Chapter 14 golden texts of Sister White

14:1 And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion *[in heaven above]*, and with him an hundred forty [and] four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads. [Sealing work began in 1848/50 and 144,000 are sealed]

14:2 And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps:

14:3 And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred [and] forty [and] four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.

14:4 These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, [being] the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.

14:5 And in their mouth was found no guile [deception]: for they are without fault before the throne of God. [Prophecy of Rev 12 comes to a closel

"THE THREE ANGEL'S MESSAGES OF REV 14"

Message will again swell into a loud cry at the very end of time when oppression is again almost unbearable, just before the close of probation SNH SSP 256

14:6 And I saw another fannounces 3 prior angels flying in heaven (3 woe trumpets)- Rev 8:13 angel [1st angel (4th); same angel as in Rev 10- Jesus] fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation *[a worldwide movement]* proclaimed from 1840-1844], and kindred, and tongue, and people,

14:7 Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come [Cleansing of the sanctuary- Dan 8:14; Lev 16; Coming to Ancient of days-Oct 22, 1844- Dan 7:13, 14; Bridegroom coming to the marriage- Matt 25. The Marriage is the reception of the kingdom- Rev 21. We are guests at marriage supper- Luke 19:12; Rev 19:7-9]: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters. [Isa 6:3; 35:2

14:8 And there followed another angel [2nd angel (5th)], saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen [Apostate Christianity, the daughters of the beast. Jer 51:8 Nimrod- Gen 10:10; 11:9-Confusion!], that great city, because she made all nations

Lamb on Mount Zion Three Angel's Messages

Verses 1-5

The 144,000

Representing:

- Those sealed in Rev 7
- Philadelphia Church
- Translated among the living

They Possess:

- Name of the Lamb's Father written in their foreheads
- Sing the new song of Moses & the Lamb (song of experience and deliverance)
- Not defiled with women; no connection with fallen churches
- Follow the Lamb withersoever He goeth
- "First-fruits" unto God and the Lamb

Verses 6, 8 & 9: 3 angels = religious teachers/ men & literal angels have oversight of the work too! Heb 1:4; Rev 1:1

Verses 6 & 7: Great Advent Movement of 1840- 1844. Great Second Awakening began about 1790; moved with rapidity from 1820 to 1840-44.

Seven thunders of Rev 10:4 is a delineation of evets that are to transpire in their order under the 1st and 2nd angel messages. 7BC 971.6

1st angel, a call to reformation from backslidden state/ Message was rejected. Message began to be given in 1840.



The subject of the first angel's message is the everlasting gospel, and its burden is the warning. The end of all things is at hand. [Revelation 14:6, 7.] {Lt183-1902.4}

2nd angel, After disappointment of 1844, churches closed their doors on those who clung to belief of 2nd coming which caused 2nd angel's message to be proclaimed; given because of and announcing results of rejection of 1st angel's message.



Over those who showed they had lost their love for Christ by disregarding the message of His return, the angel pronounced the words, "Babylon is fallen, is fallen." SNH SSP 257

Compare

with Rev

16:1, 2

Isa 40:9

Loud Cry

REVELATION 14

drink of the wine of the wrath [intense passion] of her fornication.

14:9 And the third angel (6th) followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive [his] mark [Sunday worship] in his forehead, or in his hand, [The mark of the beast is the change which the beast has attempted to make in the law of God.]

14:10 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath [plagues-Rev 9:17, 20] of God, which is poured out without mixture [without mercy] into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone [Islam on scene-Rev 9:18; final perdition of ungodly men; lake of fire Rev 20:7-9 When inflicted? Rev 19:20; see Isa 34:8-10] 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 [4th Commandment Ex 20:11] day nor night, who worship [1st Commandment Ex 20:3] the beast and his image [2nd Commandment Ex 20:4] [those clinging to traits of mother & will attempt a sweeping persecution against the truth & the people of God], and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name [3rd Commandment Ex 20:7].

14:12 Here is the patience of the saints [Heb 10:35-39; Ja 5:7-10; Rev 3:10,11; Isa 25:9]: here [are] they that keep the commandments [John 15:10; Matt 5:17-19; 15:3-6;19:17-19; Luke 23:56; Eph 6:2, 3; Rom 7:7] of God [the Father], and the faith of Jesus [the precepts & doctrines of the everlasting gospel of our Lord as recorded in the New Testament- Phil 1:27; Acts 6:7; Rom 1:5; 2Tim 4:7; Jude 3; LI 259].

3 angel's message is given prior to the 1^{st} resurrection

14:13 And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, <u>Blessed [are] the dead [they are raised (at the time Michael stands up) to everlasting life- Dan 12:2.</u> "Those who die in the Lord during the sealing" SNH SSP 263] which die in the Lord from henceforth [from the time the 3rd message begins to be given. See note for Rev 16:17]: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works [their writings and teachings] do follow them.

14:14 And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud [one] sat like unto the Son of man [Christ], having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle [Jesus' priestly work is finished].

Before he appears in the clouds of heaven.

14:15 And another angel [angel #4 in sequence in this chapter; reaping angel] came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud [Jesus], Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe [those living today- a message on part of the church after work done and probation has ceased – Luke 18: 7, 8].

3rd angel, to warm men to put away their errors and receive the truth that they may be prepared to stand when this fiery ordeal shall come

MARK OF THE BEAST

The $\underline{\text{3rd angel's message}}$ is to be given with power. The power of the proclamation of the 1st and 2nd messages is to be intensified in the 3rd. (6T 60)

This is the warning against the beast and his image, who form a decree enforcing the worship brought to view in the thirteenth chapter of Revelation. {Lt183-1902.9}

It is God's purpose that these messages shall be made known to the world. Those who are workers together with Him will do all in their power to uproot the apostasy that is so deep and widespread. {Lt183-1902.12}

In a special sense **Seventh-day Adventists** have been set in the world as watchmen and light-bearers. **To them has been entrusted the last warning for a perishing world**. On them is shining wonderful light from the Word of God. **They have been given a work of the most solemn import**—the proclamation of the first, second, and third angels' messages. There is no other work of so great importance. **They are to allow nothing else to absorb their attention**. {Ms53-1910.6}

Babylon's 3 divisions:

- 1- Dragon (Paganism)
- 2- Beast (Romish apostasy)
- 3-False Prophet (Protestantism; daughters working with the two-horned beast [USA])

Verse 13: Blessed because they escape the time of fearful peril which the saints are to encounter as they close their pilgrimage; those raised to everlasting life at the standing up of Michael (Dan 12:2), thus escaping the perils through which the rest of the 144,000 pass, they rise, and share with them in their final triumph here, and occupy with them in the kingdom.

