

# REVELATION 11

## Chapter 11

*This chapter goes back to the Western Empire, and shows what was going on in that part of the world during the time that the Turkish Empire was making history in the eastern division. The barbarians in 476 left Rome in a divided state-10 tribes had settled within the borders of the Western Empire. Three were plucked up in 538 (Dan 7:8). But from the other 7, developed the nations of Europe which are in existence today.*

11:1 And there was given me a reed like unto a rod [by 10 commandment standard]: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God [to give subject of sanctuary a special examination], and the altar, and them [worshippers of the true church on earth] that worship therein.

11:2 But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles [those who know not God; Dan 7:25]: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty [and] two months [1260 years; 538 AD-1798 AD- Dan 11:30-35].

11:3 And I will give [power] unto my two witnesses [Old and New Testaments], and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred [and] threescore days [1260 years], clothed in sackcloth [obscurity. The Reformation removed sackcloth Rev 1:20].

11:4 These are the two olive trees [The Word of God/ Old & New Testament- Zech4:11-14], and the two candlesticks [Word gives light] standing before the God of the earth.

11:5 And if any man will hurt [to hurt the Word of God is to oppose, corrupt, or pervert its testimony & turn people away from it; judgment pronounced on such] them [Old & New Testament], fire [judgment of fire: Mal 4:1; Rev 20:15; 22:18, 19] proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them [Old & New Testament], he must in this manner be killed.

11:6 These [Old & New Testament] have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues [wrath of God/ 7 last plagues], as often as they will.

11:7 And when they shall have finished their testimony [1798], the beast [atheistic Homosexual France] that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit [comes out of nowhere] shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.

11:8 And their dead bodies [shall lie] in the street [a plot was laid by France to destroy all the pious Huguenots; and in one night (Aug 24/25, 1572- St Bartholomew's Massacre) 50,000 of them were murdered in cold blood] of the great city

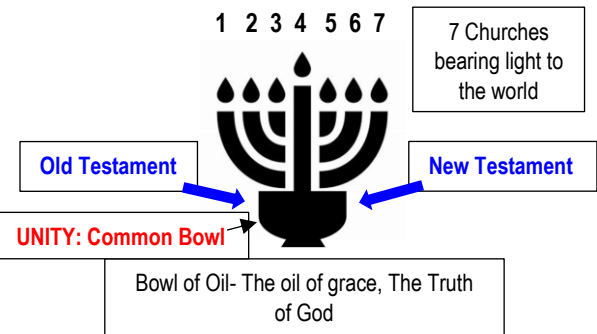
### FRANCE

#### Two Witnesses, Seventh Trumpet/ 3<sup>rd</sup> Woe, The Temple, The Coming Kingdom

**Verses 11:1-13** mirrors Dan 11:36-39 and are a series of events which would take place near or in the times of the first, second and third angel's messages of Rev 14, ie. the French Revolution removing the authority of the Pope in 1798 and the end of the 2300 year prophecy in 1844.

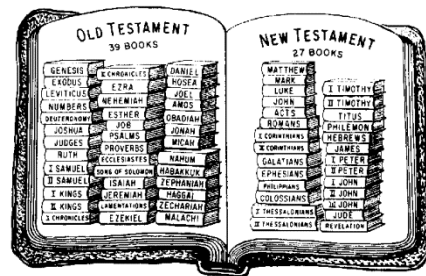


**THE CHURCH IS A GOLDEN CANDLESTICK [ZECH 4: 2, 3]**



**Life flows through the Old and New Testament (Isa 55:11) into the Common Bowl where unity among saints exists.**

The purity of the oil they burn is represented by the close connection with these living trees. When connection with these living trees is severed, spiritual death is the result.



**“Rev 11:7-13 France fulfilling prophecy” GC 269.3- 271.1; 273.2-276.4; 4SP 190.3-193.2; DAR 264-268**

**Verse 8: St. Bartholomew's Massacre**

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[France], which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt [Ex :2], where also our Lord was crucified [*"CRUSH THE WRETCH" was the infidel's motto*].

11:9 And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half [3½ years], and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves [*bodies thrown into the river*].

11:10 And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets [Bible] tormented them that dwelt on the earth.

11:11 And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them [*Decree passed in November 1793 against the Bible was reversed in June 1797, 3 ½ years later*], and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them.

11:12 And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud [*heavenly elevation- Dan 4:22*]; and their enemies beheld them. [*Circulation of the Bible: 1804 British Bible Society, 1817 American Society*]

11:13 And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell [*France, one of the ten horns/ 1/10<sup>th</sup>*], and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand [*French Revolution of 1789-1798*]; and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven. [*Papal Roman Power- 10 horns of Dan 7:24*]

## THIRD WOE/ SEVENTH TRUMPET

11:14 The second woe is past [*Turkey, Aug 11, 1840*]; [and], behold, the third woe cometh [*between the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> trumpets is a short interval; and in this interval the loud cry of the mighty angel (Rev 14) was given*] quickly [commenced 1840-1844]. [*1897 UrS, DAR 505; GC 334.4-335.1*] [*In 1844 the 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet began to sound when prophetic time was at an end, that is, 1844. In 1844, the antitypical Day of Atonement was begun in the heavenly sanctuary and investigatory judgment began.*]

11:15 And the seventh angel sounded [*In 1844 the heavenly sanctuary understanding was opened to view and the mystery of God in Rev 10:7*]; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become [the kingdoms] of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever. [*Day of Atonement: Lev 16:2, 29, 30; Heb 9:3, 7; Dan 8:14, 26*]

11:16 And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God,

11:17 Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come [*Christ ascended to the Holy Place at his resurrection in 31 AD*]; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.

## Verse 9:

3 1/2 years drought in days of Elijah demonstrates 3 1/2 years (1260 years) of darkness Ja 5:17; Nahum 2:2; Matt 25:8

## Verse 10:

Make merry/ rejoice: The wicked triumphed over their evil course but soon were horror-struck at the result of their own wicked deeds.

France is the only nation that ever openly denied the existence of the Deity.

Two prophets: In 1793, a decree was passed forbidding the Bible, they were gathered and burned. All the institutions of the Bible were abolished: the 7<sup>th</sup> day weekly rest, baptism, and communion, death was pronounced as eternal sleep, the being of God was denied. The Goddess of Reason, in the person of a vile woman, was set up and publically worshiped.

Three and a half years later (**Verse 11**), the Decree of 1793 was reversed due to the appalling results of the rejection of the Bible.

## Verse 12: Bible Societies, early 1800's

**Verse 13: French Revolution, 1789-1798** Not only the reign of papal tyranny at an end, but the power of the monarchy was shaken and the vast army of nobles (7,000) lost their titles.

- The licentiousness of Sodom in the day of Lot, was repeated in France, especially in her capital.
- The gross idolatry of Egypt, with its proverbial darkness, was to be found again in modern France.
- As the Jews, by rejecting the Word of God sent by the prophets, severed their connection with heaven and crucified their Lord, so France repeated the sin, and crucified again the Son of God.

**Verses 15-17:** Glances forward to the full establishment of the kingdom of God.

**Verses 15-19:** "In the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall BEGIN to sound, the MYSTERY of GOD shall be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets **Rev 10:7**." 1850 Chart

## Holy Place language

## Verse 16:

24 elders who have long waited for the redemption of their fellow beings, fall before the throne and worship Him. They look forward to the restoration of the earth at the end of the 1,000 years.

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11:18 And the nations were angry [commencing with the 1848 Europe Revolution. Matt 24: 7, 8; Luke 21:25, 26; ExV 24.1; 54.3-4; RH 1-28-09.3 – Time of Trouble is “a short period of time” before plagues are poured out], and thy wrath [7 last plagues] is come, and the time [Oct 22, 1844] of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldst give reward unto thy servants the prophets [possession of the heavenly inheritance at the end of the 1000 years- Matt 25:34], and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldst destroy them which destroy the earth [wicked devoured by purifying fires- 2Pet 3:7; Rev 20:9; ExV 19.1].

11:19 And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen [after the disappointment] in his temple the ark of his testament [MHP- October 22, 1844/ commencement of the 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet reviewed]: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.



Most Holy Place language; JUDGMENT

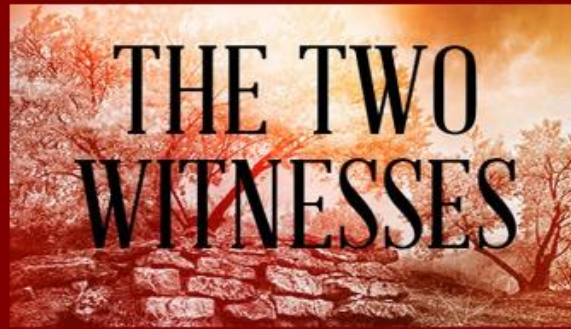
2Chron 7:13-14:

1. Humble themselves
2. Pray
3. Seek my face
4. Turn from their wicked ways

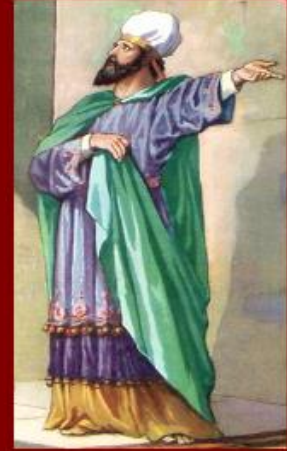


The light is shining forth upon the fourth commandment; God is opening the understanding of many to see that they have been breaking the Lord's Sabbath. "And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament" (Revelation 11:19), calling, as it were, the attention of the people to the law of God covered by the mercy seat. The angels are represented as all looking reverentially into the law. God has made us the repositories of His law. What a responsibility is ours to form characters in harmony with the law of God! We are drawing nearer and still nearer the solemn event of our Lord's appearing, "And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure." 1 John 3:3. {L131-1875.7}

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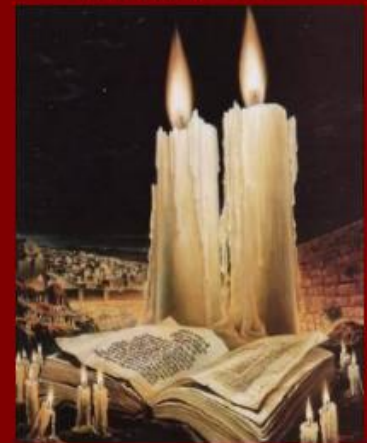


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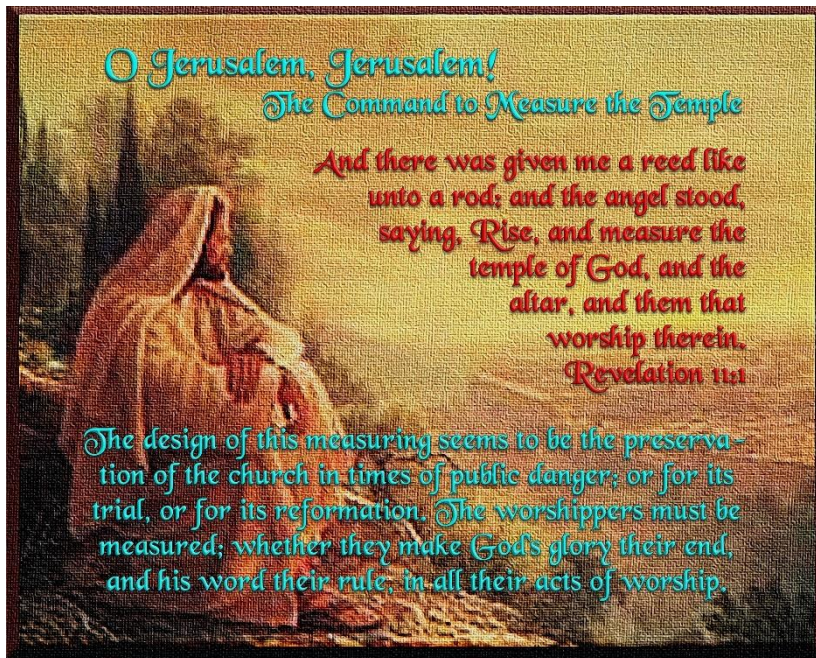
"What are these two olive trees upon the right side of the candlestick and upon the left side thereof?"  
Zechariah 4:3,11

"They are "the two olive trees" the two lampstands, and "they stand before the Lord of the earth."  
Revelation 11:4



"The LORD called thy name, a green olive tree, fair and of goodly fruit ... For the Lord of hosts planted thee."  
Jeremiah 11:16-17

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**1** And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein.

