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3rd angels message: **WARINIG!** What happens if we don't heed the call to come out/ separate?

Rev 14:9 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, 14:10 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: 14:11 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.**



3rd angels message brief summary statements:

- Review, April 1, 1890. {Ms8-1890.6}- “the message of justification by faith is the third angel’s message in verity.”

-LI 305-307- Not based on prophetic time

-4SP273-last message of mercy to be given to the world.

-4SP 282- Judgments given; 2 classes of people developed

-58GC190-91-The fearful threatenings of the third angel are to be realized, and they (nominal church) will drink the wrath of God.-EW 260-61- **Shows the way into the Most Holy Place**



-4SP 275, 275- Truths brought to view: mediation of Christ in MHP & perpetuity of the law of God... beast, image, mark brought to view, people of God greatly in the minority; only a remnant exists

-EW 260- No light can be seen in 3rd angel’s message if 1st & 2nd angels messages have been rejected

-EW 260- Rejection of 3rd angels message = crucifying Jesus (like the Jews) & have no knowledge of the way into the Most Holy Place & cannot be benefited by Jesus’ intercession there.

-LI255- the third message is sent forth **to warn men to put away their errors** and **receive the truth, that they may be prepared to stand when this firey ordeal shall come...**

-1T248-49- 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.

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"As the ministration of Jesus closed in the Holy place, and He passed into the Holiest, and stood before the ark containing the law of God, He sent another mighty angel to earth with the third message. He placed a parchment in the angel's hand, and as he descended to the earth in majesty and power, he proclaimed a fearful warning, the most terrible threatening ever borne to man. 58GC162

"After Jesus opened the door of the most holy, the light of the Sabbath was seen, and the people of God were tested, as the children of Israel were tested anciently, to see if they would keep God's law." *Early Writings*, 254.

"I saw that since Jesus had left the Holy place of the heavenly Sanctuary [1844], 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." 58GC190 ["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." TM 265.1]

-2SM 104.3- "The first and second messages were given in 1843 and 1844, and we are now under the proclamation of the third; but all three of the messages are still to be proclaimed. It is just as essential now as ever before that they shall be repeated to those who are seeking for the truth. By **pen and voice** we are to sound the proclamation, **showing their order**, and **the application of the prophecies that bring us to the third angel's message**. There cannot be a third without the first and second. These messages we are to give to the world in publications, in discourses, **showing in the line of prophetic history the things that have been and the things that will be.**"

-4SP 286- Since 1844, the fulfillment of the prophecy of the 3rd angel's message, the attention of the world has been called to the true Sabbath

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-4SP 282- test upon question of Sabbath does not come until Sunday observance enforced by law- the most fearful threatening ever addressed to mortals

-4SP 284-85- "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 reprov'd for their transgressions...** breach made on law of God.... Sabbath... to be restored.

-4SP 293- 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

-Test. #2 p. 23- I saw that God hates pride, and that all the proud, and all that do wickedly shall be stubble, and the day that cometh shall burn them up. I saw that the **Third Angel's Message** must yet work like leaven upon many hearts that profess to believe it, and purge away their **pride, selfishness, covetousness** and **love of the world**.

-Test. #5 p. 9- The third angel is leading up a people, step by step, higher and higher. At every step they will be tested.

1843 and 1850 charts

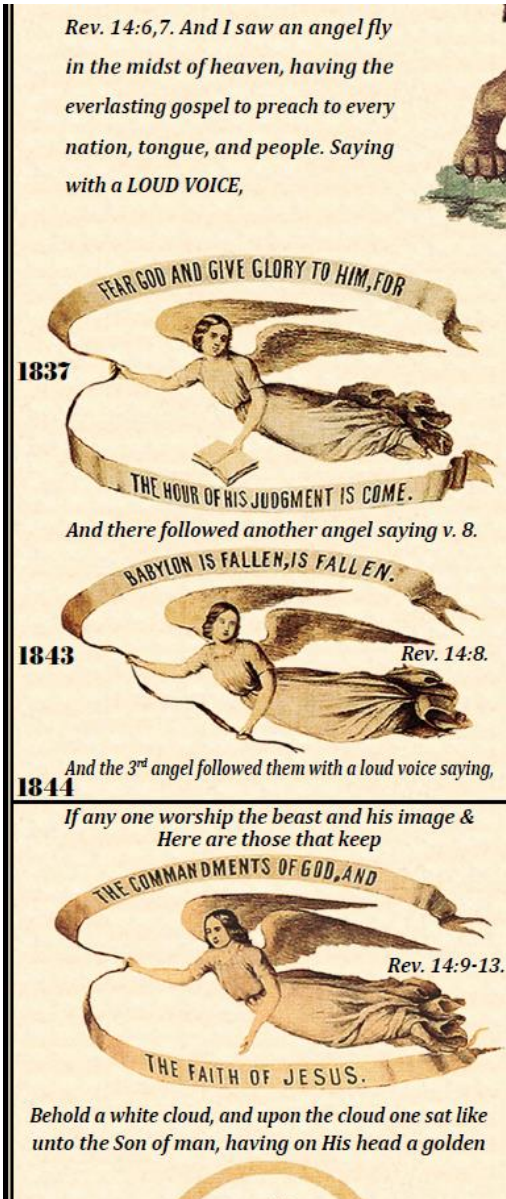
-16MR 207.1- Our next conference was in Fairhaven. Brother Bates (list 10 waymarks in his book) and wife were present. It was quite a good meeting. On our return to Brother Nichols', the Lord gave me a vision and showed me that **the truth must be made plain upon tables**, and it would cause many to decide for the truth by the **three angels' messages**, with the **two former being made plain upon tables**.



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-SpTA04 8.2 We are not to echo the words of those in error, but to inculcate ideas of truth; our work is to benefit our fellow-men, we are not to travel over the track of opponents to the truth, but to sound the message of the third angel, who is flying in the midst of heaven, proclaiming the note of warning, the commandments of God, and the testimony of Jesus Christ.

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“The Lord in His great mercy sent a most precious message to His people through Elders Waggoner and Jones. **This message was to bring more prominently before the world the uplifted Saviour, the sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.** It presented justification through faith in the Surety; it invited the people to receive the righteousness of Christ, which is made manifest in obedience to all the commandments of God. Many had lost sight of Jesus. They needed to have their eyes directed to His divine person, His merits, and His changeless love for the human family. All power is given into His hands, that He may dispense rich gifts unto men, imparting the priceless gift of His own righteousness to the helpless human agent. **This is the message that God commanded to be given to the world. It is the third angel's message,** which is to be proclaimed with a loud voice, and attended with the outpouring of His Spirit in a large measure.” TM 91, 92.

“Christ is pleading for the church in the heavenly courts above, pleading for those for whom He paid the redemption price of His own lifeblood. Centuries, ages, can never diminish the efficacy of this atoning sacrifice. The message of the gospel of His grace was to be given to the church in clear and distinct lines... As the high priest sprinkled the warm blood upon the mercy seat, while the fragrant cloud of incense ascended before God. .... so while we confess our sins and plead the efficacy of Christ's atoning blood, our prayers are

to ascend to heaven, fragrant with the merits of our **Saviour's character**....**God gave to His servants [Waggoner and Jones] a testimony that presented the truth as it is in Jesus, which is the third angel's message, in clear, distinct lines.**” TM 92,93.

“Had Adventists, after the great disappointment in 1844, held fast their faith, and followed on unitedly in the opening providence of God, receiving the message of the third angel and in the power of the Holy Spirit proclaiming it to the world, they would have seen the salvation of God, the Lord would have wrought mightily with their efforts, the work would have been completed, and Christ would have come ere this to receive His people to their reward.” 1 SM 68.1

“The third angel's message is the proclamation of the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus Christ. The commandments of God have been proclaimed, but the faith of Jesus Christ has not been proclaimed by Seventh-

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day Adventists as of equal importance, the law and the gospel going hand in hand. I cannot find language to express this subject in its fullness. "The faith of Jesus", it is talked of, but not understood. What constitutes the faith of Jesus, that belongs, to the third angel's message? Jesus becoming our sin-bearer that He might become our sin-pardoning Saviour. He was treated as we deserve to be treated. He came to our world and took our sins that we might take His righteousness. Faith in the ability of Christ to save us *amply* and *fully* and *entirely* is the faith of Jesus." 1888 p. 217.3, 4.

