# FOUR ANGELS of Rev 7:1-3; 9:14, 15 & FOUR WINDS of 7:1-3 & BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON of Rev 16

"<u>All the messages given from 1840-1844 are to be made forcible now</u>, for <u>there are many people who have lost</u> <u>their bearings</u>. The messages are to go to all the churches." {21MR 437.1}

FOUR ANGELS: Under the 6<sup>th</sup> trumpet (Rev 13-21)

"These four angels were the four Turkish clans on the head waters of the Euphrates..." {1842 CF, WHT 9.2}

"loose the **four angels** which are bound in the great river Euphrates. And the four angels were loosed. {<u>1841</u>\_JoL, APEC 116.1}

The four angels" are the four principal nations of which the Ottoman empire is composed, located in the neighborhood of the Euphrates..." [1841 JoL, APEC 116.2]

"and the **four angels** were loosed...the **four angels denote** <u>ministers of judgment</u>. <u>They refer to the four nations</u> <u>of the Seljukian Turks of which the Ottoman Empire was composed</u>, located near the river Euphrates, at Aleppo, Iconium, Damascus and Bagdad..."{<u>1838</u> JoL, PSC 155.1}

"...loose the four messengers who are bound near the great river Euphrates. And the four messengers were loosed, who were prepared for <u>an hour, and a day, and a month, and a vear</u>..." {1849 JB, SLG 7.2}

...<u>according to history</u> these <u>four messengers were four principal tribes or hords of people living near or by</u> the river Euphrates, viz: Arabs, Turks, Tartars, and Saraceans..."{1849 JB, SLG 7.3}

"the four angels, we may reasonably conclude, are a representation of the four nations that had embraced the Mahometan religion, and were now under the control of the Ottoman, viz., Turks, Tartars, Arabs, and Saracens..." {1842 WiM, MWV2 121.1}

Four angels = Seljukian Turkish clans/ nations of Ottoman Empire that embraced the Mahometan religion: Arabs, Turks, Tartars, Saracens (tribes/ hords of people living near or by river Euphrates, at Aleppo, Iconium, Damascus and Bagdad) that were loosed "an hour, a day, a month, and a year".

#### FOUR WINDS:

Plagues fall after the death decree:

I saw that the four angels would hold <u>the four winds</u> until Jesus' work was done in the sanctuary, and <u>then will come</u> <u>the seven last plagues</u>. 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. <u>A decree</u> <u>went forth to slay the saints</u>, which caused them to cry day and night for deliverance.--EW 36, 37 (1851). {LDE 245.1}

And "the rivers and fountains of waters . . . became blood." Terrible as these inflictions are, God's justice stands fully vindicated. The angel of God declares: "Thou art righteous, O Lord, . . . because Thou hast judged thus. For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and Thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy" (Revelation 16:2-6). By condemning the people of God to death, they have as truly incurred the guilt of their blood as if it had been shed by their hands.--GC 628 (1911)/ {LDE 245.2}

## Four <u>winds</u> represented as an <u>angry horse</u> (Islam):

Four mighty angels are still <u>holding the four winds</u> of the earth. Terrible destruction is forbidden to come in full. The accidents by land and by sea; the loss of life, steadily increasing, by storm, by tempest, by railroad disaster, by conflagration; the terrible floods, the earthquakes, and <u>the winds will be the stirring up of the nations to one deadly</u> <u>combat</u>, while the angels hold the <u>four winds</u>, forbidding the terrible **power of Satan to be exercised in its fury** <u>until</u> <u>the servants of God are sealed in their foreheads</u>. Get ready, get ready, I beseech you, get ready before it shall be forever too late! <u>The ministers of vengeance</u> will pour all the terrible judgments upon a God-forsaken people. The

way of obedience is the only path of life. May the Lord help you to see it in time to open your ears, that you may hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. {RH June 7, 1887, par. 13}

Angels are holding the four winds, which are represented as an angry horse *[Islam]* seeking to break loose and rush over the face of the whole earth, bearing destruction and death in its path. Shall we sleep on the very verge of the eternal world? Shall we be dull and cold and dead? O that we might have in our churches the Spirit and breath of God breathed into His people *[Eze 37:9-10 language]*, that they might stand upon their feet and live. We need to see that the way is narrow, and the gate strait. But as we pass through the strait gate, its wideness is without limit. {Lt138-1897.24}

