notwithstanding this, Satan works upon human minds to do as Judas did. The deadly, groveling passions that take possession of the heart in these last days, when self once becomes lifted up, bring all kinds of evil. Those who sympathized with Korah, Dathan, and Abiram in their apostasy, brought blight and death upon themselves. So it will be in these last days. The cause of Christ will be betrayed. Those who have had the light of truth, and have enjoyed its blessings, but who have turned away from it, will fight down the Spirit of God. Inspired with a spirit from beneath, they will tear down that which they once built up, and show to all reasonable, God-fearing souls that they can not be trusted. They may lay claim to truth and righteousness, but their spirit and works will testify that they are betrayers of their Lord. The attributes of Satan they call 'the movings of the Holy Spirit.' Review & Herald MAY 24, 1898

108) 1898- Many have tried neutrality in a crisis, but they have failed in their purpose. No one can maintain a neutral position. Those who endeavor to do this will fulfill Christ's words, "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and Mammon." Those who begin their Christian life by being half and half, will at last be found enlisted on the enemy's side, whatever may have been their first intentions. And to be an apostate, a traitor to the cause of God, is more serious than death; for it means the loss of eternal life. { RH April 19, 1898, par. 7 }

109) 1898- Israel as a nation had divorced herself from God. The natural branches of the olive tree were broken off. ... God's presence would be withdrawn forever from the temple built to His glory. Henceforth its ceremonies would be meaningless, its services a mockery. DA 620.4 (see also 709.4) 1898

110) 1898- The history of Judas presents the sad ending of a life that might have been honored of God. Had Judas died before his last journey to Jerusalem he would have been regarded as a man worthy of a place among the twelve, and one who would be greatly missed. The abhorrence which has followed him through the centuries would not have existed but for the attributes revealed at the close of his history. But it was for a purpose that his character was laid open to the world. It was to be a warning to all who, like him, should betray sacred trusts. DA 716.1} 1898

111) 1899- "Even though you may not be able to speak a word to those who are working on wrong principles, leave them. Your withdrawal and silence may do more than words. Nehemiah refused to associate with those who were untrue to principle, and he would not permit his workmen to associate with them. The love and fear of God were his safeguard-Dare to be a Daniel, Dare to stand alone. Thus as did Moses, you will endure the seeing of Him who is invisible. But a cowardly and silent reserve before evil associates, while you listen to their devices makes you one with them Come out from among them and be separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." Review & Herald Vol. 4, p. 42. 1899

112) 1899- "We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and his teaching in our past history. We are now a strong people, if we will put our trust in the Lord; for we are handling the mighty truths of the word of God. We have everything to be thankful for. If we walk in the light

as it shines upon us from the living oracles of God, we shall have large responsibilities, corresponding to the great light given us of God. We have many duties to perform, because we have been made the depositaries of sacred truth to be given to the world in all its beauty and glory. We are debtors to God to use every advantage he has entrusted to us to beautify the truth of holiness of character, and to send the message of warning and of comfort, of hope and of love, to those who are in the darkness of error and sin.” {GCDB, February 20, 1899 par. 16}

113) 1899- The evils are to be cut away from the life. Sins are to be repented of. Though they are as scarlet, they may be made as white as snow. Just as great a transformation as possible is to take place in the character. But if, after test and trial, after being brought into connection with those who work faithfully in their behalf, men and women do not give evidence that they have been purified from wrong habits and practices, they show that they do not appreciate the pearl of great price. If they are dishonest in any transaction, temporal or spiritual, if they are not straightforward, they show that they regard the rich mercies of God as a common thing. They can not see the value of the pearl of great price. “If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land,” God declares; “but if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. How is the faithful city become an harlot.” How have those who have had every opportunity to know the truth become defiled with the corruptions of the ungodly. “It was full of judgment; righteousness lodged in it; but now murderers. Thy silver has become dross, thy wine mixed with water.” {RH, August 1, 1899 par. 6}

114) 1900- “The central power of the earth is a demon. His throne is in the midst of the world, where should have been seen the throne of God. He has been patronized by the church, for the church has been conformed to the world, and is living in transgression of the Holy Law of God.” This Day With God, p 28 1900.

115) 1900- “The church has taken the world into her fellowship, and has given her affections to the enemies of holiness. The church and the world are standing on the same ground in transgression of the law of God. The church prefers to assimilate to the world rather than separate from its customs and vanities.” Manuscript 44, 1900 (Last Day Events from the Letters and Manuscripts of E.G. White, p 55).

116) 1900- “Concerning Babylon, the symbol of the apostate church. He says to His ministers of judgment, “Her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities. Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double.” Rev. 18:5, 6. –*Christ’s Object Lessons* 178.4 1900

117) 1900- Many professed Christians are well represented by the vine that is trailing upon the ground, and entwining its tendrils about the roots and rubbish that lie in its path. To all such the message comes, “Come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.” There are conditions to meet if we would be blessed and honored by God. We are to separate from the world, and refuse to touch those things that will separate our affections from God. God has the first and highest claims upon his people. Set your affections upon him and upon heavenly things. Your tendrils must be severed from everything earthly. You are exhorted to touch not the unclean thing; for in touching this, you will yourself become unclean. It is impossible for you to unite with those who are corrupt, and still remain pure. “What fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial?” God and Christ and the heavenly host would have man know that if he unites with the corrupt, he will become corrupt. Ample provision has been made that we may be raised from the lowlands of earth, and have our affections fastened upon God and upon heavenly things. {RH, January 2, 1900 par. 5}

118) 1900- Not only is Satan leading the world captive, but his deceptions are leavening the professed churches of our Lord Jesus Christ. **The great apostasy will develop into darkness deep as midnight, impenetrable as sackcloth of hair.** To God's people it will be a night of trial, a night of weeping, a night of persecution for the truth's sake. But out of that night of darkness God's light will shine. {COL 414.3} 1900

119) 1900- In the parable, all the ten virgins went out to meet the bridegroom. All had lamps and vessels for oil. For a time there was seen no difference between them. So with the church that lives just before Christ's second coming. All have a knowledge of the Scriptures. All have heard the message of Christ's near approach, and confidently expect His appearing. But as in the parable, so it is now. A time of waiting intervenes, faith is tried; and when the cry is heard, "Behold, the Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet Him," many are unready. **They have no oil in their vessels with their lamps. They are destitute of the Holy Spirit.** {COL 408.2}

120) 1900- ---no longer peculiar people/ daily being converted to world COL 315, 316 1900

121) 1900- In view of the history of the life and death of Christ, can we be surprised if the world is hollow and insincere? Can we in our day trust in man, or make flesh our arm? **Shall we not choose Christ as our leader? He alone can save us from sin.** {RH January 30, 1900, Art. A, par. 10}

122) 1900- **Without the Spirit of God a knowledge of His word is of no avail.** The theory of truth, unaccompanied by the Holy Spirit, cannot quicken the soul or sanctify the heart. One may be familiar with the commands and promises of the Bible; but unless the Spirit of God sets the truth home, the character will not be transformed. Without the enlightenment of the Spirit, men will not be able to distinguish truth from error, and they will fall under the masterful temptations of Satan. {COL 408.3} 1900

123) 1900- **The class represented by the foolish virgins are not hypocrites.** They have a regard for the truth, they have advocated the truth, they are attracted to those who believe the truth; but they have not yielded themselves to the Holy Spirit's working. They have not fallen upon the Rock, Christ Jesus, and permitted their old nature to be broken up. This class are represented also by the stony-ground hearers. They receive the word with readiness, but they fail of assimilating its principles. Its influence is not abiding. The Spirit works upon man's heart, according to his desire and consent implanting in him a new nature; but the class represented by the foolish virgins have been content with a superficial work. They do not know God. They have not studied His character; they have not held communion with Him; therefore they do not know how to trust, how to look and live. Their service to God degenerates into a form. "They come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee as My people, and they hear thy words, but they will not do them; for with their mouth they show much love, but their heart goeth after their covetousness." Ezekiel 33:31. The apostle Paul points out that this will be the special characteristic of those who live just before Christ's second coming. He says, "In the last days perilous times shall come: for men shall be lovers of their own selves; . . . lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but **denying the power thereof.**" 2 Timothy 3:1-5. {COL 411.1}

This is the class that in time of peril are found crying, Peace and safety. They lull their hearts into security, and dream not of danger. When startled from their lethargy, they discern their destitution, and entreat others to supply their lack; but in spiritual things no man can make up another's deficiency. The grace of God has been freely offered to every soul. The message of the gospel has been heralded, "Let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." Revelation 22:17. But character is not transferable. No man can believe for another. No man can receive the Spirit for another. No man can impart to another the character which is the fruit of the Spirit's working. "Though Noah, Daniel, and Job were in it [the land], as I live, saith the Lord God, they shall deliver neither son nor daughter; they shall but deliver their own souls by their righteousness." Ezekiel 14:20. {COL 411.2} 1900