**2** But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months.

This chapter is a continuation of the instruction which the angel began giving to John in chapter 10; hence these verses, Revelation 11:1-14, should not be separated by the present

division into chapter 11. In the last verse of Revelation 10, we have a prophecy of the third angel's message. This message, connected with the temple of God in heaven, is designed to fit a certain class of people as worshipers. The temple here cannot be the church; it is the literal temple in heaven. The worshipers are to be measured in character by the standard of a law, the Ten Commandments. This is the standard God has by which to measure "the whole duty of man". It is a part of the measuring rod given to John.

To measure any object requires that special attention be given to that object. The call to rise and measure the temple of God is a prophetic command to the church to give the subject of the temple, or sanctuary, a special examination. The Ten Commandments alone are not enough to carry out the measurement. When we take the entire message it leads to an examination of the sanctuary on high. Here, along with the commandments, we have the ministration of Christ. Hence we conclude that the measuring rod, taken as a whole, is the special message to investigate the law and the sanctuary.

John is instructed, "The court which is without the temple leave out". The attention of the church is directed to the inner temple and the service there. Matters pertaining to the outer court are of less consequence now, since it is given to the Gentiles. Spiritually speaking, in this instance, Gentiles are those who are in apostasy or fighting against God's law. That the court refers to this earth, it is the place where the victims were slain whose blood was to be ministered inside the sanctuary, the blood of lambs, goats and such. These sacrifices were always meant to point to Jesus, the Lamb of God who would be sacrificed for the sins of the world on Calvary, in Judea. The gentiles introduced here represent the great apostasy of treading down of the holy city, God's

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Church, forty and two months; the 1,260 years of papal persecution. Thus we are carried back into the past by an easy and natural transition; now our attention is called to a new series of events.



**3 And I will give power unto My two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.**

The period of "a thousand two hundred and three score days" is variously referred to in the Scriptures. It appears in three forms:

- As 1260 days in this verse and Rev. 12:6.
- As 42 months in Rev. 11:2 and 13:5.
- As 3 1/2 times in Daniel 7:25, 12:7 and Rev.12:14.

These all refer to the same period and can be easily calculated. A time is a year, as is evident from Daniel 11:13. A year has twelve months, and a *Biblical* month contains thirty days. Thus we have 1,260 years. That a biblical month has 30 days is demonstrated in the record of the flood, Genesis 7 and 8. Here we will find definite measures of time that allow for calculating the

## 3½ Years occurs 5X's in Revelation!

Clustered together in 3 consecutive chapters at Rev 11, 12 & 13!

**3½ Years x 2 = 7**

42 Months	Rev 11:2	"trample the holy city for <b>42 months</b> "
1,260 Days	Rev 11:3	2 Witnesses "prophesy for <b>1,260 days</b> clothed in sackcloth."
1,260 Days	Rev 12:6	"woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, in which she is to be nourished for <b>1,260 days.</b> "
Time, times & a ½ time	Rev 12:14	"the woman was given the 2 wings of the great eagle so that she might fly from the serpent into the wilderness, to the place where she is to be nourished for a <b>time, &amp; times, &amp; half a time.</b> "
42 Months	Rev 13:5,7	"beast... exercise authority for <b>42 months.</b> " "allowed to make war on the saints & to conquer them."

**Don't be Confused!**

Its all the same amount of time expressed in different ways!

**3½ Years = 42 Months = 1,260 Days = Time Times & ½ a Time.**

prophetic periods, bearing in mind that in prophecy a day is equal to a year of ordinary time. For brevity's sake, we now need to move on.

During this time of 1,260 years the two witnesses are in a state of sackcloth, that is, obscurity, and God gives them power to endure and maintain their testimony through that dark and dismal period. But who are these witness'?



**4 These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.**

Zechariah 4:11-14, implies that the two olive trees are taken to represent the word of God. Jesus declared of the Old Testament Scriptures, "They are they which testify of Me", John 5:39. The "Two Witnesses" then are the Old and New Testaments. The essential purpose of the Scriptures is to give witness to the mercy and character of God. Our Lord commands, "Search the Scriptures . . . they are they which testify (bear witness) of Me".

This was addressed to the Jews and described the character and office of the Old Testament. The New Testament is similarly pronounced the giver of testimony: "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations", Matthew 24:14. These

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declarations and considerations are sufficient to sustain the conclusion that the Old and New Testaments are Christ's two witnesses.

**5 And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.**

To hurt the word of God is to oppose, corrupt or pervert its testimony, and turn people away from it. Against those who do this work, fire proceedeth out of their mouth (the mouth of the witness') to devour them, that is, judgment of fire is pronounced in the word against such. It declares that those who hurt them will have their punishment in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone; Malachi 4:1, Revelation 20:15 and 22:18-19.

**6 These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.**

In what sense have these witnesses power to shut heaven, turn waters to blood, and bring plagues on the earth? Elijah shut heaven so that it did not rain for three years and a half, but he did so by the word of the Lord. Moses by the word of the Lord turned the waters of Egypt to blood. "As often as they will" means just as these judgments, recorded in their testimony, have been fulfilled, so every threatening and judgment pronounced by them against any people will surely come to pass. The world has yet to be smitten with the seven last plagues, but it will be, on this we have the sure word of prophecy!

**7 And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.**

**8 And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.** *Revelation 11:8-13 mirrors Daniel 11:36-39*

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"When they shall have finished their testimony" is when the sackcloth state has ended. Matthew 24:22 expresses it as the days of persecution being shortened, that is just prior to the period of the 1,260 years termination. A 'beast' in prophecy, denotes a kingdom or power, see Daniel 7:17, 23. This kingdom/power is likened spiritually to Sodom and Egypt, which were also atheistic. In Exodus 5:2 Pharaoh said, "Who is the Lord, that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I know not the Lord, neither will I let Israel go". Here is atheism!

The two witnesses testified in sackcloth beginning in 538 AD, with the rise of the Roman Catholic power that would persecute Gods people until its power was taken away, 1,260 years later. In 1798 France denied the being of God in her national capacity, and made war on the Monarchy of heaven, this then marks the rise of that atheistic power, likened to Sodom and Egypt.

Just prior to 1798, in the year 1793, the gospel was abolished by a solemn act of the French Legislature. Some five years later, the Roman Catholic power received its deadly wound. So the time of the two witnesses was cut short just before the prophecy terminated. The indignities offered to the actual copies of the Bible were unimportant after this; their life lay in their doctrines. With the extinction of the doctrines the bible itself was extinguished.

By the decree of the French Government, declaring that the nation acknowledged no God, the Old and New Testaments were slain throughout the limits of Republican France. The Sacred Books were destroyed in the



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general plunder of every place of worship. In Lyons they were dragged at the tail of an ass in a procession through the streets. Among other events of 1793 a "Grand Festival" dedicated to "Reason and Truth" was celebrated in the Cathedral of Notre Dame, desecrated and renamed "The Temple of Reason". A pyramid was erected in the center of the Church and inscribed "To philosophy". The torch of "Truth" was on the altar of "Reason" spreading light, etc. The National Convention and all the authorities attended this burlesque and insulting ceremony.

Bibles were gathered and burned, and every possible mark of contempt heaped upon them, and all institutions of the Bible abolished; the Sabbath was blotted out, and every tenth day substituted for mirth and profanity. Baptism and the communion were abolished. It was said there was no God; and death was pronounced to be an eternal sleep. The "Goddess of Reason" was set up, in the person of a vile woman, and publicly worshiped. Surely here is the power that exactly answers the prophecy. This point will be further developed in the comments on the next verse.

**9 And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves.**

This verse denotes the feelings of other nations watching the outrage on the two witnesses. They would see what war infidel France had made on the Bible, but these other nations would not be led to engage in this wicked work themselves. Nor would they allow the murdered witnesses to be buried, or put out of sight among their own nations. The witnesses lay dead three days and a half; that is three years and a half, in France only. But France attempted to arouse Christians everywhere to put forth a war against the Bible; as we will see in the next verse.



**10 And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth.**

This denotes the joy of those who hated the bible, for they were tormented by it. Great was the joy of infidels everywhere, for awhile. But "the triumphing of the wicked is short"; so it was in France. Their war on the Bible and Christianity had well-nigh swallowed them all up. They set out to destroy Christ's "two witnesses" but they filled France with blood and terror. So much so, that they were horror-struck at the result of their wicked deeds, and were glad to remove the bible from their wicked hands.

**11 And after three days and an half the spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them.**

In 1793, a decree passed the French Assembly suppressing the bible, but just three years after, a resolution was introduced into the Assembly returning respect to the Scriptures. That resolution lay on the table six months, when it was taken up and passed without a dissenting vote.

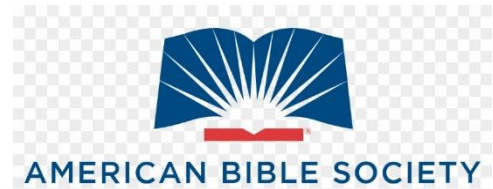
Thus, in just three years and a half, the witnesses "stood upon their feet" and great fear fell upon them which saw them. The appalling results of the rejection of the bible had driven France to take her hands off these witnesses. The Church and the bible had been slain in France from November, 1793 till June, 1797. The three years and a half expired and the bible, so long and so sternly repressed before, was once again placed in honor, and was openly the book of free Protestantism!



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**B** BIBLE  
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**12 And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them.**

The two witnesses “ascended up to heaven” is an expression signifying their great exaltation. The Scriptures attained such a state of exaltation, as here indicated, after the time France had made war upon them. Shortly after that time, the British Bible Society was organized in 1804 and there followed the American Bible Society in 1816. These, with their almost innumerable auxiliaries, were scattering the Bible everywhere. Before 1804 the Bible had been printed and circulated in only fifty languages, by the mid 1800’s it was being printed in thousands of languages. No other book approaches the Bible in the number of copies circulated. It is exalted as above all price, as, next to His Son, the most invaluable blessing of God to man. It bears the glorious testimony concerning His Son. Yes; the Scriptures may truly be said to be exalted “to heaven in a cloud”, a cloud being an emblem of heavenly elevation.

**13 And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.**

9 See Revelation 17:18: “The woman which thou saw is that great city which reigneth over the kings (kingdoms) of the earth”. That city is the papal Roman power. France is one of the “ten horns” that gave “their power and strength unto the (papal) beast”; it is one of the ten kingdoms that arose out of the Western Empire of Rome, as indicated by the ten toes of Nebuchadnezzar’s image. It is also Daniel’s ten horned beast of Daniel 7:24. It is John’s ten-horned dragon of Revelation 12:3. France, then, was “a tenth part of the city” and was one of the strongest ministers of papal vengeance.