The book of Daniel is now unsealed, and the revelation made by Christ to John is to come to all the inhabitants of the earth. By the increase of knowledge a people is to be **prepared to stand** in the latter days. {Ms32-1896.3}

Four mighty angels hold back the powers of this earth till the servants of God are sealed in their foreheads. The nations of the world are eager for conflict; but they are held in check by the angels. When this restraining power is removed, there will come a time of trouble and anguish. Deadly instruments of warfare will be invented. Vessels, with their living cargo, will be entombed in the great deep. All who have not the spirit of truth will unite under the leadership of Satanic agencies. But they are to be kept under control till the time shall come for the great battle of Armageddon. {1MR 145.3}

We need to study the pouring out of <u>the seventh vial.</u> The powers of evil will not yield up the conflict without a struggle. But <u>Providence has a part to act in the battle of Armageddon</u>. 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 <u>take the field</u>. {Ms175-1899.14}

A terrible conflict is before us. We are nearing the <u>battle of the great day of God Almighty</u>. That which has been <u>held in control</u> [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 <u>last great battle between good and evil</u>. The <u>earth is to be the battlefield</u>--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}

## Winds of Strife/ Final Scenes:

<u>Angels are now restraining the winds of strife</u>, until <u>the world shall be warned</u> of its coming doom; but a storm is gathering, ready to burst upon the earth, and when God shall bid his <u>angels loose the winds</u>, <u>there will be such a</u> <u>scene of strife as no pen can picture</u>. {RH, November 23, 1905 par. 8}

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The Bible, and the Bible only, gives a correct view of these things. Here are revealed <u>the great final scenes in the</u> <u>history of our world</u>, events that already are casting their shadows before, the sound of their approach causing the earth to tremble and men's hearts to fail them for fear. {Ed 180.1

#### Plagues are <u>not DIRECTLY</u> from God:

I was shown that <u>the judgments of God would not come directly out from the Lord upon them</u>, but in this way: <u>They place themselves beyond His protection</u>. He warns, corrects, reproves, and points out the only path of safety; then if those who have been the objects of His special care will follow their own course **independent** of the Spirit of God, <u>after repeated warnings</u>. if they choose their own way. then He does not commission His angels to prevent <u>Satan's decided attacks upon them</u></u>. [SEE ALSO THE GREAT CONTROVERSY, P. 614, WHERE ELLEN WHITE

STATES, "A SINGLE ANGEL DESTROYED ALL THE FIRST-BORN OF THE EGYPTIANS AND FILLED THE LAND WITH MOURNING. WHEN DAVID OFFENDED AGAINST GOD BY NUMBERING THE PEOPLE, ONE ANGEL CAUSED THAT TERRIBLE DESTRUCTION BY WHICH HIS SIN WAS PUNISHED. THE SAME DESTRUCTIVE POWER EXERCISED BY HOLY ANGELS WHEN GOD COMMANDS, WILL BE EXERCISED BY EVIL ANGELS WHEN HE PERMITS."] It is Satan's power that is at work at sea and on land, bringing calamity and distress, and sweeping off multitudes to make sure of his prey. And storm and tempest both by sea and land will be, for Satan has come down in great wrath. He is at work. He knows his time is short and, if he is not restrained, we shall see more terrible manifestations of his power than we have ever dreamed of. {14MR 3.1}

#### God uses his enemies to punish evil:

There is to be such a time of trouble as there never was since there was a nation. Already **nations are angry, already Satan is working** with signs and lying wonders, and this will increase until the end. <u>God will use his enemies as</u> <u>instruments to punish those who have followed their own pernicious ways whereby the truth God has been</u> <u>misrepresented, misjudged, and dishonored.</u> These enemies of God are living evidences of the truth of His word; they are fulfilling that which holy men of old spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. God does not forewarn His people of trifles; the repetition of caution and warnings shows that there is importance in that which was spoken. Do those who claim to want light, treat the light with the respect which is due? {PC 136.3}