124) 1900- "There are professedly pious men who screen the sinner by their own transgression. They disregard the commandments of God, choosing the traditions of men, making void the law of God, and promoting apostasy. The excuses they make are feeble and weak and will bring destruction to their own souls and the souls of others. Upon those who have taken upon them the work of shepherds of the flock, will be visited the heaviest judgments, because they have presented to the people fables instead of truth. Children will rise up and curse their parents. Church members, who have seen the light and been convicted, but who have trusted the salvation of their souls to the minister, will learn in the day of God that no other soul can pay the ransom for their transgression. A terrible cry will be raised, "I am lost, eternally lost." Men will feel as though they could rend in pieces the ministers who have preached falsehoods and condemned the truth. The pure truth for this time requires a reformation in the life, but they separate themselves can be said, "O Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself." The Lord sends a message to the people, "Set a trumpet to thy mouth. He shall come as an eagle against the house of the Lord, because they have transgressed my covenant and trespassed against my law" (Letter 30, 1900) –SDA Bible Commentary, Vol 4 page 1157.par 1,2}

125) 1900- When Christ was upon this earth, the world preferred Barabbas. And today the world and the churches are making the same choice. The scenes of the betrayal, the rejection, and the crucifixion of Christ have been re-enacted, and will again be re-enacted on an immense scale. People will be filled with the attributes of the enemy, and with them his delusions will have great power. Just to that degree that light is refused will there be misconception and misunderstanding. Those who reject Christ and choose Barabbas work under a ruinous deception. Misrepresentation and false witness will grow to open rebellion. The eye being evil, the whole body will be full of darkness. Those who give their affections to any leader but Christ will find themselves under the control, body, soul, and spirit, of an infatuation that is so entrancing that under its power souls turn away from hearing the truth to believe a lie. They are ensnared and taken, and by their every action they cry, Release unto us Barabbas, but crucify Christ. {RH January 30, 1900, Art. A, par. 8}

Even now this decision is being made. The scenes enacted at the cross are being re-enacted. In the churches that have departed from truth and righteousness it is being revealed what human nature can do and will do when the love of God is not an abiding principle in the soul. We need not be surprised at anything that may take place now. We need not marvel at any developments of horror. Those who trample under their unholy feet the law of God have the same spirit as had the men who insulted and betrayed Jesus. Without any compunction of conscience, they will do the deeds of their father, the devil. They will ask the question that came from the traitorous lips of Judas, What will you give me if I betray unto you Jesus the Christ? Even now Christ is being betrayed in the person of his saints. {RH January 30, 1900, Art. A, par. 9}

126) 1901- That these men should stand in a sacred place, to be as the voice of God to the people, as we once believed the General Conference to be—that is past.—The General Conference Bulletin, April 3, 1901, p. 25. {LDE 50.4}

127) 1901- *There seems to be in this meeting an endeavor to press together. This is the word which for the last fifty years I have heard from the angelic hosts,—Press together, press together. Let us try to do this. When in the spirit of Jesus we try to press together, putting ourselves out of sight, we shall find that the Holy Spirit will come in, and the blessing of God will rest upon us. Enough dissension will come in from outside. That which Christ declared would arise in the last day will come. The people of God are to walk in the light of heaven, not in the light of the sparks of their own kindling, or in the light of the sparks which the enemy will kindle for them. He will make fires enough to lead us astray if we will be led. We must place ourselves in that position where we reach the highest standard of truth and righteousness, equity and judgment. (Ellen G. White. The General Conference Bulletin, April 10, 1901)*

128) 1901- "I feel a terror of soul as I see to what a pass our publishing house has come. The presses in the Lord's institution have been printing the soul-destroying theories of Romanism and other mysteries of iniquity. The office must be purged of this objectionable matter. I have a testimony from the Lord for those who have placed such matter in the hands of the workers. God holds you accountable for presenting to young men and young women the fruit of the forbidden tree of

knowledge. **Can it be possible that you have not a knowledge of the warnings given to the Pacific Press on this subject?** Can it be possible that with a knowledge of these warnings you are going over the same ground, only doing much worse? It has often been repeated to you that angels of God are passing through every room in the office. What impression has this made on your minds?" {8T 91.2} *Read to the Review and Herald Board in November, 1901*

129) 1902- "What a wonderful work could have been done for the vast company gathered in **Battle Creek at the general conference of 1901**, if the leaders of our work had taken themselves in hand. But the work that all heaven was waiting to do as soon as men prepared the way was not done; for **the leaders closed and bolted the door against the Spirit's entrance**....The doors were barred against the Heavenly Current that would have swept away all evil...They built themselves up in wrong doing, and said to the Spirit of God, **'Go thy way for this time; when I have a more convenient season, I will call for thee.'**" Letter 123, August 23, 1902 (Battle Creek Letters, p 55-56).

130) 1902- **Faithful City:** The city of righteousness, the faithful city. Zion shall be redeemed with judgment, and her converts with righteousness." Isaiah 1:25-27. {7T 152.3} 1902

131) 1902- Shall not the counsel of Christ have an effect on the churches? Why halt, ye who know the truth, between two opinions? "If the Lord be God, follow Him: but if Baal, then follow him." **Christ's followers have no right to stand on the ground of neutrality.** There is more hope of an open enemy than of one who is neutral. {RH February 25, 1902, par. 13}

132) 1903- *Again and again I have been shown that **the past experiences of God's people are not to be counted as dead facts.** We are not to treat the record of these experiences as we would treat a last-year's almanac.*—Letter 238, 1903. (To Elder A. G. Daniells, November 1, 1903.)

133) 1903- *May God help you to receive the words that I **have spoken.** Let those who stand as God's watchmen on the walls of Zion be men who can **see the dangers before the people,**—**men who can distinguish between truth and error,** righteousness and unrighteousness. {GCB, April 6, 1903 par. 34}*

The warning has come: Nothing is to be allowed to come in that will disturb the foundation of the faith upon which we have been building ever since the message came in 1842, 1843, and 1844. I was in this message, and **ever since** I have been standing before the world, true to the light that God has given us. We do not propose to take our feet off the platform on which they were placed as day by day we sought the Lord with earnest prayer, seeking for light. **Do you think that I could give up the light that God has given me? It is to be as the Rock of Ages.** It has been guiding me **ever since** it was given. Brethren and sisters, God lives and reigns and works today. His hand is on the wheel, and in His providence He is turning the wheel in accordance with His own will. **Let not men fasten themselves to documents, saying what they will do and what they will not do.** **Let them fasten themselves to the Lord God of heaven.** Then the light of heaven will shine into the soul-temple, and we shall see the salvation of God. {GCB, April 6, 1903 par. 35}

134) 1903- **In the balances of the sanctuary the Seventh-day Adventist church is to be weighed.** She will be judged by the privileges and advantages that she has had. **If her spiritual experience does not correspond** to the advantages that Christ, at infinite cost, has bestowed on her, if the blessings conferred have not qualified her to do the work entrusted to her, on her **will be pronounced the sentence: 'Found wanting.'** By the light bestowed, the opportunities given, **will she be judged.**" —*Testimonies Vol 8 247 1903*

135) 1903- The Lord Jesus will always have a chosen people to serve Him. When the Jewish people rejected Christ, the Prince of life, He took from them the kingdom of God and gave it unto the Gentiles. God will continue to work on this principle with every branch of His WORK. When a church proves unfaithful to the WORK of the Lord, whatever their position may be, however high and sacred their calling [even the SDA Conference], the Lord can no longer WORK with them. OTHERS are then chosen to bear important responsibilities. –Upward Look p.13 1903

136) 1903- “The results of the last general conference (1901) has been the greatest, the most terrible sorrow of my life, no change was made....Men did not receive the testimonies of the Spirit of God... “It is a perilous thing to reject the light that God sends. To Chorazin and Bethsaida heaven’s richest blessings had been freely offered. Day after day the Prince of Life had gone in and out among them....but they refused the heavenly gift, and of them the Saviour said; ‘Woe unto thee, Chorazin! Woe unto thee, Bethsaida, for if the mighty works had been done in Tyre and Sidon, which have been done in you, they had a great while ago repented, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. But it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment, than for you.’ “So today upon those who have had light and evidence, but who have refused to heed the Lord’s warnings and entreaties, heaven’s woe is pronounced. “The Lord bore long with the perversity of Israel, but the time came when the people passed the boundaries...” Manuscript Releases, vol 13, p 122-23 (Letter 17, January 14, 1903). See original 1893 quote above in RH to see bracketed portion omitted.

137) 1903- “Why is there so dim a perception of the true spiritual condition of the church?” Has not blindness fallen upon the watchmen standing on the walls of Zion?...Who can truthfully say, ‘Our gold is tried in the fire; our garments are unspotted by the world?’ I saw our Instructor pointing to the garments of so-called righteousness. Stripping them off, He laid bare the defilement beneath. Then He (Christ) said to me: ‘Can you not see how they have pretentiously covered up their defilement and rottenness of character? How is the faithful city become an harlot! My Father’s house is made a house of merchandise, a place whence the divine presence and glory have departed!’ Testimonies, vol 8, p 248-50 (April 21, 1903).