**Ellen White connected the third angel's message and the cleansing of the sanctuary as she spoke of the events of 1844 and said this:**

"Those who rejected the first message could not be benefited by the second, and were not benefited by the midnight cry, which was to prepare them to enter with Jesus by faith into the Most Holy place of the heavenly Sanctuary. And by rejecting the two former messages, they can see no light in the third angel's message, which shows the way into the Most Holy place." 1 Spiritual Gifts p. 171.

**However she remains optimistic saying,**

"The closing work of the third angel's message will be attended with a power that will send the rays of the Sun of Righteousness into all the highways and byways of life." 1888 p. 166.

**Those who proclaim the third angel's message, must put on the whole armor of God, that they may stand boldly at their post in the face of detraction and falsehood, fighting the good fight of faith. They are to resist the enemy with the word, "It is written."** They are to keep themselves where the three great powers of heaven—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—can be their efficiency. These powers work with the one who gives himself unreservedly to God. The strength of heaven is at the command of God's believing ones. The man who makes God his trust is barricaded by an impregnable wall. {ST May 10, 1910, par. 11}

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**The law of God (10 commandments) encompasses also the third angel's message!**

The message that was given to the people in these meetings presented in clear lines not alone the commandments of God—a part of the third angel's message—but the faith of Jesus which comprehends more than is generally supposed. And it will be well for the third angel's message to be proclaimed in all its parts, for the people need every jot and tittle of it. If we proclaim the commandments of God and leave the other half scarcely touched, the message is marred in our hands. {Ms30-1889.44}

As the ministration of Jesus closed in the Holy place, and he passed into the Holiest, and stood before the ark containing the law of God, he sent another mighty angel to earth with the **third message**. He placed a parchment in the angel's hand, and as he descended to earth in majesty and power, he proclaimed a fearful **warning**, the most terrible threatening ever borne to man. This message was designed to put the children of God upon their guard, and show them the hour of temptation and anguish that was before them. Said the angel, They will be brought into close combat with the beast and his image. Their only hope of eternal life is to remain steadfast. Although their lives are at stake, yet they must hold fast the truth. **The third angel closes his message with these words, Here is the patience of the saints; here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.** As he repeated these words he pointed to the heavenly Sanctuary. **The minds of all who embrace this message are directed to the Most Holy place where Jesus stands before the ark, making his final intercession for all those for whom mercy still lingers, and for those who have ignorantly broken the law of God.** This atonement is made for the righteous dead as well as for the righteous living. Jesus makes an atonement for those who died, not receiving the light upon God's commandments, who sinned ignorantly. {1SG 162.1}

In the city of Portland the messages of the first and second angel were given in power by William Miller, Joshua Himes, Josiah Litch, and others. The time has come when the **third message** is to go with power in Portland and in other cities of the East. I rejoice that in some of these centers suitable church buildings are being secured as memorials. I shall

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pray that the Lord may impress the minds of His workmen, that they may be led to engage earnestly in the work of proclaiming the **warning** message in our large cities. The watchmen must be aroused. Our cities must have the proclamation of the threefold message. A great work must be accomplished from the East to the West. Men who know the truth are to go forth as a lamp that burneth. Let every soul who can, engage in work in the cities just now; for delay will increase unbelief. **God is calling for the cities to be warned of His soon coming.** {Lt14-1910.10}

Those who had accepted the light concerning the **mediation of Christ and the perpetuity of the law** of God, found that these were the truths brought to view in the **third message** [See Appendix, note 7.] The angel declares, "Here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." This statement is preceded by a **solemn and fearful warning**: "**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.**" [Revelation 14:9, 10.] An interpretation of the symbols employed was necessary to an understanding of this message. What was represented by the beast, the image, and the mark? Again those who were seeking for the truth returned to the study of the prophecies. {4SP 275.2}

The whole earth is to be lightened with the glory of God's truth. The Lord will not close up the period of probation until the warning message shall be more distinctly proclaimed. The trumpet must give a certain sound. The law of God is to be magnified, its claims must be presented in their true, sacred character; that the people may be brought to decide for or against the truth. Yet the work will be **cut short in righteousness**. The message of Christ's **righteousness** is to sound from one end of the world to the other. This is the glory of God which closes the work of the third angel. {GCDB January 28, 1893, par. 27}

**The world is preparing for the closing work of the third angel's message.** The truth is now to go forth with a power that it has not known for years. The message of present truth is to be proclaimed everywhere. We must be aroused to give this message with a loud voice, as symbolized in the **fourteenth chapter of Revelation**. **There is danger of our accepting the theory of the truth without accepting the great responsibility which it lays upon every recipient.** My brethren, Show your faith by your works. The world must be prepared for the loud cry of the third angel's message—a message which God declares shall be **cut short in righteousness**. {Ms61-1909.13}

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### Third Angel's Message to be Proclaimed

January 1, 1900

#### Extracts From Testimonies

**"We must let the great principles of the third angel's message stand out clear and distinct. The great pillars of our faith will hold all the weight that can be placed upon them."** {GCB January 1, 1900, Art. A, par. 1}

**"The Lord has a special message for us to bear to the world, even the third angel's message. The first and second angel's messages are bound up with the third. The power of the proclamation of the first and second messages is to be concentrated in the third."** 'And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb.' '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.' {GCB January 1, 1900, Art. A, par. 2}

**"We are in danger of giving this message in so indefinite a manner that it does not impress the people."** {GCB January 1, 1900, Art. A, par. 3}

**"So many other interests are brought in that the very message which should be proclaimed with power becomes tame and voiceless."** At our camp-meetings a mistake has been made. The Sabbath question has been touched upon, but has not been presented as the great question, the test for this time. {GCB January 1, 1900, Art. A, par. 4}

**"While the churches profess to believe in Christ, they are violating the law which Christ himself proclaimed from Sinai. The Lord bids us, 'Lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.' The trumpet is to give a certain sound."** {GCB January 1, 1900, Art. A, par. 5}

**"At our camp-meetings, when you have a congregation before you for only two weeks, do not defer the presentation of the Sabbath question until everything else is presented, supposing that you are paving the way for it. Lift up the standard, the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. Make this the important theme. Then by your strong arguments wall it in, and make it of still greater force. Dwell more on the Revelation. Read, explain, and enforce its teachings."** {GCB January 1, 1900, Art. A, par. 6}

**"Our warfare is aggressive. Tremendous issues are before us, yea, and right upon us. Let our prayers ascend to God that the four angels may be commissioned to hold the four winds, that they may not blow to injure or destroy until the last warning has been given to the world. Then let us work in harmony with our prayers. Let there be nothing in any of our institutions that will lessen the force of the truth for this time. Present truth is to be our burden. A great work is to be done. The third angel's message must do its work of separating from the churches a people who will take their stand on the platform of eternal truth."** {GCB January 1, 1900, Art. A, par. 7}

**"Our message is a life and death message, and we must let it appear as it is, the great power of God. We are to present it in all its telling force. Then the Lord will make it effectual. It is our privilege to expect large things, even the demonstration of the Spirit of God. This is the power that will convict and convert the soul."** {GCB January 1, 1900, Art. A, par. 8}

**"The Sabbath question is a test that will come to the whole world. We need nothing to come in now to make a test for God's people that shall make more severe for them the test that they already have. The enemy would be pleased to get up issues now to divert the minds of the people, and get them into controversy."** {GCB January 1, 1900, Art. A, par. 9}

**"The Sabbath of the fourth commandment is the test for this time, and therefore all connected with this great memorial is to be kept before the people."** {GCB January 1, 1900, Art. A, par. 10}

**"We have now the most solemn, important test given to us from the Word of God for this special period of time. This test is for the whole world. The Lord does not require that any tests of human inventions shall be brought in to divert the minds of the people or create controversy in any line.... God's tests are now to stand out plain and unmistakable. There are storms before us, conflicts of which few dream. Nothing should come in to divert our**

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**minds from the grand test which is to decide the eternal destiny of a world,—the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.** {GCB January 1, 1900, Art. A, par. 11}