#### Examples of God using enemies to punish:

-Arabs (Assyria) to punish Israel for not keeping Sabbath: 2Kings 17:1-6

-Babylon to punish for not obeying his laws, incl His Sabbath- Neh 9:28-32

-Turks and Islam under the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> woes/ 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Trumpets to "torture" with "fire and brimstone" on those who had not the "seal of God" (did not keep Sabbath) Rev 9

We are standing upon the threshold of great and solemn events. The whole earth is to be lightened with the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the channels of the great deep. Prophecies are being fulfilled, and stormy times are before us. Old controversies which have apparently been hushed for a long time will be revived, and new controversies will spring up; new and old will commingle, and this will take place right early. The angels are holding the four winds, that they shall not blow, until the specified work of warning is given to the world; but the storm is gathering, the clouds are loading, ready to burst upon the world, and to many it will be as a thief in the night. {SpTA01b 38.1}

What causes a drought?

Lev 26:2-4 not keeping the Sabbath

Decided efforts should be made to bring the message for this time prominently before the people. The third angel is to go forth with great power. Let none ignore this work, or treat it as of little importance. The truth is to be proclaimed to the world, that they may see the light. {GCDB March 2, 1899, Art. B, par. 2}

This is our work. <u>The light that we have upon the third angel's message is the true light</u>. The mark of the beast is exactly what it has been proclaimed to be. All in regard to this matter is not yet understood, and will not be understood until the unrolling of the scroll *[is now being understood]*; but a most solemn work is to be accomplished in our world. The Lord's command to his servants is, "Cry aloud; spare not; lift up thy voice like <u>a trumpet</u>, and show my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins." {GCDB March 2, 1899, Art. B, par. 3}

Solemn events before us are yet to transpire. <u>Trumpet after trumpet</u> is to be sounded, <u>vial after vial poured out</u> one after another upon the inhabitants of the earth. Scenes of stupendous interest are right upon us, and these things will be sure indications of the presence of Him who has directed in every aggressive movement, who has accompanied the march of His cause through all the ages, and who has graciously pledged Himself to be with His people in all their conflicts to the end of the world. He will vindicate His truth. He will cause it to triumph. He is ready to supply His

faithful ones with motives and power of purpose, inspiring them with hope and courage and valor in increased activity as the time is at hand. {Lt112-1890.13}

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 [Eze 37:10 language] of the living God will take the field [earth is the battlefield -ML 308.5]. {Ms175-1899.14}

### ADMONITIONS:

The book of Daniel is now unsealed, and the revelation made by Christ to John is to come to all the inhabitants of the earth. By the increase of knowledge a people is to be **prepared to stand in the latter days**. {Ms32-1896.3}

Lam in great travail of soul for our people. We are living in the perils of the last days. A superficial faith results in a superficial experience. There is a repentance that needs to be repented of. All genuine experience in religious doctrines will bear the impress of Jehovah. All should see the necessity of understanding the truth for themselves individually. We must understand the doctrines that have been [past tense] studied out carefully and prayerfully. It has been revealed to me that there is among our people a great lack of knowledge in regard to the rise and progress of the third angel's message. There is great need to search the book of Daniel and the book of Revelation, and to learn the texts thoroughly, that we may know what is written. {Ms185-1897.1}

When the books of Daniel and Revelation are better understood, believers will have an <u>entirely different</u> religious experience. They will be given such glimpses of the open gates of heaven, that heart and mind will be impressed in regard to the character all must develop in order to realize the blessedness which is to be the reward of the pure in heart. The Lord will bless all who will seek humbly and meekly to understand that which is revealed in the Revelation. This book contains so much that is large with immortality and full of glory that all who read and search it earnestly receive the blessing to those "that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein." [Revelation 1:3.] {Lt16-1900.9}

The 4 angels/ 4 **winds** message is about Turkey and an understanding of this Prophecy, as found in Daniel 11:14-12:1 It is also important to understand our past history of Rev 8 & 9 as it pertains to Islam in the past in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> woes and will again pertain to Islam (3<sup>rd</sup> woe) in our day.

