

THE WAITING, WATCHING ONES IN MARK 13:34-37
SDA's, THE LOCUSTS ARE COMING!!! ARE YOU READY?
FINAL SIGN OF CHRIST'S IMMINENT RETURN
(Parable of the Fig Tree Shooting Forth & Waiting Ones)
MARK 13:28-37 & MATT 24:32-51

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.** {1SG 75.1}

The **twenty-fourth chapter of Matthew** is presented to me again and again as something that is to be brought to the attention of all. **We are today living in the time when the predictions of this chapter are fulfilling.** Let our ministers and teachers **explain these prophecies** to those whom they instruct. Let them leave out of their discourses **matters of minor consequence, and present the truths that will decide the destiny of souls.** {GW 148.2}

VISITATION

Yet the world is asleep. **The people know not the time of their visitation.** {COL 302.6}

Asleep
Know not the Time
The End
Claim to believe preset truth

Oh, how few know the time of their visitation! How few, even among those who claim to believe present truth, understand the signs of the times or what we are to experience before the end! We are today under divine forbearance; but **how long will the angels of God continue to hold the winds,** that they shall not blow? {6T 426.2}

Signs of the Times
Watchmen
Professing allegiance to God
Winds held back

If left to the care of those who, while professing allegiance to God, know not the time of their visitation, the light of the candle, or church, will go out in darkness. He who is a true watchman in this time of peril will work with tireless vigilance. He will keep faithfully the courts of the Lord's house. {23LtMs, Lt 4, 1908, par. 10}

Light of candle will go out in darkness
Time of Peril
Tireless Vigilance
True Watchman

Micah 7:4 The best of them is as a brier: the most upright is sharper than a thorn hedge: **the day of thy watchmen and thy visitation cometh;** now shall be their perplexity.

Perplexity
A Thorn Hedge
Keep Faithfully the courts of Lord's House

What does Matthew 24:3, 6-8 and 30 show?

Matt 24:3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, **when shall these things be?** and what [shall be] the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? **24:6** And ye shall hear of **wars and rumours of wars:** see that ye be not troubled: for all [these things] must come to pass, but **the end is not yet.** **24:7** For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be **famines,** and **pestilences,** and **earthquakes,** in divers places. **24:8** **All these [are] the beginning of sorrows.**

When studying the parable of the fig tree, keep the following text in mind that shows once the harvest is past and summer is ended, PROBATION IS CLOSED.

Jer 8:20 The harvest is past, the **summer is ended,** and **we are not saved.**

Let's trace Islam though our recent history. We see here in Isaiah 30:25 the fulfillment of 911 (you can read about it in RH JULY 5, 1906 & 9T 11-14 in "The Last Crisis" Chapter foretelling 911.) Islam was involved and they prided themselves as being involved in 911. "Who reads the warning of the fast fulfilling signs of the time?" Since 911 (Sept. 11, 2001), the Spirit of Prophecy (lessor light, moon) has helped us to see the fulfillment of 911 and the Bible has been opening unto us 7 fold (7 fold means "seven times.") The understanding of the "seven times", (aka as the 2520/ the "judgment") proclaimed by the 1st angel's message (Rev 14: 6, 7) has been opened more fully to SDA's since 911!



911 / ISLAM

Isa 30:25 And there shall be upon every high mountain, and upon every high hill, rivers [and] streams of waters in the day of the great slaughter, **when the towers fall** (911). **30:26** Moreover the light of the **moon** (*Spirit of Prophecy*) **shall be as the light of the sun**, and the **light of the sun shall be sevenfold** (*Bible- 7 times/ 2520*), **as the light of seven days**, in the day that the LORD bindeth up the breach of his people, and healeth the stroke of their wound.

But **who reads the warnings given by the fast-fulfilling signs of the times?** What impression is made upon worldlings? What change is seen in their attitude? No more than was seen in the attitude of the inhabitants of the Noachian world. Absorbed in worldly business and pleasure, the antediluvians "**knew not until the Flood came (close of probation), and took them all away.**" **Matthew 24:39. They had heaven-sent warnings, but they refused to listen.** And today the world, utterly regardless of the warning voice of God, is hurrying on to eternal ruin. {CCh 38.5} {9T 14.1}

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 (*Dan 12:1*) will take place. {CCh 38.6} {9T 14.2}

And he (king of the north- Islam, Dan 11:40) shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him. 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. Daniel 11:45-12:1

A Bible generation is 40 years

Ps 95:10 **Forty years** long was I grieved with **[this] generation**, and said, It [is] a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known my ways:

Num 14:33 And your children shall wander in the **forty years**, and bear your whoredoms, until your carcases be wasted in the wilderness. **14:34** After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, [even] **forty days**, each day for a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, [even] forty years, and ye shall know my breach of promise.