But in the French Revolution it “fell” and with it fell the last civil messenger of papal fury. “And in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand”. France made war, in her revolution of 1789 and onward, on all titles, nobility, priests and pope alike. “And the remnant were affrighted and gave glory to the God of heaven”.

“And in the earthquake were slain of men [margin, names of men, or TITLES of men] seven thousand.” France made war, in her revolution of 1789-98 and onward, on all titles of nobility. Nobility and hereditary titles were abolished by the Revolutions of 1789 and 1848. It is said by those who have examined the French records, that just seven thousand titles of men were abolished in that revolution.

“And the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.” France, in dishonoring God and defying Heaven had filled that nation with such scenes of blood, carnage and horror, as made even the infidels themselves to tremble and stand aghast. The “remnant” that escaped the horrors of that time “gave glory to God”. Not willingly, but because God caused this “wrath of man to praise Him” by showing the world that those who make war on heaven, make graves for themselves! Thus glory rebounded to God by the very means that wicked men had employed to tarnish His glory.

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## The Seventh Trumpet, Third Woe

**14 The second woe is past; and, behold, the third woe cometh quickly.**

The Islamic power ended August 11, 1840 and the third woe occurs under the next trumpet, the 7th. Then where are we in point of time? "Behold!" that is to say, mark it well, "the third woe cometh quickly". The fearful scenes of the second woe are passed and we are now or soon will be under the sounding of the trumpet that brings the 3rd and last woe. There will be no "peace and safety"; we have a prophetic rendezvous with a 3rd "woe" still to come. More terrible and destructive than any the world has ever witnessed.



**15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall reign forever and ever.**

**16 And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God,**

**17 saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and**

**was, and art to come; because Thou has taken to Thee Thy great power, and has reigned.**

Here the prophet glances forward to the final establishment of the eternal kingdom of God on earth. Although the seventh trumpet has only begun to sound, the voices in heaven and the four and twenty elders anticipate this final event, Gods eternal kingdom, and in heaven they call out and glorify Him!

The seventh trumpet, like the preceding six, covers a period of time, the establishment of His eternal kingdom and the final destruction of all other earthly powers. For it is given to Him whose right it is to reign. Hence this event, to the exclusion of all else, engages the mind of the prophet. In the next verse, John then goes back and takes up events that will happen before this.

**18 And the nations were angry, and Thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that Thou shouldst give reward unto Thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear Thy name, small and great; and shouldst destroy them which destroy the earth.**

The anger of nations toward one another has been constantly increasing. Jealousy and hatred among nations have been the rule rather than the exception. The wrath of God for the last generation will be filled up in the seven last plagues, Revelation 15:1, which will soon be poured out upon the earth.

"The time of the dead, that they should be judged" is those who now lay in their grave. In this verse it means only the wicked in their graves. They remain there until after the seven last plagues and after the close of the gospel age. A work of judgment, of allotting to each one the punishment that will be due because of his sins. Their punishment due will then be reviewed by the saints in conjunction with Christ during a 1,000 year period of time which begins with the resurrection of the Saints from their grave at the time of His return, 1 Corinthians 6:2; Revelation 20:4.

This judgment of the dead and the living precedes the wrath of God and the seven last plagues, which in turn is followed by Jesus coming in the clouds. And every eye, of those alive on the earth at that time, shall see Him. Wherein, any remaining living wicked are then slain by the brightness of His coming. Thus, this judgment does not concern itself with the saints, but only with the wicked. It refers to a one thousand year period of judgment review upon the wicked; a time during which

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the books of records in heaven are carefully considered by the Saints. So that each one may for him or herself conclude that Gods judgment is righteous and true.

A separate judgment, the “investigative judgment” concerns itself only with those who have professed to be followers of the living God and what shall be their reward. The investigative judgment takes place before the wrath of God, the seven last plagues, are poured out. This judgment of the saints is to determine whose *sins* shall be blotted out of the book and whose *name* shall be retained. Some, who professed to be the followers of Christ, will be found wanting. They will not meet the standard and their names will be blotted out from the book of life, while the record of their sins will remain. The investigative judgment began when the 2,300-year prophecy terminated in 1844; it continues today, no man knows the day or hour in which it will be completed. This then is the cleansing of the sanctuary. We are not told when this investigation, which started with Adam, will pass from the dead to the living and then be complete.

Each of us will face our “life record” in one of these two judgment reviews. The life record of the wicked will reveal every evil deed they have ever done. The life record of the saints will show only every good deed they have ever done. It will then be determined for each person, what they’re “reward” should be, according to their works. Note that salvation for the Saints is not based on their work. Salvation is a gift warranted only through trusting in the mercy of Christ! Our works will only determine our reward and privileges to be granted to each Saint for eternity. While our works will not save us, it is impossible to be saved without them! Works, correctly understood, are a demonstration, an outworking of our faith. God knows the heart, whether these works are righteous or whether they be for outward show, seeking the accolades of man or merely performed out of fear of losing one’s soul. God has not given us the spirit of fear dear friend, He accepts only those works performed in a spirit of love. To “fear God” (reverence Him) is a healthy place to start one’s journey of getting to know Him, it will lead to a heart filled with love for His great mercy toward the sinner as one begins to understand his great need of a Savior.

“Thou shouldst give reward unto thy servants the prophets”. This refers to all of Gods servants, the Saints, who will be rewarded at the Second Coming of Christ, for He brings their reward with Him, Matthew 16:27; Revelation 22:12. The full reward of the saints, however, is not reached until they enter upon the possession of the new earth, Matthew 25:34.

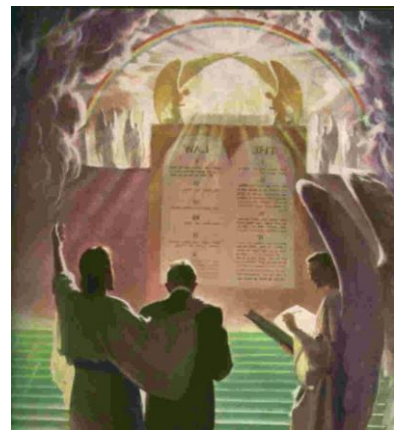
The punishment of the wicked, “Shouldst destroy them which destroy the earth”, refers to the time when all the wicked, who have literally devastated vast regions and wantonly destroyed human life, will be forever devoured by those purifying fires from God out of heaven, 2 Peter 3:7; Revelation 20:9. “Forever” here means the wicked will be destroyed never to return again, sin is eternally eradicated from the Universe. Their destruction is complete, they are burned up root and branch, once and for all time. This should not be confused with the false doctrine of an eternally burning hell fire. God is just, but He is not cruel.

Thus, the seventh trumpet reaches to the end of the one thousand years. Momentous, startling, yet joyous thought! The trumpet now sounding sees the final destruction of the wicked and the saints clothed in a glorious immortality, safely located on the earth made new.

**19 And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in His temple the ark of His testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.**

Once more the prophet carries us back to the beginning of the trumpet. After the introduction of the seventh trumpet in verse 15, the first great event that comes to the mind of John is the transfer of the kingdom from earthly to heavenly rule. God forever crushes the rebellion of this revolted earth; establishes Christ upon His own throne and remains Himself supreme over all. We are next referred back to the state of the nations, the judgment to fall upon them and the final destiny of both saints and sinners in verse 18.

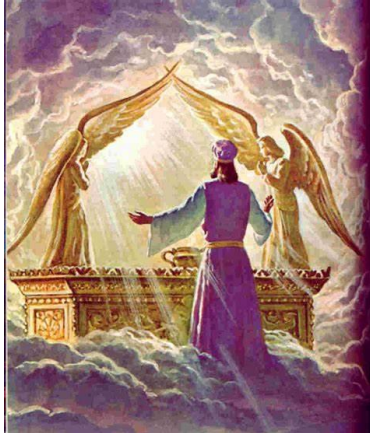
After this field of vision has been scanned, our attention is called back once more in the verse



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now under notice, to the close of the priesthood of Christ, the last scene in the work of mercy for a guilty world. The temple is opened, and the second apartment of the sanctuary is entered. We know it is the Holy of Holies that is here opened, for the Ark of the Covenant is seen; and in that apartment alone was the Ark found.

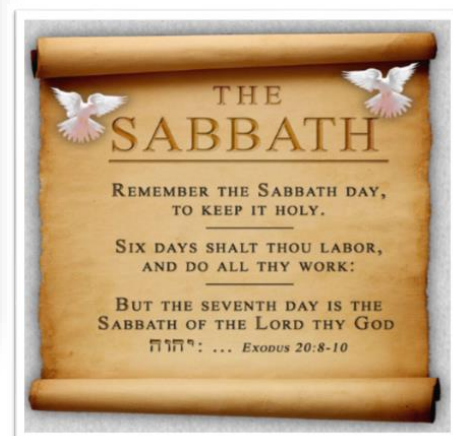
This took place at the end of the 2300 years, when the sanctuary cleansing (judgment) began, Daniel 8:14. At that time the prophetic periods ended and the seventh angel began to sound. Since 1844, the people of God have seen by faith the open door in heaven and the Ark of God's testament within. They are endeavoring to keep every precept of the holy law written upon the tablets deposited there. That the tables of the law are there, just as they were in the Ark in the sanctuary erected by Moses, is evident from the terms which John uses in describing the Ark. He calls it the "Ark of His testament".



The ark was called the Ark of the Covenant, or testament, because it was made for the express purpose of containing the tables of the testimony, the Ten Commandments, Exodus 25:16, 31:18. It was put to no other use, and owed its name solely to the fact that it contained the tables of the law. John, beholding the Ark in heaven affords an unanswerable proof that the law is still there, unaltered in one jot or tittle from the copy which for a time was committed to the care of men in the Ark of the Jewish tabernacle during the time of Moses. From this exposition we see that God's law will stand for eternity.

Those who accept the gospel in this age have received the reed and need to be measuring, *that is carefully examining the doctrines, laws, ceremonies, judgments and aspects of the temple, the altar and those that worship therein*, Revelation 11:1. They are

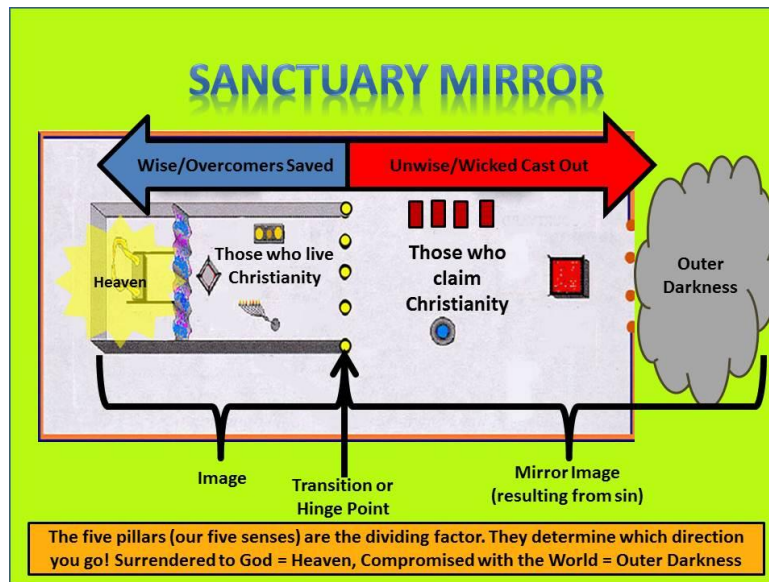
uttering their last prophesy before nations, peoples, and tongues, Revelation 10:11. The drama will soon close with the lightnings, thunderings, voices, the earthquake, and great hail, which will constitute nature's last convulsion before all things are made new at the close of the thousand years, Revelation 21:5.