“The Lord has a church upon this earth. He has a people who are working with an undivided interest, a people who are dear to his heart because they are consecrated to him. There are also men whose names are on the church books who are not serving God, who are robbing him by withholding the tithes and offerings which he, as the householder, requires as his portion. But because there are tares among the wheat, shall we demerit the church of God?—Never! We may demerit ourselves, but never demerit those who are striving amid temptation and trial. These are the ones whom God loves.” {GCB January 1, 1900, Art. A, par. 12}

**“The time is coming when those who have wanted their own way, who have refused to wear the yoke of Christ, will see that they have failed to find the rest that Christ gives; but it will then be too late.”** {GCB January 1, 1900, Art. A, par. 13}

“Those who present the idea that the blind, the deaf, the lame, the deformed, will not receive the seal of God, are not speaking words given them by the Holy Spirit. There is much suffering in our world. To some suffering and disease have been transmitted as an inheritance. Others suffer because of accidents. Cause and effect are always in operation in our world, and always will be. The Lord has afflicted ones, dearly beloved in his sight, who bear the suffering of bodily infirmities. Their trials will not be greater than they can endure.” {GCB January 1, 1900, Art. A, par. 14}

“There are living upon our earth men who have passed the age of four score and ten. The natural results of old age are seen in their feebleness. But they believe God, and God loves them. The seal of God is upon them, and they will be among the number of whom the Lord has said, ‘Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord.’ With Paul they can say, I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.’ There are many whose gray hairs God honors because they have fought a good fight and kept the faith.... We need, in this age of error, of day-dreaming and reverie, to learn the first principles of the doctrine of Christ.” {GCB January 1, 1900, Art. A, par. 15}

**“There are those who need in their hearts the touch of the divine Spirit. Then the message for this time will be their burden. They will not search for human tests, for something new and strange. The Sabbath of the fourth commandment is the test for this time, and therefore all connected with this great memorial is to be kept before the people.”** {GCB January 1, 1900, Art. A, par. 16}

“I am pained beyond what any language can express. Irreverence is coming in apace. I have words to speak to the young men who have been teaching the truth. Preach the word. You may have inventive minds. You may be expert, as were the Jewish teachers, in getting up new theories; but Christ said of them, ‘In vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.’ They presented traditions, suppositions, and fables of all kinds to the people. The forms and ceremonies they enjoined made it simply impossible for the people to know whether they were keeping the word of God or following the imaginations of men.” {GCB January 1, 1900, Art. A, par. 17}

**“It is not our service to pray that colored hair shall become black, or that gray hair, which God pronounces honorable, shall become black. Those who set their minds laboring in this direction are not following on to know the Lord. They are starting in a course which will lead to the greatest, most God-dishonoring fanaticism. Our work is to form new habits of thought. Through faith in Christ we can do this. Natural propensities are to be controlled. Selfish inclinations are to be denied. Again and again something hostile to grace and reform will start into life. Again and again we shall be called into the conflict to fight against hereditary tendencies to wrong. What shall ministers teach the people?—Certainly not fables. Certainly not their own foolish imaginings, which would put a yoke grievous to be borne upon the necks of poor souls. Such a yoke Christ has not formed.”** {GCB January 1, 1900, Art. A, par. 18}

“If Satan can work to turn the whole current of the waters of life into the most polluted channels, it is the very work he would rejoice to see the whole Seventh-day Adventist people engaged in. He desires to use up in this way all the available means, so that there is nothing left to sustain foreign missions or to send the gospel to the world. But God wants his work to go in the very way he has ordained for it to go. He has not inaugurated a new plan or arrangement to save the world.” {GCB January 1, 1900, Art. A, par. 19}

“God says, ‘Begin in the highways; thoroughly work the highways, prepare a company who in unity with you will go forth to do the very work that Jesus did in seeking and saving the lost.’ This is the kind of work that I have ever seen should be done. We are not to strain every spiritual sinew and nerve to descend to the lowest depths, and make that work the all and in all, neglecting to bring to the Master others who need the truth, who are bearing responsibilities, and who will work with all their sanctified ability for the high places as well as for the low places.” {GCB January 1, 1900, Art. A, par. 20}

**“Satan has a scheme to corrupt through the association, work called rescue work, the sight of the eyes, the hearing of the ears—the association and impressions made by Satanic agencies—that will be used to the**

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very uttermost of Satan's power. Through his deceptive workings, the administration of the powers of Satanic agencies, many who have given themselves to the work of rescue will drown their own souls, and will under doubts and difficulties need a similar work done for them. They may go beyond remedy. **The Lord does not want the work of the message of the third angel to be retarded.** The most solemn message of mercy is to be given to a fallen world. Any kind of influence, any kind of sympathy, created by pen or voice to gather the facilities of means, as has been done, and invested in this class of work, that the foreign missionary work shall be in the situation it is in today, is not the work of God. {GCB January 1, 1900, Art. A, par. 21}

I understand from the report, that the foreign missionary donations have fallen off the past year upward of \$20,000. My soul is burdened that we as a denomination of people, and as individuals, stand by the work of God today **as it has been outlined in the past messages**; and that we live so close to him, and so carefully study his word and the **experiences of the past**, that when these new things come in, these strange things, something devised by some inventive mind, to create sensation or something of that kind, we will be so firmly rooted in the faith that we will not be moved from our moorings, but go straight forward; and instead of letting the enemy come in and getting the church all absorbed in that, **may our whole energies be given to the third angel's message**,—the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. **Let us lift up the message as it was preached in the early days**, and it will be a cleaver to separate the honest from the people of the world, and fit them for translation. We are living in perilous times. If there ever was a time when there should be a voice sounding somewhere, that the poor, deluded sheep that have no shepherd might hear the true voice, that time is now. Brethren, **may God help us to preach the message in its purity, that the sound may go to earth's remotest bounds, and souls be gathered out, such as shall finally be saved with us in his eternal kingdom.** {GCB January 1, 1900, Art. A, par. 22}



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We need to exalt God's memorial of creation at the very beginning of the camp-meeting. Let the message come **with such startling abruptness** that **it will arouse** those who otherwise would not be stirred. The impression made will deepen, and the meeting will assume a new significance. Be assured that the best way is to <present sacred, testing truth> with as much force as possible. **Let the people see that it means something to them to receive or reject the truth.** The people who attend **our camp meetings** expect something surprising. **Give them the truth as it is in Daniel and Revelation. Let nothing take the place of the testing message for this time.** {Ms7-1901.9}

### THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE SHOULD BE GIVEN AT CAMPMEETINGS

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The Work for this Time

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The **third angel's message** is to be given to our world in clear, distinct lines. In the fourteenth chapter of Revelation we read, "The third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, or 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." **This message embraces the two preceding messages.** It is represented as being given with a loud voice; that is, with the power of the Holy Spirit. Everything is now at stake. **The third angel's message is to be regarded as of the highest importance. It is a life and death question.** The impression made by this message will be proportionate to the earnestness and solemnity with which it is proclaimed. {Ms16-1900.1}

Satan has devised a state of things whereby the proclamation of the third angel's message shall be bound about. We must beware of his plans and methods. **There must be no toning down of the truth, no muffling of the message for this time.** The third angel's message must be strengthened and confirmed. **The eighteenth chapter of Revelation reveals the importance of presenting the truth in no measured terms but with boldness and power.** John writes, "After these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. {Ms16-1900,2}

"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." {Ms16-1900.3}

Babylon is represented as holding a wine cup in her hand, from which she makes all nations drink. **The nations commit spiritual fornication, by divorcing themselves from God and trampling on His commandments.** But there are some who remain true to their allegiance to Jehovah. John beholds the loyal people of God, and he exclaims, "Here is the patience of the saints; here are they that keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus." **The time in which the saints live is a trying one for those who refuse to receive the mark of the beast,** but through it all the saints show their patience. They continue steadfast in the faith, even should their firmness cost them their life. {Ms16-1900.4}

**There are only two parties upon this earth**—those who stand under the bloodstained banner of Jesus Christ and those who stand under the black banner of rebellion. In the twelfth chapter of Revelation is represented the great conflict between the obedient and the disobedient. "The dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." "I beheld another beast coming out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth, and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. {Ms16-1900.5}