Rev 14:14-16: 1st Reaping- the righteous living here on earth and the righteous dead are raised.

2. The calling on the name of the Lord, and the deliverance of the remnant, spoken of in close relation to the great day of the Lord, evidently refer to the closing scenes of the history of the church in this mortal state. The oppressed people of God are yet to raise to heaven one united day and night cry for deliverance. Luke 18. This is symbolized by the message of prayer of the fourth angel of Revelation 14:15. And in answer to this prayer, the remnant which keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus, will find deliverance. {3SG 23.4} James White

PAST the 2nd Advent to scenes of destruction of wicked 14:16 And he that sat on the cloud [Jesus] thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped.

After1000 years

14:17 And another angel [angel #5 in sequence in this chapter; reaping angel] came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. [Last 2 angels deal with the wicked.]

14:18 And another angel [angel #6 in sequence in this chapter] came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe [This has to do with the wicked at the end of the 1000 years]

14:19 And the angel [5th angel in verse 17?] thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast [it] into the great winepress of the wrath of God. [This has to do with the wicked at the end of the 1000 years]

14:20 And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand [and] six hundred furlongs.

Rev 14:17-19: 2nd Reaping; reaping of the wicked after the 1000 years.

The angel comes out of the temple, **verse 17**, where the records are kept and the punishment is determined.

The other angel, **verse 18**, has power over fire, which is the agent by which the wicked are at last to be destroyed. To carry out the figure of their final destruction, the wicked are likened to the clusters of the vine of the earth and are said to be cast into the great winepress which is trodden without the city.

Saints have a part in meeting our the judgment of the wicked 1Cor 6:2 and Ps 149:9

We have been given a work of most solemn import—the proclamation of the first, second, and third angels' messages. The subject of the first angel's message is the everlasting gospel, and its burden is the warning. The end of all things is at hand. John writes, "I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come; and worship Him that made heaven and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of water." [Revelation 14:6, 7.] {Lt183-1902.4} Today men are drawn into pleasure-loving and into worldly business. There are thousands who give no time or thought to the salvation of the soul. The time has come when the message is to sound throughout the world, "Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come." [Verse 7.] This message is of more consequence than all else to the inhabitants of the world. {Lt183-1902.5} "Saying with a loud voice." [Verse 7.] A strong, decided influence is to be exerted to arouse the idolatrous world to take heed to the message. {Lt183-1902.6}

"And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication." [Verse 8.] <u>Babylon symbolizes the fallen churches, and her fall denotes apostasy from God.</u> {Lt183-1902.7}

"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 (plagues via Islam), which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone (Islam of Rev 9:17, 18, 20) in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb; and the smoke of their torment ascendeth up forever 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." [Verses 9-11.] [Lt183-1902.8]

<u>This is the warning</u> (warning found in Daniel 12:1) <u>against the beast and his image</u>, <u>who form a decree enforcing the worship</u> <u>brought to view in the thirteenth chapter of Revelation</u>. {Lt183-1902.9}

Then the Lord presented before John a company of people standing separate from the world; and the apostle exclaimed, "Here is the patience of the saints; here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." [Revelation 14:12.] {Lt183-1902.10}

To us has been entrusted the work of proclaiming these messages. There is no other work of so great importance. We are to allow nothing else to absorb our attention. {Lt183-1902.11}

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The change of the Sabbath is the sign or mark of the authority of the Roman church. Those who, understanding the claims of the fourth commandment, choose to observe the false Sabbath in the place of the true, are thereby paying homage to that power by which alone it is commanded. The mark of the beast is the papal Sabbath, which has been accepted by the world in the place of the day of God's appointment. {BTS February 1, 1913, par. 4}

But the time to receive the mark of the beast, as designated in prophecy, has

not yet come. The testing time has not yet come. There are true Christians in every church, not excepting the Roman Catholic communion. None are condemned until they have had the light and have seen the obligation of the fourth commandment. But when the decree shall go forth enforcing the counterfeit Sabbath, and when the loud cry of the third angel [Rev18] shall warn men against the worship of the beast and his image, the line will be clearly drawn between the false and the true. Then those who still continue in transgression will receive the mark of the beast in their foreheads or in their hands. {BTS February 1, 1913, par. 5}

With rapid steps we are approaching this period. When Protestant churches shall unite with the secular power to sustain a false religion, for opposing which their ancestors endured the fiercest persecution, then will the papal Sabbath be enforced by the combined authority of church and state. There will be a national apostasy, which will end only in national ruin. {BTS February 1, 1913, par. 6}



In the vision given me in Rochester, N. Y., December 25, 1865, I was shown that our Sabbath keeping people have been negligent in acting upon the light which God has given in regard to the health reform; that there is yet a great work before us; and that, as a people, we have been too backward to follow in God's opening providence, as he has chosen to lead us. {RH April 30, 1914, par. 2}

I was shown that the work of <u>health reform</u> has scarcely been entered upon yet. While some feel deeply, and act out their faith in the work, others remain indifferent, and have scarcely taken the first step in reform. There seems to be in them a heart of unbelief, and as this reform restricts the **lustful appetite**, many shrink back.... {RH April 30, 1914, par. 3}