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## The Sanctuary Mirror

The sanctuary reveals the dividing line between those who are true followers of Christ and those who claim to be following Christ, that "have a form of godliness - but deny the power thereof"



Notice first the mirror. There is a square altar of incense and a square altar of burnt offering. There is a table of shewbread and tables for killing the sacrifice. There is a lamp stand for which no measurements are given and a laver for which no measurements are given.

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The five pillars are halfway in the tabernacle (gold pillars, the metal of the tabernacle/heaven) and halfway in the world (brass sockets, the metal of the court/world). Here you have the 10 virgins of Matthew 25. Five are wise/those who live Christianity, and five are foolish/those who claim Christianity but deny the power thereof.

### Those who live Christianity

The Wise Arouse From Sleep.--All who wait for the heavenly Bridegroom are represented in the parable as slumbering because their Lord delayed His coming; but the wise roused themselves at the message of His approach, and responded to the message, and their spiritual discernment was not all gone, and they sprang into line. As they took hold of the grace of Christ, their religious experience became vigorous and abundant, and their affections were set upon things above. They discerned where was the source of their supply, and appreciated the love that God had for them. They opened their hearts to receive the Holy Spirit, by which the love of God was shed abroad in their hearts. Their lights were trimmed and burning, and sent forth steady rays into the moral darkness of the world. They glorified God, because they had the oil of grace in their hearts, and did the very work that their Master did before them--went forth to seek and to save those who were lost (ST June 28, 1910). {5BC 1099.7}

### Those who claim Christianity

**Mat 22:11-14** And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast *him* into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are called, but few are chosen.

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Jesus freely offers his robe of righteousness, (the white border around the court and tabernacle to everyone), but we must choose to wear it, by being changed into his image (the process of sanctification). We must guard our senses because we become like what we behold.

**2Ti 3:1-5** This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

The choice is ours. We can choose to use the garment and oil that have been freely given to us by God or we can choose to do things our own way. We can choose to respond to the urgent message that the bridegroom, Jesus, is coming again, or we can procrastinate until it is too late.

**2Co 6:2.**Behold, now *is* the accepted time; behold, now *is* the day of salvation.

**Matthew 25:13** Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh!



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## Revelation—Chapter 11 Pt 1 God's Love Letter— God's People Measured & Fitted

### **Stephan N. Haskell, 1905, The Story of The Seer of Patmos pg. 192**

The eleventh chapter, the one now before us, goes back to the Western Empire, and shows what was going on in that part of the world during the time that the Turkish Empire was making history in the eastern division. ...

So the West stood before the world as the representative of the Christian religion. Here the principles of civil and religious liberty, to-day held dear, were born: and here, likewise, was committed to these nations, in a special manner, the everlasting Gospel, with the commission to make it known to the world. God was preparing, from afar, for the spread of the last message to the world.

### **Revelation 11:1**

### **Uriah Smith, 1897, Daniel and the Revelation, pg. 497**

In other words, as already shown, we have in that verse a prophecy of the third angel's message. Now follows testimony showing what the nature of that message is to be. It is connected with the temple of God in heaven, and is designed to fit up a class of people as worshipers therein.

### **Stephan N. Haskell, 1905, The Story of The Seer of Patmos pg. 193**

To John was given a measuring reed, "and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein." Men have as many standards for measuring their fellow-beings as there are different individuals, but the one absolute rule by which men's actions are measured for eternity, is an infinitely perfect and unvarying standard. It cannot be comprehended by the finite mind; for it is infinite. "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil." The "reed like unto a rod," with which John was bidden to measure, was the commandments of God.

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### **Stephan N. Haskell, 1905, The Story of The Seer of Patmos pg. 194**

The prophet was told to measure them that worship in the temple; for the creatures of His hand reflect His image, and are measured by the same standard. Angels worship in that temple, and they reflect the character of Him who is love. There were also men in that temple as worshipers; saints, who, while still on earth, were by faith within the inner veil; and they too were measured by the same reed of His law. Not an outward measure of stature, nor an external weighing of motives, as viewed by the human eye, but character was the test, with the rule of heaven for a standard. The character which is rewarded with a place near the throne is not shallow, but deep; it is not narrow, but broad; and in length it must measure with the life of God. A long experience, a deep experience, a broad experience in divine things, even while living here on earth; this is the life which develops a character that will stand the test of the "measuring reed."

### **Stephan N. Haskell, 1905, The Story of The Seer of Patmos pgs. 194, 195**

While a self-righteous standard was being erected on the earth, God was measuring according to the rule of heaven; and when character was measured by the divine rod, eternal life was often given to those; who according to the balances in the hands of man, were accounted worthy of death.

### **Revelation 11:2**

### **Stephan N. Haskell, 1905, The Story of The Seer of Patmos pg. 195**

The power which trod the people of God under foot for twelve hundred and sixty years was the papacy. This power was established in Rome in 538 A.D. on the ruins of the Western Empire, and continued until 1798 A. D.

### **Stephan N. Haskell, 1905, The Story of The Seer of Patmos pg. 196**

Mohammedanism in the East, and the "man of sin" in the West, both brought darkness and despair.

### **Revelation 11:3**

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## **Stephan N. Haskell, 1905, The Story of The Seer of Patmos pg. 197**

The "two witnesses" are the Old and the New Testaments. In the mouth of two witnesses every word is established. The Old Testament told of the God, who strove to live in man; the New Testament told of the God, who had lived in the human form, and the two agree. The same mystery is revealed to each individual heart in the providences of God. ... These two witnesses agree. They agree in lives to-day. When the spiritual eye is opened, the testimony of the two witnesses will be accepted.

## **Uriah Smith, 1897, Daniel and the Revelation, pg. 499**

These days are the same as the forty-two months of the preceding verse, and refer to the period of papal triumph. During this time, the witnesses are in a state of sackcloth, or obscurity, and God gives them power to endure and maintain their testimony through that dark and dismal period. But who or what are these witnesses?

## **Revelation 11:4**

## **Uriah Smith, 1897, Daniel and the Revelation, pg. 499**

Evident allusion is here made to Zechariah 4:11-14, where it is explained that the two olive trees are taken to represent the word of God; and David testifies, "The entrance of Thy words giveth light;" and, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." Written testimony is stronger than oral.

## **Stephan N. Haskell, 1905, The Story of The Seer of Patmos pg. 198**

Life flows from the Old as well as the New Testament to those whose hearts are open channels for the Spirit. When connection with the living trees is severed, spiritual death is the result. The lights may burn for a time, but they soon exhaust the supply in the bowl, and gradually the flame dies out. Extinguishing a light does not affect the olive trees. Indeed they are trees of life, guarded by flaming swords, like the tree of life in the garden of Eden after the fall; and the flashes of light destroy the life of those who lift a hand against the witnesses. Men may claim to receive light, independently of these witnesses; but there are no channels for the communication of the spirit of wisdom and knowledge, except these two trees, or some of their branches, through which the life, the golden oil, is constantly flowing.

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## **Revelation 11:5**

## **Uriah Smith, 1897, Daniel and the Revelation, pg. 499**

To hurt the word of God is to oppose, corrupt, or pervert its testimony, and turn people away from it. Against those who do this work, fire proceedeth out of their mouth to devour them; that is, judgment of fire is denounced in that word against such. It declares that they will have their portion at last in the lake that burneth with fire and brimstone.

## **Revelation 11:6-7**

## **Uriah Smith, 1897, Daniel and the Revelation, pg. 501**

Mark! this beast, or kingdom, is out of the bottomless pit; it has no foundation, is an atheistical power, is "spiritually Egypt." ... Here is atheism. Did any kingdom, about 1798 manifest the same spirit? — Yes, France; in her national capacity she denied the being of God, and made war on the "Monarchy of heaven."

## **Revelation 11:8**

## **Uriah Smith, 1897, Daniel and the Revelation, pg. 501**

"Spiritually" this power "is called Sodom." What was the characteristic sin of Sodom? — Licentiousness. Did France have this character? — She did;

## **Uriah Smith, 1897, Daniel and the Revelation, pg. 502**

But did France "make war" on the Bible? — She did; and in 1793 a decree passed the French Assembly forbidding the Bible; and under that decree, the Bibles were gathered and burned, every possible mark of contempt was heaped upon them, and all the institutions of the Bible were abolished; the weekly rest day was blotted out, and every tenth day



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substituted, for mirth and profanity. Baptism and the communion were abolished. The being of God was denied, and death pronounced an eternal sleep.

## Revelation 11:9

### Uriah Smith, 1897, Daniel and the Revelation, pg. 502

The language of this verse describes the feelings of other nations besides the one committing the outrage on the witnesses. They would see what war infidel France had made on the Bible, but would not be led nationally to engage in the wicked work, nor suffer the murdered witnesses to be buried, or put out of sight among themselves, though they lay dead three days and a half, that is, three years and a half, in France. No; this very attempt on the part of France served to arouse Christians everywhere to put forth new exertions in behalf of the Bible, as we shall presently see.

## Revelation 11:10

### Uriah Smith, 1897, Daniel and the Revelation, pg. 502

This denotes the joy those felt who hated the Bible, or were tormented by it. Great was the joy of infidels everywhere for awhile. But the "triumphing of the wicked is short;" so was it in France, for their war on the Bible and Christianity well-nigh swallowed them all up. They set out to destroy Christ's "two witnesses," but they filled France with blood and terror, so that they were horror-struck at the result of their own wicked deeds, and were soon glad to remove their impious hands from the Bible.

## Revelation 11:11

### Uriah Smith, 1897, Daniel and the Revelation, pg. 502

In 1793, a decree passed the French Assembly suppressing the Bible. Just three years after, a resolution was introduced into the Assembly superseding the decree, and giving toleration to the Scriptures. That resolution lay on the table six months, when it was taken up, and passed without a dissenting vote. Thus, in just three years and a half, the witnesses "stood upon their feet, and great fear fell upon them which saw them." Nothing but the appalling results of the rejection of the Bible could have induced France to take her hands off these witnesses.

## Revelation 11:12-13

### Uriah Smith, 1897, Daniel and the Revelation, pg. 505

That city is the papal Roman power. France is one of the "ten horns" that gave "their power and strength unto the [papal] beast;" or is one of the ten kingdoms that arose out of the Western Empire of Rome, as indicated by the ten toes of Nebuchadnezzar's image, the ten horns of Daniel's beast (Daniel 7:24), and John's dragon. Revelation 12:3. France, then, was "a tenth part of the city," and was one of the strongest ministers of papal vengeance; but in this revolution it "fell," and with it fell the last civil messenger of papal fury. ... It is said by those who have examined the French records, that just seven thousand titles of men were abolished in that revolution. "And the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven." Their God-dishonoring and Heaven-defying work filled France with such scenes of blood, carnage, and horror, as made even the infidels themselves tremble, and stand aghast; and the "remnant" that escaped the horrors of that hour "gave glory to God" — not willingly, but the God of heaven caused this "wrath of man to praise Him," by causing all the world to see that those who make war on heaven make graves for themselves.

## Revelation—Chapter 11 Pt 2 God's Love Letter — The Third Woe

### Stephan N. Haskell, 1905, The Story of The Seer of Patmos pg. 204

The second woe, as already seen, ended in 1840. The close was marked by the transfer of Turkish power into the hands of the western nations. In heaven is witnessed the sending forth of the mighty angel of Rev. 10:1-11. The earth responded to his loud cry, and men, thinking that time was about to close, prepared to meet their God. But the seventh angel had not yet sounded. He was held in heaven for a little space, that men might be prepared for the events about to come in connection with the completion of the earth's history.

