

REVELATION 16

Chapter 16

Promise: Ps 91: 6-10

Turkey moves to Jerusalem (1st part of Dan 11:45)

1) Michael stands up (2nd part of Dan 11:45)

2) The vials of God's wrath and the effects that follow (literal & future) Rev 16

16:1 And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out [Jer 50:25; Job 38:22, 23] the vials of the wrath [wine of God's wrath- Rev 14:10; 15:1] of God upon the earth.

16:2 And **the first** went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a **noisome** [Ex 9:8-11] and **grievous sore upon the men** which had the mark [Papal Sunday] of the beast, and [upon] them [falls first upon those who heard and rejected the warning] which worshipped his image [apostate Protestantism]. [6th plague of Egypt]

16:3 And the **second angel** poured out his vial upon the sea [great bodies of water]; and it became as the blood of a dead [man]; and every **living soul** [Gen 2:7] died in the sea.

16:4 And the **third angel** poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood [Ex 10:21, 22]. [1st plague of Egypt]

16:5 And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus.

16:6 For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy.

16:7 And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous [are] thy judgments.

16:8 And the **fourth angel** poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with **fire**.

16:9 And men were scorched with **great heat**, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory.

16:10 And the **fifth angel** poured out his vial upon the **seat** [Papacy in city of Rome] of the beast; and his kingdom was full of **darkness** [Popes followers in ecclesiastical point of view- Ex 10:21, 22]; and they gnawed their tongues for pain, [9th plague of Egypt]

16:11 And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their **pains and their sores** [1st plague in verse 2], and repented not of their deeds.

TURKEY COMES TO ITS END (2ND part of Dan 11:45)

16:12 And the **sixth angel** [gathering of the nations under the 6th vial] poured out his vial upon the **great river Euphrates** [a symbol of the nations occupying the territory through which the river flows; Ottoman Turkish Empire- Isa 8:7; Rev 9:14-16]; and the water thereof was dried up [consumption

Doom of Turkey (Islam) The Plagues & Vials of God's Wrath: Armageddon (verses 12-17)

The first 6 plagues come from Islam upon the earth of which during the 6th plague they come to their end. Eze 9:1, 2, 4; 6 – "Six men" (Matt 28:2-6 = angels; Mark 16:3-6 = a man). "Six men" are the six angels (Islam) pouring out vials (plagues).

Plagues of Egypt:

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|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1- Waters | 3 rd plague |
| 2- Frogs | |
| 3- Lice | |
| 4- Flies | |
| 5- Cattle died | |
| 6- Boils on man | 1 st plague- sores |
| 7- Hail and Fire | 7 th plague |
| 8- Locusts (east wind) | |
| 9- Darkness | 5 th plague |
| 10- First Born Died | |

8th & 9th plague in Egypt- locusts/ darkness:

The Lord next sent the dreadful **plague of the locusts**. The king chose to receive the plagues rather than to submit to God. Without remorse, he sees his whole kingdom under the miracle of these dreadful judgments. The Lord then **sent darkness upon Egypt**. The people were not merely **deprived of light**, but **the atmosphere was very oppressive, so that breathing was difficult**; yet the Hebrews had a pure atmosphere, and light, in their dwellings. (1SP 217.2)

Verse 8: The literal drying up of river Euphrates takes place under 4th vial Joel 1:14-20

Verses 8-11 see Ex 10:21-23

Verse 12: Drying up river was the signal for the overthrow of Ancient Babylon. Zech. 12:11

"The **Turkish power designated as the River Euphrates**, which has separated between the East and the West, gives way; and like the rushing together of mighty storm clouds. The armies of the earth, striving for the territory, meet in the valley of Jehoshaphat, -- the ancient meeting place for Egypt and Assyria, known in the Hebrew as Megiddo, and in the Greek as **Armageddon**. The word itself means "the place of the troops," and the history of battles fought there, typifies the last great contest between nations under the 6th plague." (SNH SSP 284)

While the nations are gathering for this great contest the 7th angel pours out his vial in the air. (ibid 285) -- see **verse 17**

Verse 12-21 describing the doom of Turkey & the accompanying ruin to all the world, This is "**the fullness of the gentiles**" mentioned by Paul (Rom 11:25), "**the time of trouble**" mentioned by Daniel (Dan 12:1), the "**beating of the floods**" on the house founded on the sand mentioned by Christ (Matt 7:25-27), the "**whirlwind**" mentioned by Isaiah (Isa 17:13, 14; 21:1; 40:24) The Eastern Question by H. E. Robinson pg 195-96

1. SORE

earth:
Hab 3:17;
Hag 1:10

2. SEA

3. RIVERS

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See Ex
7:17-21
Matt
23:34-36

4. SUN

GC 628.1;
Joel 1:10-
12, 17-
20; Amos
8:3

5. DARK NESS

Cf. Isa
13:9, 10,
13

6. ISLAM EXTING UISHED

East wind
dried up
by west
(USA)
wind

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of the Turkish empire & destruction of its subjects], that the way [to come up to the battle of the great day of God Almighty; near Jerusalem- Joel & Zeph] of the kings of the east (the wester "powers" who hold control over various nations in the east) might be prepared.

16:13 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs [come] out of the mouth of the dragon [Paganism/ Spiritualism- in the time of Christ], and out of the mouth of the beast [Catholicism- time of the 1260 years], and out of the mouth of the false prophet [apostate Protestantism/ church & state- Rev 13:11-18- our day!]. They join hands during 6th plague

16:14 For they are the spirits of devils [Spiritualism], working miracles, [which] go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. [Jer 25:15-17, 26, 30-33].

16:15 Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed [is] he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

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16:16 And he ["they"- the minions of Satan; the spirits of devils] gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon. [Joel 3:1, 2, 9-16; Zeph 3:8; Rev 19:19-21]

16:17 And the seventh angel [Battle to be fought under 7th seal] poured out his vial into the air [the very air will be deadly; this envelops the whole world; universal]; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done [Jehovah speaks! see Rev 10:7, "mystery of God" will be finished; Isa 34:8,9; Nah 1:3-5; Mich 1:3-5; Ps 46:7-9].

16:18 And there were voices [Ex 9:23], and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, [and] so great. [Joel 3:16; Jer 25:30; Heb 12:26]

16:19 And the great city was divided into three [The three grand divisions of the false and apostate religions of the world: (the great city), PAGANISM, CATHOLICISM, & relapsed PROTESTANTISM] parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.

16:20 And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.

16:21 And there fell upon men a great hail [Job 38:22, 23] out of heaven, [every stone] about the weight of a talent [57 pounds]; and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great. [Isa 28:17; 30:30] [7th plague of Egypt- Passover]

Verse 12: This absorption of the Turkish possessions will arouse the hostility or cupidity of all nations

Verses 12-16: 6th vial: to

1. Prepare the way for kings of the earth,
2. Spirits of devils to deceive

Verse 14:

Day of the Lord = Great Day (a period of time) in preparation for Armageddon. A period of time in the Great Day of God Almighty will be during Armageddon (drying up of Euphrates and Turkey coming to its end will usher in this battle)

Isa 2:2-4- Many people will be expecting universal peace to begin at Jerusalem. This theory is now held by nearly all religious bodies.

Verse 17:

At the beginning of the 7th plague, a special resurrection takes place of those identified under the 3rd message and are numbered as a part of the 144,000. Passing through the plague, they come out of great tribulation. (Rev 7:14)

"We need to study the pouring out of the seventh vial. The powers of evil will not yield up the conflict without a struggle. But Providence has a part to act in the battle of Armageddon. When the earth is lighted with the glory of the angel of Revelation eighteen, the religious elements, good and evil, will awake from slumber, and the armies of the living God will take the field. {Ms175-1899.14}

A terrible conflict is before us. We are nearing the battle of the great day of God Almighty. That which has been held in control [restraint on Islam at 911] is to be let loose. The angel of mercy is folding her wings, preparing to step down from the throne and leave the world to the control of Satan. The principalities and powers of earth are in bitter revolt against the God of heaven. They are filled with hatred against those who serve Him, and soon, very soon, will be fought the last great battle between good and evil. The earth is to be the battlefield--the scene of the final contest and the final victory. {ML 308.4}

While their hands were loosening, and the four winds were about to blow, [911] the merciful eye of Jesus gazed on the remnant that were not sealed, and He raised His hands to the Father and pleaded with Him that He had spilled His blood for them. Then another angel was commissioned to fly swiftly to the four angels and bid them hold [restraint on Islam at 911] until the servants of God were sealed with the seal of the living God in their foreheads." {ML 308.5}

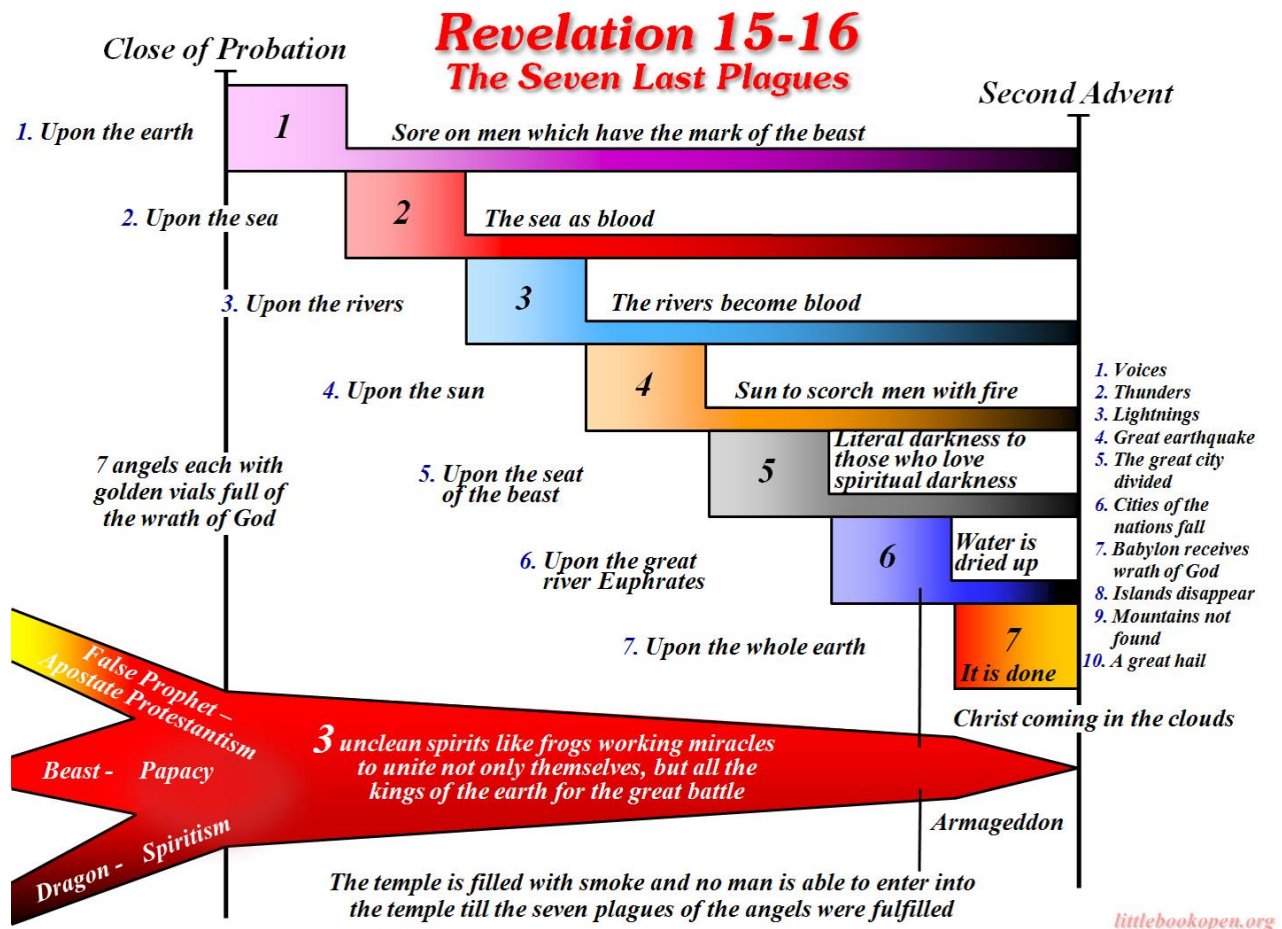
John sees the company who have been deceived [quotes Rev 16:13-15] 1896 Ms

7. HAIL

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The Lord comes as a thief upon the wicked.

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1 And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth.

2 And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the sea; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast and upon them which worshiped his image.

This chapter is a description of the seven vials, which are the seven last plagues, of the unmingled wrath of God and the effects that follow as they are poured upon the earth. The plagues are poured out upon those who have the mark of the beast, which shows the time frame is just before the return of Jesus. The plagues are quite literally the wrath of God poured out on the wicked that have rejected His mercy. God is very merciful but He is also a God of justice.

3 And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead man: and every living soul died in the sea.

Dead man's blood an infectious and deadly substance and this now comprises the great bodies of water on earth, the seas, and oceans. We have here the remarkable fact that the term living soul is applied to irrational animals, the fish and living creatures of the sea. In the original languages, it occurs frequently. The term is applied to man, in the beginning, Genesis 2:7, and cannot be taken that he is endowed with an immaterial and immortal essence commonly called "the soul".