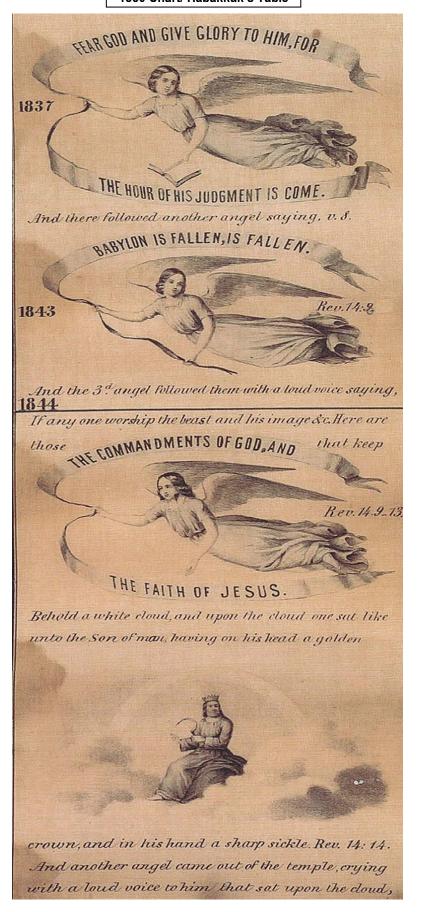
The health reform, I was shown, is a part of the third angel's message, and is just as closely connected with it as are the arm and hand with the human body. I saw that as a people we must make an advance move in this great work. Ministers and people must act in concert. God's people are not prepared for the

loud cry of the third angel. They have a work to do for themselves which they should not leave for God to do for them. He has left this work for them to do. It is an individual work; one cannot do it for another. "Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God."... {RH April 30, 1914, par. 4}

In order to be fitted for translation, the people of God must know themselves. They must understand in regard to their own physical frames, that they may be able with the psalmist to exclaim, "I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made." They should ever have the appetite in subjection.... The body should be servant to the mind, and not the mind to the body. {RH April 30, 1914, par. 5}

I was shown that there is a much greater work before us than we as yet have any idea of, if we would <u>insure health</u> <u>by placing ourselves in the right relation to life</u>.... Shall those who are "looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works," be behind the religionists of the day who have no faith in the soon appearing of our Saviour? The peculiar people whom he is purifying unto himself, to be translated to heaven without seeing death, should not be behind others in good works. In their efforts to cleanse themselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God, they should be as far ahead of any other class of people on the earth as their profession is more exalted than that of others. {RH April 30, 1914, par. 6}

1850 Chart/ Habakkuk's Table



1837- 1st angel's message

1843- 2nd angle's message **Rev 14:9**

1844- 3rd angel's message **Rev 14: 9-13**

Rev 14:14 Jesus with sharp sickle; the reaping of those living today at the 2nd coming

Then I saw that Jesus' work in the sanctuary was almost finished, almost finished, and after His work there is finished He will come to the door of the tabernacle, or door of the first apartment, and confess the sins of Israel upon the head of the scape goat. Then He will put on the garments of vengeance. Then the plagues come upon the wicked, and they do not come until Jesus puts on the garments of vengeance and takes His seat upon the great white cloud. Then while the plagues are falling the scape goat is being led away. He makes a mighty struggle to escape, but he is held fast by the hand that bears him away. If he should effect his escape Israel would be destroyed (or slain). I saw that it would take time to bear him away into the land of forgetfulness after the sins were put upon his head. {Ms15-1850.8}



Rev 14:14 angel- reaping of those living today at the 2nd coming

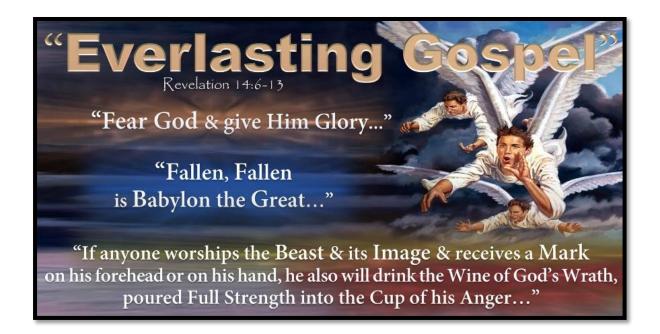
Rev 14:17-19: 2nd Reaping; reaping of the wicked after the 1000 years at the 3rd coming.



Rev. 14:18.19. And another angel came out from the alter, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp Sickle, v19. And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great wine-press of the wrath of God.







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5 And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.

What we do know about the 144,000. They are living at the time of His second coming. They are sealed with the seal of God, Revelation 7. They have the name of the Lambs Father written on their forehead. The name of Christ's Father is the "seal" they bear. A "seal" is a descriptive title, a mark of authority and of ownership. Those sealed with the Fathers name are His property and He will protect and preserve them. It distinguishes between those who merely claim to be Christians and those who truly are. Of the Ten Commandments, only the fourth one contains the descriptive title which distinguishes the God of creation from all the false gods. This is the Sabbath commandment. Therefore, whoever keeps this commandment has the seal of the living God.

They "were not defiled with women". A woman in Scripture is the symbol of a church, a virtuous woman representing a pure church, a corrupt woman, an apostate church. It is, then, a characteristic of this company that at the time of their deliverance they are not defiled with the fallen churches of the land, nor do they have any connection with them. It is only at a certain time that people become defiled by association with the fallen Churches, a time when Gods people must come out from among them.

In Revelation 18:4 we find a call issued to the people of God, while they are still in spiritual Babylon (apostate Christianity or any false religion), to come out lest they become partakers of her sins. Heeding that call, and leaving the connection to spiritual Babylon, they escape the defilement of

her sins. From this, we see that some of the 144,000 may have had a connection with corrupt churches or religions at some point, but there comes a time when they sever this connection. Thus, they are "undefiled", forgiven, covered with Christ's robe of righteousness, they are counted as virgins because of the purity of they're religion.

They are "first fruits unto God and to the Lamb". The 144,000, being prepared for the courts of heaven while here on the earth during the troublous scenes of the last days, will be translated to heaven without seeing death. With this description of the 144,000 triumphant, the line of prophecy which began with Revelation 12 comes to a close.