138) 1903- ---Gods glory has departed; become a harlot (Isa 23:8) 8T 250 1903 → truth and glory of God are inseparable” 1884GC 416

139) 1903- The fundamental principles that have sustained the work for the last fifty years would be accounted as error. A new organization would be established. Books of a new order would be written. A system of intellectual philosophy would be introduced. The founders of this system would go into the cities and do a wonderful work. The Sabbath, of course, would be lightly regarded, as also the God who created it. Nothing would be allowed to stand in the way of the new movement. The leaders would teach that virtue is better than vice, but God being removed, they would place their dependence on human power, which, without God, is worthless. Their foundation would be built on the sand, and storm and tempest would sweep away the structure. {SpTB07 39.3} Oct 1903

140) 1903- God wants His institutions to stand in fellowship with one another, just as brethren in the church should stand in fellowship. But they are never to be bound by written contracts to any one man or any group of men. They are to stand in their own individuality, accountable to God. The Lord of heaven is to be the Leader and Guide and Counselor of His people. His institutions are to be managed under His theocracy. His people are to act as a chosen people, a people who are to do a sacred and an unselfish work. {GCB, April 6, 1903 par. 18}

141) 1904- The past fifty years have not dimmed one jot or principle of our faith as we received the great and wonderful evidences that were made certain to us in 1844, after the passing of the time. The languishing souls are to be confirmed and quickened according to His word. And many of the ministers of the gospel and the Lord’s

physicians will have their languishing souls quickened according to the word. Not a word is changed or denied. **That which the Holy Spirit testified to as truth after the passing of the time, in our great disappointment, is the solid foundation of truth.** Pillars of truth were revealed, and we accepted the foundation principles that have made us what we are—Seventh-day Adventists, keeping the commandments of God and having the faith of Jesus. {SpTB07 58.1} Dec 4 1904

142) 1904- Those who receive and believe in Jesus are not to wear any man's yoke, **neither are they to be non-committal in regard to where they stand.** A fierce conflict is raging between two powers,—the power of light and the power of darkness. This conflict has a vital interest for the people of God. The question that is asked us is, Who will stand on the Lord's side? **You can not remain neutral, and yet be Christ's followers, His faithful servants.** {SpTB02 44.2} 1904

143) 1905- **Let Pioneers Identify Truth.—When the power of God testifies as to what is truth, that truth is to stand forever as the truth. No after suppositions. contrary to the light God has given are to be entertained.** Men will arise with interpretations of Scripture which are to them truth, but which are not truth. The truth for this time, God has given us as a foundation for our faith. He Himself has taught us what is truth. One will arise, and still another, with new light which **contradicts** the light that God has given under the demonstration of His Holy Spirit. {CW 31.2}

144) 1905- **Early Workers to Speak.**—God has given me light regarding our periodicals. What is it?—He has said that the dead are to speak. How?—**Their works shall follow them. We are to repeat the words of the pioneers in our work, who knew what it cost to search for the truth as for hidden treasure, and who labored to lay the foundation of our work.** They moved forward step by step under the influence of the Spirit of God. One by one these pioneers are passing away. The word given me is, **Let that which these men have written in the past be reproduced.** And in the Signs of the Times let not the articles be long or the print fine. Do not try to crowd everything into one number of the paper. Let the print be good, and let earnest, living experiences be put into the paper. {CW 28.1} **Let the truths that are the foundation of our faith be kept before the people.** Some will depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. They talk science, and **the enemy comes in** and gives them an abundance of science; but it is not the science of salvation. It is not the science of humility, of consecration, or of the sanctification of the Spirit. **We are now to understand what the pillars of our faith are,—the truths that have made us as a people what we are, leading us on step by step.**— Review and Herald, May 25, 1905. {CW 29.1} Review and Herald, May 25, 1905.

145) 1905- The work is soon to close. The members of the church militant who have proved faithful will become the church triumphant. In reviewing our past history, having traveled over every step of advance to our present standing, I can say, Praise God! As I see what God has wrought, I am filled with astonishment and with confidence in Christ as leader. **We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and his teaching in our past history.** {RH, October 12, 1905 par. 22}

146) 1905- A few are still alive who passed through the experience gained in the establishment of this truth. God has graciously spared their lives to repeat and repeat till the close of their lives, the experience through which they passed even as did John the apostle till the very close of his life. And **the standard-bearers who have fallen in death, are to speak through the reprinting of their writings. I am instructed that thus their voices are to be heard. They are to bear their testimony as to what constitutes the truth for this time.** {CW32.1}

We are not to receive the words of those who come with a message that contradicts the special points of our faith. They gather together a mass of Scripture, and pile it as proof around their asserted theories. **This has been done over and over again during the past fifty years.** And while the Scriptures are God's word, and are to be respected, the application of them, if such application moves one pillar from the foundation that God has sustained these fifty years, is a great mistake. He who

makes such an application knows not the wonderful demonstration of the Holy Spirit that gave power and force to the past messages that have come to the people of God.—Preach the Word, p. 5. (1905.) {CW 32.2}

147) 1905- When men come in who would move one pin or pillar from the foundation which God has established by His Holy Spirit, let the aged men who were pioneers in our work speak plainly, and let those who are dead speak also, by the reprinting of their articles in our periodicals. Gather up the rays of divine light that God has given as He has led His people on step by step in the way of truth. This truth will stand the test of time and trial. Ms 62, 1905, p. 6. (“A Warning against False Theories,” May 24, 1905.) {1MR 55.1}

148) 1905- “The past fifty years have not dimmed one jot or principle of our faith as we received the great and wonderful evidences that were made certain to us in 1844, after the passing of the time. The languishing souls are to be confirmed and quickened according to His Word. . . . **Not a word is changed or denied. That which the Holy Spirit testified to as truth after the passing of the time, in our great disappointment, is the solid foundation of truth. [The] pillars of truth were revealed, and we accepted the foundation principles that have made us what we are – Seventh-day Adventists, keeping the commandments of God and having the faith of Jesus.**” – Upward Look, p. 352.4 {SpTB07 58.1} 1905

149) 1905- **The Testimony of Pioneer Workers.**—I have had presentations regarding the deceptions that Satan is bringing in at this time. I have been instructed that we should make prominent the testimony of some of the old workers who are now dead. Let them continue to speak through their articles as found in the early numbers of our papers. These articles should now be reprinted, that there may be a living voice from the Lord’s witnesses. The history of the early experiences in the message will be a power to withstand the masterly ingenuity of Satan’s deceptions. This instruction has been repeated recently. I must present before the people the testimonies of Bible truth, and repeat the decided messages given years ago. I desire that my sermons given at camp meetings and in churches may live and do their appointed work.—Letter 99, 1905. {CW 26.1} {PM 31.2}

150) 1905- “In the future, deception of every kind is to arise, and we want solid ground for our feet. We want solid pillars for the building. Not one pin is to be removed from that which the Lord has established. The enemy will bring in false theories, such as the doctrine that there is no sanctuary. This is one of the points on which there will be departing from the faith.” RH, vol 5, 137 May 25, 1905

151) 1905- “I am instructed to say that we must do all we possibly can for these deceived ones. Their minds must be freed from the delusions of the enemy, and **if we fail in our efforts to save these erring ones, we must “come out from among them” and be separate**.”—Ms 106, 1905, p. 8. (“A Plea for Loyalty,” November 20, 1905.) {7MR 190.1}

152) 1905- Church became a Non-profit Organization (known today as a 501c3) 1954 Senator Lyndon B. Johnson sponsored the legislation which added churches to the IRC section 501c3 (distinguishing corporate churches from non-religious corporate entities.)

153) 1906- “In the representations the Lord has given me, I have seen those who follow their own desires, misrepresenting the truth, oppressing their brethren, and placing difficulties before them. Characters are now being developed, and men are taking sides, some on the side of the Lord Jesus Christ, some on the side of Satan and his angels. The Lord calls for all who will be true and obedient to His law to come out of and away from all connection with those who placed themselves on the side of the enemy.” —Letter 256, August 1, 1906 & Last Day Events fro the Letters and Manuscripts of E.G. White, p 94 & This Day With God, p 222

154) 1906- “We shall be called to meet those who notwithstanding definite reproof and warning through the Testimonies have gone on in an evil course. We are bidden of God to **hold ourselves separate and distinct from these men** who have not given heed to His warning... For they deceive , if possible , the very elect. –Letter 330, November 11, 1906 & Manuscript Releases, vol 7, 196

155) 1906- **All the messages given from 1840-1844 are to be made forcible now, for there are many people who have lost their bearings. The messages are to go to all the churches.** {21MR 437.1} Letter 54, 1906.

156) 1906- “In my **books**, the truth is stated, **barricaded by a “Thus saith the Lord.”** Letter 90, **1906**. (Colporteur Ministry, p. 126.)