4 And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood.

5 And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and was, and shall be, because Thou has judged thus.

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6 For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and Thou has given them blood to drink; for they are worthy.

7 And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are Thy judgments.

Terrible is the retribution for the “blood of saints” shed by violent hands, visited upon those who have done so, or wish to do such deeds. Even the angels are heard exclaiming, “Thou are righteous, O Lord... because Thou has judged thus. For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets. . . Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are Thy judgments”. The wicked can be said to have shed the blood of saints and prophets, since they are every whit as guilty as if they were able to carry out their wicked intentions, Matthew 23:34; 35:1 and John 3:15 explain this.

8 And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire.

9 And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give Him glory.

Every succeeding plague tends to increase the calamity of the previous ones and to heighten the anguish of the guilty sufferers. In addition to this, they have only blood to allay their burning thirst. As if to crown all, power is given unto the sun and they are scorched with great heat. Here, as the records runs, in their woe they cry out in fearful blasphemy.

10 And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain,

11 And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.

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An important fact is established by this testimony. The plagues do not at once destroy all their victims, for some who were at first smitten with sores, are still living under the fifth vial and gnawing their tongues for pain. It is poured upon the seat of the beast, the papacy. The seat of the beast is wherever the papal see is located, the city of Rome. “His kingdom” embraces all those who are ecclesiastical subjects of the pope, wherever they may be.

12 And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.

13 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

14 For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

15 Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

16 And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.

Nothing would be gained by the drying up of the literal river, as the Euphrates would not be a serious obstruction to the progress of an advancing army. Besides this, the literal drying up of the rivers has already taken place, under the fourth vial, when power is given to the sun to scorch men with fire. This results in scenes of drought and famine. The Euphrates being no exception to this visitation of drought; hence not much of it would remain at the time of this sixth vial to be literally dried up.

Therefore, we see the Euphrates as symbolically referring to those kings/kingdoms in possession of and holding power over the territory watered by that river. We find a figurative example of this in Isaiah 8:7, “therefore, the Lord is about to bring against them the mighty floodwaters of the Euphrates-- the king of Assyria with all his pomp. It will overflow all its channels, run over all its banks”. Another example is found in Revelation 9:14, “It said to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates”. The four angels

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(angels are messengers, not always heavenly) in this verse were symbolic of the four divisions headed by the four sultans of the Turkish Empire.

The way of these kings and their armies, located in the territory of the Euphrates, is prepared for the kings of the East (verse 12), that is, their regular military organizations. The way is prepared that they may come up to the battle of the great day of God Almighty. Where they will be gathered together “into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon”. This is the ancient plain of Megiddo, which stands guard to a strategic pass *just north of Israel*, which was the site of many ancient battles. At its height the Ottoman Empire was vast. When this area of Islamic and Caliphate powers are “dried up” (see *Daniel 11:45*), the buffer zone that has always been a protection for Europe will be removed. With no restraints, all the kings of the earth will be prepared and gathered for one great final battle.



That land, what was once included in the Turkish Empire area, is the corridor between Europe and Asia, along which has passed most of the European conquerors; the Russians who have invaded Asia and most of the Asiatic conquerors who have invaded Europe. War is as much a battle of logistics, moving man and machine from points all over, as it is direct combat.

Verse 13, “...three unclean spirits like frogs”. These are the driving force behind the gathering of nations for the great battle:

1 Roman Catholicism

2 Apostate Protestantism

3 Spiritualism, which is the “gods of forces”; also referenced in *Daniel 11:38*. Mystic, supernatural, the spirits of devils, driving men to do insane acts or *to appear as to work miracles*, as in magic, magicians, sorcerer’s, fortune tellers, etc.

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17 And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done.

18 And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great.

19 And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath.

20 And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.

21 And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.

Thus has Inspiration described the last judgment which is to be inflicted in the present state of the earth upon those who are incorrigibly rebellious against God. Some of the plagues are local in their application, but this one is poured out into the air. The atmosphere envelops the whole earth and it follows that this plague will envelop equally the entire habitable globe. It will be universal. The very air will be deadly.

The gathering of the nations has taken place under the sixth vial and the battle remains to be fought under the seventh. Here are brought to view the instrumentalities with which God will slay the wicked. At this time, it may be said, "The Lord hath opened His armory, and hath brought forth the weapons of His indignation", Jeremiah 50:25. The Scripture declares, "There were voices", verse 18. Above all will be heard the voice of God, "The Lord also shall roar out of Zion, and utter His voice from Jerusalem and the heavens and the earth shall shake; but the Lord will be the hope of His people, and the strength of the children of Israel", Joel 3:16. See also Jeremiah 25:30 and Hebrews 12:26. The voice of God will cause the great earthquake, such as has not been seen since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake.

"Thunders and lightning's" is another allusion to the judgments of Egypt, Exodus 9:23. The great city is divided into three parts (verse 19): that is, the three grand divisions of the false and apostate religions of the world, paganism, Roman Catholicism and apostate Protestantism, are set apart, each to receive its appropriate doom. The cities of the nations fall; universal desolation spreads over the earth; every island flees away and the mountains are not found.

"A great hail out of heaven, falling upon men" is the last instrumentality used in the infliction of punishment upon the wicked that now drink the bitter dregs of the seventh vial. The Lord asks

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Job if he has seen the treasures of hail, which He as “reserved against the time of trouble, against the day of battle and war”, Job 28:22-23. Every hailstone is said to be “about the weight of a talent”, about fifty-seven pounds. What could withstand the force of stones of such an enormous weight falling from the heavens?

In verse 17 we read, “There came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, ‘It is done’”, (see Daniel 12:1). Thus, all is finished; the cup of human guilt has been filled up. The last soul has availed itself of the plan of salvation. The books are closed. The number of the saved is completed. The final period is placed in this world's history. The vials of God's wrath are poured out upon a corrupt generation. The wicked suffer, most die, some still live. The Saints behold the destruction all around them. While they experience discomfort, they are protected from serious injury or death by their heavenly Father.

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THE SIGNAL OF PROBATION CLOSING IS FOUND IN CHRIST'S PARABLES

Admonished with the Command to Watch

Parables are given to us at the end of the world that reveal secrets for our day.

Matt 13:33-35

All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; and without a parable spake he not unto them: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world.

Hosea 12:10

I have also spoken by the prophets, and I have multiplied visions, and used similitudes (*parables*), by the ministry of the prophets.

Jesus deals with the destruction of Jerusalem and with the end of the world. The first Chapter of Great Controversy parallels the destruction of Jerusalem to the end of the world.

Matt 24:1-3

And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to [him] for to show him the buildings of the temple. And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down. And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what [shall be] the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?

Luke 21:8-9

And he said, Take heed that ye be not deceived: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am [Christ]; and the time draweth near: go ye not therefore after them. But when ye shall hear of wars and commotions, be not terrified: for these things must first come to pass; but the end [is] not by and by.

A biblical generation is 40 years. In 31 A.D., Jesus said this generation will not pass till the destruction of the temple be fulfilled; 39 years later. In 70 A.D., that prophecy was fulfilled. Jesus gives another parable FOR OUR DAY- THE PARABLE OF THE FIG TREE. LET'S FOLLOW THIS CLOSELY.

Luke 21:25-32

And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh. And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree, and all the trees; When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand. So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom

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of God is nigh at hand. Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled.

Above we see that when the shooting forth takes place, we will know that the kingdom of God is at hand. We know that the harvest is connected with the summer time and the harvest is the end of the world. So summer = probation has closed.

Jer 8:20

The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.

Matt 13:38-39

The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked [one]; The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.

So we need to consider how this “shooting forth” comes to pass which shows us that the kingdom of God is at hand. Rain causes the garden to “spring forth”; latter rain is the word of God (doctrine). So this “bring forth,” “go forth,” “shooting forth” is a message from God; it’s in His Word.

Isa 55:10-11

For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper [in the thing] whereto I sent it.

Deut 32:2

My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass:

Isa 61:11

For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

So this message from the Word of God, that contains this “shooting forth,” will produce precious fruit- the fruit of the Spirit of God in His children to give the Loud Cry (latter rain) message.

James 5:7

Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.

A tree can be a symbol of God’s people:

Isa 61:3

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To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

We need to figure out what the fig tree is to “shoot forth,” “spring forth,” “putteth forth”: (see Luke 21:25-32 above) Matthew repeats this same message as Luke.

Matt 24:32-34

Now learn a **parable** of **the fig tree**; When his branch is yet tender, and **putteth forth** leaves, ye know that **summer [is] nigh**: So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, [even] at the doors. Verily I say unto you, **This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled**.

The Bible is to be its own expositor. So what clues do we have to the “shooting up/ forth”? The latter growth was in the time of “mowing” down.... It’s the reaping time... the last of the King’s harvest. When you see GRASSHOPPERS you know that you are at the beginning of the shooting forth which is the last harvest.

Amos 7:1

Thus hath the Lord GOD showed unto me; and, behold, **he formed** **grasshoppers** in the beginning of the shooting up of the latter growth; and, lo, [it was] the latter growth after the king's mowings.

We know a vineyard and a fig tree are symbolic of Israel.

Ps 80:8

Thou hast brought **a vine out of Egypt**: thou hast cast out the heathen, and planted it.

Hosea 9:10

I found Israel like grapes in the wilderness; I saw **your fathers as the firstripe in the fig tree** at her first time: [but] they went to Baalpeor, and separated themselves unto [that] shame; and [their] abominations were according as they loved.

We know that when we see the GRASSHOPPERS, it’s the beginning of the harvest. Now we need to look for another clue in reference to the “shooteth forth”.

The day of the EAST WIND is when the Lord is watering with Rain for Israel to produce Fruit. By the EAST WIND (GRASSHOPPERS), characters will be purged. This will fully develop our characters.

Isaiah 27:2-3, 6-9

In that day sing ye unto her, A vineyard of red wine. I the LORD do keep it; I will water it every moment: lest [any] hurt it, I will keep it night and day.

He shall cause them that come of Jacob to take root: **Israel shall blossom and bud, and fill the face of the world with fruit**. Hath he smitten him, as he smote those that smote him? [or] is he slain according to the slaughter of them that are slain by him?

In measure, when it shooteth forth, thou wilt debate with it: he stayeth his rough wind in the day of the **east wind**. By this therefore shall the iniquity of Jacob be purged; and this [is] all

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the fruit to take away his sin; when he maketh all the stones of the altar as chalkstones that are beaten in sunder, the groves and images shall not stand up.

What are the GRASSHOPPERS? East Wind is always connected with the grasshoppers.

Ex 10:12-15

And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the land of Egypt for the **locusts**, that they may come up upon the land of Egypt, and eat every herb of the land, [even] all that the hail hath left. And Moses stretched forth his rod over the land of Egypt, and the LORD brought an **east wind** upon the land all that day, and all [that] night; [and] when it was morning, the **east wind** brought the locusts. And the **locusts** went up over all the land of Egypt, and rested in all the coasts of Egypt: very grievous [were they]; before them there were no such **locusts** as they, neither after them shall be such. For **they covered the face of the whole earth, so that the land was darkened**; and they did eat every herb of the land, and all the fruit of the trees which the hail had left: and there remained not any green thing in the trees, or in the herbs of the field, through all the land of Egypt.

GRASSHOPPERS are referred to as children of the east.

Jud 6:3-5

And [so] it was, when Israel had sown, that the Midianites came up, and the Amalekites, and the **children of the east**, even they came up against them; And they encamped against them, and destroyed the increase of the earth, till thou come unto Gaza, and left no sustenance for Israel, neither sheep, nor ox, nor ass. For they came up with their cattle and their tents, and **they came as grasshoppers for multitude**; [for] both they and their camels **were without number**: and they entered into the land to destroy it.

The children of the east lay like GRASSHOPPERS.

Judges 7:12

And the Midianites and the Amalekites and all the **children of the east** lay along in the valley like **grasshoppers for multitude**; and their camels [were] without number, as the sand by the sea side for multitude.

Let's find more Biblical details about these GRASSHOPPERS. These children of the east ride camels and are of the tribe of Kedar (ISLAM). They are inhabitants of Tema from Arabia. [Side Note: Kedar will fall within a year (under the 6th plague; 7 plagues lasts a year (Rev 18:8)!!]

Jer 49:28-29

Concerning **Kedar**, and concerning the kingdoms of Hazor, which Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon shall smite, thus saith the LORD; Arise ye, go up to **Kedar**, and spoil the **men of the east**. Their tents and their flocks shall they take away: they shall take to themselves their curtains, and all their vessels, and **their camels**; and they shall cry unto them, Fear [is] on every side.

Isa 21:13-17

The burden upon **Arabia**. In the forest in Arabia shall ye lodge, O ye travelling companies of Dedanim. The inhabitants of the **land of Tema** brought water to him that was thirsty, they

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prevented with their bread him that fled. For they fled from the swords, from the drawn sword, and from the bent bow, and from the grievousness of war. For thus hath the Lord said unto me, **Within a year**, according to the years of an hireling, and **all the glory of Kedar shall fail**: And the residue of the number of archers, the mighty men of the children of **Kedar**, shall be diminished: for the LORD God of Israel hath spoken [it].