"And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. And he deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by reason of the miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast which had the wound by the sword,

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and did live. And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. And he causeth all both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads; and that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast or the number of his name." {Ms16-1900.6}

**Satan will work miracles to deceive those who dwell on the earth. Spiritualism will do its work, by causing the dead to be personated. Those religious bodies who refuse to hear God's message of warning will be under strong deception, and will unite with the civil power in persecuting the church.** The Protestant churches will

unite with the papal power in persecuting the commandment-keeping people of God. This union will constitute the great system of persecution which will exercise spiritual tyranny over the consciences of men. {Ms16-1900.7}

"He had two horns like a lamb, and he spake like a dragon." This lamblike power unites with the dragon in making war upon those who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. **Though professing to be followers of the Lamb of God, men become imbued with the dragon-spirit. They profess to be meek and humble, but they speak and legislate with the spirit of Satan, showing by the actions that they are the opposite of what they profess to be.** And **Satan unites with Papists and Protestants**, acting in concert with them as the god of this world, dictating to men as if they were the subjects of his kingdom, to be handled and governed and controlled as he pleases. {Ms16-1900.8}

If men will not agree to trample under foot the commandments of God, they are brought before councils and fined or imprisoned. "He causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their forehead." "He had power to give life to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not **worship the image of the beast** should be killed." Thus Satan usurps the prerogatives of Jehovah. The man of sin sits in the seat of God, proclaiming himself to be God, and acting above God. {Ms16-1900.9}

**The Lord's faithful servants will receive the bitterest persecution from false teachers**, who will not hear the Word of God, ... who prepare stumbling blocks to put in the way of those who would hear. But God's people are not to fear. Satan cannot go beyond his limit. **The Lord will be the defense of His people. He regards any injury done to His servants for the truth's sake as done to Himself.** When the last decision has been made, when all have taken sides, either for Christ and the commandments or for the great apostate, God will arise in His power, and **the mouths of those who have blasphemed against Him will be forever stopped.** {Ms16-1900.10}

Every opposing power will receive its punishment. "Therefore prophesy thou against them all these words, and say unto them, The Lord shall roar from on high, and utter his voice from his holy habitation; he shall give a shout, as they that tread the grapes, against all the inhabitants of the earth. A noise shall come even to the ends of the earth; for the Lord hath a controversy with the nations, he will plead with all flesh; he will give them that are wicked to the sword... Thus saith the Lord of hosts, Behold, evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and a great whirlwind shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth. And the slain of the Lord shall be at that day from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth; they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried." {Ms16-1900.11}

We have entered upon a time when the most earnest gospel missionary work is to be done. But I have been given light, decided light, that the so-called medical missionary work in America has absorbed means and labor that were needed in destitute fields, where a strong influence for the truth should be maintained. I was shown large numbers engaged in work for the outcasts, while all through God's moral vineyard were fields ripe for the harvest. **If we should all engage in the work that Dr. Kellogg has been doing for the lowest class of people, what would become of the work that is to be done in the places where the third angel's message—the truth upon the Sabbath and the second coming of our Lord—has never been proclaimed?** {Ms16-1900.12}

**Satan will so mingle deception with truth that side issues will be created to turn the attention of the people from the one great issue**, the test to be brought upon men and women in these last days. From the light God has given me, I know that the gospel message for this time is being largely turned aside, for work among the lowest class of people. This work is being made the all-absorbing work; but this is not in God's order. **It is a never-ending work, and if it is carried on as it has been in the past, all the power of God's people will be required to counterbalance it, and the work of preparing a people to stand amid the perils of the last days will never be done.** {Ms16-1900.13}

**Our work is to put on the armor and make aggressive warfare.** Laborers are not to be encouraged to work in the slums and filth of the cities, where they will only secure converts who need watching, and that continually. There are fields all ripe for the harvest, and all the time and money is not to be devoted to gathering in those who through indulgence of appetite have trained themselves in pollution. Some of these may be saved. And there are those who can labor in the lowest places of the earth without becoming deteriorated in character. But it is not safe to give young men and young women this class of work to do. The experiment would be a dear one. Thus those who could work in the highways would be disqualified for work of any kind. {Ms16-1900.14}

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Wherever the truth has been proclaimed and people have been awakened and converted to the truth, the believers are at once to unite in enterprises of charity. Wherever Bible truth has been presented, a work of practical godliness is to be commenced. Wherever a church is established, true missionary work is to be done for the helpless and suffering. {Ms16-1900.15}

Paul wrote to the Corinthian church, "Moreover brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia; how that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality. For to their power I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves; praying us with much entreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God. Insomuch that we desired Titus that as he had begun, so he would also finish in you the same grace also." {Ms16-1900.16}

There had been a famine at Jerusalem. Paul knew that many of the Christians there had been scattered abroad, and that those who remained would be likely to be deprived of human sympathy and exposed to religious enmity. Therefore he exhorted the churches to send pecuniary assistance to their brethren in Jerusalem. The work of collecting help for the church at Jerusalem had been begun more than a year before, and Paul felt that the matter should no longer be delayed, that the amount pledged should be gathered in and sent to Jerusalem. The amount raised by the churches of Macedonia had exceeded the expectations of the apostles. The people were filled with joy and gladness because they could help, and they were willing to do "beyond their power." {Ms16-1900.17}

This is the true basis of charity according to the Word of God. {Ms16-1900.18}

Men's feelings may become deeply moved as they see human beings suffering as the result of their own course of action. There are those who are specially impressed to come into direct contact with this class, and the Lord gives them a commission to work in the worst places of the earth, doing what they can to redeem outcasts and place them where they will be under the care of the church. **But the Lord has not called Seventh-day Adventists to make this work a specialty.** He would not have them in this work engross many workers or exhaust the treasury, as has been done, by erecting institutions for the care of outcasts, thus hindering the work of foreign missions. God calls for one hundred missionaries where there is now one. These are to go forth to foreign countries. {Ms16-1900.19}

**Every one who has heard and accepted the third angel's message is to hold the banner of truth, unstained and uncorrupted, higher and still higher. Every organization among our people, as well as every individual, is responsible to God to give the last message of warning to the world with a loud voice. Strong, decided appeals are to be made.** {Ms16-1900.20}

**In no better way can the masses be reached than by camp meetings. These meetings reach all classes.** Thus men and women are helped to plant their feet upon the platform of eternal truth. {Ms16-1900-21}

**More aggressive work must be done.** Plans must be made in the cities. **Now is the time to give the third angel's message. But this cannot be done in church buildings.** Camp meetings must be held, not one mammoth camp meeting, but **smaller camp meetings in different places.** The holding of camp meetings is one of the most successful ways of working for the Lord. **These meetings should continue two or three weeks, and during this time earnest work should be done for believers and unbelievers.** The work done at these meetings should never be of a cheap, low grade. Men of the best spiritual gifts should attend, men **who can give the message for this time and properly bring out the features of our faith which make us what we are—Seventh-day Adventists.** {Ms16-1900.22}

Some have thought it best to gradually prepare the way for the presentation of the Sabbath question. **The Sabbath truth is to be proclaimed with a loud voice,** as represented in the fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah. **There has been too much beating about the bush in the proclamation of the third angel's message. The message has not been given as clearly and distinctly as it should have been. The third angel's message is to be proclaimed at our camp-meetings, and in a most earnest, decided manner. The trumpet is to give a certain sound.** {Ms16-1900.23}

Camp meetings are not to be made business meetings, so that the public will lose the precious opportunity of hearing the Word of truth. Let short, pointed discourses be given, and after such a discourse, ask those who wish to follow Christ to signify it. Then take them into a tent by themselves, and pray with and for them. Hold fast to those interested, until they are confirmed in the faith. There are too few revival efforts made. There is too little seeking of the Lord. The most determined efforts should be made to arouse the people. At the close of every meeting decisions should be called for. {Ms16-1900.24}

**Let all see that you are in earnest because you have a wonderful message from heaven. Tell the people that the Lord is coming in judgment, and that neither kings nor rulers, wealth nor influence, will be able to stand against or ward off the judgments soon to fall.** In many places these judgments are already falling; yet by their