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159) 1908- “Of those who are constantly working to undermine faith in the message God is sending to His people, I am instructed to say, ‘Come out from among them, and be ye separate’ [2 Corinthians 6:17] Come into light, brethren, and lead others to the Way, the Truth, and the Life. **Those who in faith accept the leadings of the Spirit of God will see where their dangers lie, and will make decided moves in the right direction.**” –Review and Herald, vol 5, p 435 (July 23, 1908)

160) 1911- “As the storm approaches, **a large class who have professed faith in the third angel’s message**, but have not been sanctified through obedience to the truth, **abandon their position and join the ranks of the opposition.... They become the most bitter enemies of their former brethren.**” GC 608 1911

161) 1911- Those who seek to remove the old landmarks are not holding fast; they are not remembering how they have received and heard. **Those who try to bring in theories that would remove the pillars of our faith concerning the sanctuary or concerning the personality of God or of Christ** are working as blind men. **They are seeking to bring in uncertainties, and to set the people of God adrift, without an anchor.**— Ibid. { 5BIO 411. } 1911

162) 1915- “I am charged to tell our people, that do not realize, that **the devil has device after device, and he carries them out in ways that they do not expect.** Satan’s agencies will invent ways to make sinners out of saints. **I tell you now, that when I am laid to rest** (July 16, **1915**), **great changes will take place.** I do not know when I shall be taken; and I desire to warn all against the devices of the devil. I want the people to know that I **warned them fully before my death.**” – Manuscript 1, February 24, **1915**

163) 1915- **Clad in the armor of Christ’s righteousness**, the church is to enter upon her final conflict. “Fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners” (Song of Solomon 6:10), she is to go forth into all the world, **conquering and to conquer.** **The darkest hour of the church’s struggle** with the powers of evil, is that which immediately precedes the day of her final deliverance. But none who trust in God need fear; for “when the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against the wall,”

God will be to his church “a refuge from the storm. In that day the righteous only are promised deliverance. Isaiah 25:4. {RH, July 1, 1915 par. 8- 10} *This beautiful promise was published 15 days prior to her death*

164) 1917- “They that forsake the law praise the wicked.” Proverbs 28:4. When those who are uniting with the world, yet claiming great purity, plead for union with those who have ever been the opposers of the cause of truth, we should fear and shun them as decidedly as did Nehemiah. {PK 660.1} 1917

165) 1917- “Solomon flattered himself that his wisdom and the power of his example would lead his wives from idolatry to the worship of the true God, and also that the alliances thus formed would draw the nations round about into close touch with Israel. Vain hope! Solomon’s mistake in regarding himself as strong enough to resist the influence of heathen associates was fatal. And fatal, too, the deception that led him to hope that notwithstanding a disregard of God’s law on his part, others might be led to revere and obey its sacred precepts.” {PK 54.1} 1917

Since Ellen White’s death, great changes have taken place as she forewarned in February 1915:

“A time will come when instead of shepherds feeding the sheep, the church will have clowns entertaining the goats.” Charles Spurgeon

1931- Began to accredit our schools (which was against the counsel of Ellen White).

1948- “Seventh-day Adventist publishing houses, built by denominational investment, were instituted not to publish whatever a worker may elect, but to produce the finest literature possible to give our basic message the widest consistent circulation in the most representative fashion.

“Our houses...are partners in a threefold compact--they serve and protect the denomination itself, the denominational publisher, and the denominational author. They have both a denominational name to safeguard, and a publisher's name and reputation to protect. They, therefore, have book committees to read, evaluate, and recommend specific action and improvements on manuscripts. They have boards to make final decision, skilled staffs to check, edit, and correct the copy, and put it into acceptable form....

“When the finished product carries the stamp of a standard publishing house, it bears denominational approval. It is then a denominational, not a private, publication. It has a measure of authority and dignity not otherwise possible.” Ministry Magazine, December, 1948, p 23.

1950- **World Council of Churches** – Founded in 1950 and has been a leading force for ecumenical cooperation among Christians in the U.S. (*see their website*) [In Chapter 26 of Russell & Colin Standish’s book, *Half a Century of Apostasy*, reveals the affiliation of the SDA Church with the Council of Churches since its formation in 1950. And SDA has financially contributed to WCC’s support]

1950’s In Mid- 1950’s, book entitled **“Questions on Doctrine”** (by Leeroy Froom, Roy A. Anderson, W.R. Reed) came out expressing major changes in original beliefs of SDA Adventist.--- ie.

—atonement was finished at the cross

—Jesus' unfallen nature of Adam BEFORE sin.

—**Watered down role of E. G. White** in SDA Church & our understanding of end-time Bible prophecy

1952- 1952 Bible Conference- Edward Heppenstall responsible for a shift in understanding of churches "investigative judgment" teaching.

1973- In **1973** Beach coauthored a book with Lukas Vischer, Secretary of the **World Council of Churches** entitled, **"So Much in Common, Between the World Council of Churches, and the Seventh-day Adventist Church."** Beach also wrote "Vatican II, **Bridging the Abyss.**"

1976- **Neal Wilson** (President of the North American Division of SDA) made a sworn statement Feb 6, **1976** in the Merikay McLeod lawsuit stating **our prior beliefs regarding "anti-popevry" has been assigned to the historical trash heap!"**

1977- May 18, **1977** Dr. B. B. Beach (Secretary of the Northern European-West Africa Division) presented a gold covered medallion to Pope Paul VI and noted this was the **first time in history** that the **SDA Church**, through an official representative, had **met with a Roman pontiff.**

1980- Adventist Church officially adopts the Trinity doctrine at 1980 Dallas Conference Session.

1980-

1) Prediction of Alberto Rivera (ex-Jesuit priest): ...a secret sign was to be given to the Jesuits world-wide when the ecumenical movement had successfully wiped out Protestants, in the preparation for the signing of a concordat between the Vatican and the US. **The sign was to be when a President of the U.S. took his oath of office facing an Obelisk.** 'The God Fathers' Alberto pt 3 pg 26

All US Presidents have always been inaugurated on the East side; the opposite side of where the obelisk is on the West side.

2) For the very first time in its history, at the **(April) 1980** General Conference Session held at Dallas, Texas, **the Seventh-day Adventist Church officially voted in the trinity doctrine under the headship of Neal C. Wilson:**

"There is one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, a unity of three co-eternal Persons" (Seventh-day Adventists Believe... A Biblical Exposition of 27 Fundamental Doctrines, page 16)

3) Two months later, **June 1980**

The Joint Committee on the Inauguration **announced its decision to move the inauguration from the east to the west side of the Capitol in June 1980, more than a month before Republicans nominated Reagan.**

An Adventist publication on the Trinity:

"The oneness in nature and character of the three persons of the Godhead raises the very useful question of prayer, praise and worship. ... **But what about direct prayer to the Holy Spirit? While we have no clear example of or direct command to pray to the Spirit in Scripture, doing so does have, in principle, some implicit Biblical support. ... it only seems logical that God's people can pray directly to and worship the Holy Spirit.**" *The Trinity*, p. 273

Trinity, basis of the World Council of Churches

“According to the WCC constitution, agreement with the basis upon which the Council is founded” is a precondition for membership.

A later study by the central committee concluded that there was no need to change the basis, though it was necessary to explain its meaning and also make clear that... the Trinity [was] implicit in it. From the WCC official website

1980's In an interview (1980's), ex-Jesuit Alberto Rivera states that the **Jesuits had planned to infiltrate the SDA Church after the passing of Sister White,** which began in 1915.

1981- **"there is another universal and truly catholic organization, the Seventh-day Adventist Church."** (Neal C. Wilson, General Conference *President of the Seventh-day Adventist Church*, in *Adventist Review*, March 5, **1981**, p 3). See 1T 577.2-578.1, **1867**

1981- the Seventh-day Adventist Church General Conference Corporation acting for the church and as head of the church obtained a trademark registration for the name "Seventh-day Adventist" with the United States Patent and Trademark Office, **becoming the very first Protestant church denomination in America to appeal to the state for protection of her name.**

1982- In **1982**, Raoul Dederen, Professor at Andrews University, on behalf of the SDA Church, signed the **B.E.M. document** (Baptism, Eucharist & Ministry) which are three doctrinal issues that **separate the churches.** Under "Ministry" section of the document, it **states there will be no attempts at proselytizing people in other churches!**

1988- In the SDA book, **"Seventh-Day Adventists Believe... A Biblical Exposition of 27 Fundamental Doctrines,"** produced by the Ministerial Association and the General Conference and published by the Review & Herald Publishing Association in **1988** misrepresents and/ or **destroys SDA original foundational teachings on the sanctuary, the atonement, sanctification etc.** See pages 49, 53, 121-24, 127-28, 130-31, 312, 315

1994- William Johnson (**editor** of the *Adventist Review* **1994-95**) in an article states, **"To interpret the sea monster of Rev 13 as the papacy seems somewhat out of keeping with the spirit of the times.. THE INTERPRETATION SMACKS OF NARROWNESS AND BIGOTRY."**

2012- With approval and support (**2012**) of President **Ted Wilson**, **"The Great Controversy' Project" widely circulated the book, "The Great Hope"** which **EXCLUDED** the following contained in the original **"Great Controversy" book:**

1. Cleansing of Heavenly Sanctuary
2. 2nd angels msg **call to come out** of **Babylon**
3. 3rd angel's msg **exposing Sunday** as the Mark of Beast
4. 1844 as the hour of **God's judgment** [part of the 1st angel's msg]
5. **Investigative Judgment** [part of the 1st angel's msg]
6. **Identification of WHO & WHAT is Babylon**, the **harlot woman**, and **her daughters**
7. **Identification of the beast of Rev. 13 & 17.**
8. **Little horn** who persecuted the true church from 538-1798 & will be the chief instigator in these last days.
9. **Luther and all the reformers** & all their trials & persecution of which will again be repeated.