Princes of Arabia = Kedar

Eze 27:21

Arabia, and all the princes of Kedar, they occupied with thee in lambs, and rams, and goats: in these [were they] thy merchants.

These princes of Kedar and Tema are the sons of Ishmael. Ismael is a descendant of the ISLAMIC people, the children of the east.

Gen 25:12-16

Now these [are] **the generations of Ishmael**, Abraham's son, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah's handmaid, bare unto Abraham: And these [are] the names of the **sons of Ishmael**, by their names, according to their generations: the firstborn of Ishmael, Nebajoth; **and Kedar**, and Adbeel, and Mibsam, And Mishma, and Dumah, and Massa, Hadar, and **Tema**, Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah: **These [are] the sons of Ishmael**, and these [are] their names, by their towns, and by their castles; **twelve princes** according to their nations.

Everything going on with RADICAL ISLAM today is a sign that we are in the last generation and that it is all about to wrap up... no need to fear... these locusts (Islam) cannot touch God's true people, but if you are following the traditions of Rome, you are a target if you:

Eat pork

Drink alcohol

Use tobacco

Dress immodestly

Use a steeple

Follow after any of the erroneous teachings of Rome (Babylon)

Jesus continues in the parable of the fig tree in verse 42, and commands us to "watch."

Matt 24:42

Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

So when we watch what Islam is doing and see Islam take residence in Jerusalem, we know that probation is about to close (Dan 12:1) which will follow with the seven last plagues to the Second Coming of Christ. [This information can be obtained in another study.]

This "watching" connects us to the parable of the 10 virgins in Matthew 25! Only the wise will be watching and know because they have "oil" (character AND knowledge of the 3rd angel connected with Islam) and will be ready to give this Loud Cry message which also declares that Christ is about to return to the earth.

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Matt 25:13

Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

In conclusion, we are commanded to watch for the event of Islam taking residence in Islam (Dan 11:45) as the last waymark that shows Jesus is about to step out of the Most Holy Place (Dan 12:1); probation on the world is about to close!

Every eye is centered on that one spot, and has been for years. Turkey is known universally as the "sick man of the east...the time will come when he will remove from Constantinople, and take up his abode in Palestine; that is, plant his tabernacle between the Mediterranean and Red Seas. Time and again the world has been brought to realize that the end of all things is near at hand, for all know that when the Turk steps out of Constantinople, there will be a general breaking up of Europe. They may not name this impending conflict the battle of Armageddon, but God has so named it." {1901 SNH, SDP 247.3}

"I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the **four winds** of the earth. . . . And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God; and he cried . . . Saying, hurt not the earth . . . Till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads." **these angels now hold the winds of strife**, waiting for the church of god to prepare for his coming. The sealing angel goes through Jerusalem (the church) to place the seal of the living God on the foreheads of the faithful, and while this work goes forward, Turkey stands as a national guidepost to the world, that men may know what is going on in the sanctuary above. {1901 SNH, SDP 248.1}

God's eye is upon his people, and he never leaves himself without a witness in the world. No man knows when Turkey will take its departure from europe, but when that move is made, earth's history will be short. Then it will be said, "he that is unjust let him be unjust still, . . . And he that is righteous let him be righteous still." to-day is "the day of preparation...while the world watches Turkey, let the servant of God watch the movements of his great high priest, whose ministry for sin is almost over." {1901 SNH, SDP 248.2}

Jesus is COMMANDING us to WATCH, NOT FOR HIS SECOND COMING, BUT HIS CLOSING MOVEMENTS IN THE SANCTUARY WHEN HE LAYS OFF HIS PRIESTLY ATTIRE:

Jesus has left us word: "**Watch** ye therefore: for ye know not when the Master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: lest coming suddenly He find you sleeping. And what I say unto you I say unto all, **Watch**." We are waiting and **watching** for the return of the Master, who is to bring the morning, lest coming suddenly He find us sleeping. What time is here referred to? Not to the revelation of Christ in the clouds of heaven to find a people asleep. No; but to His return from His ministrations in the most holy place of the heavenly sanctuary, when He lays off His priestly attire and clothes Himself with garments of vengeance, and when the mandate goes forth: "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still; and he that is holy, let him be holy still." {2T 190.1}

If such had only known that the work of Christ in the heavenly sanctuary would close so soon, how differently would they have conducted themselves, how earnestly would they have watched! The Master, anticipating all this, gives them **timely warning** in the **command**

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to **watch**. He distinctly states the suddenness of His coming. **He does not measure the time**, lest we shall neglect a momentary preparation, and in our indolence look ahead to the time when we think He will come, and defer the preparation. "**Watch** ye therefore: for ye know not." Yet this foretold uncertainty, and suddenness at last, fails to rouse us from stupidity to earnest wakefulness, and to quicken our **watchfulness** for our expected Master. **Those not found waiting and watching are finally surprised in their unfaithfulness**. The Master comes, and instead of their being ready to open unto Him immediately, they are locked in worldly slumber, and are **lost at last**. {2T 191.2}

Satan's DECEPTION regarding our watching Christ's last movements in the sanctuary above which is in the proclamation of the third angel's message; to Come out and not receive the plagues of ISLAM!

Says the great deceiver: "We must **watch** those who are calling the attention of the people to the Sabbath of Jehovah; they will lead many to see the claims of the law of God; and the same light which reveals the true Sabbath, reveals also the ministration of Christ in the heavenly sanctuary, and shows that the last work for man's salvation is now going forward. **Hold the minds of the people in darkness till that work is ended, and we shall secure the world and the church also**. {4SP 337.2}

"And after these things," John writes, "I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory [*4th angel of Rev 18 repeating the 2nd angel & joining the 3rd angel's message of Rev 14*]. 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 the cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of 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**." [Revelation 18:1-4.] **This is the message Satan would have silenced**. {Lt232-1899.23}

At the present time, when the end of all things earthly is rapidly approaching, **Satan is putting forth desperate efforts to ensnare the world. He is devising many plans to occupy minds, and to divert attention from the truths essential to salvation**. . . . {Ev 705.3}

Even though Satan is trying to divert our attention, we are to allow nothing else to absorb our attention from the proclamation of the 3 angel's messages as the destiny of our soul hangs upon the manner in how it is received (lived out/ proclaimed/ acted upon).

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}

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I was shown three steps—one, two and three—the **first, second and third angels' messages**. Said the angel, Woe to him who shall move a block, or stir a pin in these messages. **The true understanding of these messages is of vital importance. The destiny of souls hangs upon the manner in which they are received.** {1SG 168.2}

We are seeing Isaiah's (Isa 6:9) prophecy fulfilled in our day in reference to these parables! These messages in these parables are intended to bring forth fruit, healing and character restoration. Are you watching and hearing the truths?

Matt 13: 13-15, 22

Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand. And **in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias**, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive: For **this people's heart is waxed gross, and [their] ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed**; lest at any time they should see with [their] eyes and hear with [their] ears, and should understand with [their] heart, and should **be converted, and I should heal them.** He also that **received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.**

More Quotes on watching

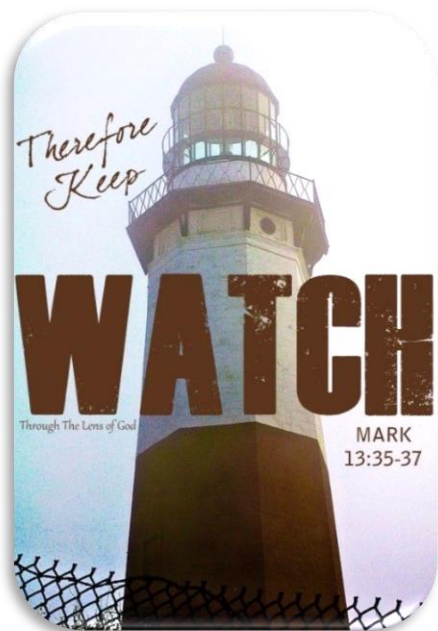
Solemn are the scenes connected with the closing work of the atonement. Momentous are the interests involved therein. **The judgment is now passing in the sanctuary above.** For many years this work has been in progress. Soon—none know how soon—it will pass to the cases of the living. In the awful presence of God our lives are to come up in review. **At this time above all others it behooves every soul to heed the Saviour's admonition: "Watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is."** Mark 13:33. "If therefore thou shalt not **watch**, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee." Revelation 3:3. {GC 490.1}

We are now living in the great day of atonement. In the typical service, while the high priest was making the atonement for Israel, all were required to afflict their souls by repentance of sin and humiliation before the Lord, lest they be cut off from among the people. **In like manner**, all who would have their names retained in the book of life should now, in the few remaining days of their probation, afflict their souls before God by sorrow for sin and true repentance. There must be deep, faithful searching of heart. **The light, frivolous spirit indulged by so many professed Christians must be put away.** There is earnest warfare before all who would subdue the evil tendencies that strive for the mastery. The work of preparation is an individual work. We are not saved in groups. The purity and devotion of one will not offset the want of these qualities in another. Though all nations are to pass in judgment before God, yet He will examine the case of each individual with as close and searching scrutiny as if there were not another being upon the earth. Everyone must be tested and found **without spot or wrinkle or any such thing.** **Solemn are the scenes connected with the closing work of the atonement.** Momentous are the interests involved therein. The judgment is now passing in the sanctuary above. For many years this work has been in progress. Soon—none know how soon—it will pass to the cases of the living. In the awful presence of God our lives are to come up in review. At this time above all others it behooves

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every soul to heed the Saviour's admonition: "**Watch** and pray: for ye know not when the time is." [Mark 13:33](#). {CCh 348.5}

The Spirit of truth has a refining, elevating, heavenly influence upon mind and character. **We are to study the mind of Christ, and to receive the truth as it is in Jesus.** We are to **watch** and pray, to consult the living oracles of God. When any lust takes possession of the mind in any way or to any degree, and there is a yielding to fleshly desires, we lose the image of Christ in spirit and character. The work in the heavenly sanctuary becomes obscure to the minds of those who are controlled by the temptations of the evil one, and they **engage in side issues** to gratify their own selfish purposes, and their true moral standing is determined by their works. {RH January 21, 1890, par. 5}



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Please see study "[The Signal of Probation Closing is Found in Christ's Parable](#)" for more texts on above subject.

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Please consider the following extract to understand the VALUE and IMPORTANCE the Lord has placed on the proclamation of THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE of warning (ISLAM/ plagues):

Third Angel's Message to be Proclaimed

January 1, 1900

"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}

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“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 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**

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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 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

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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 }

The [third angel](#) is leading up a people, step by step, [higher and higher](#). [At every step they will be tested](#). {1T 190}.

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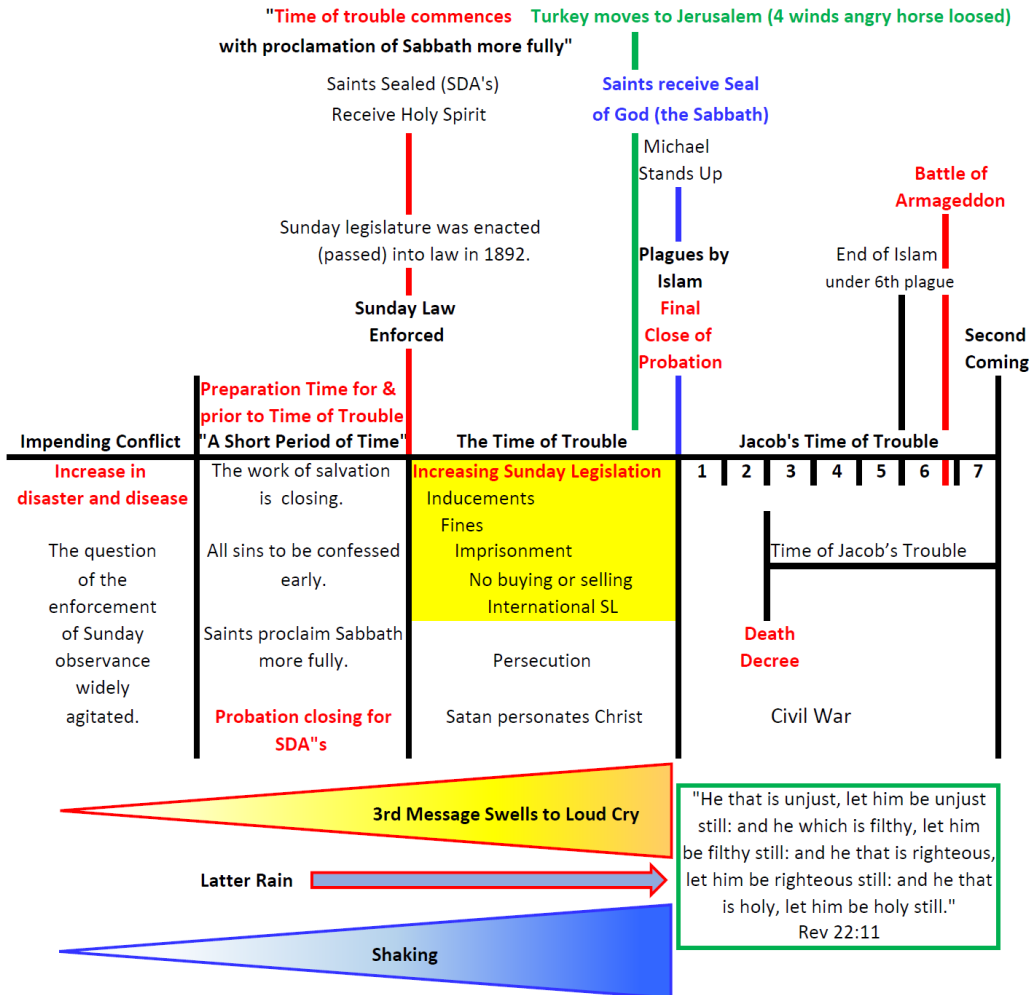
Third Angel