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attitude worldlings and church members say plainly, We want none of these rebukes. We want none of your warnings. We will not hear. {Ms16-1900.25}

Those who have had great light and many opportunities and privileges should be laborers together with God. They must seek the Lord earnestly and yoke up with Christ. Only thus can they do effective work. To our camp meetings come to very classes for whom we are to labor. Let every Seventh-day Adventist who attends gird on the armor, feeling that he is to be a laborer together with God. {Ms16-1900.26}

The work done in the cities must be established on a **firm gospel platform**. This is best done by holding camp meetings. Everything in connection with these meetings should be neat and tidy, yet without display. Taste and tact do much to attract. Missionary work is to be done at every camp meeting. The standard of temperance is to be lifted. Remember that **it is only through God that we can reach the people. We are to rely holly upon God, holding Him to His promise,** "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." {Ms16-1900.27}

When those to whom the Lord has entrusted responsibilities as leaders show their faith by their works, God's power will be manifested. When those who bear the burden of the work purify themselves from all that is displeasing to God, when they plead with God until they know that they have forgiveness and peace, the work of God will go forward with power. **When those who occupy positions of trust fear and tremble before God because of the responsibility of their work, when they feel their own unworthiness and realize that it is time to seek the Lord with humility of heart, God will work through them. No unfaithfulness will then be seen.** {Ms16-1900.28}

**Nothing in this world is so dear to God as His church. Nothing is guarded by Him with such jealous care. He would have His church stand as did ancient Israel, when the ark was in their midst. Nothing so offends God as a planning on the part of men to injure the influence of those who are doing His service. Leave the forces of the enemy to do this work. God will call to account all who aid Satan in his work of discouraging. Let the solemn, sacred truth for this time **unify** the people of God. Let no one, by the manifestation of harsh, unchristlike traits of character, cause the withdrawal of the Holy Spirit. Those who are without sympathy, tenderness, and love cannot do Christ's work.** {Ms16-1900.29}

Christ's injunction regarding the importance of preserving **unity** is sufficiently plain for all to understand. God would make His people honorable if they would die to self. In the heavenly courts angels wait to receive from God the holy oil, which is to be emptied into vessels prepared for it. These holy ones take a special part in the service of man. They prepare the heart to receive the holy oil, given that Christ may be all and in all. {Ms16-1900.30}

God has not given men power over the church or over individuals. He has not given them power to treat the subjects of His kingdom as their perverse tempers shall dictate. Christ will not sustain any man, whatever may be his office, who exalts himself as superior, when **by his actions** he makes himself in the sight of God, inferior. O, it is the saddest sight in the world to see men and women, who have not enough of the grace of God to control themselves, seeking to control others. **The work of God must be done in gentleness and true courtesy.** O, how much out of place are pride, selfishness, covetousness, and dishonesty. **The Lord will punish those who lift themselves up in haughtiness and self-sufficiency, who refuse to show love and compassion for their brethren, or to encourage them in any way.** These self-sufficient ones are the cause of the dearth in the church of the prosperity and success **given by the Holy Spirit.** {Ms16-1900.31}

We want decided victories. But if we gain them it will be because God sees that we have received Christ by faith, and that we are revealing Him in our lives. When we do this, the cloud that has been hanging over the work will be rolled back upon the originator of sin. **The work of God must stand forth in its exalted purity.** Who will now prove a false friend to God's cause? Who will betray sacred trusts? Who will cherish their own unchristlike traits of character till Christ is ashamed to have any connection with them? **The Lord desires every soul in His service to be perfect in character. Those who are not cleansed from all uncleanness of the flesh and of the spirit might better leave the work which in God's sight is so sacred. Be they ministers or directors, they are not fit for their office without thorough conversion and repentance.** {Ms16-1900.32}

I write thus plainly because the Lord's work must be advanced in elevated lines. **He prepares the wheat for His garner by separating it from the chaff.** There is need now **for every man to stand in his lot and in his place.** There is to be **perfect unity** in the ranks of God's people. **The work of the ministry is to retain its sacred, holy character.** Disappointing requests may be seen, as in Christ's day in the case of Judas. **And Paul mentions some who departed from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits.** Others for love of gain left the work in which the apostles took so much interest and which they carried forward with such rejoicing. But although errors may have to be corrected, although some of the workers may cause great sorrow, yet the ministry is not to be belittled or ignored. {Ms16-1900.33}

**To our camp meetings come all classes of people,** the poorest sinner as well as the rich and intelligent. All are to be labored for. Those who are seeking the Lord are to be encouraged to advance. When at these gatherings, we must ever remember that two forces are at work. A battle unseen by human eyes is being waged. The army of the Lord is on the ground, seeking to save souls. Satan and his synagogue are also at work, trying in every possible way is deceive

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souls. Day by day the battle goes on. **If our eyes could be opened to see the good and evil agencies at work, there would be no trifling, no vanity, no jesting or joking.** {Ms16-1900.34}

**There must now be no indifference or weakness on the part of those who are doing God's service.** Remember that while at the camp meeting you are either gathering with Christ or scattering abroad. Do not say, I am not responsible. I have nothing to do in this meeting. Be assured that if Satan has a chance, he will crowd your mind with his thoughts, giving you something to do in the line of **criticism**. Let not the servants of God allow Satan to make their minds his workshop. {Ms16-1900.35}

**To every man is given his work. There is much to be done. We all need light from heaven. If we do not receive this light, it is because we have closed the windows of the soul heavenward and opened them earthward. He who does this will see everything in a perverted light. Those who desire to be purified must mix faith with the hearing of the Word.** {Ms16-1900.36}

**Paul sums up his instruction to the Ephesians by saying, "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord," not in self, "and in the power of his might," not in self-confidence and self-sufficiency. "Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."** How many think of these words when engaged in camp meeting work? O, if all would only put on the whole armor of God, what wonderful victories would be gained. {Ms16-1900.37}

**"Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all"—having obeyed the instruction given by the Lord through His servants—"to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace."** Let the peace of Christ rule in the heart and express itself in words and works of praise and thanksgiving. The peace of Christ in the heart will be revealed by the true child of God. Christlike words and deeds are the fruit the Saviour longs to see in His followers. There is no excuse for spiritual death in the soul. The peace of Christ, which passeth understanding, is provided for all. {Ms16-1900.38}

**"Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked."** Satan is on the ground, for the purpose of hindered those present from gaining the spiritual attainments which they may receive. Confidence in God, a constant exercise of faith, will quench his fiery darts. {Ms16-1900.39}

**"And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit"—presented to you by the Captain of the Lord's host—"which is the word of God."** {Ms16-1900.40}

God stands ready to furnish His children with light and grace and power. Every soldier in the army of the Lord is to stand firm in the faith, working out his own salvation with fear and trembling, knowing that God is working in him, to will and to do of His good pleasure. **God's soldiers are to be ever ready with the word. "It is written." When assailed by the enemy, they are not to use words human wisdom, but words of divine wisdom, keeping the eyes fixed on Christ.** And they work to press back the powers of darkness, they are to pray always, "with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints." {Ms16-1900.41}

**Everything good in men and women is the fruit of the working of the Holy Spirit.** The Spirit teaches us to reveal righteousness in our lives. **The greatest work that can be done in our world is to glorify God by living the character of Christ.** God will make perfect only those who will die to self. Those who are willing to do this can say, "I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." {Ms16-1900.42}

Our work is to call upon men to cooperate with us as we cooperate with Christ, and through the power of the grace of God carry out the instruction given in the **fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah**. This chapter shows the spirit which fills the hearts of those who are disobedient. They war against truth and righteousness, and complain against God because He does not favor them in their work. **God declares that He cannot bless this class of men, because they fast for strife and debate, and to smite with the fist of wickedness. He says to them, "He shall not fast as ye do this day, to make your voice to be heard on high."** {Ms16-1900.43}

**"Is it such a fast as I have chosen? a day for a man to afflict his soul? Is it to bow down his head as a bulrush, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? wilt thou call this a fast, and an acceptable day unto the Lord? Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked that thou cover him, and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh? Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily; and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the Lord shall be thy reward."** {Ms16-1900.44}