10. Rise of the Advent Awakening of the 1840's culminating in formation of the Remnant church and the seed of the woman, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus.

2014- President Ted Wilson when questioned at ASI, Aug **2014**, about what the Mark of the Beast was, he replied, "The mark of the beast is the worship of God on any other day than the Bible Sabbath."

The fundamental principles that have sustained the work for the last fifty years would be accounted as error. A new organization would be established. Books of a new order would be written. {SpTB07 39.3} **Oct 1903**

EXAMPLES OF BOOKS OF A NEW ORDER

1. Bible Readings for the Home Circle, R&H Publishing Association, **1949**, pg 174
2. Questions on Doctrines, R&H Publishing Association, **1957**, pgs 352-55, 357, 379-83
3. Man the World Needs Most by Arthur S. Maxwell, published by the Pacific Press Publishing Association, **1970**, pgs 76-83, 93-96
4. Movement of Destiny by LeRoy Froom, published by the R&H Publishing Association, **1971**, pgs. 187, 469, 470, 473, 497
5. Faith That Works by Morris L. Venden, published by R&H Publishing Association, **1980**, pgs 159, 161-65, 168-72, 175, 191-92, 209
6. The Sanctuary and the Atonement Biblical, Historical and Theological Studies, prepared by the Biblical Research Committee of the General Conference, and printed by the R&H Publishing Association, **1981**, pg 586
7. We Still Believe: after 150 years of waiting, watching and hoping by the General Conference president—Robert Folkenberg, and published by the Pacific Press Publishing Association , **1994**, pgs 17, 20, 23, 25, 27-29, 32-33, 40-41, 43-45, 63, 75, 77-80, 101, 118-119, 122-24, 130-31

2014- Alice Silva and Amber Machado were 'married' in Glenn County, California on 7-19-2014. Their new name is Amber and Alice Machado. Amber was raised Seventh-day Adventist and baptized many years ago.

2015- On June 4, 2015, Ginger Harwood (ordained pastor and former associate professor at LSU), pro-choice advocate for Women's rights and Woman's ordination, baptized a married lesbian, Alice Machado (who is married to current SDA member, Amber Machado) into the Chico SDA Church.

“Those who feel called out to join the movement in favor of woman’s rights and the so-called dress reform might as well sever all connection with the third angel’s message. The spirit which attends the one cannot be in harmony with the other. The Scriptures are plain upon the relations and rights of men and women. Spiritualists have, to quite an extent, adopted this singular mode of dress. {1T 457.3} 1867

Christ declares that there will exist similar unbelief concerning his second coming. As the people of Noah’s day “knew not until the flood came and took them all away, so,” in the words of our Saviour, “shall also the coming of the Son of man be.” [Matthew 24:39.] **When the professed people of God are uniting with the world, living as they live, and joining with them in forbidden pleasure;** when the luxury of the world becomes the luxury of the church; **when the marriage bells are chiming,** and all are looking forward to many years of worldly prosperity,—then, suddenly as the lightning flashes from the heavens, will come the end of their bright visions and delusive hopes. {4SP 209.2} 1884

“When a religion is good, I conceive that it will support itself; and when it cannot support itself, and God does not take care to support it, so that it’s professors are obliged to call for the help of the civil power, it is a sign, I say, of its being a bad one.”
Benjamin Franklin to Richard Price, 9 Oct. 1780 Writings 8:153-54

BABYLON –DEFINED BY SOP

Babylon ‘fallen’ - All apostate Protestant Churches: NOT Catholic Church 4SP 232-33

Babylon of Rev 17 - Catholic Church, a symbol of a vile woman, an apostate church 4SP 232-33

Harlot - Rome, an apostate mother church **that has daughters** that follow her example of corruption and cling to her doctrines and worldly practices. 4SP 232-33

Daughters - Apostate Protestants- “...those churches that cling to the doctrines and traditions of Rome and follow her worldly practices.” “God looks down upon those **apostate bodies,** and **declares them daughters of a harlot.**” 4SP 233-234

Sister to fallen Babylon - SDA Church 21MR380.1; April 21, 1903

1886- We are in danger of becoming a sister to fallen Babylon, of allowing our churches to become **corrupted,** and filled with every foul spirit, **a cage for every unclean and hateful bird;**... {21MR380.1} Written September 6, **1886** from Basel, Switzerland, to G. I. Butler

1893- “Of those who boast of their light, and yet fail to walk in it, Christ says, “But I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgment, than for you. And thou, Capernaum [**Seventh-day Adventists, who have had great light**], which art exalted unto heaven [**in point of privilege**], **shalt be brought down to hell:** for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. But I say unto you, That it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for thee.” At that time Jesus answered and said, “I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast **hid these things from the wise and prudent [in their own estimation],** and hast **revealed them unto babes.**” Matt 11:22-25 **{Bracketed material added by Sister White}** {RH, August 1, **1893**}

1896. The voice from Battle Creek, which has been regarded as authority in counseling how the work should be done, is **no longer the voice of God**.—Manuscript Releases 17:185 (1896). {LDE 50.2}

1903- "The results of the last general conference (1901) has been the greatest, the most terrible sorrow of my life, no change was made....Men did not receive the testimonies of the Spirit of God... "It is a perilous thing to reject the light that God sends. To Chorazin and Bethsaida heaven's richest blessings had been freely offered. Day after day the Prince of Life had gone in and out among them....but they refused the heavenly gift, and of them the Saviour said; 'Woe unto thee, Chorazin! Woe unto thee, Bethsaida, for if the mighty works had been done in Tyre and Sidon, which have been done in you, they had a great while ago repented, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. But it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment, than for you.' "So today upon those who have had light and evidence, but who have refused to heed the Lord's warnings and entreaties, heaven's woe is pronounced. "The Lord bore long with the perversity of Israel, but the time came when the people passed the boundaries..." Manuscript Releases, vol 13, p 122-23 (Letter 17, **January 14, 1903**).

1903- "Why is there so dim a perception of the true spiritual condition of the church? Has not blindness fallen upon the watchmen standing on the walls of Zion?...Who can truthfully say, 'Our gold is tried in the fire; our garments are unspotted by the world'? I saw our Instructor pointing to the garments of so-called righteousness. Stripping them off, He laid bare the defilement beneath. Then He (Christ) said to me: 'Can you not see how they have pretentiously covered up their defilement and rottenness of character? How is the faithful city become an harlot! My Father's house is made a house of merchandise, a place whence the divine presence and glory have departed!" Testimonies, vol 8, p 248-50 (**April 21, 1903**). "Harlot, Rome, an apostate church that has daughters that follow her examples"



"truth & glory of God are inseparable" 1884GC 416

- So from the holy ones that stand in **God's presence His Spirit** is imparted to the human instrumentalities who are consecrated to His service. {COL 408.1}
- The men and women who through the long centuries of persecution and trial enjoyed a large measure of the **presence of the Spirit** in their lives, have stood as signs and wonders in the world. {AA 49.2}
- The **presence of the Spirit** with God's workers will give the proclamation of truth a power that not all the honor or glory of the world could give. {AA 50.2}
- I shall never, I think, be called to stand **under the direction of the Holy Spirit** as I stood at Minneapolis. **The presence of Jesus was with me.** {SpM 34.1}
- We had an excellent meeting. The **presence of the Lord** was with us. **He breathed upon me His Holy Spirit** and gave me the spirit of earnest supplication to **God that I might be imbued with His Holy Spirit** in all my labors, and that my ministering brethren might be **endowed with power from on high** to carry the solemn message to all parts of the world. {1888 461.2}

BABYLON –DEFINED BY PIONEERS

The Five Steps to Apostasy

By J. N. Loughborough

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

1. Forming a creed, expressing their faith in man-made phrases instead of adhering to the word of the Lord.
2. Making that man-made creed a test of fellowship, and denouncing all as heretics who would not assent to the exact wording of their creeds.
3. Making the creed a rule by which all heretics must be tried. Many were thus declared sinners whose faith was more in harmony with the direct statements of the Bible than that of those who decreed against them.
4. Constituting themselves a tribunal for the trial of heretics, and excluding from their fellowship all who would not assent to their creeds. Not content to debar such from church privileges in this world, they declared them subjects for the lake of fire.
5. Having thus kindled a hatred in their own hearts against all who did not conform to their creeds, they next invoked and obtained the aid of the civil power to torture, and kill with sword, with hunger, with flame, and with beasts of the earth, those whom they had declared unfit to remain in the world.

