Deception through Winds of Doctrine Arises from Moving the Third Angel from its True Position

We know that God will use Islam under the sounding of the 7th trumpet (Rev 11:14) to pour out His wrath under the 3rd woe; aka., plagues (Rev 9:20) upon the rejectors of His Word and this warning (Rev 18:4) comes under the umbrella of the 3rd angel's message.

So, I saw, that those who had no experience in the first and second angels' messages <u>must receive</u> them from those who had an experience, and followed down through the messages. <u>As Jesus was crucified, so I saw that</u> these messages have been crucified. (*This is how we crucify our Lord today, as did the Jews of old!*) 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 <u>a part of the truths</u> <u>connected with the third</u> <u>message must gladly embrace the first, second and third messages</u> as God has given them, or have no part nor lot in the matter. {1SG 75.1}

Many who embraced the third message had not an experience in the two former messages. Satan understood this, and his evil eye was upon them to overthrow them; but the third angel was pointing them to the Most Holy place, and those who had an experience in the past messages were pointing them the way to the heavenly Sanctuary. Many saw the perfect chain of truth in the angels' messages, and gladly received it. They embraced them in their order, and followed Jesus by faith into the heavenly Sanctuary. These messages were represented to me as an anchor to hold the body. And as individuals receive and understand them, they are shielded against the many delusions of Satan. {1SG 165.2}

After the great disappointment in 1844, Satan and his angels were busily engaged in laying snares to unsettle the faith of the body./He was affecting the minds of individuals who had a personal experience in these things. They had an appearance of humility. They changed the first and second messages, and pointed to the future for their fulfillment, while others pointed far back in the past, declaring that they had been there fulfilled. (We see this very history repeating toddy as some people are placing the 7th trumpet/3rd angel in the future!) These individuals were drawing the minds of the mexperienced away, and unsettling their faith. Some were searching the Bible to try to build up a faith of their own, independent of the body. Satan exulted in all this; for he knew that those who broke loose from the anchor, he could affect by <u>different errors</u> and <u>drive about with winds of doctrine</u>. Many who had led in the first and second messages, denied them, and division and scattering was throughout the body. I then saw Wm. Miller. He looked perplexed, and was bowed with sorrow and distress for his people. He saw the company who were united and loving in 1844, losing their love for each other, and opposing one another. He saw them fall back into a cold, backslidden state. Grief wasted his strength. I saw leading men watching Wm. Miller, and fearing lest he should embrace the third angel's message and the commandments of God. And as he would lean towards the light from heaven, these men would lay some plan to draw his mind away. I saw a human influence exerted to keep his mind in darkness, and to retain his influence among them. At length Wm. Miller raised his voice against the light from heaven. He failed in not receiving the message which would have fully explained his disappointment, and cast a light and glory on the past, which would have revived his exhausted energies, brightened up his hope, and led him to glorify God. But he leaned to human wisdom instead of divine (Oh! If today, we could learn to not make the same mistakes from this example! Do we trust in men's writings or do we follow the counsel above and "receive them from those who had an experience in these messages"? Regarding Uriah Smith's Book, 'Daniel and the Revelation': "Especially should the book Daniel and the Revelation be brought before people... this book contains the message which all need to read and understand, ... Those who embrace the truth now, who have not shared in the experiences of those who entered the work in the early history of the message, should study the instruction given in Daniel and the Revelation, becoming familiar with the TRUTH it presents.... They need to understand this book. It speaks of past, present, and future, laying out the path so plainly that none need err therein God used the author of this book as a channel through which to communicate LIGHT and direct minds to the TRUTH. Shall we not appreciate this LIGHT, which points us to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, our King?" 1MR 60.5-61.2; 63.1), and being broken with arduous labor in his Master's cause, and by age, he was not as accountable as those who kept him from the truth. They are responsible, and the sin rests upon them. If Wm. Miller could have seen the light of the third message, many things which looked dark and mysterious to him would have been explained. His brethren professed such deep love and interest for him, he thought he could not tear away from them. His heart would incline towards the truth; but then he looked at his brethren. They opposed it. Could he tear away from those who had stood side and shoulder with him in proclaiming Jesus' coming? He thought they surely would not lead him astray. {1SG 166.1} God suffered him to come under the power of Satan, and death to have dominion over him. He hid him in the grave, away from those who were constantly drawing him from God. Moses erred just as he was about to enter the promised land. So also, I saw that Wm. Miller erred as he was soon to enter the heavenly Canaan, in suffering his influence to go against the truth. Others led him to this. Others must account for it. But angels watch the precious dust of this servant of God, and he will come forth at the sound of the last trump. (Praise God!) {1SG

168.1}

"<u>All these truths are immortalized in my writings</u>. The Lord never denies His Word. Men may get up scheme after scheme, and the enemy will seek to seduce souls from the truth, but <u>all who believe that the Lord has spoken through Sister White</u>, and has given her a message, <u>will be safe from the many delusions that will come in in these last days</u>." {21LtMs, Lt 50, 1906, par. 6}