6 And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,

7 saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come: and worship Him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

The message described in these two verses is the first of what are known as "the three angels' messages of Revelation 14". The prophecy itself designates them the first, second and third. In the verses that

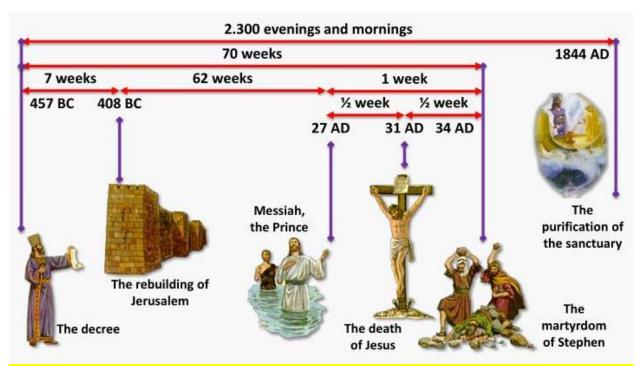
follow, the last one is distinctly called "the third angel", from which we infer that the one preceding was the second angel; and the one before that, the first.

These angels are symbolic of the men and women who have been assigned the work of giving this message to the world, along with the message of the everlasting gospel. While these may indeed be literal angels, their work is to especially inspire the Saints to give this message to the world. This work has always been primarily given to man, with angels assisting and attending them. This work is a sacred trust for all those who claim to Gods followers. The majority of mankind will reject the message, but we are to give it and leave the results to God. We cannot convict anyone of sin, but only give the message. Conviction is the work of the Holy Spirit.

The three angel's messages constitute the theme to which honest, sincere seekers of truth will give their earnest attention. God has commissioned His people to announce to the world that the hour of his judgment is come, that Babylon has fallen, and that whoever worships the beast and his image must drink of His wrath, a threat more terrible than any other that can be found in the Scriptures. No man, except at the peril of his soul, can treat these warnings as nonessential, or pass them by with neglect and disregard. This is especially true today when so many evidences show the soon coming of earth's final crisis.

"The hour of His judgment is come" Now the time has come to preach "the hour of His judgment". It began with the ending of the 2300 year prophecy in 1844. At that time, the sanctuary was to be cleansed, the books were to be opened the process of the judgment was to begin. From the days of the apostles, nothing has taken place which anyone could construe as the fulfillment of this first message. The hour of God's judgment is a time well known and exactly defined in the chronological prophecies of Daniel and John. Martin Luther recognized the protestant revolution was not the time of judgment come. He understood it to be about 300 years in the future from his time. The teachings of the reformers have been recorded and their writings preserved. We find no record that the first angel's message, the hour of His judgment come, was a burden of their preaching.

The second message cannot, of course, be given before the first. The second message announces the fall of Babylon, and a voice is heard from heaven after that, it says, "Come out of her, My people". The third angel's message then follows the second and warns against the worship of the beast; beyond question, this is the papal beast. At the close of this judgment, all those who are filthy will remain so; the final fate of all men who ever lived or are living is then fixed forever. The first angel of Revelation 14 and the angel of Revelation 10 are identical, as can be seen in the presentation on chapter 10.



The prophecy of the 2300 years of Daniel 8 and 9 pointed unmistakably to this judgment hour. This, the longest time prophecy in the Scriptures, reaches from BC 457 to 1844 AD. Then, as we have in the study of Daniel's prophecy, the sanctuary was to be cleansed. This cleansing, according to the type in Leviticus 16, was the final work of atonement, a work of final judgment. The period marked by the years 1840-1844 was one of intense activity and great progress in this work. A message was proclaimed to the world which bore every characteristic of a fulfillment of the proclamation of Revelation 14:6-7. It was indeed that gospel of the kingdom which Christ declared should be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, and then the end should come, Matthew 24:14. The fulfillment of either of these scriptures involves the preaching of the nearness of the end. The gospel could not be preached to all nations as a sign of the end unless it was understood to be such, and the proximity of the end was, at least, one of its leading themes. "Fear God and give glory to Him for the hour of His judgment is come" should be understood in a strict and literal sense.

The general movement, often called the "<u>The Great Second Awakening" began about 1790</u>, and grew rapidly from 1820, extending to 1840; it was worldwide. Historic accounts recognize this movement but are largely at a loss as to its cause. Students of prophecy, however, do not share this confusion. The book of Daniel was to be "unsealed" at the "time of the end". It is no coincidence that in 1798 the oppressive actions of the Roman Catholic Church came to an end when the beast received its deadly wound. The way was opened for the bible and for spiritual freedom of thought to go to all the world. Such freedom had been suppressed for 1260 years. A great religious awakening and revival were the inevitable result of Daniels book being unsealed and the oppression of the bible, in general, being removed. The early Adventists were those who taught the soon coming of Christ. They preached that His return would happen when the 2300 year prophecy was to terminate, in the fall of 1844. Christ came, not to this earth, but to the Ancient of days, His Father, Daniel 7:13-14. Here was the coming of the Bridegroom to the marriage, as set forth in the parable of the ten virgins in Matthew 25. This is not the coming of Christ to this earth, for it is a coming which precedes the marriage.



"In amazement they hear the testimony that Babylon is the church, fallen because of her errors and sins, because of her rejection of the truth sent to her from heaven." The Great Controversy, p. 606.

"Babylon symbolizes the fallen churches, and her fall denotes apostasy from God." {Lt183-1902.7}



8 And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.

Wrath=INTENSE PASSION for the doctrines they hold dear, false though they be. Like drunkards they are ready to fight, even to die, in their delusion over doctrine; drunk, on the wine of Babylon's false doctrines, a mixture of truth and error. It is not a pure religion.

The second angel's message is a part of the religious movement which takes place in the last days with special reference to the coming of Christ. Babylon is fallen is a reference to confusion, the truth mixed with false doctrine, that is found within the world's religions at that time of this message. This continues to the time of Christ's return. Babylon is not confined to the Roman Catholic Church only, although it is a very prominent part of great Babylon, as the descriptions in Revelation 17 reveal.