Then appeared on the stage of action one class of professed Christians with a head over them, actually declaring that he was “God on earth,” persecuting another class of Christians who were conscientiously following the Lord and his Word, - a class of whom it might be said, in the light in which God views them (as was said, of the ancient worthies), “of whom the world was not worthy.” Heb.11:38 (J. N. Loughborough, *The Church, Its Organization, Order, and Discipline*, pp. 76, 77).

According to the early pioneers, *Babylon* is defined as a church who:

1. Starts any procedure in connection with civil government... unlawful union with the world of which *Babylon* is guilty, is positive that it (*Babylon*) is the civil power
2. Is joined with the world in friendship
3. Is the professed church, united with the world”
4. Has unlawful connection with the **Kings of the east**
5. Manufactures creeds, whether written or oral, endeavoring to organize a party; the test of fellowship being now, not love to God and each other, but assent to these creeds...because their creeds differ, hence, confusion or *Babylon* is truly their name.
6. Has a domineering, lordly spirit, a spirit to suppress a free search after truth, and a free expression of our conviction of what is truth.
7. Remains in such an organized body, remains in *Babylon*.... No church can be organized by man’s invention as it becomes *Babylon* the moment it is organized.
8. Well, say some, —if they will turn us out, let them do it; we will stay with them until we are turned out.—But, does God say, stay in here till you are turned out! NO. He says—**Come out of her my people. Come out of this —confusion, this *Babylon*.**

1844- This then is the true Church of God. Now, what are the principal agents in oppressing and injuring this Church? We answer, all those sects, **whether Roman Catholics or Protestants, that go to work to divide and bring in –confusion to the oneness of the Church. And how is this done? It is done by the manufacturing of creeds, whether written or oral, and endeavoring to organize a party; the test of fellowship being now, not love to God and each other, but assent to these creeds.** (pg1) ... because their **creeds differ**; and hence –confusion or **Babylon is truly their name.** Surely we need have no great difficulty in deciding **where Babylon is, or what it is.** It is the **old mother and all her children; who are known by the family likeness a domineering, lordly spirit, a spirit to suppress a free search after truth, and a free expression of our conviction of what is truth.** Every one of us shall give account of HIMSELF to God, II (Rom. Xiv. 13.) **We have no right to let any men, or body of men, thus lord it over us. And to remain, it appears to me, in such an organized body, is to remain in Babylon.** (pg2)... Well, say some, –if they will turn us out, let them do it; we will stay with them until we are turned out.—But, does God say, **stay in here till you are turned out! NO.** He says—**Come out of her my people. Come out of this –confusion, this Babylon.**
But it will be asked, –Where shall we go if we come out? **Go to the Lord. Trust in Him. –Wait for his Son from heaven. Take care that you do not seek to manufacture another church. No church can be organized by man’s invention but what it becomes Babylon the moment it is organized.** (pg 4) *New York, The Midnight Cry Feb. 1844 George Storrs.*

1850- Portions quoted below from The Advent Review Volume 1, Entitled: Extracts Relating to the Churches, and Church Organization {August 1850 JWe, ADRE 22.6-23.7}:

“While Israel obeyed God, He defended and blessed them; but when they desired a king like the surrounding nations, and said, “Give us a king, God departed from them, or suffered them to follow their own wisdom: and the result was, a yoke was laid upon their necks by their: king, who was given to them ‘in wrath and taken away in anger.’

“While the primitive church stood upon the foundation laid by Christ, obeyed His law, and followed Him, they were humble, prosperous and happy.

“But when they began to lay other foundations, adopt other laws, and follow other leaders, the glory departed from them: they committed fornication **with the kings of the earth,** and soon constituted the ‘mother’ whom John saw seated on the scarlet coloured beast, drunk with the blood of the saints.

“While the seceding sects were young, humble, and submitted to Christ and His word, they were blessed, and proved a blessing to The Church and the world.

“But when they patterned after the “mother of harlots”, they, like her, “committed fornication”, and became identified with **mystery Babylon,** that great city which reigneth over the kings of the earth of the earth.

“From this fallen city, brethren, we have fled, in obedience to the command, “Come out of her”. Let us not go back to her polluted temples, nor build one of our own after any of her patterns.

“Obey Christ and His word, and you have nothing to fear. But if you depart from Him, like the examples before us, He will cast us off forever.

“Finally, we object to the doings of the Albany Conference, because the proceedings as a whole, **look like forming a new sect, under a sectarian name, instead of coming to the order of the New Testament, under the name there given to the true Church.**

“It looks like laying plans of our own devising, when we have in our possession the perfect economy of the Lord, by which we should be guided, and when we profess to be looking for His coming every hour.

“Can we for one moment suppose it is a time now **to be fixing up a creed** for years, or even months, to come? Is this our faith? O I cannot, I cannot - I must not,

“What! The advent people have a creed?

“What! The advent people organize into a sect?

“O, brethren, do let us be consistent.

“Did not our enemies tell us that after the time passed - if it did pass - we should organize into a sect?

What did we answer them?

“You who are disposed **to organize and have a creed**, answer it. “Let us remember three things, and overcome them.

“1. The beast.

“2. His mark.

“3. The number of his name.

“Here is the patience and faith of the saints. Let the Gentile princes exercise their dictation; but let us not be so.” - Advent Review, 1850; (published by Hiram Edson, David Arnold, Geo. W. Holt, Samuel W. Rhodes, and **James White**; article from which the above is taken signed with the initial “W”.)

1853- If you *are unequally yoked together with unbelievers* [not showing their faith by their works—James.] **Come out from among them and be ye separate, and you shall be a son or a daughter of the Lord Almighty.**— *Voice of Truth*, Vol. , 1844. The Advent Review and Sabbath Herald Jan, 6 1853

1895- “I need not take to give a definition in detail of what **the image of the beast** is; **we all know well that it is the church power using the government, the civil power, for church purposes.** ... Now I want to state a little further upon the principle that no Christian, being a citizen of the kingdom of God, can of right start any procedure in connection with the civil government. After it is started by the government itself, that is another question... I repeat therefore, that upon the principles which govern kingdoms and governments, the very principle of the law in heaven, or law in earth, **a Christian cannot start any procedure in connection with civil government. And of all Christians, Seventh-day Adventists cannot do it. The very keeping of the Sabbath forbids it**” {February 4, 1895 ATJ, GCB 11.2}

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1897- “The true church is a chaste virgin. (2 Cor. 11:2). **The church that is joined with the world in friendship is a harlot.** **It is this unlawful connection with the kings of the earth that constitutes her the great harlot of the Apocalypse.** (Rev.17). Thus, the Jewish Church, **at first espoused to the Lord** (Jer. 2:3; 31:32), **became a harlot** (Eze.16)... The unlawful union with the world of which **Babylon** is guilty, is positive that it (**Babylon**) is the **civil power**... For these reasons, it is very evident that **the Babylon of the Apocalypse is the professed church united with the world**” {1897 UrS, DAR 654.2}

**"COME OUT OF HER, MY PEOPLE" - A SERMON, BY C. FITCH.
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1843.**

[Rev 18:1-5; 18:21; 14:6-20 quoted] **1. WHAT IS BABYLON?** It is Antichrist: all those to whom Christ will say, at his appearing, "Those mine enemies who would not that I should reign over them, bring hither and slay them before me." It is every thing belonging to the vine of the earth, which, at the appearance of one like the Son of man on a white cloud, is to be reaped, and cast into the great wine-press of the wrath of God. {1843 CF, CHMP 5.1} ... AND THIS IS THAT **SPIRIT OF ANTICHRIST** whereof ye have heard that it should come, and even now already is it in the world." 2 John 7: "For many deceivers are entered into the world **who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. THIS IS A DECEIVER AND AN ANTI-CHRIST.**" {1843 CF, CHMP 5.2}... **To confess with the lips that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh, and yet to be opposed in heart and life to the objects for which he came, is certainly to be Antichrist.**... whoever is opposed to the **PERSONAL REIGN** of Jesus Christ over this world on David's throne, is **ANTICHRIST**; for though he may admit that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh, he is opposed to the object for which he came, and therefore **must be Antichrist**; for "the kingdoms of this world must become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign for ever and ever." {1843 CF, CHMP 8.1}... We have therefore only to inquire who is **OPPOSED TO THE PERSONAL REIGN OF CHRIST ON DAVID'S THRONE**, in order to ascertain **who is ANTICHRIST, or who is IN BABYLON**, to be destroyed when Christ shall appear in the clouds of heaven, to establish his kingdom. Who, then, is opposed to the personal reign of Christ on David's throne? {1843 CF, CHMP 9.1}... **1st. THE ENTIRE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH.**{1843 CF, CHMP 9.2}**2nd.** Is THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, ONLY OPPOSED TO THE PERSONAL REIGN OF CHRIST? **What shall we say of Protestant Christendom in this respect?** Among all the sects into which the Protestant church is divided, where is one that is not decidedly hostile to the Bible truth that Christ has been raised up to sit personally on David's throne? ... CHMP 10.2}.... 2 Tim. iv, 3,) "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears, and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned to fables." This is at present true of all sects in Protestant Christendom. CHMP 10.2}The practical motto in this day is, **by their creeds** ye shall know them. CHMP 10.2}...To such an extent has the love of this present world abounded, in the hearts of those who say they are Christ's, that nothing is so unwelcome to the mass of them as to tell them that their Savior, whom they profess to regard as their best friend, is soon coming to take his people to be with him. {1843 CF, CHMP 10.2}