## Revelation 11:14

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## **Uriah Smith, 1897, Daniel and the Revelation, pg. 505**

Then where are we? "Behold!" that is to say, mark it well, "the third woe cometh quickly." The fearful scenes of the second woe are past, and we are now under the sounding of the trumpet that brings the third and last woe. And shall we now look for peace and safety, a temporal millennium, a thousand years of righteousness and prosperity? Rather let us earnestly pray the Lord to awaken a slumbering world.

## **Revelation 11:15**

## **Stephan N. Haskell, 1905, The Story of The Seer of Patmos pg. 204**

When the seventh angel "begins to sound," in the first part of the period of time set apart for his work, the mystery of God would be finished.

## **Stephan N. Haskell, 1905, The Story of The Seer of Patmos pgs. 204, 205**

A kingdom can never be truly said to pass into the hands of another power, while either the territory, the capital, or the subjects, are beyond its control. It takes the three: subjects, capital, and territory, to make the full kingdom.

## **Stephan N. Haskell, 1905, The Story of The Seer of Patmos pg. 205**

First; The work of the investigative judgment, is Christ making up the number of the subjects, or in other words, taking one-third part of His kingdom;

## **Ellen White, The Mount of Blessings, pg. 114.**

God's forgiveness is not merely a judicial act by which He sets us free from condemnation. It is not only forgiveness for sin, but reclaiming from sin. It is the outflow of redeeming love that transforms the heart.

## **E. J. Waggoner, Present Truth UK, September 4, 1902; Advent Review & Sabbath Herald, September 30, 1902**

The blotting out of sin is the erasing of it from the nature, the being of man. The blood of Jesus Christ cleanses from all sin. Our bodies are but the channel, the border, the sand upon the shore, of the cover of life. Impressions have been made upon us by sin. Where once was written only the character of God, the knowledge of good, was now written also the character of Satan, the knowledge of evil.

## **Ellen G White, Acts of the Apostles, pgs. 476, 477**

But because this experience [of regeneration] is his, the Christian is not therefore to fold his hands, content with that which has been accomplished for him. He who has determined to enter the spiritual kingdom will find that all the powers and passions of unregenerate nature, backed by the forces of the kingdom of darkness, are arrayed against him. Each day he (The Christian) must renew his consecration, each day do battle with evil. Old habits, hereditary tendencies to wrong, will strive for the mastery, and against these he is to be ever on guard, striving in Christ's strength for victory.

## **Ellen G White, Testimonies to the Church, Vol. 4 pg. 367**

Man may grow up into Christ, His living head. It is not the work of a moment, but that of a lifetime. By growing daily in the divine life, he will not attain to the full stature of a perfect man in Christ until his probation ceases.

## **Stephan N. Haskell, 1905, The Story of The Seer of Patmos pg. 205**

Secondly; When the judgment is ended, then is given to Him the Holy City, the capital of the kingdom,  
Thirdly; When He comes to the earth, He takes possession of the territory, and possesses the kingdom in all its fullness forever.

## **Stephan N. Haskell, 1905, The Story of The Seer of Patmos pgs. 205, 206**

In 1844 the third woe began. It extends into eternity, covering all the corruption of the last days,— the anger or distress among nations, which was one sign of the second advent, as given by the Saviour. During the sounding of the seventh trumpet, the seven last plagues are poured out; men, having rejected God, drink of the wine of His wrath. During this sounding, the righteous and wicked pass through the last great time of trouble, in comparison with which the Reign of Terror in France was a light affliction. During this woe, the saints of God welcome the Lord in the clouds of heaven, for He comes to give reward unto the faithful. This period continues over the one thousand years following the second

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coming of Christ, and ends when Satan and all the wicked are reduced to ashes upon the surface of the new earth, and all sorrow and sin are forever vanquished.

**Psalm 24:3-4**

**Revelation 11:16-17**

**Stephan N. Haskell, 1905, The Story of The Seer of Patmos pg. 206**

The sealing work began at this very time, and those who were looking heavenward, saw the light streaming from that open door. Upon those to whom these rays are shining, the sealing angel places the mark of God. This sealed company make up the one hundred and forty-four thousand, who are a part of the host for whom the "four and twenty elders" are now waiting.

**Revelation 11:18**

**Ellen G White, Testimonies To Ministers and Gospel Workers, pg. 445**

Those that overcome the world, the flesh, and the devil, will be the favored ones who shall receive the seal of the living God. Those whose hands are not clean, whose hearts are not pure, will not have the seal of the living God. Those who are planning sin and acting it will be passed by. Only those who, in their attitude before God, are filling the position of those who are repenting and confessing their sins in the great anti-typical day of atonement, will be recognized and marked as worthy of God's protection.

**Revelation 11:19**

**Uriah Smith, 1897, Daniel and the Revelation, pg. 508**

Our attention is called to the close of the priesthood of Christ, the last scene in the work of mercy for a guilty world. The temple is opened; the second apartment of the sanctuary is entered. We know it is the holy of holies that is here opened, for the ark is seen; and in that apartment alone the ark was deposited. This took place at the end of the 2300 days, when the sanctuary was to be cleansed, the time when the prophetic periods expired, and the seventh angel commenced to sound. Since that time, the people of God have seen by faith the open door in heaven, and the ark of God's testament there.

**Stephan N. Haskell, 1905, The Story of The Seer of Patmos pg. 208**

With the close of the third woe, the earth is freed forever from the least taint of sorrow and sin. The Lord has pledged His word that affliction shall not rise up the second time, but joy and peace will reign forever in the redeemed earth.

PRAY LIKE NEHEMIAH  
OBEY LIKE DANIEL  
LEAD LIKE MOSES  
SERVE LIKE MARTHA  
BELIEVE LIKE MARY  
FIGHT LIKE DAVID  
EDUCATE LIKE PAUL  
BUILD LIKE NOAH  
LOVE LIKE JESUS



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## TWO WITNESSES/ UNITY

**Men think that with the advanced knowledge of the twentieth century, human reason has outgrown the Word of God; but history proves, without the shadow of a doubt, that when the Word is replaced by the products of man's mind, both moral and intellectual darkness are brought upon the world.** In this darkness the balances were held by those who believed that man was above God, that reason was the ultimate standard for judgment; but at that very time God was measuring character by the measuring reed of heaven, -- the law which man in his blindness had set aside. p. 195, (*in east, Koran wholly replaced Bible, & in the west, the 2 witnesses prophesied in sackcloth for 1260 yrs*)

The "two witnesses" are the Old and the New Testaments. **(Rev 11:3)** In the mouth of two witnesses every word is established. The Old Testament told of the God, who strove to live in man; the New Testament told of the God, who had lived in the human form, and the two agree. The same mystery is revealed to each individual heart in the providences of God. Christ, the God-man, sat on the curbing of Jacob's well at the hour of noon, when the **Samaritan woman** came to draw water. Likewise the Divine Spirit drew the woman of Samaria to the well at the very hour when the Son of man was there. These two witnesses agree. They agree in lives to-day. When the spiritual eye is opened, the testimony of the two witnesses will be accepted. p. 197,

**For they are the "two olive branches which through the two golden pipes empty the golden oil out of themselves." (Rev 11:4)** By the prophet Zechariah, the church is represented as a golden candlestick having seven branches, each bearing aloft a light for the world. **(Zech 4:2-3)** These seven branches receive their oil from a single bowl, and the oil for this bowl is supplied by two olive trees, one on either side. The purity of the oil they burn is represented by the close connection with living, growing trees. This oil is the oil of grace, the truth of God.

**The unity of the seven candlesticks is typified by the common bowl from which each gains its supply of oil.** How beautiful a picture of the work of God's Word in ministering to the needs of the church on earth. **Life flows from the Old as well as the New Testament to those whose hearts are open channels for the Spirit.** When connection with the living trees is severed, spiritual death is the result. The lights may burn for a time, but they soon exhaust the supply in the bowl, and gradually the flame dies out.

**Extinguishing a light does not effect the olive trees. Indeed they are trees of life, guarded by flaming swords, like the tree of life in the garden of Eden after the fall; and the flashes of light destroy the life of those who lift a hand against the witnesses. Men may claim to receive light, independently of these witnesses; but there are no channels for the communication of the spirit of wisdom and knowledge, except these two trees, or some of their branches, through which the life, the golden oil, is constantly flowing.**

It is thus that **they have power to stay the heavens that it rain not.** It is for this reason that the **three and a half years of drought in the days of Elijah** are used by the divine historian to illustrate the **three and one-half prophetic years, the twelve hundred and sixty years of darkness, brought about by severing the connection between the church and the two witnesses.** When the connection was broken the restraining power of God was withdrawn; and as in the natural world, so in the spiritual, there was nothing to prevent bloodshed, famine, and persecution. **The time of great persecution was the period during which the witnesses prophesied covered with sackcloth.** The Reformation removed the sackcloth from the two witnesses. (Rev 11:5-6) 195-197 Seer of Patmos, Stephen Haskell

### Texts on Two or Three Witnesses:

Deut 17:6; 19:15; Ruth 4:11; Matt 18:16; 26:60; 2 Cor 13:1; 1 Tim 5:19; Heb 10:28; Rev 11:3

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## UNITY— The Prayer of Christ

We become one with the Father as we proclaim the same prophecies already made plain

What is **Christ waiting for with longing desire**?

**Character Perfectly Reproduced**



“When the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come.” **Christ is waiting with longing desire for the manifestation of Himself in His church. When the character of the Saviour shall be perfectly reproduced in His people, then He will come to claim His own.** It is the privilege of every Christian, not only to look for, but to hasten, the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Were all who profess His name bearing fruit to His glory, how quickly the whole world would be sown with the seed of the gospel! Quickly the last great harvest would be ripened, and Christ would come. {COL 69.1} {PH145 6.3}

How does this unity of “character” connect us with the three angels’ message?

**Only Ground for Unity**

**Voice no other message**



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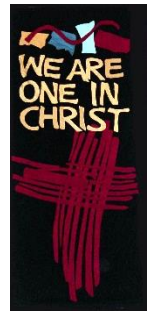
The only ground on which we may expect **unity** is in **obedience to the commandments of God**. Christ denounced the teachers who in His day made void the law of God. He stamped them as deceivers, and plainly stated **the character of His church**. **We are to voice no others message than that which combines the truth of the first, second, and third**

angels’ messages, which require obedience to God’s law. {Ms134a-1897.2}

In regard to the third angel’s message, **what type of unity** did our pioneers seek verses the unity of unbelievers and what steps did they take to accomplish this?

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The very same course was taken by the denominational churches when we embraced the first and second angels’ messages. And as the light was shining forth from the oracles of God upon the messages which were present truth for our time, Satan tried by every means in his power to close the door to shut out the light. We had to meet with prejudice and with ridicule and with sneers and with criticism of the very same character that we have had to meet here in this conference. The opposition seemed almost crushing in its influence. What if we had held our peace and been controlled by the ministers who thought we were heretics, disturbing the peace of churches? Nevertheless, we did move forward, and while many bent beneath the power of opposition and yielded their faith to preserve the **unity** with their brethren and retained their place in the churches, many could not conscientiously do this. They held fast their faith. And what was the result? They



were turned out of the churches. After the passing of the time, when sorrow and disappointment was weighing us down to the earth, the Lord let His light shine in upon us, giving us the light upon the third angel’s message so strikingly clear, which showed us our whereabouts in prophecy and placed our feet in a sure path. {Ms37-1890.16} **sanctuary** to His people, Satan stirs up the minds of many. {Ms37-1890.18}

**Clear Light Upon 3<sup>rd</sup> Angel**

What **work of the most solemn import** should absorb our attention that Adventists have been entrusted with?



“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}

**Nothing else to absorb attention- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> angel’s msgs**

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## What is the burden of the warning?