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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: REV 14:9,10

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CLOSING SCENES/ END TIME EVENTS



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Sequence of Closing Events based on EG White & pioneer quotes:

The anger of the nations, (since 1844) the wrath of God (7 last plagues just before 2nd coming), and the time to judge the dead (after 1000 years), were separate events, one following the other {Broadside2 January 31, 1849, par. 2}

- 1- Sealing work** had begun in 1848- 1850 {1916 JNL, QSM 21.1} {Broadside2 January 31, 1849, par. 12; ExV 49}
- 2- Angering of nations** began in 1849 -{Broadside2 January 31, 1849, par. 2}
- 3- Saints: decided on the truth**, and was pure in heart, was to be covered with the covering of the Almighty. {DS March 14, 1846, par. 2}

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In the **time of trouble** just before the coming of Christ, the righteous will be preserved through the ministrations of heavenly angels; but there will be no security for the transgressor of God's law. Angels cannot then protect those who are disregarding one of the divine precepts. {PP 256.1}

TIME OF TROUBLE ORDER OF EVENTS:

Preparation Time for
& prior to Time of

Short period time:

The work of salvation is closing.
Preparatory time for saints to stand during period of seven last plagues

Will be impressed when to sell home and/or property for cause of truth
All sins to be confessed right early

Saints **sealed** (Adventists), receive **the HS**

Time of trouble **commences** with proclamation of Sabbath more fully

Third angel's message goes out (BEFORE the plagues poured out)

Saints receive **Seal of God** (**the Sabbath**)

Close of Probation for the world (**event**: Turkey moves to Jerusalem)

Seven Last Plagues (**1 year**) - Dan 12:1 A **Time of Trouble such as never was** Civil War- Death Decree- Turkey comes to end under 6th plague- Armageddon- Second Coming

"I saw that the Holy Sabbath is, and will be, the separating wall between the true Israel of God and unbelievers; and that the Sabbath is the great question, to unite the hearts of God's dear, waiting saints. I saw that God had children, who do not see and keep the Sabbath. They had not rejected the light on it. And **at the commencement of the time of trouble**, we were filled with the Holy Ghost as we went forth and proclaimed the Sabbath more fully." {ExV54 3.2}

"The **commencement of the time of trouble**," here mentioned, does not refer to the time when the plagues shall begin to be poured out; but to a short period just before they are poured out, while Christ is in the Sanctuary. **At that time**, while the work of salvation is closing, trouble will be coming on the earth, the nations will be angry, yet held in check, **So as not to prevent the work of the third angel**. **At that time** the "latter rain," or refreshing from the presence of the Lord, will come, to give power to the loud voice of the third angel, and prepare the saints to stand in the period (**about a year long**) when the seven last plagues shall be poured out. {ExV54 3.4}

4- LOUD CRY OF THE THIRD ANGEL GOES OUT TO THE WORLD

- We shall thus form characters that will insure our deliverance in the **time of trouble** {RH August 12, 1884, par. 10} Characters were formed BEFORE time of trouble
- saints partake largely of Christ's Spirit and
- **as** the **3rd angel's message swells to a loud cry** and **as** great power and glory attends the closing work, the faithful people of God will partake of that glory. It is **the latter rain which revives and strengthens them to pass through the time of trouble**. Their faces will shine with the glory of that light which **attends the third angel**. {RH May 27, 1862, par. 2}

5- Living righteous receive the seal of God PRIOR to the close of probation {1SM66}

6- Daniel 11:45 **Turkey moves from Istanbul** to Holy Land; then comes to her end (Fulfilment of the 1st half of Daniel 11:45)

Israel is completely destroyed! See SNH, SDP 227-249

And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the **great river Euphrates**; and the **water thereof was dried up**, that the way of the kings of the East might be prepared. - **Rev 16:12** (Fulfilment of the 2nd half of Daniel 11:45)

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"This application is so consistent, and so generally acknowledged, that it is unnecessary to offer further proof. Here, then, is **Turkey**, particularly in its Asiatic possessions, watered by the Euphrates River. Waters, when taken as a symbol, denote people, nations, etc. Therefore **the drying up of the river Euphrates must indicate the gradual shrinking of the sultan's dominions**. Already the European possessions of Turkey have dwindled away to nearly one third their original area, and **still the process goes on**, and the day cannot be far distant when it will no longer have a foothold on the soil of Europe. **Then the sultan will be obliged to move over into Asia, and this is what the prophecy of Daniel affirms that he will do.** [Since this book was written in 1897, this prophecy of the Sultan's move into Asia was fulfilled around 1912 or so. **Sultan is in Asia Minor territory today and as "the drying up" continues, he will gradually lose all territory by "coming to his end" as recorded in Dan 11:45**]. Even then the consumption will go on until the territory watered by the Euphrates will also be wrenched from his grasp, and **he will have come to his end** [Dan 11:45]. **This absorption of the Turkish possessions will arouse the hostility or cupidity of all nations**, and their respective military forces, now training for that very emergency, will be called into action. **It is distinctly stated in the prophecy that the drying up of the Euphrates prepares the way for the kings of the East. This is the Eastern Question, and the crisis will surely come.**" {The Eastern Question by H. E. Robinson, 1897 Review & Herald Publishing, Page 168-169}

- **(SOMETIME DURING THIS TIME, PROBATION WILL CLOSE IN THE HEAVENLY SANCTUARY ABOVE AND WE DO NOT KNOW EXACTLY WHEN)** The NATION of Israel (Jews) is destroyed as prophecy declares (Deut 21:39;) by Islam.
- The nations fight against Islam (every man's hand is against him) for the envied control of the territory of Jerusalem.
- During/following this time, the first 5 plagues are poured out (after probation closed) which are localized and
- under the **6th plague** (drying up of river Euphrates), Islam will come to its end (Dan 11:45- 2nd half FULFILLED) **of which will follow**
- the **Battle of Armageddon** will follow between the 6th and 7th plague. (See plagues below)

If we are to believe the pioneers (esp. on prophecy), then we need to look at Uriah Smith's comments on Rev. 16:12 dealing with the **sixth plague** as found in his book:

"The drying up of the river in this sense would be the consumption of the Turkish empire, accompanied with more or less destruction of its subjects. Thus we should have literal judgments upon men as the result of this plague, as in the case of all the others."

"**Turkey will be no more**, and the way will be all open for the nations to make their last grand rally to the Holy Land. The kings of the East, the nationalities, powers, and kingdoms lying east of Palestine, will act a conspicuous part in the matter; for **Joel says in reference to this scene, "Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat."** The millions of Mohammedans of Persia, Afghanistan, Toorkistan, and India **will rush to the field of conquest** in behalf of their religion." *Daniel and the Revelation, 1897 edition p. 692*

- 7- Dan 12:1 Jesus work done in Sanctuary (Probation closes for the world); therefore there is no intercessor-** *Broadside2 January 31, 1849, par. 2* } Jesus stands up and puts on garments of vengeance.
- 8- No intercessor** {*Broadside2 January 31, 1849, par. 2*}
- 9- Time of Trouble (NOT 'Jacob's' Trouble) / 7 last plagues/ wrath of God poured out...** {*EW 36, 37 (1851)*} plagues enrage the wicked - {*Broadside2 January 31, 1849, par. 2*}
 - **Servants are sealed** *Broadside2 January 31, 1849, par. 2* }
 - All (righteous) receive seal of living God just before entering time of Jacob's trouble {*DS March 14, 1846, par. 2* }
 - 4 Angels **cease to hold the four winds (Islam)**. And I saw famine, pestilence and sword, nation

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- rose against nation, and the whole world was in confusion. {DS March 14, 1846, par. 2}
- as the **3rd angel's message swells to a loud cry** and as great power and glory attends the closing work, the faithful people of God will partake of that glory. It is **the latter rain which revives and strengthens them to pass through the time of trouble**. Their faces will shine with the glory of that light which **attends the third angel**. {RH May 27, 1862, par. 2}
 - In the time of trouble, **we all fled from the cities and villages**. {WLF 19.2}
 - **while the plagues are falling** the scape goat is being led away. {Ms15-1850.8}
 - **Saints Betrayed** I saw that the nominal churches and nominal Adventists, like Judas, would betray us to the Catholics, to obtain their influence to come against the saints. The saints will be an obscure people, but little known to the Catholics, but the church and **nominal Adventists** will know of our faith and customs, and will betray the saints and report them to the Catholics, as those who disregard the institution of the pope, that is they keep the Sabbath and disregard Sunday. {Ms15-1850.6}
 - at **commencement of time of trouble**, saints **proclaim Sabbath more fully** {WLF 18.4} And
 - at this time, God's chosen, all saw clearly that we had the truth, and they came out and endured the persecution with us. And I saw the sword, famine, pestilence, and great confusion in the and. [Ezekiel 7:10-19. 2 ESDRAS 15:5-27] **The wicked thought that we had brought the judgments down on them. They rose up and took counsel to rid the earth of us, thinking that then the evil would be stayed.** [2 ESDRAS 16:68-74.] {WLF 18.4}
 - the **Battle of Armageddon** will follow **between the 6th and 7th plague**.

When the Islamic power is finally destroyed there will be a vacuum in the Middle East, and all the great nations of today will be desperate to gain control over the area that had been controlled by the Islamic nations. The reason for this is primarily oil, and the strategic position of Constantinople. The world will not know that probation has closed until the pouring out of the 7th plague.

The papacy is controlling the movements behind the scenes, because she believes that out of it all she will end up with Jerusalem as her capitol and behind the "mystery of iniquity," wants Jerusalem for his capitol, because it was considered by God to be the most sacred spot on Earth for many centuries.

The Papacy wants Islam destroyed so they can finally control Jerusalem, and the great nations of today are willing to do it so they can control the oil by holding the strategic position of Constantinople and at the same time put a final stop to the terrorist attacks. Satan doesn't care which "power" of the "mystery of iniquity", Islam or the Papacy, comes out on top as long as he ends up on the throne in Jerusalem. The Bible makes it plain that the image of the beast will rule for "one hour" (15 days) or a "short space [of time]," with the Papacy as the "spiritual" power (Rev 17:10). **They won't realize, however, that by this time, probation has already closed and Jesus is on His way to redeem His own elect.**

The Battle of Armageddon will continue through the 7th plague. Just as the Papacy is ready to take the throne of the world, she will be destroyed as all nations turn on her and "eat her flesh and burn her with fire", then the bloodbath is finally ended by the Second Coming of Christ.

We are told that, "We need to study the pouring out of the seventh vial," so that we can understand all of these prophecies and know where we are in the stream of time. We need to know when probation is closing and the progress of events during the plagues, especially as relating to the battle of Armageddon and the 7th vial, so that our faith will not fail during this extremely perilous time (see quotes on Armageddon)

Those who would make the King of the North the Papacy, totally ignore the gigantic system of the mystery of iniquity known today as Islam. This system of Satan is breathtakingly evil and will play a major role in the final events of this world's history. The Papacy is behind it all, and is instigating the uprisings in the Islamic nations, and secretly promoting the terrorism from behind the scenes. The Muslim Brotherhood, instigated by the Papacy, is working to unite all Islamic nations into a Caliphate centered in Turkey. When this is accomplished they will annihilate Israel and proceed to try to take the whole world for Allah. When we see this happening, we will know that probation is rapidly closing.

The Papacy, KNOWING THAT Islam and Protestantism must be destroyed if she is going to rule the world, will then pit Islam against the United States and the great powers of the Earth. Remember, "every man's

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hand will be against him.” This sets in motion the chain of events that brings the King of the North to his end.