II. WHAT ARE

WE TO UNDERSTAND BY THE FALL OF BABYLON? This is fully expressed in Scripture language: [Rev 18:2 quoted]... But how is it with Protestant Christendom. **How is she occupied?** Is she not engaged, for her own aggrandizement, in every species of merchandise ascribed to **Babylon**, even to slaves and the souls of men? The **spirit of oppression reigns**, in greater or less portions of the leading sects, unrebuked; and a man may sell or buy his fellow-man, and then sit at the communion table, or even minister at the altar of God, and by the mass of Protestant Christendom go unreproved. **Lust for power** is seen among all the sects, and **lust for gold** is practically regarded by the multitude of Christ's professed disciples as a virtue, and they may **resort to any means** for acquiring wealth which does not amount to positive transgression of human law, and **yet stand in the church as accredited members.** {1843 CF, CHMP 16.1}

III.

WHAT IS IT FOR GOD'S PEOPLE TO COME OUT OF BABYLON? [Rev 18:4 quoted] {1843 CF, CHMP 18.1} ...But I do say, if you are a Christian, come out of **Babylon!** **If you intend to be found a Christian when Christ appears, come out of Babylon, and come out Now! Throw away that miserable medley of ridiculous spiritualizing nonsense with which multitudes have so long been making the word of God of none effect, and dare to believe the Bible.**{1843 CF, CHMP 19.1} (*all words in CAPS are in the original*)

A Come Out Message

1st Angel's Message: Rev 14:6-7 (2520)

1884- To show their true condition of worldliness and backslidden state & to seek preparation to meet their Lord 4SP 230

1858 ---calculated to arouse and powerfully affect the churches, and manifest their real character.---servants of God raised the solemn warning to flee from the wrath to come ("Fear God, and give glory to Him, for the hour of his judgment is come".) 58GC 134

2nd Angel's Message: Rev 14:8; 18:2

1884- -Proclaims moral fall of Protestant churches in consequence of their rejection of the 1st AM --- "Babylon" (Babel) is various forms of apostate and false religion. 4SP 232

1884- "fall of Babylon"-does not **NOT** refer to Catholic church but to innumerable sects of Protestant churches 4SP 232,33

1884- God looks down upon those apostate bodies, and declares them daughters of a harlot. 4SP 234

1884- Adventist separate from former connections 4SP 236-37

1862- Leaving behind the things of this world fulfills the command "come out from among them and be ye separate" Christ requires us to be separate, having NO fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness. 1T 279

3rd Angel's Message: Rev 14:9-11

1861- Those who engage in the solemn work of bearing the third angel's message, must move out decidedly, and in the Spirit and power of God, fearlessly preach the truth, and let it cut... It is the pointed testimony that will bring up the people to decide. A peaceful testimony will not do this... God's servants, who bear sacred, vital truths, should cry aloud and spare not, that the truth may tear off the garment of security, and find its way to the heart. 1T 248-49

1858- The fearful threatenings of the third angel are to be realized, and they (nominal churches) will drink the wrath of God. 58GC 190-91

1884- "Cry aloud, spare not.... show my people their transgressions"... not the wicked world, but those whom the Lord designates as 'my people', that are to be reproved for their transgressions.... breach made on law of God.... Sabbath... to be restored. 4SP 284-85

1884- To servants of God at this time, is the command addressed, "Lift up thy voice like a trumpet and show my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins." Isa 58:1 4SP 293

4th Angel's Message: Rev 18:1-5; 14: 8

1858- Joins the work of the 3rd AM as it swells into a loud cry 58GC 194

1884- Lightens whole earth with his glory 4SP 429

1858- Message of the **fall of Babylon**, as given by the 2nd angel, is **AGAIN given**, with **THE ADDITION OF THE CORRUPTIONS** which have been entering the churches **SINCE 1844**. 58GC 194

Loud Cry/ Refreshing/ Latter Rain:

Rev 13:15, 17; 4:9, 10; Zech 10:1

1884- The sins of Babylon will be laid open. 4SP 424

1858- Those who have been bound by family and friends fearlessly decide to eagerly lay hold of the truth which is more precious to them than life itself-- this is caused by the **latter rain** [doctrine], the **refreshing** from the presence of the Lord; the **loud cry of the third angel**. 58GC186

1884- The church appeals to the strong arm of civil power, and in this work, papists are solicited to come to the help of Protestants. 4SP 425

1887- We must get ready for **the latter rain**. The earth is to be lighted with the glory of the third angel,--not a little corner only, but the whole earth... When **the message shall go with a loud cry**, those who hear the truth now will spring to the front and work with mighty power.. {RH, May 10, 1887 par. 20}

1891- The latter rain is to fall upon the people of God. A mighty angel is to come down from heaven, and the whole earth is to be lighted with his glory. Are we ready to take part in the glorious work of the third angel? Are our vessels ready to receive the heavenly dew? Have we defilement and sin in the heart? If so, let us cleanse the soul temple, and prepare for the showers of the latter rain. The refreshing from the presence of the Lord will never come to hearts filled with impurity... {RH, April 21, 1891 par. 11}

1882- "I saw that God has honest children among the nominal Adventists and the fallen churches, and before the plagues shall be poured out, ministers and people will be called out from these churches and will gladly receive the truth. Satan knows this; and before the loud cry of the third angel is given, he raises an excitement in these religious bodies, that those who have rejected the truth may think that God is with them. He hopes to deceive the honest and lead them to think that God is still working for the churches. But the light will shine, and all who are honest will leave the fallen churches, and take their stand with the remnant." {EW 261} **1882**

The Shaking: Rev 3:15-17; Eph 6:12-18:

Luke 18:7, 8; Rev 14:15; Joel 3:16; Heb 12:26; Rev 16:17

1858- ---Caused by the straight testimony called forth by the counsel of the true Witness TO the Laodiceans... and has not been half heeded. The solemn testimony upon which the destiny of the church hangs has been lightly esteemed, if not entirely disregarded. This testimony must work deep repentance, and all that truly receive it will obey it and be purified---will lead the receiver to exalt the standard and put forth the straight truth--- The rising up against the straight testimony will cause a shaking among God's people---Shaking- also known as the **latter rain, refreshing, the Loud Cry of the 3rd angel** 58GC 184-186

1886- God has a church. It is not the great cathedral, neither is it the national establishment, neither is it the various denominations; it is the people who love God and keep His commandments. "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20)." Letter 108, 1886. 17MR 82.2

1882- There are few really consecrated men among us, few who have fought and conquered in the battle with self. Real conversion is a decided change of feelings and motives; it is a virtual taking leave of worldly connections, a hastening from their spiritual atmosphere, a withdrawing from the controlling power of their thoughts, opinions, and influences. The separation causes pain and bitterness to both parties. It is the variance which Christ declares that He came to bring. But the converted will feel a continual longing desire that their friends shall forsake all for Christ, knowing that, unless they do, there will be a final and eternal separation. {5T 82.5}

1882- We cannot be half the Lord's and half the world's. We are not God's people unless we are such entirely. Every weight, every besetting sin, must be laid aside. God's watchmen will not cry, "Peace, peace," when God has not spoken peace. The voice of the faithful watchmen will be heard: "Go ye out from thence, touch no unclean thing; go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord." The church cannot measure herself by the world nor by the opinion of men nor by what she once was. Her faith and her position in the world as they now are must be compared with what they would have been if her course had been continually onward and upward. The church will be weighed in the balances of the sanctuary. {5T 83.1-2}

1890- There was a coming out, a decided separation from the wicked, an escape for life. So it was in the days of Noah; so with Lot; so with the disciples prior to the destruction of Jerusalem; and so it will be in the last days. Again the voice of God is heard in a message of warning, bidding His people separate themselves from the prevailing iniquity. {PP 166.4}

- Amos 3:3 Can two walk together, except they be agreed?
- 2 Corinthians 6:14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?
- 2 Corinthians 6:17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,
- Revelation 18:1-5, "And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities."

Satan exults as he sees men looking to men, and trusting in men to be wisdom for them.
The soul that looks to men as to God, is left exposed to the temptations and assaults of the enemy,
and the evil one sees to it that human defects shall mar the work of God.