We have been given a work of most solemn import—the proclamation of the **first, second, and third angels'** messages. The subject of the first angel's message is the everlasting gospel, and its burden is the warning, The end of all things is at hand. [Revelation 14:6, 7.] {L1183-1902.4}

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}

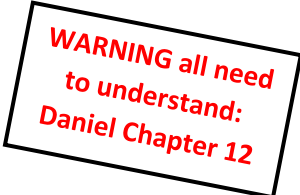


Four Winds

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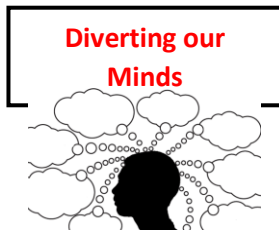
And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation [even] to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in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

Time of Trouble

## What is almost fulfilled?

The world is stirred with the spirit of war. The prophecy of the eleventh chapter of Daniel has nearly reached its complete fulfillment. Soon the scenes of trouble spoken of in the prophecies will take place.--Testimonies, vol. 9, p. 14. {ChS 54.5}

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 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...{RH, September 25, 1883 par. 6}



**And who is diverting our mind from allowing nothing else but this solemn message to absorb our attention which is essential to salvation?**

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}

The theme of greatest importance is the third angel's message, embracing the messages of the first and second angels.

All should understand the truths contained in these messages and demonstrate them in daily life, for this is essential to salvation. We shall have to study earnestly, prayerfully, in order to understand these grand truths; and our power to learn and comprehend will be taxed to the utmost.--Letter 97, 1902. {Ev 196.1}

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I saw a company who stood well guarded and firm, and would give no countenance to those who would unsettle the established faith of the body. God looked upon them with approbation. 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/ 58 GC}

When does the third angels message increase with importance?

The third angel's message increases in importance as we near the close of this earth's history. It is the last offer of mercy to the world, the most solemn message ever given to mortals. In heaven there is a record kept of the impieties of nations, of families, of individuals. God may bear long while the account goes on; calls to repentance and offers of pardon may be given; yet a time will come when the account will be full, when the soul's decision will have been made, when by his own choice man's destiny will have been fixed. Then the signal will be given for judgment to be executed. {ST January 25, 1910, par. 15}

Whose destiny will have been fixed?

Do we crucify Jesus today by not teaching the same message?

So, I saw, that those who had no experience in the first and second angels' messages must receive them from those who had an experience, and followed down through the messages. As JESUS was crucified, so I saw that these messages have been crucified. And as the disciples declared that there was salvation in no other name under heaven, given among men; so, also, should the servants of GOD faithfully and fearlessly declare that those who embrace but a part of the truths connected with the third message must gladly embrace the first, second and third messages as GOD has given them, or have no part nor lot in the matter. (p. 75, Para. 1, GC58)

How we crucify Christ



What are we misinterpreting? Whose "word" should we believe on?

There are persons ready to catch up every new idea. The prophecies of Daniel and the Revelation are misinterpreted. These persons do not consider that the truth has been set forth at the appointed time by the very men whom God was leading to do this special work. These men followed on step by step in the very fulfillment of prophecy, and those who have not had a personal experience in this work are to take the Word of God and believe on "their word" who have been led by the Lord in the proclamation of the first, second, and third angels' messages. These messages, received and acted upon, are doing their work to prepare a people to stand in the great day of God. If we search the Scriptures to confirm the truth God has given His servants for the world, we shall be found proclaiming the first, second, and third angels' messages. {17MR 14.3} **continued in following quote**

Prophecies of Daniel and Revelation Misinterpreted

Believe on "their word"

Is there danger in seeking new light in the prophecies that have already been given by God?



It is true that there are prophecies yet to be fulfilled. But very erroneous work has been done again and again, and will continue to be done by those who seek to find new light in the prophecies, and who begin by turning away from the light that God has already given. The messages of Revelation 14 are those by which the world is to be tested; they are the everlasting gospel, and are to be sounded everywhere. But the Lord does not lay upon those who have not had an experience in His work the burden of making a new exposition of those prophecies which He has, by His Holy Spirit, moved upon His chosen servants to explain. {17MR 15.1} **See first quote on page 5**

New Light?

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What is the **result of disunity**?

Christ came into our world to sway back the powers of darkness and dispel the powers of the enemy. There he comes pretending to be an angel of light, and he says, If You will fall down and worship me I will give You all the

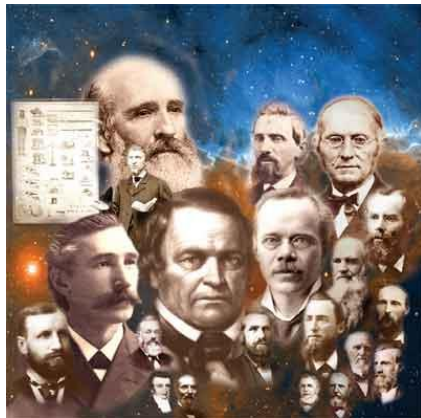
**Fall down and worship me**

**No unity in error**



kingdoms of the earth. Just you accept something besides the truth! Shall we do it? Or shall we have the truth as it is in Jesus? He says, "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit. ... As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love." [John 15:8, 9.] Now I read something which refers to the same here in the 17th chapter of John. He says, "**And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word.**" [John 17:19, 20.] That means us, doesn't it?

"That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, **that they also may be one in us:** that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." [Verse 21.] **Now this is that oneness and unity that we want; and why the devil is so earnest and diligent is so that we shall not be united in the truth. There is no unity in error except for the one purpose to tear down the truth.** Now Christ wants us to be one in the truth. {Ms1-1891.16}



What continues to be testing truth? From **whom should we receive and trust in our past messages**?

You and other of **accept the truth His students of**

**From their voices & pens**

have been led by genuine, advancing point by point, until the truth is to them a reality. **From their voices and pens the truth in bright, warm rays has gone to all parts of the world, and that which was to them testing truth, as brought by the Lord's delegated messengers, is testing truth to all to whom this**



our brethren **must as God has given it to prophecy,** as they living experience, tested, proved, and tried,

**Testing Truth**  
**Our Pioneers**

message is proclaimed. {17MR 3.2}

By trusting in and following what our pioneers taught in relation to the three angels' message what will this help us to withstand?

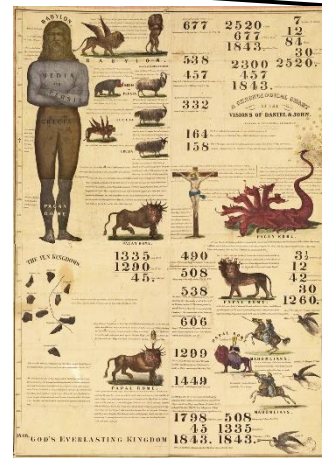
**Decided messages given years ago**

The Testimony of Pioneer Workers.-- I have had presentations regarding the deceptions that Satan is bringing in at this time. I have been instructed that **we should make prominent the testimony of some of the old workers who are now dead. Let them continue to speak through their articles as found in the early numbers of our papers.** These articles should **now be reprinted,** that there may be a living voice from the Lord's witnesses. **The history of the early experiences in the message will be a power to withstand the masterly ingenuity of Satan's deceptions.** This instruction has been repeated recently. I

**Masterly Ingenuity of Satan's Deceptions**

must present before the people the testimonies of Bible truth, and **repeat the decided messages given years ago.** I

desire that my sermons given at camp meetings and in churches may live and do their appointed work.--Letter 99, **1905.** {CW 26.1} {PM 31.2}





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How will honest souls respond to the firm platform of **present truth that is easy to understand**? Whom will God NOT use? How are we not answering the prayer of unity for which Christ prayed?

Honest souls will see the straight chain of present truth. They will see its harmonious connections, link after link uniting into a great whole, and will plant their feet upon it. The present truth is not difficult to be understood, and the people whom God is leading will be united upon the broad, firm platform of truth. He will not use individuals of different faith, opinions, and views, to scatter and divide. Heaven and holy angels are working to unite, to bring into the unity of the faith, into the one body. Satan opposes this, and is determined to scatter, and divide, and bring in different sentiments, that the prayer of Christ may not be answered. John 17:20, 21. "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; that they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us, that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." Jesus designed that the faith of his people should be one. If one goes forth preaching one thing, and another differing with him preaches something else, how can those who believe through their word be one? There must be difference of sentiments. {T08 29.2}

Different Sentiments

Can't Be Preaching Different Things...

SENTIMENT, n. [from L. sentio, to feel, perceive or think.]

1. Properly a thought prompted by passion or feeling.
2. In a popular sense, Thought; opinion; notion; judgement; the decision of the mind formed by deliberation or reasoning.



Since we are not to be preaching different things especially in connection with the third angel's message, what should we avoid in regard to the PROPHECIES? Do our actions towards these messages of our pioneers bring us into unity with Christ and the Father?

No Presenting New Theories



There must be no long discussions, no presenting of new theories in regard to prophecies that God has already made plain. The great work from which the mind should not be diverted is the consideration of our personal standing in the sight of God. Are our feet on the Rock of Ages? Are we hiding ourselves in the only Refuge? The storm is coming, relentless in its fury. Are we prepared to meet it? Are we one with Christ as he is one with the Father? Are we heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ? Are we working in co-partnership with the Saviour? {RH November 27, 1900, par. 13}

What to Avoid

**How do we disgrace the truth**; the most solemn message ever imparted to mortals?

Commence anew. Christians professing to believe the most solemn message ever imparted to mortals were seeking a quarrel with each other like little children. You disgrace the truth. Worldlings are more consistent. There is a lack of principle with some of the professed people of God, a great lack of forbearance and patience with each other, which places them all in almost a hopeless condition. Instead of trying to be united and not noticing little things unworthy of a moment's thought, they give way to evil propensities. And because things do not go just exactly to suit your minds, you **find fault, hate and despise** each other. You tempt the devil to tempt you. {Lt12-1861.5}



Quarrel Like Little Children

Instead of working towards unity, we disgrace the truth.

We need to cooperate and work towards answering the prayer of Christ to have the truth accompanied with power. What continual efforts should we make towards this goal?

Press Together

Union = Strength  
Division = Weakness

If all who have influence felt the necessity of co-operation and would seek to answer the prayer of Christ, that they may be one as He is one with the Father, the cause of present truth would be a power upon this coast. But the people of God are asleep, and do not see the wants of the cause for this time. They do not feel the importance of concentrated action. Satan is ever seeking to divide the faith and hearts of God's people. He well knows that union is their strength, and division their weakness. It is important and essential that all of Christ's followers understand Satan's

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devices and with a united front meet his attacks and vanquish him. They need to make continual efforts to press together even if it be at some sacrifice to themselves. {3T 434.4}

Notice the Loud Cry of the third angel's message can only come AFTER there is unity in answer to Christ's prayer.



Thus will the truth be brought into practical life, and thus will be answered the prayer of Christ, uttered just before His humiliation and death: "That they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in Us: that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me." John 17:21. The love of Christ, the love of our brethren, will testify to the world that we have been with Jesus and learned of Him. Then will the message of the third angel swell to a loud cry, and the whole earth will be lightened with the glory of the Lord. {6T 401.1}

What is the most solemn and important message of which we should come into unity?

Christ has said of His people, "Ye are the light of the world." [Matthew 5:14.] We are the Lord's denominated people, to proclaim the truths of heavenly origin. The most solemn, sacred work ever given to mortals is the proclamation of the first, second, and third angels' messages to our world. {Lt146-1909.11}

**Most Solemn & Threatening Message:  
The Third Angel's Message**



The most solemn warning and the most awful threatening ever addressed to mortals is that contained in the third angel's message. The sin which calls down the wrath of God unmixed with mercy must be of the most heinous character. Is the world to be left in darkness as to the nature of this sin? Most assuredly not; God does not deal thus with His creatures. His wrath is never visited upon the sins of ignorance. Before His judgments are brought upon the earth, the light in regard to this sin must be presented to the world, that men may know why these judgments are to be inflicted, and may have opportunity to escape them. {Ms51-1899.8} {ST November 1, 1899, par. 7}

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According to 1888 Bible Readings, what solemn message, just before the Lord's coming, will bring unity?