God's people are called out of any and all false or apostate religious systems of worship. Babylon is predominately apostate Christianity, the daughters of the beast, which have fallen. The reformation revived Gods visible Church, which fell when it rejected the new light (a new understanding of old light) concerning the cleansing of the sanctuary, the hour of His judgment, the fourth commandment, the state of the dead and ceased to move forward in understanding and honoring Gods revealed doctrinal truths. The word "fall" indicates a group that was once favored of God and has now fallen from that position. Roman Catholicism could not "fall" because it has ever been in conflict with Gods laws.

The reader is reminded that a woman represents a church, a pure woman or a harlot woman then represents the characteristics of the church in question. Revelation 17 speaks of a harlot, a false church, and she has daughters, who like herself foster false doctrines, which are the "wine of

Babylon". This circumstance, as well as the name itself, shows that Babylon is not limited to any single ecclesiastical body, but must be composed of many. It must take in all of a like nature, and represent the entire corrupt, or apostate, churches and religions of the earth.

Babylon has made all nations drunken with the wine of her fornication, that is, her false doctrines. It can, therefore, symbolize nothing less than the universal world church. The great religions of the world may be arranged under three heads. The first, oldest, and most widespread is paganism, separately symbolized under the form of a dragon. The second is the great papal apostasy, symbolized by the beast. The third is the daughters or descendants from that church symbolized by the two-horned beast though that does not embrace them all. War, oppression, conformity to the world, religious formalism, the worship of mammon, the pursuit of pleasure, and the maintenance of very many errors of the Roman Catholic Church, identify with sad and faithful accuracy the great body of the Protestant churches as an important constituent part of this great Babylon.

Thus, Babylon cannot be applied exclusively to the papal church. The people of God are called out of Babylon on account of her increasing sinfulness, which results in her fall. This spiritual fall was "because she made all nations drink of the wine of wrath (intense passion) of her fornication". There is but one thing to which this can refer, and that is false doctrines. She has corrupted the



pure truths of God's word and made the nations drunken with pleasing fables. Her daughters have done the same, some clinging to the harlots' false doctrines, some inventing new ones. We find in the professed Christian religious systems of the world a wide array of different errors and false doctrines, this is Babylon, confusion! The conclusion the therefore, inevitable; second angel's message announcing the fall has reference almost wholly to the Protestant churches.

The true church is a chaste virgin, 2 Corinthians 11:2. The church that is joined with the world in friendship is a harlot. It is this unlawful

connection with the kings of the earth that constitutes her the great harlot of the Apocalypse, Revelation 17. Thus, the Jewish Church, at first, espoused to the Lord, Jeremiah 2:3; 31:32, became a harlot, Ezekiel 16. When this church apostatized from God, it was called Sodom, Isaiah 1 just as "the great city" (Babylon) is so called in Revelation 11. The unlawful union with the world of which Babylon is guilty is positive proof that it is not the civil power. That the people of God are in her midst immediately before her overthrow is proof that she is professedly a religious body. For these reasons, it is very evident that the Babylon of the Apocalypse is the professed church united with the world.

As the popular churches depart farther and farther from God, they at length reach such a condition that true Christians can no longer maintain a connection with them; and then they will be called out. This we look for in the future, in fulfillment of Revelation 18:1-4. We believe it will come, when, in addition to their corruptions, the churches begin to raise against the saints the hand of oppression and persecution of those who do not comply in every regard with her false doctrines.



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,

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:

11 and the smoke of their torment ascendeth up forever 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.

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

The Punishment of Beast-worshipers is that they shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and of the Lamb. When is this torment inflicted? Chapter 19:20 shows that at the second coming of Christ there is a manifestation of fiery judgments which may be called a lake of fire and brimstone, into which the beast and false prophet (apostate Christianity in the USA) are cast alive. This can refer only to the destruction visited upon them at the beginning, not at the end, of the thousand years. Again, there is a remarkable passage in Isaiah to which we are obliged to refer in explanation of the phraseology of the threatening of the third angel, and which unquestionably describes scenes to take place here at the Second Advent and in the desolate state of the earth during the thousand years following. That the language in the Revelation was borrowed from this prophecy can hardly fail to be seen. After describing the Lord's anger upon the nations, the great slaughter of their armies, the departing of the heavens as a scroll, etc., the prophet says: "For it is the day of the Lord's vengeance, and the year of recompenses for the controversy of Zion. And the streams thereof shall be turned into pitch, and the dust thereof into brimstone and the land thereof shall become burning pitch. It shall not be quenched night nor day; the smoke thereof shall go up forever; from generation to generation it shall lie waste; none shall pass through it forever and ever." Isa. 34:8-10. And since it is expressly revealed that there is to be a lake of fire in which all sinners perish at the end of the thousand years, we can only conclude that the destruction of the living wicked at the commencement of this period, and the final doom of all the ungodly at its close, are very similar.

The expression "forever and ever" cannot here denote eternity. This is evident from the fact that this punishment is inflicted on this earth, where time is measured by day and night. For this earth is finally to be made new, cleansed of every stain of sin, every vestige of suffering and decay, and to become the habitation of righteousness and joy throughout eternal ages. The word here translated 'forever' is defined thus: "An age; a long period of time; indefinite duration; time, whether longer or shorter".

The third angel's message is the most severe threatening of divine wrath that can be found in the bible. The sin it warns us against must be a terrible sin, and it must be one so plainly defined that all who will, may understand it. In understanding it, then they will know how to avoid it the judgments pronounced against it. For a time, the first message was the only one going forth. Then the second message was introduced, but that did not put an end to the first. From that time forward, there were two messages. The third followed them, not to replace but to join with them, so that we now have three messages going forth simultaneously, or rather, a threefold message, embracing the truths of all three, the last one, of course, being the culminating proclamation. Until the work is done, the declaration that the hour of God's judgment has come will continue, as well the message that Babylon has fallen. These facts sill continue to be proclaimed in connection with the truths introduced by the third message.