Satan, will then attempt to set up his throne in Jerusalem, not knowing or at least not admitting **that probation has already closed. At the same time, by destroying the Islamic Caliphate, (first centered in Constantinople, and almost immediately move to Jerusalem) a void will be created in this very strategic area between the eastern and western nations. All of the Kings of the East and of the whole world will be desperate to control this area, and this will culminate in the Battle of Armageddon.**

10- Death Decree; The Time of “Jacob’s” Trouble

- **Then** the Catholics bid the Protestants to go forward and **issue a decree** that all who will not observe the first day of the week instead of the seventh **shall be slain**, and the Catholics, whose numbers are large, will stand by the Protestants. **The Catholics will give their power to the image of the beast and then Protestants will work as their mother worked before them to destroy the saints.** But **before their decrees bring forth or bear fruit**, the saints will be delivered by the voice of God. {Ms15-1850.7}
- **Death Decree** - A decree went forth to slay the saints which caused them to cry day and night for deliverance. **This was the time of Jacob’s trouble.** {EW 36, 37 (1851)} Goes forth just before the coming of the Lord {3SG 131}
- The righteous in their mental anguish will cry to God day and night for deliverance from the hand of the wicked who surround them {3SG 131.1} (During time of Jacob’s trouble)
- **Time of Jacobs Trouble** {Broadside2 January 31, 1849, par. 2} “time of trouble, such as never was” {DS March 14, 1846, par. 2}, earth desolate {Ed 181.1-3} **period of last conflict** RH May 27, 1862, par. 2}

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11- --7th plague and Jesus comes at the end of the plague

12- SECOND COMING

- “**Then we cried to God for deliverance** day and night till **we began to hear the bells on Jesus’ garment.** And I saw Jesus rise up in the Holiest, and as he came out **we heard the tinkling of bells, and knew our High Priest was coming out.**
- **Then we heard the voice of God which shook the heavens and earth, and gave the 144,000 the day and hour of Jesus’ coming.**
- Saints given day and hour of Christ’s return [Ezekiel 43:2. Joel 3:16. Revelation 16:17.] {WLF 14.2}
- **Then the saints were free, united and full of the glory of God, for he had turned their captivity.** And I saw **a flaming cloud** come where Jesus stood and he laid off his priestly garment and put on his kingly robe, took his place on the cloud **which carried him to the east where it first appeared to the saints on earth, a small black cloud, which was the sign of the Son of Man.** While the cloud was passing from the Holiest to the east **which took a number of days**, the Synagogue of Satan worshiped at the saints feet.” {DS March 14, 1846, par. 2}

13- 144,000 delivered/ triumphed {Broadside2 January 31, 1849, par. 2}

- Delivered out of time of trouble (DS March 14, 1846.2)
- Saints delivered by voice of God {Broadside2 January 31, 1849, par. 2}

14- Judge the dead for 1000 years in heaven {Broadside2 January 31, 1849, par. 2}

15- Wicked resurrected after 1000 years

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SEQUENCE OF CLOSING EVENTS QUTOES (to support above outline)

Four winds of Islam/ death decree/ plagues/ sealing:

I saw that the four angels would hold the four winds until Jesus' work was done in the sanctuary, and then will come the seven last plagues. These plagues enraged the wicked against the righteous; they thought that we had brought the judgments of God upon them and that if they could rid the earth of us the plagues would then be stayed. A decree went forth to slay the saints, which caused them to cry day and night for deliverance.--EW 36, 37 (1851). {LDE 245.1}

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

I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was without form, and void; and the heavens, and they had no light. I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly. I beheld, and, lo, there was no man, and all the birds of the heavens were fled. I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place was a wilderness, and all the cities thereof were broken down.” **Jeremiah 4:19, 20, 23-26**. {Ed 181.1}

“Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.” **Jeremiah 30:7**. {Ed 181.2}

“Come, My people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: **hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast.**” **Isaiah 26:20**. {Ed 181.3}

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As the members of the body of Christ approach the period of their last conflict, "the time of Jacob's trouble," they will grow up into Christ, and **will partake largely of His Spirit. As the third message swells to a loud cry**, and as great power and glory attends the closing work, the faithful people of God will partake of that glory. It is the latter rain which revives and strengthens them to pass through the time of trouble. Their faces will shine with the glory of that light which attends the third angel. {RH May 27, 1862, par. 2}

About four months since, I had a vision of events, **all in the future**. And I saw the time of trouble, such as never was,—Jesus told me it was the time of Jacob's trouble, and that we should be delivered out of it by the voice of God. **Just before we entered it, we all received the seal of the living God. Then I saw the four Angels cease to hold the four winds. And I saw famine, pestilence and sword, nation rose against nation, and the whole world was in confusion.** Then we cried to God for deliverance day and night till we began to hear the bells on Jesus' garment. And I saw Jesus rise up in the Holiest, and as he came out we heard the tinkling of bells, and knew our High Priest was coming out. Then we heard the voice of God which shook the heavens and earth, and gave the 144,000 the day and hour of Jesus' coming. Then the saints were free, united and full of the glory of God, for he had turned their captivity. And I saw a flaming cloud come where Jesus stood and he laid off his priestly garment and put on his kingly robe, took his place on the cloud which carried him to the east where it first appeared to the saints on earth, a small black cloud, which was the sign of the Son of Man. While the cloud was passing from the Holiest to the east which took a number of days, the Synagogue of Satan worshiped at the saints feet. {DS March 14, 1846, par. 2}

That season of distress and anguish will require an effort of earnestness and determined faith that can endure delay and hunger, and will not fail under weakness, though severely tried. The period of probation is the time granted to all to prepare for the day of God. If any neglect the preparation, and heed not the faithful warnings given, they will be without excuse. Jacob's earnest, persevering wrestling with the angel should be an example for Christians. Jacob prevailed, because he was persevering and determined. All who desire the blessing of God, as did Jacob, and will lay hold of the promises, as he did, and be as earnest and persevering as he was, will succeed, as he succeeded. **Why there is so little exercise of true faith, and so little of the weight of truth resting upon many professed believers is because they are indolent, in spiritual things. They are unwilling to make exertions, to deny self, to agonize before God, to pray long and earnestly for the blessing, and therefore they do not obtain it. That faith which will live through the time of trouble must be in daily exercise now.** Those who do not make strong efforts now to exercise persevering faith will be wholly unprepared to exercise that faith which will enable them to stand in the day of trouble. {3SG 135.1}

Jacob and Esau represent two classes; Jacob the righteous, and Esau the wicked. Jacob's distress when he learned that Esau was marching against him with four hundred men, **represents the trouble of the righteous as the decree goes forth to put them to death, just before the coming of the Lord.** As the wicked gather about them they will be filled with anguish, for like Jacob they can see no escape for their lives. The angel placed himself before Jacob, and he took hold of the angel and held him, and wrestled with him all night. So also will the righteous, in their **time of trouble and anguish, wrestle in prayer with God, as Jacob wrestled with the angel.** Jacob in his distress prayed all night for deliverance from the hand of Esau. The righteous in their mental anguish will cry to God day and night for deliverance from the hand of the wicked who surround them. {3SG 131.1}

The path to freedom from sin is through crucifixion of self, and conflict with the powers of darkness. Let none be discouraged in view of the severe trials to be met in the time of Jacob's trouble, which is yet before them. They are to work earnestly, anxiously, not for that time, but for today. What we want is to have a knowledge of the truth as it is in Christ now, and a personal experience now. In these precious closing hours of probation, we have a deep and living experience to gain. We shall thus form characters that will insure our deliverance in the time of trouble. {RH August 12, 1884, par. 10}

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Jacob's night of anguish, when he wrestled in prayer for deliverance from the hand of Esau, [Genesis 32:24-30.] represents the experience of God's people in the time of trouble. Because of the deception practiced to secure his father's blessing, intended for Esau, Jacob had fled for his life, alarmed by his brother's deadly threats. After remaining for many years an exile, he had set out, at God's command, to return with his wives and children, his flocks and herds, to his native country. On reaching the borders of the land, he was filled with terror by the tidings of Esau's approach at the head of a band of warriors, doubtless bent upon revenge. Jacob's company, unarmed and defenseless, seemed about to fall helpless victims of violence and slaughter. And to the burden of anxiety and fear was added the crushing weight of self-reproach; for it was his own sin that had brought this danger. His only hope was in the mercy of God; his only defense must be prayer. Yet he leaves nothing undone on his own part to atone for the wrong to his brother, and to avert the threatened danger. So should the followers of Christ, as they approach the time of trouble, make every exertion to place themselves in a proper light before the people, to disarm prejudice, and to avert the danger which threatens liberty of conscience. {GC88 616.2}

The Sealing

At the commencement of the holy Sabbath, January 5, 1849, we engaged in prayer with Brother Belden's family at Rocky Hill, Connecticut, and the Holy Ghost fell upon us. I was taken off in vision to the most holy place, where I saw Jesus still interceding for Israel. On the bottom of His garment was a bell and a pomegranate. **Then I saw that Jesus would not leave the most holy place until every case was decided either for salvation or destruction, and that the wrath of God could not come until Jesus had finished His work in the most holy place, laid off His priestly attire, and clothed Himself with the garments of vengeance.** Then Jesus will step out from between the Father and man, and God will keep silence no longer, but pour out His wrath on those who have rejected His truth. I saw that the anger of the nations, the wrath of God, and the time to judge the dead were separate and distinct, one following the other, also that Michael had not stood up, and that the time of trouble, such as never was, had not yet commenced. The nations are now getting angry, but when our High Priest has finished His work in the sanctuary, **He will stand up, put on the garments of vengeance, and then the seven last plagues will be poured out.** {EW 36.1}

I saw that **the four angels would hold the four winds until Jesus' work was done in the sanctuary, and then will come the seven last plagues. These plagues enraged the wicked against the righteous; they thought that we had brought the judgments of God upon them, and that if they could rid the earth of us, the plagues would then be stayed. A decree went forth to slay the saints, which caused them to cry day and night for deliverance. This was the time of Jacob's trouble.** Then all the saints cried out with anguish of spirit, and were delivered by the voice of God. The 144,000 triumphed. Their faces were lighted up with the glory of God. Then I was shown a company who were howling in agony. On their garments was written in large characters, "Thou art weighed in the balance, and found wanting." I asked who this company were. The angel said, "These are they who have once kept the Sabbath and have given it up." I heard them cry with a loud voice, "We have believed in Thy coming, and taught it with energy." And while they were speaking, their eyes would fall upon their garments and see the writing, and then they would wail aloud. I saw that they had drunk of the deep waters, and fouled the residue with their feet—trodden the Sabbath underfoot—and that was why they were weighed in the balance and found wanting. {EW 36.2}

Judgment of the Dead:

I saw that at the voice of God the saints will be mighty and terrible as an army with banners, but they will not then execute the judgment written. But after they are changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, and are caught up with the sleeping saints, and receive their harps, crowns, &c, and enter the city, Jesus and the saints sit in judgment, the books are opened, the book of life and the book of death. The book of

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life contains the good deeds of the saints, and the book of death contains the evil deeds of the wicked. These books were compared with the statute book—the Bible—and according to that they were judged. The saints in unison with Jesus passed their judgment upon the wicked dead. Behold ye, said the angel, the saints sit in unison with Jesus and mete out to each of the wicked according to the deeds done in the body, and it is set off against their names what they must receive at the execution of the judgment. This I saw was the work of the saints with Jesus through the 1000 years. {Ms14-1850.9}

Dear Brother Bates

Topsham, Me., April 7, 1847.

Dear Brother Bates:--Last Sabbath we met with the dear brethren and sisters here, who meet at Bro. Howland's. {WLF 18.1}

We felt an unusual spirit of prayer. And as we prayed, the Holy Ghost fell upon us. We were very happy. Soon I was lost to earthly things, and was wrapped up in a vision of God's glory. I saw an angel swiftly flying to me. He quickly carried me from the earth to the Holy City. In the city I saw a temple, which I entered. I passed through a door before I came to the first veil. This veil was raised, and I passed into the Holy Place. Here I saw the altar of Incense, the candlestick with seven lamps, and the table on which was the showbread, etc. After viewing the glory of the Holy, Jesus raised the second veil, and I passed into the Holy of Holies. [Hebrews 9:1-24.] {WLF 18.2}

In the Holiest I saw an ark; on the top and sides of it was purest gold. On each end of the ark was a lovely Cherub, with their wings spread out over it. Their faces were turned towards each other, and they looked downwards. [Exodus 25:18-22.] **Between the angels was a golden censor. Above the ark, where the angels stood, was an exceeding bright glory, that appeared like a throne where God dwelt.** [Exodus 25:20-22.] **Jesus stood by the ark. And as the saints' prayers came up to Jesus, the incense in the censor would smoke, and He offered up the prayers of the saints with the smoke of the incense to His Father.**

[Revelation 8:3,4.] In the ark, was the golden pot of manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of stone which folded together like a book. [Hebrews 9:4.] Jesus opened them, and I saw the ten commandments written on them with the finger of God. [Exodus 31:18.] On one table was four, and on the other six. The four on the first table shone brighter than the other six. But the fourth (the Sabbath commandment,) shone above them all; for the Sabbath was set apart to be kept in honor of God's holy name. [Isaiah 58:13,14.] The holy Sabbath looked glorious--a halo of glory was all around it. I saw that the Sabbath was not nailed to the cross. If it was, the other nine commandments were; and we are at liberty to go forth and break them all, as well as to break the fourth. I saw that God had not changed the Sabbath, for He never changes. [Malachi 3:6.] But the Pope had changed it from the seventh to the first day of the week; for he was to change times and laws. [Daniel 7:25.] {WLF 18.3}