"What solemn message, just before the Lord's coming, will bring this unity? 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 [Islam] of God ... Here is patience of the saints: *here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus*. Revelation 14:9-12" {1888 Bible Readings 503}

How can we protect this most solemn message?

Solemn is the message we have to proclaim. As a people, we should guard against anything that would hinder the progress of this message. {Lt18-1910.8}

**Guard against anything that would hinder progress of this message**



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What are we not engage that will hinder the progress of the three angel's messages, the most important truth ever entrusted to mortals to proclaim?

Ministers are not to engage in speculation; for this is dangerous work. Year after year has been passing into eternity. Have the messengers given the solemn warning contained in the third angel's message? The most important truths ever entrusted to mortals have been given to us to proclaim. {Ms59-1912.6}

**Speculation Is Dangerous**

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**SPECULATION, n.** Mental scheme; theory; views of a subject not verified by fact or practice. 1828 Webster's Dictionary

Since we are counseled not to speculate, then what should our **attitude be towards how these messages are to be understood?**

The third angel is represented as flying in the to go forth throughout the length and breadth given to mortals, and all who propose to first feel their need of an education and the

**Education & Training Needed for A work in Seeking to Save Souls**

midst of heaven, showing that the message is of the earth. It is the most solemn message ever connect themselves with the work should most thorough training. {GW92 290.2}

In all the Lord's arrangements, there is giving to men and women a diversity of vessels, both large and small. The Lord used. He will bless them in doing the the past,—the work of seeking to save have received but a limited religious work for this class to do, if they will {SpTB08 20.1}



nothing more beautiful than His plan of gifts. The church of God is made up of many works through those who are willing to be work that has brought blessing to many in souls ready to perish. There are many who and intellectual training, but God has a labor in humility, trusting in Him.

Once we educate ourselves on the teachings of our past history in relation to these solemn messages, and go forward teaching the same as our pioneers, how will the messages stand out?

**CLEAR & DISTINCT**

"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}

In what work are **Christ and the Father united as we should be?**

...God and Christ are spoken of separately. They are two distinct persons, but one in mind, heart, holiness, justice, purity, in the work of seeking to save the sinful race. {BCL 127.3} {Lt311-1905.29}

**Seeking to Save The Sinful Race**

God wants every worker who claims to believe the present truth to consecrate himself, body, soul, and spirit, to the work of seeking to save the perishing souls around him. {Ms44-1903.12}

To every one God has committed a work. Each one is invited to take Christ's yoke and learn of him. Intensity is needed in the work of seeking to save those who are perishing out of Christ.

Satan is intense in his efforts to deceive souls and gather them under his banner of apostasy and rebellion, and his helpers are without number. {SW June 18, 1907, par. 5}



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As we unite in the three angel's messages to proclaim these message to a perishing world, what curse can come upon us?

Every capability and power that the human agent possesses should be given to the work of seeking to save that which is perishing... "Cursed is he that doeth the work of God negligently." [Jeremiah 48:10.] {Lt271-1907.6}

THE CURSE

We need to be proclaiming the SAME message and **be intelligent and not negligent regarding these prophecies!** If we do not fully understand what our pioneers taught regarding these prophecies, then we are being negligent!

Must Come into Union

We need to come into unity regarding the words of Daniel:

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 such as never was since there was a nation which standeth for the children of thy people: and **there shall be a time of trouble**, even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. 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. And 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." {AUCR, March 11, 1907 par. 10}

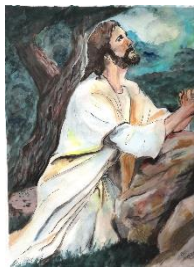


**These words present the work that we are to do in these last days.** We are not one-half awake. We have not the power that is essential to the doing of the work that must be done. **WE MUST COME into life. come INTO UNION**... {AUCR, March 11, 1907 par. 11}

How Discord & Dissension is Produced

How important is harmony and unity?

As we approach the last crisis, it is of vital moment **that harmony and unity exist among the Lord's instrumentalities.** The world is filled with storm and war and variance. Yet under one head—the papal power—the people will unite to oppose God in the person of His witnesses. This union is cemented by the great apostate. While he seeks to unite his agents in warring against the truth he will work to divide and scatter its advocates. **Jealousy, evil surmising, evil speaking,** are instigated by him to produce discord and dissension. The members of Christ's church have the power to thwart the purpose of the adversary of souls. **At such a time as this let them not be found at variance with one another or with any of the Lord's workers.** Amidst the general discord let there be one place where **harmony and unity** exist because the Bible is made the guide of life. Let the people of God feel that a responsibility rests upon them to build up His instrumentalities. {7T182.2}



What will be **the ambitions of the righteous, the one absorbing question that will answer the prayer of Christ?**

Those who profess to believe the special truths for this time need to be converted and sanctified by the truth. As Christians we are made depositories of sacred truth, and we are not to keep the truth in the outer court, but bring it into the sanctuary of the soul. Then the church will possess divine vitality throughout. The weak shall be as David, and David as the angel of the Lord. **One question will be all absorbing—Who shall approach nearest the likeness of Christ? Who shall do most to win souls to righteousness? When**

**this is the ambition of believers, contention is at an end: the prayer of Christ is answered.** {Lt25b-1892.33}

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## “Trample upon the prayer of Christ” & What about **time setting**?

Let all our brethren and sisters beware of any one who would set a time for the Lord to fulfil his word in regard to his coming, or in regard to any other promise he has made of special

Teachers of  
Falsehood

A Whole  
Storehouse  
of Precious  
Gems

significance. “It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.” False teachers may appear to be very zealous for the work of God, and may expend means to bring their theories before the world and the church; but as they mingle error with truth, their message is one of deception, and will lead souls into false paths. They are to be met, and opposed, not because they are bad men, but because they are teachers of falsehood, and are endeavoring to put upon falsehood the stamp of truth. What a



Not Bad  
Men

pity it is that men will go to such pains to discover some theory of error, when there is a whole storehouse of precious gems of truth by which the people might be enriched in the most holy faith. Instead of teaching truth, they let their imagination dwell upon that which is new and strange, and throw themselves out of harmony with those whom God is using to bring the people up upon the platform of truth. They cast aside all that has been said in regard to unity of sentiment and feeling, and trample upon the prayer of Christ as though the unity for which he prayed was unessential, that there is no necessity for his followers to be one, even as he is one with the Father. They go off on a tangent, and Jehu-like, call to their brethren to follow their example of zeal for the Lord. If their zeal led them to work in the same lines in which their brethren who have carried the heat and burden of the day, are working; if they were as persevering to overcome discouragements and obstacles as their brethren have been, they might well be imitated, and God would accept them. But men are to be condemned who start out with a proclamation of wonderful light, and yet draw away from the agents whom God is leading. This was the way in which Korah, Dathan, and Abiram did, and their action is recorded as a warning to all others. We are not to do as they have done,—accuse and condemn those upon whom God has laid the burden of the work. {RH September 12, 1893, par. 6}

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Solidity of  
Faith  
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Know Faith  
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Love One  
Another

The Lord wants that every one of us should have sanctified ears, that we should have a sanctified understanding, that Jesus Christ may move upon our minds, that it may affect our hearts and our characters so that we shall be just what He wants us to be. And what is that? Representatives of Jesus Christ in the world. What is that? What it is to be a light amid the moral darkness that prevails? It is to be a light wherever we are. A light—not to have a light and chaffy spirit—that is not the kind, because that is from beneath. But we want solidity of character. More than that, we want to know what faith is. We want to know what it is to love one another. And if we draw nigh to God, individually, then don't you see what the result will be? Can't you see that we will draw nigh to one another? We cannot draw nigh to God and come to the same cross without our hearts being blended together in perfect unity, answering



Hearts Blended  
Together

the prayer of Christ “that they may be one,” as He is one with the Father. [John 17:11.] And therefore we should seek in spirit, in understanding, in faith, that we may be one, that God may be glorified in us as He is glorified in the Son; and that God shall love us as He loves the Son. Do you think God will love us if He sees us here right in the very last close of this earth's history, that we are quibbling and trifling and spreading ourselves apart as far as we can, for fear that we shall have an understanding with some of our brethren? Do you suppose that that honors God? I tell you, Nay. God desires and designs that His children shall be one as Christ is one with the Father. {Ms7-1890.6}



## The Three Angels

Camp meetings

The third angel's message is to be proclaimed at our camp-meetings, and in a most earnest, decided manner. The trumpet [7<sup>th</sup> trumpet/ 3<sup>rd</sup> woe- Islam] is to give a certain sound. {Ms16-1900.23}

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

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Rev 14:9 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, if any man worship the beast and his image, and receive [his] mark in his forehead, or in his hand, 14:10 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath [plagues of Islam] of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: 14:11 And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.

What **danger are we in – in regard to the third angel’s message?**

The third angel’s message is to be given with power. The power of the proclamation of the first and second messages is to be intensified in the third. In the Revelation John says of the heavenly messenger who unites with the third angel: “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.”

Revelation 18:1, 2. **We are in danger of giving the third angel’s message in so indefinite a manner that it does not impress the people.** 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 test for this time. While the churches profess to believe in Christ, they are violating the law which Christ Himself proclaimed from Sinai. The Lord bids us: **“Show My people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.”** Isaiah 58:1. The trumpet is to give a certain sound. {6T 60.1}

We are to **show the errors taught** – connected to the three angel’s messages **that have been entering the church since 1844.**

I saw another mighty angel [4<sup>th</sup> angel- Rev 18:1-2] commissioned to descend to earth, and unite his voice with the third angel, and give power and force to his message. Great power and glory were imparted to the angel, and as he descended, the earth was lightened with his glory. The light which went before and followed after this angel, penetrated every where, as he

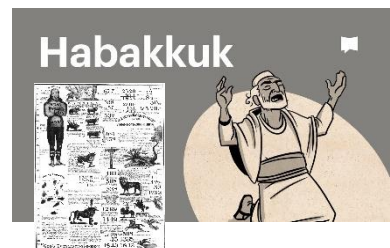


cried mightily, with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. The message of the fall of Babylon, as given by the second angel [of Rev 14 :8], is again given, with the addition of the corruptions which have been entering the churches since 1844. The work of this angel comes in at the right time, and joins in the last great work of the third angel’s message, as it swells into a loud cry. {1SG 193.2}

Regarding the prophecy of Habakkuk that was published the day before Sister White passed away on July 16, 1915:

**Habakkuk**

Let us ever hold in remembrance the cheering message, “The vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.... The just shall live by his faith.” Habakkuk 2:3, 4. {RH July 15, 1915, par. 3}



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Interesting to note that in the 1884 Great Controversy, in the Chapter entitled, “**Snares of Satan**”, Sister White exposes our adversary’s plot of deceptions to keep mankind in darkness. And one way he does this is through rejecting the truths on **Habakkuk’s tables** (1843 & 1850 charts)! She quotes **Habakkuk 2:2, 3!**:



Says the great deceiver: “**I will have upon the ground, as my agents, men holding false doctrines mingled with just enough truth to deceive souls.** I will also have unbelieving ones present, who **will express doubts in regard to the Lord’s messages of warning to his church.** Should the people read and believe these admonitions, we could have little hope of overcoming them. But if we can divert their attention from these warnings, they will remain ignorant of our power and cunning, and we shall secure them in our ranks at last. God will not permit his words to be slighted with impunity. If we can keep souls deceived for a time, God’s mercy will be withdrawn, and he will give them up to our full control. {4SP 340.2}

In order to sustain erroneous doctrines or unchristian practices, they seize upon passages of Scripture separated from the context, perhaps quoting half of a single verse as proving their point, when the remaining portion would show the meaning to be quite the opposite. **With the cunning of the serpent,** they entrench themselves behind disconnected utterances construed to suit their carnal desires. Thus do many willfully pervert the word of God. Others, who have an active imagination, **seize upon the figures and symbols of Holy Writ, interpret to suit their fancy, with little regard to the testimony of Scripture as its own interpreter,** and then they present their vagaries as the teachings of God’s word. {4SP 343.3} **Sister White, next, connects the visions of Daniel, John and Habakkuk:**

**The Bible** was designed to be a guide to all who wish to become acquainted with the will of their Maker. God gave to men the **sure word of prophecy;** angels and even **Christ himself came to make known to Daniel and John the things that must shortly come to pass. Those important matters that concern our salvation were not left involved in mystery.** They were not revealed in such a way as to perplex and mislead the honest seeker after truth. Said the Lord by the prophet Habakkuk, “**Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.**” [Habakkuk 2:2, 3.] The word of God is plain to all who study it with a prayerful heart. Every truly honest soul will come to the light of truth. “Light is sown for the righteous.” [Psalm 97:11.] No church can advance in holiness unless its members are earnestly seeking for truth as for hid treasure. {4SP 344.2} 1884 GC



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How much **zeal** should we have **for the truth**?