**"Then shalt thou call, and the Lord shall answer; thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am. If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking vanity; and if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, thy darkness be as the noon day. And the Lord shall**

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guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones, and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not. {Ms16-1900.45}

"And they that be of thee shall build the old waste places; thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in. If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable, and shalt honor him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words; then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father, for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it." {Ms16-1900.46}

The work to be done in these last days has been given us by the Lord. Let us obey His Word. Which side are we on? Are we honoring the Lord by calling His Sabbath holy? Are we engaged in the work of repairing the breach which the man of sin has made in the law of God? There is a great work for all to do who will cooperate with Him who declared, "I am not come to destroy but to fulfill." Shall any one allow himself to be tempted to think, because of the universal scorn thrown on God's law, that Satan's enmity against this law is right? Shall we take sides with the great apostate? No, no; those who are willing to receive the Word of inspiration will say, "They have made void thy law; therefore love I thy commandments above gold; yea, above fine gold." {Ms16-1900.47}

God calls for minutemen. Who will answer the call? We are servants of Christ, and everyone is to arm for the defense of the truth which the people need. **We must study how we can approach people in such a way as to win their confidence.** In the Scriptures the church of Christ is represented as striving, laboring, working, fighting the good fight of faith, and praying in confidence and sincerity, ever ready to unsheath the sword of the Spirit. {Ms16-1900.48}

The bread of life must be given to those ready to perish. **Call the attention of the people to the signs of the times.**

There are wars and rumors of wars. Nation is rising against nation. Selfishness and covetousness lead to violence, crime, and all kinds of wickedness. Nation is watching nation, to see if there is not some advantage to be gained. A concession made by one nation only opens the way for another concession to be called for. The presumptuous, daring deeds of unholy ambition, done to gain strength by robbery, show that men do not realize that those who take the sword must perish by the sword. {Ms16-1900.49}

The signs of Christ's coming are fulfilling. Time is precious, too precious to be frittered away. God needs men who will give the warning message, men who will sell and give alms that the work of warning the world may not be hindered.

**God's work has been and is being bound about by the erecting of large, expensive buildings, as if these buildings would proclaim the last message of mercy to a guilty world.** There is money enough to carry forward the work if all will act as God's stewards, giving back to Him His own. The aggressive warfare is to be carried forward with firmness and determination, for Satan has come down with great power to work with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish. {Ms16-1900.50}

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### THROUGHOUT HISTORY, SEPARATION FROM APOSTASY HAS ALWAYS BEEN NECESSARY TO KEEP THE CHURCH PURE:

The following article was taken from 1896 First Quarter Sabbath School Lesson:

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 (highlighted numbers added by compiler; italicized articles in the original)

Pioneers understood this to be in the future from 1896. There will be another calling out.

SEPARATION NECESSARY. Please note Sister White's comments in reference to the 6 time periods mentioned from the above Sabbath School Lesson:

#### (1) Early church

"By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went." Hebrews 11:8.... {DG 26.1}

After a long and severe conflict, the faithful few decided to dissolve all union with the apostate church if she still refused to free herself from falsehood and idolatry. They saw that separation was an absolute necessity if they would obey the word of God. They dared not tolerate errors fatal to their own souls, and set an example which would imperil the faith of their children and children's children. To secure peace and unity they were ready to make any concession consistent with fidelity to God; but they felt that even

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peace would be too dearly purchased at the sacrifice of principle. If unity could be secured only by the compromise of truth and righteousness, then let there be difference, and even war.

**Well would it be for the church and the world if the principles that actuated those steadfast souls were revived in the hearts of God's professed people.** There is an alarming indifference in regard to the doctrines which are the pillars of the Christian faith. The opinion is gaining ground, that, after all, these are not of vital importance. **This degeneracy is strengthening the hands of the agents of Satan, so that false theories and fatal delusions which the faithful in ages past imperiled their lives to resist and expose, are now regarded with favor by thousands who claim to be followers of Christ.** {4SP 46.2} {GC 45.3} {GC88 45.2}

(2) **Israel** 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.** {5T 160.2}

And because the children of Israel went down into Egypt, they lost the knowledge of God. Moses went to bring them out with a strong arm, and the Lord told Moses to say, "I am sent unto thee. **Let my son go** that he may serve me." (See Exodus 4:23.) {1SAT 233.3}

As a nation the children of Israel failed of receiving the benefits that God desired to give them. They did not appreciate His purpose or co-operate in its execution. But though individuals and peoples may thus separate themselves from Him, **His purpose for those who trust Him is unchanged.** "Whatsoever God doeth, it shall be forever." Ecclesiastes 3:14. {Ed 50.2}

To the church of today God has given the care of his vineyard. **The workers of today are called to do the work that Israel failed of doing.** The salvation of God must be made known to all the people living on the face of the earth. God's glory is to be revealed, his word established, and Christ's kingdom set up to give deliverance to the world. His followers are now to arise and shine. {RH January 25, 1906, par. 8}

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(3) **Jewish church** 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}

**Come out** from among them 2 Cor 6:17; Rev 18:4

"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



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The Sanhedrin had rejected Christ's message and was bent upon His death; **therefore Jesus departed from Jerusalem, from the priests, the temple, the religious leaders, the people who had been instructed in the law, and turned to another class to proclaim His message,** and to gather out those who should carry the gospel to all nations. {DA 232.1}

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}

**Because of her sins, wrath had been denounced against Jerusalem, and her stubborn unbelief rendered her doom certain.** {4SP 27.1}

When the warning sign should be seen, judgment was to follow so quickly that **those who would escape must make no delay.** He who chanced to be upon the housetop must not go down through his house into the street; but **he must speed his way from roof to roof until he reach the city wall, and be saved** "so as by fire." Those who were working in the fields or vineyards must not take time to return for the outer garment laid aside while they should be toiling in the heat of the day. **They must not hesitate a moment, lest they be involved in the general destruction.** {4SP 26.2}

The leaders of the opposing factions at times united to plunder and torture their wretched victims, and again they fell upon each other's forces, and slaughtered without mercy. Even the sanctity of the temple could not restrain their horrible ferocity. The worshipers were stricken down before the altar, and the sanctuary was polluted with the bodies of the slain. **Yet in their blind and blasphemous presumption the instigators of this hellish work publicly declared that they had no fear that Jerusalem would be destroyed, for it was God's own city.** To establish their power more firmly, **they bribed false prophets to proclaim, even when Roman legions were besieging the temple, that the people were to wait for deliverance from God.** To the last, **multitudes** held fast to the belief that the Most High would interpose for the defeat of their adversaries. But Israel had spurned the divine protection, and now **she had no defense. Unhappy Jerusalem!** rent by internal dissensions, the blood of her children, slain by one another's hands, crimsoning her streets, while **alien armies beat down her fortifications** and slew her men of war! {4SP 30.1}

Islam in last days??

**WHAT HAPPENED TO THOSE WHO GAVE THE WARNING MESSAGE, BUT STAYED IN THE APOSTATE CITY (JEWISH CHURCH)?**

For **seven years** a man continued to go up and down the streets of Jerusalem, declaring the woes that were to come upon the city. By day and by night he chanted the wild dirge, "A voice from the east; a voice from the west; a voice from the four winds; a voice against Jerusalem and the temple; a voice against the bridegroom and the bride; and a voice against all the people." This strange being was imprisoned and scourged; but no complaint escaped his lips. **To insult and abuse he answered only, "Woe to Jerusalem! woe, woe to the inhabitants thereof!" His warning cry ceased not until he was slain in the siege he had foretold.** {4SP 31.3}

**"Ichabod!"—the glory is departed.** {4SP 34.1}

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**The Saviour's prophecy concerning the visitation of judgments upon Jerusalem is to have another fulfillment, of which that terrible scene was but a faint shadow.** The second advent of the Son of God is foretold by lips which make no mistake: "Then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other." [Matthew 24:30, 31.] **Then shall they that obey not the gospel be consumed with the spirit of his mouth, and destroyed with the brightness of his coming.** [2 Thessalonians 2:8.] {4SP 37.1}

**Let men beware lest they neglect the lesson conveyed to them in the words of Christ.** He has declared that he will come the second time, to gather his faithful ones to himself, and to take vengeance on them that reject his mercy. **As he warned his disciples of Jerusalem's destruction, giving them a sign of the approaching ruin that they might make their escape, so he has warned his people of the day of final destruction, and given them signs of its approach, that all who will may flee from the wrath to come.** Those who behold the promised signs are to "know that it is near, even at the door." "Watch ye therefore," are his words of admonition. "If thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief." {4SP 38.1}

**A COMMAND:** Rev 18:4 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.** 18:5 For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.

