

THE HELLBOUND TRAIN



I saw that the saints must get a thorough understanding of present truth, which they will be obliged to maintain from the Scriptures. They must understand the state of the dead; for the spirits of devils will yet appear to them, professing to be beloved friends and relatives, who will declare to them that the Sabbath has been changed, also other unscriptural doctrines. We must examine well the foundation of our hope, for we shall have to give a reason for it from the Scriptures.

This delusion will spread, and we shall have to contend with it face to face; and unless we are prepared for it, we shall be ensnared and overcome.

But if we do what we can on our part to be ready for the conflict that is just before us, God will do His part, and His all-powerful arm will protect us.

He would sooner send every angel out of glory to the relief of faithful souls, to make a hedge about them, than have them deceived and led away by the lying wonders of Satan. I saw the rapidity with which this delusion was spreading.

A train of cars was shown me, going with the **speed of lightning**.

The angel bade me look carefully. I fixed my eyes upon the train.

It seemed that the whole world was on board, that there could not be one left.

Said the angel, "They are binding in bundles ready to burn."

Then he showed me the **conductor**, who appeared like a stately, fair person, whom all the passengers looked up to and revered.

I was perplexed and asked my attending angel who it was.

He said, "It is **Satan**. He is the conductor in the form of an angel of light.

He has taken the world captive. They are given over to strong delusions, to believe a lie, that they may be damned.

This agent, the next highest in order to him, is the engineer, and other of his agents are employed in different offices as he may need them, and they are all going with lightning speed to perdition."

I asked the angel if there were none left. He bade me look in an opposite direction, and I saw a little company traveling a narrow pathway.

All seemed to be firmly united, bound together by the truth, in bundles, or companies.

Said the angel, "The third angel is binding, or sealing, them in bundles for the heavenly garner." This little company looked careworn, as if they had passed through severe trials and conflicts.

And it appeared as if the sun had just risen from behind a cloud and shone upon their countenances, causing them to look triumphant, as if their victories were nearly won. {EW 88.1-3}