There will also be noticed a logical connection between the messages themselves. As we view the situation just before the first message is introduced we see the Protestant religious world sadly in need of reformation. Divisions and confusion existed in the churches. They were still holding onto many papal errors and superstitions. The power of the gospel was thus being held back. To correct these evils, the doctrine of the Second Coming of Christ was introduced, and proclaimed with power. They should have received it and been quickened by it into a new life, and they would have been had they received it.

Instead of this, they rejected it and suffered the consequences spiritually. Then followed the second message, announcing the result of that rejection, and declaring what was not only a fact in itself but also that God had departed from them. By rejecting the first angel's message, they had met with a spiritual fall, Babylon had fallen.

The proclamation of the third angel's message is the special religious movement to be made before the Lord appears, for immediately following this John beholds one like the Son of man

coming in a great white cloud to reap the harvest of the earth. This can represent nothing else than the Second Coming of Christ. If therefore the coming of Christ is at the door, the time has come for the proclamation of this message.

There are many who with voice and pen are earnestly teaching that we are in the last days of time and that the coming of Christ is at the door; but when we remind them of this prophecy, they are suddenly at sea, without anchor, chart, or compass. They do not know what to do with it. They can see as well as we that if what they are teaching respecting the coming of Christ is true, and the Lord is at hand, somewhere yes, all over the land should be heard the warning notes of this angel's message. The time of the messages shows that it belongs to the present day. But the best evidence that the message is now going to the world is found in the events that demonstrate its fulfillment. We have identified the first message as a leading proclamation in the great Advent movement of 1840-1844. We have seen the fulfillment of the second message in connection with that movement in the latter year.

was only after 1844. following a great disappointment, they saw that a mistake had been made in their understanding of the sanctuary, by which error their disappointment could then be explained. They learned that the sanctuary in Daniel 8:14, as Daniel himself learned in Daniel 9, was not on this earth, as had been supposed. The cleansing was not to be fire and the prophecy on this point did not involve the coming of the Lord at all. They found in the Scriptures clear evidence that the sanctuary referred to was the temple in heaven, which Paul calls "the sanctuary", the "true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched and not man". They saw further that it's cleansing, according to the type, or earthly Jewish sanctuary, would consist of the final ministration of the priest in the second apartment, or Most Holy place. They then understood that the time had come for the fulfillment of Revelation 11:19: "The temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in His temple the Ark of His testament".

Thus, the light of the third angel's message dawned upon the church. They saw at once that the world would have a right to demand of those who professed to be giving that message, an explanation of all the symbols which it contains the beast, the image, the worship, and the mark. Hence, these points were made

MOST HOLY, HEB.9:13. The commencement of the Ministration of Christ in the MOST HOLY. for the expiation of the errors of Israel, and for the cleansing or justification of the Holy Sanctuary. Lev. 16:30-33. Heb. 9:7. Dan. 8:14. 2nd VAIL HEB. 9:3. Explanation of the Sanctuary 1. Ark and 2. small Cherubims on the Mercy-seat Ex. 25:18. Solomon's large Cherubims 1k's. 6:23 3, Golden Censer and H.Priest burning incense. 4. Incense Alter. SANCTUARY or HOLY, HEB. 9:2. 5, G, Candlestick 6, Table and Shewbread, 7, Brazen Altar and Laver, These are patterns of the SANCTUARY in heaven, and TYPES of the Ministration of our great High Priest in the heavenly holy places. Heb. 8:5, 9:1-5. DOOR, EX. 26:36. WRUST IN THY SHARP SICKLEAND GATHER

subjects of special study. The testimony of the Scriptures was found to be clear and abundant, and it did not take long to formulate from the truths revealed, definite statements and proofs in explanation of all these points.



"The Mark of the Papacy's Authority"

Sunday is our MARK of authority....
The (Roman) church is above the
Bible, and this transference of
Sabbath observance is
proof of that fact.

— Catholic Record, September 1, 1923 (Ontario).

The mark of the beast is an institution which has been arrayed in Christian garb and insidiously introduced into the Christian church in such a way as to nullify the authority of Jehovah and enthrone that of the beast. Stripped of all its disguises, it is simply setting up a counterfeit Sabbath of its own on the first day of the week, in place of the Sabbath of the Lord on the seventh day a usurpation which the great God cannot tolerate, and from which the remnant church must fully clear itself before it will be prepared for the coming of Christ. Hence, the urgent warning, Let no man worship the beast or receive his mark.

The "image of the beast" is some ecclesiastical combination which will resemble the beast in being clothed with power to enforce its decrees with the pains and penalties of the civil law. This power is the "daughters of the beast", apostate Christianity. The "two-horned beast" by which the image is given power to speak and act, represents the United States of America, which is moving toward the formation of the image of the beast. Enforcement of laws that will demand all to honor Sunday as a day of "family gathering", some call it a day of "celebration", a time to spend with the family. But Saturday has been, since the time of Adam, the appointed day of worshiping the creator.

THE RIGHTEOUS



13 And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, said the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.

14 And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle.

15 And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to Him that sat on the cloud, thrust in Thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for Thee to reap; for

the harvest of the earth is ripe.

16 And He that sat on the cloud thrust in His sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped.

Events grow solemn as we near the end. It is this fact which gives to the third angel's message, now going forth, its unusual degree of solemnity and importance. It is the last warning to go forth prior to the coming of the Son of man. John is commanded by a voice from heaven to write, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth;" and the response of the Spirit is, "Yea . . . that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them". "From henceforth" signifies a particular point of time. That time is from when the third angel's message began until the close of probation. Those who die from this point of time forward are blessed because they escape the time of fearful peril which the saints will experience as they close their pilgrimage. Persecution such as the world has not yet seen, followed by the seven last plagues. While they are thus blessed in common with all the righteous dead, they have an advantage over them in being doubtless that company who are raised to everlasting life in the special resurrection spoken of in Daniel 12:2.

It will be noticed that in this line of prophecy three angels come before the Son of man returns, these three angels have charge of the three special messages. The message of the fourth angel is given after the Son of man finishes His priestly work and takes His seat upon the white cloud; but *before* He appears in the clouds of heaven. The language is addressed to Him who is seated upon the white cloud, having in His hand a sharp sickle ready to reap. The message is a prayer on the part of the church after their work is done, when probation has ceased and nothing remains but for the Lord to appear and take His people to Himself. He that is seated upon the cloud will thrust in His sickle, and the saints, under the figure of the wheat of the earth, will be gathered into the heavenly garner.