And I saw that if God had changed the Sabbath, from the seventh to the first day, He would have changed the writing of the Sabbath commandment, written on the tables of stone, which are now in the ark, in the Most Holy Place of the Temple in heaven; [Revelation 11:19.] and it would read thus: the first day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God. But I saw that it read the same as when written on the tables of stone by the finger of God, and delivered to Moses in Sinai, "But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God." [Exodus 20:10.] I saw that the holy Sabbath is, and will be, the separating wall between the true Israel of God and unbelievers; and that the Sabbath is the great question, to unite the hearts of God's dear waiting saints. And if one believed, and kept the Sabbath, and received the blessing attending it, and then gave it up, and broke the holy commandment, they would shut the gates of the Holy City against themselves, as sure as there was a God that rules in heaven above. I saw that God had children, who do not see and keep the Sabbath. They had not rejected the light on it. **And at the commencement of the time of trouble, we were filled with the Holy Ghost as we went forth [Hosea 6:2, 3.] and proclaimed the Sabbath more fully.** This enraged the church, and nominal Adventists, as they could not refute the Sabbath truth. **And at this time, God's chosen, all saw clearly that we had the truth, and they came out and endured the persecution with us.** And I saw the sword, famine, pestilence, and great confusion in the land. [Ezekiel 7:10-19. 2

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ESDRAS 15:5-27] The wicked thought that we had brought the judgments down on them. They rose up and took counsel to rid the earth of us, thinking that then the evil would be stayed. [2 ESDRAS 16:68-74.] {WLF 18.4}

I saw all that "would not receive the mark of the Beast, and of his Image, in their foreheads or in their hands," could not buy or sell. [Revelation 13:15-17.] I saw that the number (666) of the Image Beast was made up; [Revelation 13:18.] and that it was the Beast that changed the Sabbath, and the Image Beast had followed on after, and kept the Pope's, and not God's Sabbath. And all we were required to do, was to give up God's Sabbath, and keep the Pope's, and then we should have the mark of the Beast, and of his image. {WLF 19.1}

In the time of trouble, we all fled from the cities and villages, [Ezekiel 7:15, 16. Luke 17:30-36. SEE CAMPBELL'S TRANSLATION.] **but were pursued by the wicked, who entered the houses of the saints with the sword. They raised the sword to kill us, but it broke, and fell, as powerless as a straw. Then we all cried day and night for deliverance, and the cry came up before God. [Luke 18:7,8.] The sun came up, and the moon stood still. [Habakkuk 3:11.] The streams ceased to flow. [2 ESDRAS 6:24.] Dark heavy clouds came up, and clashed against each other. [2 ESDRAS 15:34,35.] But there was one clear place of settled glory, from whence came the voice of God like many waters, which shook the heavens, and the earth. [Joel 3:16. Hebrews 12:25-27.] The sky opened and shut, and was in commotion. [Revelation 6:14. Matthew 24:29.] The mountains shook like a reed in the wind, and cast out ragged rocks all around. The sea boiled like a pot, and cast out stones upon the land. [Habakkuk 3:8-10. Isaiah 2:19-21.] And as God spoke the day and hour of Jesus' coming, [Ezekiel 12:25. Mark 13:32.] and delivered the everlasting covenant to His people, [Ezekiel 20:37. Hebrews 12:22-25.] He spoke one sentence, and then paused, while the words were rolling through the earth! [Jeremiah 25:30, 31.] The Israel of God stood with their eyes fixed upwards, listening to the words as they came from the mouth of Jehovah, and rolled through the earth like peals of loudest thunder! It was awfully solemn.** At the end of every sentence, the saints shouted, Glory! Hallelujah! Their countenances were lighted up with the glory of God; and they shone with the glory as Moses' face did when he came down from Sinai. The wicked could not look on them, for the glory. [Song of Solomon 5:1-5.] And when the never ending blessing was pronounced on those who had honored God, in keeping His Sabbath holy, there was a mighty shout of victory over the Beast, and over his Image. {WLF 19.2}

Then commenced the jubilee, when the land should rest. I saw the pious slave rise in triumph and victory, and shake off the chains that bound him, while his wicked master was in confusion, and knew not what to do; for the wicked could not understand the words of the voice of God. [Daniel 12:10.] Soon appeared the great white cloud. [Revelation 14:14.] It looked more lovely than ever before. On it sat the Son of Man. [Luke 21:27.] At first we did not see Jesus on the cloud, but as it drew near the earth, we could behold his lovely person. This cloud when it first appeared was the Sign of the Son of Man in heaven. [Matthew 24:30.] The voice of the Son of God called forth the sleeping saints, [John 5:25-28.] clothed with a glorious immortality. The living saints were changed in a moment, and caught up with them in the cloudy chariot. [1 Thessalonians 4:17.] It looked all over glorious as it rolled upwards. On either side of the chariot were wings, and beneath it wheels. And as the chariot rolled upwards, the wheels cried Holy, and the wings as they moved, cried Holy, and the retinue of Holy Angels around the cloud cried Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty. And the saints in the cloud cried Glory, Hallelujah. And the cloudy chariot rolled upwards to the Holy City. Jesus threw open the gates of the Golden City, and led us in. [Isaiah 26:2.] Here we were made welcome, for we had kept the "Commandments of God," and had a "right to the tree of life." [Revelation 22:14.]

From your sister in the blessed hope,

E. G. WHITE. {WLF 20.1}

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To the Remnant Scattered Abroad.

As God has shown me in holy vision the travels of the Advent people to the Holy City, and the rich reward to be given those **who wait** the return of their Lord from the wedding, it may be my duty to give you a short sketch of what God has revealed to me. The dear saints have got many trials to pass through. **But our light afflictions, which are but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory--while we look not at the things which are seen, for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.** I have tried to bring back a good report, and a few grapes from the heavenly Canaan, for which many would stone me, as the congregation bade stone Caleb and Joshua for their report, (Numbers 14:10.) But I declare to you, my brethren and sisters in the Lord, it is a goodly land, and **we are well able to go up and possess it.** {WLF 14.1}

While praying at the family altar, the Holy Ghost fell on me, and I seemed to be rising higher and higher, far above the dark world. I turned to look for the Advent people in the world, but could not find them--when a voice said to me, "Look again, and look a little higher." At this I raised my eyes and saw a straight and **narrow path**, [Matthew 7:14.] cast up high above the world. On this path the Advent people were travelling to the City, which was at the farther end of the path. **They had a bright light set up behind them at the first end of the path, which an angel told me was the Midnight Cry.** [Matthew 25:6.] This light shone all along the path, and gave light for their feet so they might not stumble. And if they kept their eyes fixed on Jesus, who was just before them, leading them to the City, they were safe. But soon some grew weary, and they said the City was a great way off, and they expected to have entered it before. Then Jesus would encourage them by raising his glorious right arm, and from his arm came a glorious light which waved over the Advent band, and they shouted Hallelujah! Others rashly denied the light behind them, and said that it was not God that had led them out so far. The light behind them went out leaving their feet in perfect darkness, and they stumbled and got their eyes off the mark and lost sight of Jesus, and fell off the path down in the dark and wicked world below. It was just as impossible for them to get on the path again and go to the City, as all the wicked world which God had rejected. They fell all the way along the path one after another, until we heard the voice of God like many waters, [Ezekiel 43:2. Joel 3:16. Revelation 16:17.] which gave us the day and hour of Jesus' coming. [Ezekiel 12:25. Mark 13:32.] The living saints, 144,000 in number, knew and understood the voice, while the wicked thought it was thunder and an earthquake. [John 12:29.] When God spake the time, he poured on us the Holy Ghost, and our faces began to light up and shine with the glory of God as Moses' did when he came down from Mount Sinai. [Isaiah 10:27.] {WLF 14.2}

By this time the 144,000 were all sealed and perfectly united. On their foreheads was written, God, New Jerusalem, and a glorious Star containing Jesus' new name. [Revelation 3:12.] At our happy, holy state the wicked were enraged, and would rush violently up to lay hands on us to thrust us in prison, when we would stretch forth the hand in the name of the Lord, and the wicked would fall helpless to the ground. Then it was that the synagogue of Satan knew that God had loved us who could wash one another's feet, and salute the holy brethren with a holy kiss, and they worshipped at our feet. [Revelation 3:9.] Soon our eyes were drawn to the East, for a small black cloud had appeared about half as large as a man's hand, which we all knew was the Sign of the Son of Man. [Matthew 24:30.] We all in solemn silence gazed on the cloud as it drew nearer, lighter, and brighter, glorious, and still more glorious, till it was a great white cloud. [Revelation 14:14.] The bottom appeared like fire, a rainbow was over it, around the cloud were ten thousand angels singing a most lovely song. And on it sat the Son of Man, [Luke 21:27.] on his head were crowns, [Revelation 19:12.] his hair was white and curly and lay on his shoulders. [Revelation 1:14.] His feet had the appearance of fire, [Revelation 1:15.] in his right hand was a sharp sickle, [Revelation 14:14.] in his left a silver trumpet. [1 Thessalonians 4:16.] His eyes were as a flame of fire, [Revelation 1:14.] which searched his children through and through. Then all faces gathered paleness, and those that God had rejected gathered blackness. Then we all cried out, who shall be able to stand? Is my robe spotless? Then the angels ceased to sing, and there was some time of awful silence, [Revelation 8:1.] when Jesus spoke.

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Those who have clean hands and a pure heart shall be able to stand, my grace is sufficient for you. At this, our faces lighted up, and joy filled every heart. And the angels struck a note higher and sung again while the cloud drew still nearer the earth. Then Jesus' silver trumpet sounded, as he descended on the cloud, wrapped in flames of fire [2 Thessalonians 1:7,8] **He gazed on the graves of the sleeping saints, then raised his eyes and hands to heaven and cried out, [John 5:25.] Awake! Awake! Awake! ye that sleep in the dust, and arise.** Then there was a mighty earthquake. The graves opened, and the dead came up clothed with immortality. The 144,000 shouted, Hallelujah! as they recognized their friends who had been torn from them by death, and in the same moment we were changed and caught up together with them to meet the Lord in the air. [1 Thessalonians 4:17.] We all entered the cloud together, and **were seven days ascending to the sea of glass**, when Jesus brought along the crowns and with his own right hand placed them on our heads. [2 ESDRAS 2:43.] He gave us harps of gold and palms of victory. [Revelation 15:2. Revelation 7:9.] Here on the sea of glass the 144,000 stood in a perfect square. Some of them had very bright crowns, others not so bright. Some crowns appeared heavy with stars, while others had but few. All were perfectly satisfied with their crowns. And they were all clothed with a glorious white mantle from their shoulders to their feet. [Revelation 7:9.] Angels were all about us as we marched over the sea of glass to the gate of the City. Jesus raised his mighty glorious arm, laid hold of the gate and swung it back on its golden hinges, and said to us, You have washed your robes in my blood, stood stily for my truth, enter in. [Isaiah 26:2.] We all marched in and felt we had a perfect right in the City. Here we saw the tree of life, and the throne of God. Out of the throne came a pure river of water, and on either side of the river was the tree of life. [Revelation 22:1, 2.] On one side of the river was a trunk of a tree and a trunk on the other side of the river, both of pure transparent gold. {WLF 14.3}

At first I thought I saw two trees. I looked again and saw they were united at the top in one tree. So it was the tree of life, on either side of the river of life; its branches bowed to the place where we stood; and the fruit was glorious, which looked like gold mixed with silver. We all went under the tree, and sat down to look at the glory of the place, when brothers **Fitch and Stockman**, who had preached the gospel of the kingdom, and whom God had laid in the grave to save them, came up to us and asked us what we had passed through while they were sleeping. We tried to call up our greatest trials, but they looked so small compared with the far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory [2 Corinthians 4:17.] that surrounded us, that we could not speak them out, [Isaiah 65:17.] and we all cried out Hallelujah, heaven is cheap enough, and we touched our glorious harps and made heaven's arches ring. And as we were gazing at the glories of the place our eyes were attracted upwards to something that had the appearance of silver. I asked Jesus to let me see what was within there. In a moment we were winging our way upward, and entering in; here we saw good old father Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Noah, Daniel, and many like them. And I saw a vail with a heavy fringe of silver and gold, as a border on the bottom; it was very beautiful. I asked Jesus what was within the vail. He raised it with his own right arm, and bade me take heed. I saw there a glorious ark, overlaid with pure gold, and it had a glorious border, resembling Jesus' crowns; and on it were two bright angels--their wings were spread over the ark as they sat on each end, with their faces turned towards each other and looking downward. [Exodus 25:18, 20. Hebrews 9:3-5.] In the ark, beneath where the angels' wings were spread, was a golden pot of Manna, of a yellowish cast; and I saw a rod, which Jesus said was Aaron's; I saw it bud, blossom and bear fruit. [Numbers 17:8.] And I saw two long golden rods, on which hung silver wires, and on the wires most glorious grapes; one cluster was more than a man here could carry. And I saw Jesus step up and take of the manna, almonds, grapes and pomegranates, and bear them down to the city, and place them on the supper table. I stepped up to see how much was taken away, and there was just as much left; and we shouted Hallelujah--Amen. We all descended from this place down into the city, and with Jesus at our head we all descended from the city down to this earth, on a great and mighty mountain, which could not bear Jesus up, and it parted asunder, and there was a mighty plain. [Zechariah 14:4.] Then we looked up and saw the great city, with twelve foundations, twelve gates, three on each side, and an angel at each gate, and all cried out, "the city, the great city, it's coming, it's coming