### (4) **Roman Church**

Thus the **Waldenses** witnessed for God, centuries before the birth of Luther. {4SP 84.2}

They demanded not only that Sunday be hallowed, but that the Sabbath be profaned; and they denounced in the strongest language those who dared to show it honor. **It was only by fleeing from the power of Rome that any could obey God's law in peace.** {4SP 69.2}

**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. While, under the pressure of long-continued persecution, some compromised their faith, little by little yielding its distinctive principles, **others held fast the truth.** Through ages of darkness and apostasy, there were **Waldenses who denied the supremacy of Rome, who rejected image worship as idolatry, and who kept the true Sabbath.** Under the fiercest tempests of opposition they maintained their faith. Though gashed by the Savoyard spear, and scorched by the Romish fagot, **they stood unflinchingly for God's word and his honor. They would not yield one iota of the truth.** {4SP 70.1}

**Yet it was not without a terrible struggle with himself that Luther decided upon a final separation from the church.** It was about this time that he wrote: "I feel more and more every day how difficult it is to lay aside the scruples which one has imbibed in childhood. Oh, how much pain it has caused me, though I had the Scriptures on my side, to justify it to myself that I should dare to make a stand alone against the pope, and hold him forth as antichrist! What have the tribulations of my heart not been! How many times have I not asked myself with bitterness that question which was so frequent on the lips of the papists: 'Art thou alone wise? Can everyone else be mistaken? How will it be, if, after all, it is thyself who art wrong, and who art involving in thy error so many souls, who will then be eternally damned?' 'Twas so I fought with myself and with Satan, till Christ, by His own infallible word, fortified my heart against these doubts."—Martyn, pages 372, 373. {GC 143.1} {GC88 143.1}

**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

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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. {4SP 232.2}

### (5) Reformation

John Wycliffe was the herald of reform, not for England alone, but for all Christendom. He was the progenitor of the Puritans; his era was an oasis in the desert. {4SP 86.1}

It was through the writings of Wycliffe that John Huss of Bohemia was led to renounce many of the errors of Romanism, and to enter upon the work of reform. Like Wycliffe, Huss was a noble Christian, a man of learning and of unswerving devotion to the truth. His appeals to the Scriptures and his bold denunciations of the scandalous and immoral lives of the clergy, awakened wide-spread interest, and thousands gladly accepted a purer faith. This excited the ire of pope and prelates, priests and friars, and Huss was summoned to appear before the Council of Constance to answer to the charge of heresy. {4SP 90.2 }

Notwithstanding the rage of persecution, a calm, devout, earnest, patient protest against the prevailing corruption of religious faith continued to be uttered after the death of Wycliffe. Like the believers in apostolic days, many freely sacrificed their worldly possessions for the cause of Christ. Those who were permitted to dwell in their homes, gladly received their brethren who had been banished from home and kindred. When they too were driven forth, they accepted the lot of the outcast, and rejoiced that they were permitted to suffer for the truths sake. {4SP 92.2}

Under Luther began the Reformation in Germany; Calvin preached the gospel in France, Zwingle in Switzerland. The world was awakened from the slumber of ages, as from land to land were sounded the magic words, "Religious Liberty." {4SP 93.2}

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}

William Miller (America)- As his work tended to build up the churches, it was for a time regarded with favor. But as ministers and religious leaders decided against the Advent doctrine, and desired to suppress all agitation of the subject, they not only opposed it from the pulpit, but denied their members the privilege of attending preaching upon the second advent, or even of speaking of their hope in the social meetings of the church. Thus the believers found themselves in a position of great trial and perplexity. They loved their churches, and were loth to separate from them; but as they saw the testimony of God's Word suppressed, and their right to investigate the prophecies denied, they felt that loyalty to God forbade them to submit. Those who sought to shut out the testimony of God's Word they could not regard as constituting the church of Christ, "the pillar and ground of the truth." Hence they felt themselves justified in separating from their former connection. In the summer of 1844 about fifty thousand withdrew from the churches. {GC88 375.3} {GC 376.1}

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(6) **His last 'called-out' people** *This is future (from the time it was written in 1896) under the proclamation of the three angel's messages. There will be a calling out of ALL churches, including the Seventh-day Adventist corporate Conference Church system.*

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}

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

**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} 1884

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

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Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean [thing]; and I will receive you, (marginal cross reference, takes you to Rev 18:4)

*And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.*

*2 Cor 6:17, 18*

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)

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

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

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}

Eph 5:11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove [them].

The word "fellowship" means participation, partnership. God employs the strongest figures to show that there should be no union between worldly parties and those who are seeking the righteousness of Christ. What communion can there be between light and darkness, truth and unrighteousness? None

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whatever. Light represents righteousness; darkness, unrighteousness. **Christians have come out of darkness into the light. They have put on Christ, and they wear the badge of truth and obedience.** They are governed by the elevated and holy principles which Christ expressed in His life.... {GW 392.3} *quoted word in the original*

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}

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 from the Letters and Manuscripts of E.G. White, p 94 & This Day With God, p 222*

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

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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

The light that was shed upon the waiting ones penetrated everywhere, and **those in the churches who had any light, who had not heard and rejected the three messages, obeyed the call and left the fallen churches.** Many had come to years of accountability since these messages had been given, and the light shone upon them, and they were privileged to choose life or death. Some chose life and took their stand with those who were looking for their Lord and keeping all His commandments. The third message was to do its work; all were to be tested upon it, and **the precious ones were to be called out from the religious bodies.** A compelling power moved the honest, while the manifestation of the power of God brought a fear and restraint upon their unbelieving relatives and friends so that they dared not, neither had they the power to, hinder those who felt the work of the Spirit of God upon them. {EW 278.1}

The question may be asked, Are we to have no union whatever with the world? The word of the Lord is to be our guide. **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.** But we are not to live reclusive lives. We are to do worldlings all the good we possibly can. Christ has given us an example of this. When invited to eat with publicans and sinners, He did not refuse; for in no other way than by mingling with them could He reach this class. But on every occasion He gave them talents of words and influence. He opened up themes of conversation which brought things of eternal interest to their minds. And this Teacher enjoins us, "Let your light so

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shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." On the temperance question take your position without wavering. Be as firm as a rock. **Be not partakers of other men's sins.** Acts of dishonesty in business deal, with believers or unbelievers, should be reprov'd; and **if they give no evidence of reformation, come out from among them and be separate.** {FE 482.2}

God calls to His people, saying, "**Come out from among them, and be ye separate.**" He asks that the love which He has shown for them may be reciprocated and revealed by willing obedience to His commandments. His children are to separate themselves from politics, from any alliance with unbelievers. They are not to link their interests with the interests of the world. "**Give proof of your allegiance to Me**" He says, "**by standing as My chosen heritage, as a people zealous of good works.**" Do not take part in political strife. **Separate from the world,** and refrain from bringing into the church or school ideas that will lead to contention or disorder. Dissension is the moral poison taken into the system by human beings who are selfish. God wants His servants to have clear perceptions, true and noble dignity, that their influence may demonstrate the power of truth. The Christian life is not to be a haphazard, emotional life. True **Christian influence, exerted for the accomplishment of the work God has appointed, is a precious agency, and it must not be united with politics, or bound up in a confederacy with unbelievers.** God is to be the center of attraction. **Every mind that is worked by the Holy Spirit will be satisfied with Him.** {FE 483.2}