Those **temptations are most dangerous** which **come from the professed servants of God, and from our friends.** When persons who are uniting with the world, yet claiming great piety and love, **counsel the faithful workers for God to be less zealous and more conservative,** our answer must be an appeal to the word of God. **When they plead for union** with those who have been our determined opposers, **we should fear and shun them as decidedly as did Nehemiah.** **Those who would lead away from the old landmarks to form a connection with the ungodly, cannot be sent of Heaven.** Whatever may have been their former position, their present course tends to unsettle the faith of God’s people. {ST January 3, 1884, par. 14}



**After the Great Disappointment** there were few who set themselves to seek the Word with all their heart. **But some souls would not settle down in discouragement and deny that the Lord had led them.** To these the truth was opened point by point, and entwined with their most hallowed recollections and sympathies. . . . Truth was made to shine forth, beautiful in its simplicity, **dignified with a power and invested with an assurance unknown before the Disappointment.** We could then proclaim the message in unity. (Manuscript Release No. 1237)

What standard will bring us into unity?

The professedly Christian world many turn away from the plain teachings of the Bible and build up a creed from human speculations and pleasing fables, and they point to their tower as a way to climb up to heaven. Men hang with admiration upon the lips of

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eloquence while it teaches that the transgressor shall not die, that salvation may be secured without obedience to the law of God. **If the professed followers of Christ would accept God's standard, it would bring them into unity; but so long as human wisdom is exalted above His Holy Word, there will be divisions and dissension.** The existing confusion of conflicting creeds and sects is fitly represented by the term "Babylon," which prophecy (Revelation 14:8; 18:2) applies to the world-loving churches of the last days. {PP 124.1}



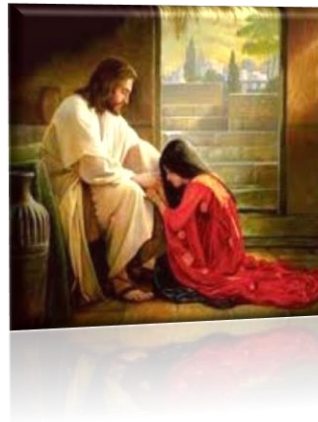
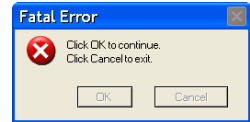
**Separate from those teaching errors—deadly poison to the soul—God displeased when we listen to error**

I was shown the necessity of those who believe that we are having the last message of mercy, **being separate from those who are daily imbibing new errors.** I saw that **neither young nor old should attend their meetings;** for it is wrong to thus



**encourage them while they teach error that is a deadly poison to the soul** and teach for doctrines the commandments of men. The influence of such gatherings is not good. If God has delivered us from such darkness and error, we should stand fast in the liberty wherewith He has set us free and rejoice in the truth. **God is displeased with us when we go to listen to error, without being obliged to go;**

**for unless He sends us to those meetings where error is forced home to the people by the power of the will, He will not keep us. The angels cease their watchful care over us, and we are left to the buffetings of the enemy, to be darkened and weakened by him and the power of his evil angels; and the light around us becomes contaminated with the darkness.** {EW 124.3}

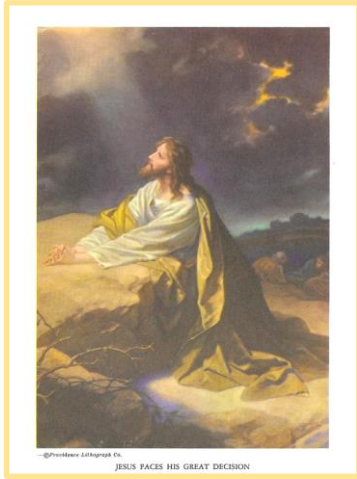




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## The Prayer of Christ

*I and [my] Father are one. John 10:30*



*Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on Me through their word; **that they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee**, that they also may be **one** in Us: that the world may believe that **Thou** hast sent Me.”*

*John 17:20, 21. {MH 421.8}*

*The FATHERHOOD of God is given to us in the gift of Jesus Christ; and as God was **one** with His only begotten Son, so He would have His earthly children **one** with him.*

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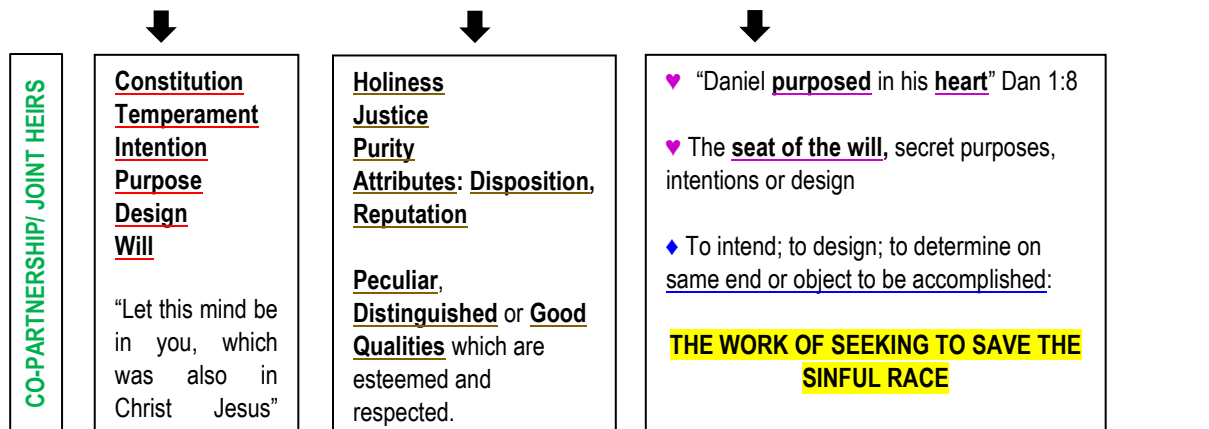
The personality of the Father and the Son, also the unity that exists between Them, are **presented in the seventeenth chapter of John, in the prayer of Christ for His disciples**: {MH 421.7}

Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on Me through their word; that they all may be **one**; as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be **one** in Us: that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me.” John 17:20, 21. {MH 421.8}

The **unity** that exists between Christ and His disciples does not destroy the personality of either. They are **one in purpose, in mind, in character**, but **not in person**. It is thus that God and Christ are one. {MH 422.1} {8T 269.4}

In this scripture (*John 17:20, 21*) God and Christ are spoken of separately. They are two distinct persons, but **one in mind, one in heart, one in holiness and justice, and purity**, and **one in the work of seeking to save the sinful race**. {BCL 127.3} {NL 124}

ONE	IN MIND,	IN HOLINESS, JUSTICE, PURITY	IN ♥HEART	{BCL 127.3} {NL 124}
ONE	IN NATURE,	IN CHARACTER,	IN ♦PURPOSE	{GC 493.1}
ONE	IN MIND,	IN CHARACTER,	IN ♦PURPOSE	{MH 422.1} {8T 269}
ONE	IN SPIRIT,	IN CHARACTER,	IN ♥HEART	{YI Dec 16, 1897 par. 5}



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Christ the Word, the Only Begotten of God, was **one** with the eternal Father,— **one in nature, in character,** and **in purpose**,—the only being in all the universe that could enter into all the counsels and **purposes** of God. {GC 493.1}

From eternity there was a **complete unity** between the Father and the Son. They were two, yet little short of being identical; **two in individuality**, yet **one in spirit, and heart, and character**. {YI December 16, 1897, par. 5}

The Jews had never before heard such words from human lips, and a convicting influence attended them; for it seemed that divinity flashed through humanity as Jesus said, "**I and my Father are one.**" The words of Christ were full of deep meaning as he put forth the claim that he and the Father were of one substance, possessing the same attributes. {ST November 27, 1893, par. 5}

Let them be thankful to God for His manifold mercies and be kind to one another. They have **one** God and **one** Saviour; and **one** Spirit--the Spirit of Christ--is to bring unity into their ranks. {E.G. White, Testimonies Volume 9, p. 189} 1909

## QUESTIONS AND THOUGHTS TO CONSIDER--

There must be no long discussions, **no presenting of new theories in regard to prophecies that God has already made plain.** The great work from which the mind should not be diverted is the consideration of our personal standing in the sight of God. Are our feet on the **Rock of Ages**? Are we hiding ourselves in the only **Refuge**? The storm is coming, relentless in its fury. Are we prepared to meet it? **Are we one with Christ as he is one with the Father? Are we heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ? Are we working in co-partnership with the Saviour?** {RH November 27, 1900, par. 13}

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**Men are taking sides, according to their choice.** Those that are feeding on the word of God will show this by their practise; they are on the Lord's side, seeking by precept and example to reform the world. All that have refused to be taught of God, hold the **traditions of men**. They at last pass over on the side of the enemy, against God, and are written, "**antichrist**." The people of God, who understand our position in this world's history, are, with ears open and hearts softened and subdued, **pressing together in unity—one with Jesus Christ.** Those who will not practise the lessons of Christ, but keep themselves in hand to mold themselves, find in antichrist the center of their union. While the two parties stand in collision, the Lord will appear, and shine before his ancients gloriously. He will set up a kingdom that shall stand forever. {SpTA09 55.2}

**Are we willing to put forth such efforts to save our fellow-men as Christ made for our salvation?** Will we manifest such regard for the reputation and interest of our brethren as Jesus has taught us by his care for us? **We are one in Christ.** In his sight, the bond that unites believers is more sacred and enduring than any other tie. Christ is the Vine; we are branches, and only branches. This view of our relationship to him and to one another **should lead us to labor earnestly for the salvation of our brethren.** **We must be faithful to do our appointed work, to reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all long-suffering and doctrine. This must be done in the spirit of meekness, while abiding in Christ.** Here is our power over hearts. When Christ reigns in the hearts, selfishness will die out, and disinterested benevolence take its place. Coldness and indifference will then be considered as fatal as for a sentinel to sleep at his post, thus exposing the whole army to defeat and death. **We must ever be on our guard.** Our enemy is vigilant; he is ever watching for opportunities to come in with his snares. {RH March 4, 1884, par. 8}

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