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down from God, out of heaven;" [Revelation 21:10-13.] and it came and settled on the place where we stood. Then we began to look at the glorious things outside of the city. There I saw most glorious houses, that had the appearance of silver, supported by four pillars, set with pearls, most glorious to behold, which were to be inhabited by the saints; [Isaiah 65:21.] in them was a golden shelf; I saw many of the saints go into the houses, take off their glittering crowns and lay them on the shelf, then go out into the field by the houses to do something with the earth; [Isaiah 65:21.] not as we have to do with the earth here; no, no. A glorious light shone all about their heads, and they were continually shouting and offering praises to God. {WLF 16.1}

And I saw another field full of all kinds of flowers, and as I plucked them, I cried out, well they will never fade. Next I saw a field of tall grass, most glorious to behold; it was living green, and had a reflection of silver and gold, as it waved proudly to the glory of King Jesus. Then we entered a field full of all kinds of beasts--the lion, the lamb, the leopard and the wolf, altogether in perfect union; [Isaiah 11:6-9.] we passed through the midst of them, and they followed on peaceably after. Then we entered a wood, not like the dark woods we have here, no, no; but light, and all over glorious; the branches of the trees waved to and fro, and we all cried out, "we will dwell safely in the wilderness and sleep in this woods." [Ezekiel 34:25.] We passed through the woods, for we were on our way to Mount Zion. As we were travelling along, we met a company who were also gazing at the glories of the place. I noticed red as a border on their garments; their crowns were brilliant; their robes were pure white. As we greeted them, I asked Jesus who they were? He said they were martyrs that had been slain for him. With them was an innumerable company of little ones; they had a hem of red on their garments also. [Jeremiah 31:15-17. Matthew 2:18.] Mount Zion was just before us, and on the Mount sat a glorious temple, and about it were seven other mountains, on which grew roses and lilies, [2 ESDRAS 2:19.] and I saw the little ones climb, or if they chose, use their little wings and fly to the top of the mountains, and pluck the never fading flowers. There were all kinds of trees around the temple to beautify the place; the box, the pine, the fir, the oil, the myrtle, the pomegranate, and the fig tree bowed down with the weight of its timely figs, that made the place look all over glorious. [Isaiah 60:13. Isaiah 41:19.] And as we were about to enter the holy temple, Jesus raised his lovely voice and said, only the 144,000 enter this place, and we shouted Hallelujah. {WLF 17.1}

Well, bless the Lord, dear brethren and sisters, it is an extra meeting for those who have the seal of the living God [Revelation 14:3.] This temple was supported by seven pillars, all of transparent gold, set with pearls most glorious. The glorious things I saw there, I cannot describe to you. O, that I could talk in the language of Canaan, then could I tell a little of the glory of the upper world; but, if faithful, you soon will know all about it. I saw there the tables of stone in which the names of the 144,000 were engraved in letters of gold; after we had beheld the glory of the temple, we went out. Then Jesus left us, and went to the city; soon, we heard his lovely voice again, saying-- "Come my people, you have come out of great tribulation, and done my will; suffered for me; come in to supper, for I will gird myself, and serve you." [Luke 12:37.] We shouted Hallelujah, glory, and entered into the city And I saw a table of pure silver, it was many miles in length, yet our eyes could extend over it. And I saw the fruit of the tree of life, the manna, almonds, figs, pomegranates, grapes, and many other kinds of fruit. We all reclined at the table. I asked Jesus to let me eat of the fruit. He said, not now. Those who eat of the fruit of this land, go back to earth no more. But in a little while, if faithful, you shall both eat of the fruit of the tree of life, and drink of the water of the fountain; and he said, you must go back to the earth again, and relate to others, what I have revealed to you. Then an angel bore me gently down to this dark world. Sometimes I think I cannot stay here any longer, all things of earth look so dreary--I feel very lonely here, for I have seen a better land. O, that I had wings like a dove, then would I fly away, and be at rest. {WLF 17.2}

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When the Sealing Begins

When Did the Sealing Work Begin?

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

Loughborough- "Questions on the Sealing Message" 1916:

Note: *italics are in the original*

THE SEALING MESSAGE

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

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

WHEN DID THE SEALING WORK BEGIN?

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

We will note other testimonies showing that the sealing work was going on at that time. In "Experience and Views," "Early Writings," old edition, page 35, speaking of what was then occurring, we read: "Satan is now using every device in this sealing time to keep the minds of God's people from the present truth, and cause them to waver. I saw a covering that God was drawing over His people to protect them in the time of trouble; and every soul that was decided on the truth, and was pure in heart, was to be covered with the covering of the Almighty." {1916 JNL, QSM 19.2}

From the same testimony, page 36, we read: "I saw that Satan was at work in these ways to distract, deceive, and draw away God's people, just now in this sealing time. . . . Satan was trying his every art to hold them where they were, until the sealing was past, until the covering was drawn over God's people,

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and they left without a shelter from the burning wrath of God, in the seven last plagues. God has begun to draw this covering over His people, and it will soon be drawn over all who are to have a shelter in the day of slaughter." {1916 JNL, QSM 20.1}

I will quote from a tract published in 1852, a vision given to Sister White, at the home of Brother Harris, at Centerport, New York, August 24, 1850: "I saw that Satan will work now more powerfully than ever before, for he knows that his time is short, and that the sealing will soon be over. And he will now work in every insinuation to get the saints off their guard, and get them to sleep upon present truth, and doubting it, so as to prevent their being sealed with the seal of the living God." We read in "Early Writings," "Experience and Views," page 49, old edition: "The sealing time is very short, and soon will be over. Now is the time, while the four angels are holding the four winds, to make our calling and election sure." {1916 JNL, QSM 20.2} It was because of these plain statements, that our people and ministers, down to 1894, believed and taught that the sealing work had been going on since 1848, and that the 144,000 were being sealed. I do not see how we could draw any other idea, from the testimonies we have quoted, than that the sealing work had begun in 1848-1850. {1916 JNL, QSM 21.1}

SAINTS BETRAYED TO THE CATHOLICS

I saw that the truth should be made plain on tables, that the earth and the fullness thereof is the Lord's, and that necessary means should not be spared to make it plain. I saw that the angels' messages made plain, would have effect. I saw that the old chart was directed by the Lord, and that not a peg of it should be altered without inspiration. I saw that the figures on the chart were as God wanted them, and that His hand was over and hid a mistake in some of the figures so that none could see it until His hand was removed. {Ms15-1850.4}

I saw that the two-horned beast had a dragon mouth, and that his power was in his head, and that the decree would go out of his mouth. Then I saw the mother of harlots, that the mother was not the daughters, but separate and distinct from them. She has had her day, and it is past, and her daughters, Protestant sects, were next to come on the stage and act out the same mind that the mother had when she persecuted the saints. I saw that as the mother has been declining in power the daughters have been growing, and soon they will exercise the power once manifested by the mother. {Ms15-1850.5}

I saw that the nominal churches and nominal Adventists, like Judas, would betray us to the Catholics, to obtain their influence to come against the saints. The saints will be an obscure people, but little known to the Catholics, but the church and nominal Adventists will know of our faith and customs, and will betray the saints and report them to the Catholics, as those who disregard the institution of the pope, that is they keep the Sabbath and disregard Sunday. {Ms15-1850.6}

Then the Catholics bid the Protestants to go forward and issue a decree that all who will not observe the first day of the week instead of the seventh shall be slain, and the Catholics, whose numbers are large, will stand by the Protestants. The Catholics will give their power to the image of the beast and then Protestants will work as their mother worked before them to destroy the saints. But before their decrees bring forth or bear fruit, the saints will be delivered by the voice of God. {Ms15-1850.7}

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}

Jesus clothes Himself with the garments of vengeance and takes His place upon the great white cloud before the plagues are poured out. The great white cloud, I saw, was not in the holy place but entirely separate from the holy and most holy, entirely separate from the sanctuary. {Ms15-1850.9}

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As Jesus passed through the holy place or first apartment, to the door to confess the sins of Israel on the scape goat, an angel said, This apartment is called the sanctuary. Then the angel repeated these words and said this is the time spoken of, and he saw that there was no man and wondered that there was no intercessor; **we had no mediator between God and man and the plagues could be withheld no longer,** for Jesus had ceased to plead for Israel, and they were covered with the covering of Almighty God and lived in His sight, and those who were not covered felt the plagues, for they had nothing to shelter them. {Ms15-1850.10}

I saw that there was a cherub sitting on either end of the mercy seat with their wings spread over the ark. There also stood two angels, one by either end of the ark, with their wings spread out on high and touching each other, while their other wings reached to each side of the apartment. I saw that the wings of the angels did not reach above the Father, for that would bring Him too low. I saw that the Father was in the midst above the cherubims, and His glory is shed down upon the ark, and the train of His glory fills the temple. {Ms15-1850.11}

Fearful is the issue to which the world is to be brought. The powers of earth, uniting to war against the commandments of God, **will decree that no man may buy or sell, save he that has the mark of the beast, and, finally, that whoever refuses to receive the mark shall be put to death.** [Revelation 13:15, 17.] The word of God declares: "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.] But **not one is made to feel the wrath of God until the truth has been brought in contact with his mind and conscience, and has been rejected.** There are many in the churches of our country who have never, even in this land of light and knowledge, had an opportunity to hear the special truths for this time. The obligation of the fourth commandment has never been set before them in its true light. Jesus reads every heart, and tries every motive. **The decree is not to be urged upon the people blindly. Every one is to have sufficient light to make his decision intelligently.** The Sabbath will be the great test of loyalty; for it is the point of truth especially controverted. {4SP 422.2}

Heretofore those who presented the truths of the third message have often been regarded as mere alarmists. The prediction that Church and State would unite to persecute those who keep the commandments of God has been pronounced groundless and absurd. It has been confidently declared that this land could never become other than what it has been, the defender of religious freedom. But as the question of enforcing Sunday observance is widely agitated, the event so long doubted and disbelieved is seen to be approaching, and **the third message produces an effect which it could not have had before.** {4SP 423.1}

BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON QUOTES

The battle of Armageddon is soon to be fought. He on whose vesture is written the name, King of kings and Lord of lords, leads forth the armies of heaven on white horses, clothed in fine linen, clean and white. {Manuscript 172,1899}.

Every form of evil is to spring into intense activity. Evil angels unite their powers with evil men, and as they have been in constant conflict and attained an experience in the best modes of deception and battle, and have been strengthening for centuries, they will not yield the last great final contest without a desperate struggle. All the world will be on one side or the other of the question. The battle of Armageddon will be fought, and that day must find none of us sleeping. Wide awake we must be, as wise virgins having oil in our vessels with our lamps. . . . The power of the Holy Ghost must be upon us, and the Captain of the Lord's host will stand at the head of the angels of heaven to direct the battle. Solemn events before us are yet to transpire. Trumpet after trumpet is to be sounded, vial after vial poured out one after another upon the inhabitants of the earth. Scenes of stupendous interest are right upon us, {Letter 112, 1890}.

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The present is a solemn, fearful time for the church. The angels are already girded, awaiting the mandate of God to pour their vials of wrath upon the world. Destroying angels are taking up the work of vengeance; for the Spirit of God is gradually withdrawing from the world. Satan is also mustering his forces of evil, going forth "unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world," to gather them under his banner, to be trained for "the battle of that great day of God Almighty." Satan is to make most powerful efforts for the mastery in the last great conflict. Fundamental principles will be brought out, and decisions made in regard to them. Skepticism is prevailing everywhere. Ungodliness abounds. The faith of individual members of the church will be tested as though there were not another person in the world {*Manuscript 1a, 1890*}. (emphasis supplied)

We need to study the pouring out of the seventh vial [Revelation 16:17-21]. The powers of evil will not yield up the conflict without a struggle. But Providence has a part to act in the battle of Armageddon. When the earth is lighted with the glory of the angel of Revelation eighteen, the religious elements, good and evil, will awake from slumber, and the armies of the living God will take the field.—{*7 Bible Commentaries, page 983*}.