#### QUOTE:

"Daniel is today standing in his lot, and we are to give him place to speak to the people. Our message is to go forth as a lamp that burneth. "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 (the plagues of Revelation 14:9-10; 15:1 and 16): and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book (we are to tell people to make sure their name is put in the book of life and if so, not blotted out). And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament: and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever (this is the message of THE WISE VIRGINS)" {AUCR March 11, 1907, par. 10}

These words present the work that we are to do in these last days. We are not one-half awake (we're asleep, or dead as Ezekiel 37:1-11 puts it). We have not the power that is essential to the doing of the work that must be done. We must come into life (it's the understanding of the 4 <u>Winds</u> of Daniel 8:8 that causes breath to come into God's people), come into union. Now, just now, we must stand in that position where repentance and pardon shall be the striking features of our work. There must be no quarrelling. It is too late to engage with Satan in his work of blinding eyes. It is too late to give heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. {AUCR March 11, 1907, par. 11}

<u>I am instructed to say that when the Holy Spirit gives tongue and utterance, we shall see a work done similar</u> to that done on the day of Pentecost. The representatives of Christ will work intelligently. There will not be found one man here and another there seeking to tear down and destroy (*this is a promise*). {AUCR March 11, 1907, par. 12}

"Before the decree bring forth, before the day pass as the chaff, before the fierce anger of the Lord come upon you, before the day of the Lord's anger come upon you, seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought His judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger." {AUCR March 11, 1907, par. 13}

PLEASE READ EZEKIEL 37:1-11 (KJV only) AND THE 2 FOLLOWING QUOTES:

"...Angels are holding the four winds, represented as an angry horse (the horse = Islam in prophecy...see --> Revelation 9:7,9,16-17 see also the 1843 chart) seeking to break loose and rush over the face of the whole earth, bearing destruction and death in its path. {20MR 216.6}

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The above is almost quoting verbatim Ezekiel 37:1-11, especially verses 9-11.

THE PROPHET CONNECTS THE 4 WINDS TO THE ANGRY HORSE, WHICH IS ISLAM (angry Islam), OF WHICH WE ARE TOLD TURKEY IS THE BOLDEST ADVOCATES OF THAT RELIGION (SDP 246.1), WHICH HASKELL CONTINUES TO CONNECT THE 4 WINDS TO TURKEY. And remember, Sister White endorsed Haskell's books (9T 73.1-.2) stating he knows all of our truths (RY 124.1-.2)

#### HASKELL CONNECTS THE 4 WINDS TO TURKEY:

"Every eye is centered on that one spot, and has been for years. <u>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</u>...{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 (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]

The crown removed from Israel passed successively to the kingdoms of Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome. God says, "It shall be no more, until He come whose right it is; and I will give it Him." {Ed 179.3}

That time is at hand. Today the signs of the times declare that we are standing on the threshold of great and solemn events. Everything in our world is in agitation. Before our eyes is fulfilling the Saviour's prophecy of the events to precede His coming: "Ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars.... Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places." Matthew 24:6, 7. {Ed 179.4} The present is a time of overwhelming interest to all living. Rulers and statesmen, men who occupy positions of trust and authority, thinking men and women of all classes, have their attention fixed upon the events taking place about us. They are watching the strained, restless relations that exist among the nations. They observe the intensity that is taking

possession of every earthly element, and they recognize that something great and decisive is about to take place that the world is on the verge of a stupendous crisis. {Ed 179.5}

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"Behold, the Lord maketh the earth empty, and maketh it waste, and turneth it upside down, and scattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof.... They have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant. Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate.... The mirth of tabrets ceaseth, the noise of them that rejoice endeth, the joy of the harp ceaseth." Isaiah 24:1-18. {Ed 180.2}

"Alas for the day! for the day of the Lord is at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come.... The seed is rotten under their clods, the garners are laid desolate, the barns are broken down; for the corn is withered. How do the beasts groan! the herds of cattle are perplexed, because they have no pasture; yea, the flocks of sheep are made desolate." "The vine is dried up, and the fig tree languisheth; the pomegranate tree, the palm tree also, and the apple tree, even all the trees of the field, are withered: because joy is withered away from the sons of men." Joel 1:15-18, 12. [Ed 180.3]

"I am pained at my very heart; ... I cannot hold my peace, because thou hast heard, O my soul, the sound of the trumpet, the alarm of war. Destruction upon destruction is cried; for the whole land is spoiled." {Ed 180.4}

"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 <u>time of Jacob's trouble</u>; 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}