{RH August 14, 1894, Art. A, par. 3}

Jesus has invited you to come unto him; and you are not obeying Christ when you go to human sources for support and consolation. Is not this the reason that the people of God are destitute of the fruits of the **Holy Spirit**? Is not this one reason why their religious experience is of so dwarfed a character?

{RH August 14, 1894, Art. A, par. 2}

1882- A Firm Platform

I saw a company who stood well guarded and firm, giving no countenance to those who would unsettle the established faith of the body. God looked upon them with approbation. **I was shown three steps—the first, second, and third angels' messages**. Said my accompanying angel, "Woe to him who shall move a block or stir a pin of these messages. **The true understanding of these messages is of vital importance. The destiny of souls hangs upon the manner in which they are received.**" I was again brought down through these messages, and saw how dearly **the people of God** had purchased their experience. It had been obtained through much suffering and severe conflict. **God had led them along step by step, until He had placed them upon a solid, immovable platform.** I saw individuals approach the platform and examine the foundation. Some with rejoicing immediately stepped upon it. Others commenced to find fault with the foundation. They wished improvements made, and then the platform would be more perfect, and the people much happier. Some stepped off the platform to examine it and declared it to be laid wrong. But I saw that nearly all stood firm upon the platform and exhorted those who had stepped off to cease their complaints; for God was the Master Builder, and they were fighting against Him. They recounted the wonderful work [*of their past history*] of God, which had led them to the firm platform, and in union raised their eyes to heaven and with a loud voice glorified God. This affected some of those who had complained and left the platform, and they with humble look again stepped upon it. {EW 258.3}

I was pointed back to the proclamation of the **first advent of Christ**. John was sent in the spirit and power of Elijah to prepare the way of Jesus. Those who rejected the testimony of John were not benefited by the teachings of Jesus. Their **opposition to the message** that foretold His coming placed them where they could not readily receive the strongest evidence that He was the Messiah. Satan led on those who rejected the message of John to go still farther, to reject and crucify Christ. In doing this they placed themselves where they could not receive the blessing on the day of Pentecost, which would have taught them the way into the heavenly sanctuary. The rending of the veil of the temple showed that the Jewish sacrifices and ordinances would no longer be received. The great Sacrifice had been offered and had been accepted, and the **Holy Spirit** which descended on the day of Pentecost carried the minds of the disciples from the earthly sanctuary to the heavenly, where Jesus had entered by His own blood, to shed upon His disciples the benefits of His atonement. **But the Jews were left in total darkness. They lost all the light** which they might have had upon the plan of salvation, and **still trusted in their useless sacrifices and offerings.** The heavenly sanctuary had taken the place of the earthly, yet **they had no knowledge of the change.** Therefore they could not be benefited by the mediation of Christ in the holy place. {EW 259.1}

Many look with horror at the course of the Jews in rejecting and crucifying Christ; and as they read the history of His shameful abuse, they think they love Him, and would not have denied Him as did Peter, or crucified Him as did the Jews. But God who reads the hearts of all, has brought to the test that love for Jesus which they **professed** to feel. All heaven watched with the deepest interest the reception of the first angel's message [2520- Jews rejected the 1st AM!]. **But many who professed to love Jesus, and who shed tears as they read the story of the cross, derided the good news of His coming. Instead of receiving the message with gladness, they declared it to be a delusion.** They hated those who loved His appearing and shut them out of the churches. Those who **rejected the first**

message could not be benefited by the second; neither were they benefited by the midnight cry, [see EW p 14, 15] which was to prepare them to enter with Jesus by faith into the most holy place of the heavenly sanctuary. **And by rejecting the two former messages, they have so darkened their understanding that they can see no light in the third angel's message**, which shows the way into the most holy place. I saw that as the Jews crucified Jesus, so the nominal churches **had crucified these messages**, and therefore they have no knowledge of the way into the most holy, and they **cannot be benefited by the intercession of Jesus there. Like the Jews, who offered their useless sacrifices, they [professed SDA's] offer up their useless prayers to the apartment which Jesus has left** [see DS58, 59]; and Satan, pleased with the deception, **assumes a religious character**, and leads the minds of these **professed Christians** to himself, **working with his power, his signs and lying wonders**, to fasten them in his snare. **Some he deceives in one way, and some in another. He has different delusions prepared to affect different minds. Some look with horror upon one deception, while they readily receive another. Satan deceives some with Spiritualism.** He also comes as an **angel of light [2Cor 11:14]** and spreads his influence over the land by means of **false reformations. The churches are elated, and consider that God is working marvelously for them, when it is the work of another spirit.** The excitement will die away and leave the world and the church in a worse condition than before. {EW 260.1}

I saw that God has honest children among the nominal Adventists **and** the fallen churches, and **before the plagues shall be poured out [before the close of probation], ministers and people will be called out from these churches and will gladly receive the truth.** Satan knows this; and **before the loud cry of the third angel** is given, he **raises an excitement** in these religious bodies, **that those who have rejected the truth may think that God is with them.** He hopes to deceive the honest and lead them to think that God is still working for the churches. But the light will shine, and **all who are honest will leave the fallen churches, and take their stand with the remnant.** {EW 261.1}

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Satan's snares are laid for us as verily as they were laid for the children of Israel just prior to their entrance into the land of Canaan. **We are repeating the history of that people.**--T., No. 31, p. 156. {HL 280.2}

Gods chosen people (peculiar treasure) **were no longer his favored people** when they put him on the cross... when they **crucified** him. How have we today as Adventists (peculiar treasure) **crucified** Christ?

So, I saw, that **those who had no experience in the first and second angels' messages** must receive them from those who had an experience, and followed down through the messages. **As Jesus was crucified, so I saw that these messages have been crucified.** And as the disciples declared that there was salvation in no other name under heaven, given among men; so, also, should the servants of God faithfully and fearlessly declare that **those who embrace but a part of the truths connected with the third message must gladly embrace the first, second and third messages as God has given them, or have no part nor lot in the matter.** {1SG 75.1}

We crucify Christ by rejecting the 3 angel's messages and will no longer be his blessed and favored peculiar people if we (crucify) reject messages!

The hour of grace and reprieve was fast passing; the cup of God's long-deferred wrath was almost full. The cloud of wrath that had been gathering through ages of apostasy and rebellion, was about to burst upon a guilty people, and He who alone could save them from their impending fate had been slighted, abused, rejected, and was soon to be **crucified. When Christ should hang on Calvary's cross, Israel's day as a nation favored and blessed of God would be ended.** The loss of even one soul is a calamity in comparison with which the gain of a world sinks into insignificance; but as Christ looked upon Jerusalem, the doom of a whole city, a whole nation, was before him; that city, that nation which **had once been the chosen of God,--his peculiar treasure.** {4SP 20.2} }

### Questions posed for defense rather than Bible or SOP

“The interests of the cause of present truth demand that those who profess to stand on the Lord's side shall bring into exercise all their powers to vindicate the advent message, the most important message that will ever come to the world. For those who stand as representatives of present truth to use time and energy now in attempting to answer the QUESTIONS of the doubting ones, will be an UNWISE use of their time. It will NOT remove the doubts. The burden of our work now, is NOT to labor for those who, although they have had abundant light and evidence, still continue on the unbelieving side. God bids us give our time and strength to the work of preaching to the people THE MESSAGES THAT STIRRED MEN AND WOMEN IN 1843 and 1844. {PC 60. 6}

“We are now to labor unceasingly to get the truth before Jew and Gentile. INSTEAD of going over and over the same ground to establish the faith of those who should NEVER have accepted a doubt regarding the Third Angel's Message, let our efforts be given to making known the truth to those who have never heard it. God calls upon us to make known to all men the truths that have made us what we are, Seventh-Day Adventists. {PC 61.1}

### Debaters/ Argumentative Spirit

We should guard against the influence of men who have trained themselves as DEBATERS, for they are in continual danger of handling the Word of God deceitfully. There are men in OUR churches all through the land who will pervert the meaning of the Scripture to make a SHARP point and overcome an opponent. They do not reverence the Sacred Word. They put their own construction upon its utterances. Christ is NOT formed within, the hope of glory. They are EDUCATED CRITICS, but spiritual truths can only be spiritually discerned. These men are ever ready and equipped to oppose at a moment's notice anything that is contrary to their own opinions. They handle the Scriptures in an UNWISE way, and bring self into everything they do. {1888 167.3}

Many weave so much of their own spirit into the presentation of truth, that the truth has the appearance of bearing the impress of man. In

dealing with those who are in error, they ARGUE, and CONTEND, and thus obscure the beauty and sacredness of truth, because their own hearts are not sanctified by it. The spirit of DEBATE, of controversy, is A DEVICE OF SATAN to stir up combativeness, and thus eclipse the truth as it is in Jesus. Many have thus been repulsed instead of being won to Christ. {RH, February 9, 1892 par. 12}

Titus 3:8 [This is] a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men. 3:9 **But avoid foolish questions,** and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain. 3:10 A man that is an heretic **after the first and second admonition reject;** 3:11 Knowing that he that is such is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself.

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