The whole earth heaves and swells like the waves of the sea. Its surface is breaking up. Its very foundations seem to be giving way. Mountain chains are sinking. Inhabited islands disappear. The seaports that have become like Sodom for wickedness, are swallowed up by the angry waters. . . . The proudest cities of the earth are laid low. The lordly palaces, upon which the world's great men have lavished their wealth in order to glorify themselves, are crumbling to ruin before their eyes. Prison walls are rent asunder, and God's people, who have been held in bondage for their faith, are set free. {*Last Day Events, page 251*}

The Death Decree

"And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, everyone that shall be found written in the book." When this time of trouble comes, every case is decided; there is no longer probation, no longer mercy for the impenitent. The seal of the living God is upon His people. This small remnant, unable to defend themselves in the deadly conflict with the powers of earth that are marshaled by the dragon host, make God their defense. The decree has been passed by the highest earthly authority that they shall worship the beast and receive his mark under pain of persecution and death. {5T, 212-213}

I saw that the four angels would hold the four winds until Jesus' work was done in the sanctuary, and then will come the seven last plagues. These plagues enraged the wicked against the righteous; they thought that we had brought the judgments of God upon them, and that if they could rid the earth of us, the plagues would then be stayed. A decree went forth to slay the saints, which caused them to cry day and night for deliverance. This was the time of Jacob's trouble. Then all the saints cried out with anguish of spirit, and were delivered by the voice of God. The 144,000 triumphed. Their faces were lighted up with the glory of God. {EW, 36-37}

I saw the saints leaving the cities and villages, and associating together in companies, and living in the most solitary places. Angels provided them food and water, while the wicked were suffering from hunger and thirst. Then I saw the leading men of the earth consulting together, and Satan and his angels busy around them. I saw a writing, copies of which were scattered in different parts of the land, giving orders that unless the saints should yield their peculiar faith, give up the Sabbath, and observe the first day of the week, the people were at liberty after a certain time to put them to death. ... In some places, before the time for the decree to be executed, the wicked rushed upon the saints to slay them; but angels in the form of men of

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war fought for them. Satan wished to have the privilege of destroying the saints of the Most High; but Jesus bade His angels watch over them. {EW 282-283}

The time is not far distant, when, like the early disciples, we shall be forced to seek a refuge in desolate and solitary places. As the siege of Jerusalem by the Roman armies was the signal for flight to the Judean Christians, so the assumption of power on the part of our nation in the decree enforcing the papal sabbath will be a warning to us. It will then be time to leave the large cities, preparatory to leaving the smaller ones for retired homes in secluded places among the mountains. {5T, 464-465}

God keeps a record with the nations. The figures are swelling against them in the books of heaven, and when it shall have become a law that the transgression of the first day of the week shall be met with punishment, then their cup will be full. As the Sabbath has become the special point of controversy throughout Christendom, and religious and secular authorities have combined to enforce the observance of the Sunday, the persistent refusal of a small minority to yield to the popular demand will make them objects of universal execration. It will be urged that the few who stand in opposition to an institution of the church and a law of the state ought not to be tolerated; that it is better for them to suffer than for whole nations to be thrown into confusion and lawlessness. ... This argument will appear conclusive; and a decree will finally be issued against those who hallow the Sabbath of the fourth commandment, denouncing them as deserving of the severest punishment and giving the people liberty, after a certain time, to put them to death. ... The people of God will then be plunged into those scenes of affliction and distress described by the prophet as the time of Jacob's trouble. {GC 615-616} By the decree enforcing the institution of the papacy in violation of the law of God, our nation will disconnect herself fully from righteousness. ... then we may know that the time has come for the marvelous working of Satan and that the end is near. As the approach of the Roman armies was a sign to the disciples of the impending destruction of Jerusalem, so may this apostasy be a sign to us that the limit of God's forbearance is reached, that the measure of our nation's iniquity is full, and that the angel of mercy is about to take her flight, never to return. The people of God will then be plunged into those scenes of affliction and distress which prophets have described as the time of Jacob's trouble. {5T 451}

Before the destruction of Sodom, God sent a message to Lot, "Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed." The same voice of warning was heard by the disciples of Christ before the destruction of Jerusalem: "When ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. Then let them which are in Judea flee to the mountains." Luke 21:20, 21. ... 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. 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. ... As in the days of Noah and Lot, there must be a marked separation from sin and sinners. ... 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; ... The multitudes cry, "Peace and safety," while Heaven declares that swift destruction is about to come upon the transgressor. ... 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. {PP 166-167}

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TIME OF TROUBLE QUOTES

In the Scriptures are presented truths that relate especially to our own time. To the period just prior to the appearing of the Son of man, the prophecies of Scripture point, and here their **warnings and threatenings pre-eminently (“above all”) apply**. The **prophetic periods of Daniel, extending to the very eve of the great consummation**, throw a flood of light upon events then to transpire. The book of Revelation is also replete with warning and instruction for the last generation. The beloved John, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, portrays the fearful and thrilling scenes connected with the close of earth’s history, and presents the duties and dangers of God’s people. **None need remain in ignorance, none need be unprepared for the coming of the day of God.** {RH, September 25, 1883 par. 6}

Let everyone to whom the Lord has given light from his word be sure that he makes a right use of that light. Let him **beware that he does not presume to feed the flock of God with food which is not appropriate for the time**. **“Lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.”** Talk of the speedy appearing of the Son of man in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. **Put not off that day**. God has given no man a right to say, “My Lord delayeth his coming.” Let the inquiry be made, Shall I stand at the right hand or at the left hand of the Judge at that day? “Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness?” {RH November 27, 1900, par. 5}

Let us read and **study the twelfth chapter of Daniel**. It is a **warning that we shall all need to understand before the time of the end**.--15MR 228 (1903). {LDE 15.4}

Dan 12:1 contains a warning (the warning is the time of trouble that is coming upon the earth due to apostasy)

And at that time shall **Michael stand up**, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and **there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation [even] to that same time**: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. *Dan 12:1*

The events connected with the close of probation and the work of preparation for the time of trouble, are clearly presented. But **multitudes have no more understanding of these important truths than if they had never been revealed**. Satan watches to catch away every impression that would make them wise unto salvation, and the **time of trouble** will find them unready. {RH June 7, 1906, par. 3}

The probation of all of us must soon close. And are we ready for the **appearing of the Son of man in the clouds of heaven**? Have we the wedding garment on? Or shall we be of that number that shall be left outside because unready? {RH August 17, 1869, Art. B, par. 1}

World can only be warned by seeing

“The work of the Holy Spirit is to convince the world of **sin, of righteousness and of judgment**. **The world can only be warned by seeing those who believe the truth sanctified through the truth**, acting upon high and holy principles, showing in a high, elevated sense, **the line of demarcation between those who keep the commandments of God, and those who trample them under their feet**. The sanctification of the Spirit signalizes the difference between **those who have the seal of God**, and those who keep a spurious rest-day. When the test comes, it will be clearly shown what **the mark of the beast is**. It is **the keeping of Sunday**. Those who after having heard the truth, continue to regard this day as holy, bear the signature of the man of sin, who thought to change time and laws.” *Bible Training School*, December 1, 1903.

Ezekiel 20:33–42; 28:25–26; 36:22–28; 38:14–23

Isaiah 4:1–4; 44:21–23; 45:25; 46:8–13

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I feel such a blessed satisfaction in leaving my reputation, my character, and my experience in the hands of my Advocate. I fear not your threats nor what man can do unto me. Only a **short period** and we shall see as we are seen, and know as we are known. Only a moment of **time**, and we must pass the grand review, and meet our life record just as it is {Lt28-1872.17}

Christ's ministry lasted only three years, and a great work was done in that **short period**. In these last days there is a great work to be done in a **short time**. While you are getting ready to do something, souls will perish for the light and knowledge. {T21a 8.2}

God does not design that men shall appropriate all that the earth produces for their own selfish purposes. He calls upon them to bring their tithes and offerings into His storehouse, that there may be meat in His house. In **India, China, Russia, and the cities of America**, thousands of men and women are dying of starvation. The monied men, because they have the power, control the market. They purchase at low rates all they can obtain, and then sell at greatly increased prices. This means **starvation to the poorer classes, and will result in a civil war**. {Ms114-1899.7}

There will be a **time of trouble** such as never was since there was a nation. "And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people; and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation, even to that same time; and at that time thy people shall be delivered, everyone that shall be found written in the book. ... Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly, and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand." [Daniel 12:1, 10.] {Ms114-1899.8}

About four months since, I had a vision of events, all in the future. And I saw the **time of trouble**, such as never was,—Jesus told me it was the time of Jacob's trouble, and that we should be delivered out of it by the voice of God. Just before we entered it, we all received the seal of the living God. Then I saw the four Angels cease to hold the four winds. And I saw **famine, pestilence and sword, nation rose against nation, and the whole world was in confusion**. {DS March 14, 1846, par. 2}

In the **time of trouble**, we all fled from the cities and villages, {WLF 19.2}

O spare (repeated). Think ye that the ark will move there? It is not a holy place. Look, God will not bear always (repeated). He is great. He is mighty. He has been trifled with; will not bear always. The work will be done up speedily; the burden may be 100 miles off. Look, a little. Spare (repeated). Hide away under the covering. Get beneath it. Do not stand outside. Hide away quickly. The **four angels are about to let go**; then the **time of trouble**. {Ms6-1849.7}

Everything has got to be proclaimed upon the housetops. If the sins are confessed before that time. That time will be an awful time. If confessed, it must be done right early. Every secret thing must come to light. If confessed before that time, thy sins will be placed on the scapegoat and borne away. {Ms6-1849.8}

Time of trouble, it will come right early. The signs shall be reacted over again; the day and hour will then be known. The sea will boil like a pot. Their faces will then shine like Moses'. He appears in the east; His sword girded on His thigh. Then deliverance comes, perfect and entire, and God's people will be caught up on the white cloud. {Ms6-1849.9}

I see it. (Says Brother Chamberlain: Here was silence for some ten minutes, her eyes going quickly each way as if looking at angels. When she came out of vision she accounted it thus: "I saw a large company of angels moving. I was not permitted to tell what they said to me. **Each one had a round rod in their hand ten inches long. Think they had something to do with the time of trouble**, etc.") {Ms6-1849.10}

How long shall these things be? Where art thou? Do not know. How does thou stand? Don't know. Isn't it thy privilege to know? **Every servant can know whether their lives are hid with Christ in God.** Did ye not see them speeding quickly? Speed God's people to save all that can be saved. Move, move, move. Not rashly; be sure God sends thee. The work is for God and then nothing can touch thee. {Ms6-1849.11}

What? Don't thou turn an eye to please self. Live for God. If God's people do not go along, something is wrong. The **four angels** just ready to let go. His strength will save. Get hold of Jesus. Dark. Lonely. Thou knowest the sadness of the heart. How long shall it be so? Sadness. Have pity, have pity. {Ms6-1849.12}

The time is drawing near when it will be fully demonstrated that it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. There shall be a **time of trouble** such as never was since there was a nation, and the severest of punishment will fall upon those who have educated the people to accept error in place of the truth to walk in paths that have not been cast up for the ransomed of the Lord to walk in. God keeps a reckoning with nations, and when men fully make his law void, then destruction cometh. {Ms105-1894.32}

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Fearful tests and trials await the people of God. The spirit of war is stirring the nations from one end of the earth to the other. But in the midst of the **time of trouble** that is coming—a **time of trouble** such as has not been since there was a nation—**God's chosen people will stand unmoved**. Satan and his angels cannot destroy them; for angels that excel in strength will protect them. {Lt119-1904.25}

My mind is drawn out to write. I cannot sleep, and I am so burdened it is no use to attempt to sleep. The presentation to me is that the whole world is becoming that which will bring about that **time of trouble** such as never was since there was a nation, and the coming of the Lord Jesus in the clouds of heaven will be speedily brought to a close. Who will be prepared for this great day? {Ms176-1905.1}

In the **time of trouble**, we all fled from the cities and villages, [Ezekiel 7:15, 16. Luke 17:30-36. See Campbell's translation.] but were pursued by the wicked, who entered the houses of the saints with the sword. They raised the sword to kill us, but it broke, and fell, as powerless as a straw. Then we all cried day and night for deliverance, and the cry came up before God. [Luke 18:7, 8.] The sun came up, and the moon stood still. [Habakkuk 3:11.] The streams ceased to flow. [2 Esdras 6:24.] Dark heavy clouds came up, and clashed against each other. [2 Esdras 15:34,35.] But there was one clear place of settled glory, from whence came the *voice of God* like many waters, which shook the heavens, and the earth. [Joel 3:16. Hebrews 12:25-27.] The sky opened and shut, and was in commotion. [Revelation 6:14. Matthew 24:29.] The mountains shook like a reed in the wind, and cast out ragged rocks all around. The sea boiled like a pot, and cast out stones upon the land. [Habakkuk 3:8-10. Isaiah 2:19-21.] And as God spoke the day and hour of Jesus' coming, [Ezekiel 12:25. Mark 13:32.] and delivered the everlasting covenant to His people, [Ezekiel 20:37. Hebrews 12:22-25.] He spoke one sentence, and then paused, while the words were rolling through the earth! [Jeremiah 25:30, 31.] The Israel of God stood with their eyes fixed upwards, listening to the words as they came from the mouth of Jehovah, and rolled through the earth like peals of loudest thunder! It was awfully solemn. At the end of every sentence, the saints shouted, Glory! Hallelujah! Their countenances were lighted up with the glory of God; and they shone with the glory as Moses' face did when he came down from Sinai. The wicked could not look on them, for the glory. [Wisdom of Solomon 5:1-5.] And when the never ending blessing was pronounced on those who had honored God, in keeping His Sabbath holy, there was a mighty shout of victory over the Beast, and over his Image. {WLF 19.2}

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TIME SETTING

Different times were set for the Lord to come, and were urged upon the brethren. But the Lord showed me that they would pass by, for the **time of trouble** must come before the advent of Christ, and that every time a date was set, and passed, it would weaken the faith of God's people. For this I was charged with being the evil servant that said, "My Lord delayeth His coming." {LSMS 137.3}

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