By this language, we are carried past the Second Advent, with its accompanying scenes of destruction to the wicked and salvation to the righteous. It is therefore, past these scenes we must look for the application of the next verses.

THE WICKED



17 And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle.

18 And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe.

19 And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God.

20 And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.

The two angels of verse 17 have to do with the wicked that are represented by the purple clusters of the vine of the earth. The closing doom of that class, at the end of the thousand years, is here presented. The prophecy thus make a final disposition of both the righteous and the wicked; the righteous clothed with immortality and safely established in the kingdom; the wicked perishing outside the city. This cannot be applied to, or at, the time of the Second Advent, for the events, are here given in chronological order. The wicked are slain at His coming while the saints are rescued. The living wicked at Christ's coming drink of the "cup" of His indignation.

Verses 17-20 brings to view the time when they utterly perish in the "winepress" of His wrath, which is said to be trodden "without the city", which is in complete harmony with the description of their final destruction, following the second resurrection, noted in Revelation 20:9.

The angel comes out of the temple, verse 17, where the records are kept and the punishment is determined. The other angel, verse 18, has power over fire, which is the agent by which the wicked are at last to be destroyed. To carry out the figure of their final destruction, the wicked are likened to the clusters of the vine of the earth and are said to be cast into the great winepress which is trodden without the city. Blood comes out of the winepress, even to the horses' bridles. We know that the wicked are doomed to be swallowed up at last in a flood of all-devouring flame descending from God out of heaven, but what preceding slaughter may take place among the doomed host, we do not know.

As the first four angels of this series denoted a marked movement on the part of the people of God, the last two may denote the same; for the saints are to have some part to act in meting out and executing the final punishment of the wicked, 1 Corinthians 6:2; Psalm 149:9. This prophecy then closes as the others do, with the triumph of God, Christ, and the redeemed.



Revelation—Chapter 14 Pt 1 God's Love Letter— The Lamb with the 144,000!

Uriah Smith, Daniel and the Revelation, 1897, pg. 582

It is a pleasing feature of the prophetic word that the people of God are never brought into positions of trial and difficulty, and there abandoned. Taking them down into scenes of danger, the voice of prophecy does not there cease, leaving them to guess their fate, in doubt, perhaps despair, as to the final result; but it takes them through to the end, and shows the issue in every conflict. The first five verses of Revelation 14 are an instance of this.

Revelation 14:1-5

Uriah Smith, Daniel and the Revelation, 1897, pg. 583

The 13th chapter closed with the people of God, a small and apparently weak and defenseless company, in deadly conflict with the mightiest powers of earth which the dragon is able to muster to his service. A decree is passed, backed up by the supreme power of the land, that they shall worship the image and receive the mark, under pain of death if they refuse to comply. What can the people of God do in such a conflict and in such an extremity? What will become of them? Glance forward with the apostle to the very next scene in the program, and what do we behold? —The very same company standing on Mount Zion with the Lamb, — a victorious company, harping on symphonic harps their triumph in the court of heaven. Thus are we assured that when the time of our conflict with the powers of darkness comes, deliverance is not only certain, but will immediately be given.

Stephan Haskell, The Seer of Patmos, 1905, pg. 246

The One whom Lucifer had held before the eyes of the world as a cruel despot, stands a Lamb on Mount Zion. He is no longer the slain Lamb once seen before the throne, but the King in His beauty, the true Conqueror, who has triumphed by the power of truth.

Stephan Haskell, The Seer of Patmos, 1905, pg. 247

In 1844 the door into the inner apartment was opened, and Christ and the Father then took up the cases of those whose names appeared in the Book of Life. While, Christ is still in that apartment, the closing events of chapter thirteen take place. The sealing, as described in the seventh chapter of Revelation, is going forward, while the beast and his image, the ruling powers of earth, are striving to gain the recognition of all. The interest of heaven centers in those few who receive the mark of the great Jehovah. In fact, this little company, numbering one hundred and forty-four thousand, is the most interesting class of people brought to view in the Word of God John, in the opening verse of chapter fourteen, sees them as they gather about the Saviour on Mount Zion. God's Word traces their history very minutely.

Revelation 7:2-4

Uriah Smith, Daniel and the Revelation, 1897, pg. 584

They were not defiled with women. A woman is in Scripture the symbol of a church, a virtuous woman representing a pure church, a corrupt woman an apostate church. It is, then, a characteristic of this company that at the time of their deliverance they are not defiled with, or have no connection with, the fallen churches of the land. Yet we are not to understand that they never had any connection with these churches; for it is only at a certain time that people become defiled by them. In chapter 18:4, we find a call issued to the people of God while they are in Babylon, to come out, lest they become partakers of her sins. Heeding that call, and leaving her connection, they escape the defilement of her sins. So of the 144,000; though some of them may have once had a connection with corrupt churches, they sever that connection when it would become sin to retain it longer.

Uriah Smith, Daniel and the Revelation, 1897, pg. 584

They follow the Lamb withersoever He goeth. We understand that this is spoken of them in their redeemed state. They are the special companions of their glorified Lord in the kingdom.

Stephan Haskell, The Seer of Patmos, 1905, pg. 247

When the mind of Christ takes full possession of a man, he thinks and speaks and acts as Christ Himself would act. Mortals may have such close and constant communion with Jehovah that they have the assurance that they walk with Him. This was the Christ-life while on earth, and He lived to show that the same is also possible to-day. This will be the

mind of those who are sealed. They are without fault; because Christ's righteousness covers them as a garment. Walking untainted in the midst of self-righteousness, these have been clothed with the heavenly garments.