God's work is to be carried forward with power. **We need the baptism of the Holy Spirit.** **We need to understand that God will add to the ranks of His people men of ability and influence who are to act their part in warning the world.** Not all in the world are lawless and sinful. God has many thousands who have not bowed the knee to Baal. There are God-fearing men and women in the fallen churches. If this were not so, we would not be given the message to bear: "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen." "**Come out** of her, My people." [Revelation 18:2, 4.] Many of the honest in heart are gasping for a breath of life from heaven. They will recognize the gospel when it is brought to them in the beauty and simplicity with which it is presented in God's word.... {GW 346.3}

Babylon is said to be "the *mother* of harlots." **By her daughters must be symbolized churches that cling to her doctrines and traditions,** and follow her example of sacrificing the truth and the approval of God, in order to form an unlawful alliance with the world. **The message of Revelation 14 announcing the fall of Babylon, must apply to religious bodies that were once pure and have become corrupt.** Since this message follows the warning of the Judgment, it must be given in the last days, therefore **it cannot refer to the Romish Church,** for that church **has been** in a fallen condition for many centuries. Furthermore, in the eighteenth chapter of the Revelation, in a message which is yet future, **the people of God are called upon to come out of Babylon. According to this scripture, many of God's people must still be in Babylon. And in what religious bodies are the greater part of the followers of Christ now to be found? Without doubt, in the various churches professing the Protestant faith. At the time of their rise, these churches took a noble stand for God and the truth, and his blessing was with them.** Even the unbelieving world was constrained to acknowledge the beneficent results that followed an acceptance of the principles of the gospel. In the words of the prophet to Israel, "Thy renown went forth among the heathen for thy beauty; for it was perfect through my comeliness, which I had put upon thee, saith the Lord God." **But they fell by the same desire which was the curse and ruin of Israel,—the desire of imitating the practices and courting the friendship of the ungodly.** "Thou didst trust in thine own beauty, **and playedst the harlot** because of thy renown." {GC88 382.3}

**The world is given up to self-indulgence.** "The lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and the pride of life," control the masses of the people. **But Christ's followers have a holier calling. "Come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean."** In the light of God's Word we are justified in declaring that sanctification cannot be genuine which does not work this utter renunciation of the sinful pursuits and gratifications of the world. {GC88 475.2}

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To those who comply with the conditions, Come out from among them, and be ye separate, and touch not the unclean, God's promise is, "I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." [2 Corinthians 6:17, 18.] It is the privilege and the duty of every Christian to have a rich and abundant experience in the things of God. "I am the light of the world," said Jesus. "He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." [John 8:12.] "The path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day." [Proverbs 4:18.] **Every step of faith and obedience brings the soul into closer connection with the Light of the world, in whom "there is no darkness at all."** The bright beams of the Sun of Righteousness shine upon the servants of God, and they are to reflect his rays. As the stars tell us that there is a great light in Heaven with whose glory they are made bright, so Christians are to make it manifest that there is a God on the throne of the universe whose character is worthy of praise and imitation. The graces of his Spirit, the purity and holiness of his character, will be manifest in his witnesses. {GC88 475.3}

The baleful influence of sin poisons the life of the soul. Our only safety is in separation from those who live in its darkness. The Lord has enjoined upon us to come out from among them and be separate, and to touch not the unclean thing, and He will receive us and will be a Father unto us, and we shall be His sons and daughters. If we wish to be adopted into the family of God, to become children of the heavenly King, we must comply with His conditions; we must come out from the world and stand as a peculiar people before the Lord, obeying His precepts and serving Him. {4T 109.4}

### ARE YOU WILLING TO ACT (PREPARE) TO STAND FOR TRUTH?

MANY QUOTES HAVE BEEN CITED ABOVE (AND THERE ARE MORE) REGARDING THE WARNING GIVEN TO GOD'S PEOPLE. THOSE WHO HAVE READ EXTENSIVELY OF SISTER WHITE'S WRITINGS, KNOW THAT SHE SPEAKS FREQUENTLY UPON THIS SUBJECT, GIVING REPEATED ADMONITIONS AND WARNINGS REGARDING APOSTASY IN THE CHURCH.

WHEN CRYING ALOUD AND SHOWING THE HOUSE OF JACOB THEIR SINS, **HAVE YOU BEEN ACCUSED OF CONTINUALLY BEING NEGATIVE, ONLY POINTING OUT THE SINS OF THE CHURCH WHEN "LOVE" SHOULD BE EMPHASIZED MORE? IF SO, YOU ARE IN GOOD COMPANY-- SISTER WHITE HERSELF ADMITS OF CONTINUALLY CONDEMNING WRONG AND REPROVING SIN AND BEING CRITICIZED FOR SO DOING! THEY WANTED SMOOTH PREACHING!**

Those who will not act when the Lord calls upon them, but who wait for more certain evidence and more favorable opportunities, will walk in darkness, for the light will be withdrawn. The evidence given one day, if rejected, may never be repeated. {3T 258.3}

Many are tempted in regard to our work and are calling it in question. Some, in their tempted condition, charge the difficulties and perplexities of the people of God to the testimonies of reproof that we have given them. They think the trouble is with the ones who bear the message of warning, who point out the sins of the people and correct their errors. Many are deceived by the adversary of souls. They think that the labors of Brother and Sister White would be acceptable if they were not continually condemning wrong and reprovng sin. I was shown that God has laid this work upon us, and when we are hindered from meeting with His people and from bearing our testimony and counteracting the surmisings and jealousies of the unconsecrated, then Satan presses in his temptations very strongly. Those who have been ever on the questioning, doubting side feel at liberty to suggest their doubts and to insinuate their unbelief. Some have sanctimonious and apparently conscientious and very pious



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doubts, which they cautiously drop, but which have tenfold more power to strengthen those who are wrong, and to lessen our influence and weaken the confidence of God's people in our work, than if they came out more frankly. These poor souls, I saw, were deceived by Satan. They flatter themselves that they are all right, that they are in favor with God and are rich in spiritual discernment, when they are poor, blind, and wretched. They are doing the work of Satan, but think they have a zeal for God. {3T 258.4}

### DWELLING ONLY UPON LOVE OF GOD

That religion which makes of sin a light matter, dwelling upon the love of God to the sinner regardless of his actions, only encourages the sinner to believe that God will receive him while he continues in that which he knows to be sin. This is what some are doing who profess to believe present truth. The truth is kept apart from the life, and that is the reason it has no power to convict and convert the soul. {5T 540.2}

### Words from our Pioneers

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,|| (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.*

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.

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"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".)*

### "COME OUT OF HER, MY PEOPLE" - A SERMON, BY C. FITCH. ROCHESTER, N. Y. J. V. HIMES, 17 ARCADE E. SHEPARD'S PRESS. 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**

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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 unrebuked. **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*)

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**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

**HAVE WE BECOME A SISTER TO FALLEN BABYLON (APOSTATE PROTESTANTISM)? IF SO, THEN THAT AUTOMATICALLY MAKES US A DAUGHTER OF THE MOTHER!**

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

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}

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**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}

### Babylon is Fallen

1. Hail the day so long expected,  
Hail, the year of full release,  
Zion's walls are now erected,  
And her watchmen publish peace,  
In all countries and dominions  
Hear the trumpet loudly roar:

#### Refrain

Babylon is fallen, is fallen, is fallen,  
Babylon is fallen to rise no more.

2. Come my people and forsake her,  
Cast away your slavish fears,  
Hear the voice from heav'n proclaiming,  
It's the end of all her years.  
Raise your voices, she is fallen,  
Lift your banners up on high.

#### Refrain

3. Now her plagues are surely coming,  
And her merchants all shall mourn,  
All their merchandise shall fail them,  
With the fire it shall burn,  
Cry aloud now, kings and nobles,  
Priest and people, rich and poor:

#### Refrain

4. Blow the trumpet in Mount Zion,  
Christ will come the second time,  
Ruling with a rod of iron,  
All who now His foes combine.  
Babel's garments we've rejected,  
And her mark of slavery.



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Desiring to get these studies into the hands of the people, we are making these chapters available to folks of what we have acquired thus far.

Currently, there is a series of ongoing lectures (over next year) on the Book of Revelation in which I am acquiring pioneer quotes as they become available. So, there will be more notes added to this document when available. Please check the last page for the latest update to know if you have the most recent document. Once these updates are completed, this message will be removed from this document.

May our heavenly Father bless you abundantly in your studies.

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