Ellen White, Sermons and Talks, Vol. 1 pg. 72

A transformation has taken place, and you are a different man. You are not the same passionate man that you used to be. You are not the same worldly man that you were. You are not the man that was giving way to lust and evil passions, evil surmisings and evil speakings. You are not this man at all, because a transformation has taken place. What is it? The image of Christ reflected in you. Then you are bearing in view that there is a company to stand by and by on Mount Zion, and you want to be one of that company, and you are determined that you will form a part of that company. Why were they [the 144,000] so specially singled out? Because they had to stand with a wonderful truth right before the whole world, and receive their opposition, and while receiving this opposition they were to remember that they were sons and daughters of God, that they must have Christ formed within them the hope of glory. They were ever keeping in view the great and blessed hope that is before them. What is it? It is an eternal weight of glory. Nothing could surpass it.

Ellen White, Manuscript 173, 1902, Manuscript Releases, Vol. 1 pg. 249, 250

Just as soon as the people of God are sealed in their foreheads,— it is not any seal or mark that can be seen, but a settling into the truth, both intellectually and spiritually, so they cannot be moved,— just as soon as God's people are sealed and prepared for the shaking, it will come. Indeed, it has begun already; the judgments of God are now upon the land, to give us warning, that we may know what is coming.

Ellen White, Testimonies to the Church, Vol. 5, pgs. 213, 214

Not all who profess to keep the Sabbath will be sealed. There are many even among those who teach the truth to others who will not receive the seal of God in their foreheads. They had the light of truth, they knew their Master's will, they understood every point of our faith, but they had not corresponding works. These who were so familiar with prophecy and the treasures of divine wisdom should have acted their faith.

Ellen White, Early Writings, pg. 43

Satan is now using every device in this sealing time to keep the minds of God's people from the present truth and to cause them to waver. I saw a covering that God was drawing over His people to protect them in the time of trouble; and every soul that was decided on the truth and was pure in heart was to be covered with the covering of the Almighty. Satan knew this, and he was at work in mighty power to keep the minds of as many people as he possibly could wavering and unsettled on the truth.

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Chapter 40—A View of the Judgment

On the morning of October 23, 1879, about two o'clock, the Spirit of the Lord rested upon me, and I beheld scenes in the coming judgment. Language fails me in which to give an adequate description of the things which passed before me, and of the effect they had upon my mind. {LS 241.1}

The great day of the execution of God's judgment seemed to have come. Ten thousand times ten thousand were assembled before a large throne, upon which was seated a Person of majestic appearance. Several books were before Him, and upon the covers of each was written in letters of gold, which seemed like a burning flame of fire, "Ledger of Heaven." {LS 241.2}

One of these books, containing the names of those who claim to believe the truth, was then opened. Immediately I lost sight of the countless millions about the throne, and only those who were professedly children of the light and of the truth engaged my attention. As these persons were named, one by one, and their good deeds mentioned, their countenances would light up with a holy joy that was reflected in every direction. But this did not seem to rest upon my mind with the greatest force. {LS 241.3}

Another book was opened, wherein were recorded the sins of those who profess the truth. Under the general heading of "Selfishness" came every other sin.

There were also headings over every column, and underneath these, opposite each name, were recorded, in their respective columns, the lesser sins. Under

"Covetousness" came

falsehood, theft. robbery, fraud, and avarice; under

"Ambition" came

pride and extravagance;

"Jealously" stood at the head of

malice, envy, and hatred; and

"Intemperance" headed a long list of fearful crimes,

such as lasciviousness,

adultery,

God's law is sin indulgence of animal passions, etc. As I beheld, I was filled with inexpressible anguish, and exclaimed: "Who can be saved? Who will

stand justified before God? Whose robes are spotless? Who are faultless in the sight of a pure and holy God?" {LS 241.4}

As the Holy One upon the throne slowly turned the leaves of the ledger, and His eyes rested for a moment upon individuals, His glance seemed to burn into their very souls, and at the same moment every word and action of their lives passed before their minds as clearly as though traced before their vision in letters of fire. Trembling seized them and their faces turned pale (LS 242.1)

One class were registered as cumberers of the ground. As the piercing eye of the Judge rested upon these, their sins of neglect were distinctly revealed. With pale, quivering lips they acknowledged that they had been traitors to their holy trust. They had had warnings and privileges, but they had not heeded nor improved upon them. They could now see that they had presumed too much upon the mercy of God. {LS 242.2}



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I saw that since Jesus had left the Holy place of the heavenly Sanctuary, and had entered within the second vail, the churches were left as were the Jews; and they have been filling up with every unclean and hateful bird. I saw great iniquity and vileness in the churches; yet they profess to be Christians. Their profession, their prayers and their exhortations, are an abomination in the sight of God. Said the angel, God will not smell in their assemblies. Selfishness, fraud and deceit are practiced by them without the reprovings of conscience. And over all these evil traits they throw the cloak of religion. I was shown thenpride of the nominal churches. God was not in their thoughts; but their carnal minds dwell upon themselves. They decorate their poor mortal bodies, and then look upon themselves with satisfaction and pleasure. Jesus and the angels looked upon them in anger. Said the angel, Their sins and pride have reached unto heaven. Their portion is prepared. Justice and judgment have slumbered long, but will soon awake. Vengeance is mine, and I will repay, saith the Lord. The fearful threatenings of the third angel are to be realized, and they will drink the wrath of God. An innumerable host of evil angels are spreading themselves over the whole land. The churches and religious bodies are crowded with them. And they look upon the religious bodies with exultation; for the cloak of religion covers the greatest crimes and iniquity. {1SG 190.1}

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We are living in the most solemn period of this world's history. The destiny of earth's teeming multitudes is about to be decided. Our own future well-being and also the salvation of other souls depends upon the course which we now pursue. We need to be guided by the Spirit of truth. Every follower of Christ should earnestly inquire, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" We need to humble ourselves before the Lord, with fasting and prayer, and to meditate much upon his word, especially upon the scenes of the Judgment. We should now seek a deep and living experience in the things of God. We have not a moment to lose. Events of vital importance are transpiring around us; we are on Satan's enchanted ground. Sleep not, sentinels of God; the foe is lurking near, ready at any moment, should you become lax and drowsy, to spring upon you and make you his prey. {4SP 419.1}

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