"Would it not be well for us to go under the **fig-tree** to plead with God as to what is truth?"
{RH Feb., 18, 1890.21}



*Continuing in Matthew Chapter 24 we are to learn a parable of the fig tree. This is **the last sign given to us, a parable of the fig tree**. In this parable, everything prior to our day was *literal* (earthquakes etc) and, now parable is applied *figuratively*. In less than 40 years, Jerusalem was destroyed (31 AD to 70 AD was less than 40 years). When this **last sign (parable of fig tree)** in our day is fulfilled in verse 34, "**this generation will not pass away till all these things be fulfilled**"; that is, from when Turkey (Islam) first comes on the scene in Sept 2001 (see 9 T 11-13) to when they take residence in Jerusalem in fulfilling **Daniel 11:45** (it's already been 19 years since 2001) the parable will be fulfilled and the 2nd coming will quickly follow! This will become clearer as we proceed with proof texting Matthew 24.*

Matt 24: 48; Lu 12:45- "Different **times were set for the Lord to come**, and were urged upon the brethren. But the Lord **showed me** that they would pass by, for the **time of trouble** (*Dan 12:1 plagues- time of trouble- comes after Dan 11:45 fulfilled- Islam plants tabernacle of his palace in Jerusalem*) **must come before** the advent of Christ (*2nd Coming*), and that **every time a date was set**, and passed, it would weaken the faith of God's people. For this I was charged with **being the evil servant that said, "My Lord delayeth His coming (Matt 24:48; Luke 12:45)."** {LSMS 137.3} (*Paraphrase added*)

Matt 24:32 Now learn a **parable of the fig tree**; When his branch is yet tender, and **putteth forth leaves** (*springtime*), ye know that summer [is] nigh: **24:33** So likewise ye, **when ye shall see (we are to watch) all these things**, know that it (*close of probation*) is near, [even] at the doors (*door of Most Holy Place soon to close*). **24:34** Verily I say unto you, **This generation (40 years)** shall not pass, **till all these things be fulfilled.**

A Vineyard and a Fig Tree are Symbolic of Israel

Thou hast brought **a vine out of Egypt**: thou hast cast out the heathen, and planted it. Psalms 80:8

I found Israel **like grapes in the wilderness**; I saw your **fathers as the firstripe in the fig tree** at her first time: [but] they went to Baalpeor, and separated themselves unto [that] shame; and [their] abominations were according as they loved. Hosea 9:10

Gen 40:10 And in the vine were three branches: and it was as though it budded, **and her blossoms shot forth**; and the clusters thereof brought forth ripe grapes:

Eze 17:6; 31:5 And it grew, and became a spreading vine of low stature, whose branches turned toward him, and the roots thereof were under him: so it became a vine, and **brought forth branches**, and **shot forth sprigs**. Therefore his height was exalted above all the trees of the field, and his boughs were multiplied, and his branches became long because of the multitude of waters, when **he shot forth**.

SOL 2:13 The fig tree **putteth forth** her green figs, and the vines *with* the tender grape give a *good* smell. **Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.**

John 10:4 And when he **putteth forth** his own sheep, he goeth before them, and **the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.**

*What causes the garden to **shoot forth/bring forth** blossom and bud? Ans. The Rain.*

Isa 55:10 For as **the rain cometh down**, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it **bring forth** and **bud**, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: **55:11 So shall my word be that goeth forth** out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper [in the thing] whereto I sent it.

Rain is doctrine:

Deut 32:2 My **doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew**, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass:

What is represented by the bud and blossom? Ans. Fruit; the Righteousness and praise in God's people.

Isa 61:11 For as the earth bringeth forth her **bud**, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to **spring forth**; so the Lord GOD **will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth** before all the nations

*In what day is the **fruit** produced? Ans. In the day of the **east wind**. Please keep this phrase "east wind" in mind as we continue. It will be show its connection to Islam.*

II. The East Wind (most mentioned in Bible)

- Brought locusts, Ex.10:13 (west wind blew them away, v.19)
- Scorched grain, Gn.41:6, 23, 27 (blew from desert)
- Withered the vine, Ezk.17:9-10
- Dried up springs of water, Ho.13:15

Isa 27:2 In that day sing ye unto her, A vineyard of red wine. **27:3** I the LORD do keep it; I will **water** it every moment: lest [any] hurt it, I will keep it night and day. **27:6** He shall cause them that come of Jacob to take root: Israel **shall blossom and bud**, and fill the face of the world with **fruit**. **27:8** In measure, when it **shooteth forth**, thou wilt debate with it: he stayeth his rough **wind in the day of the east wind**. **27:9** By this therefore shall **the iniquity of Jacob be purged**; and this [is] **all the fruit to take away his sin**; when he maketh all the stones of the altar as chalkstones that are beaten in sunder, the groves and images shall not stand up.

A second and third witness to the parable of the fig tree in the books of Mark and Luke to Matthew 24 above.

Mark 13:28 Now **learn a parable of the fig tree**; When her branch is yet tender, and **putteth forth leaves** (*springtime*), **ye know that summer is near** (*close of probation*): **13:29** So ye in like manner, when ye shall see these things come to pass, know that it is nigh, [even] at the doors. **13:30** Verily I say unto you, that **this generation** (*40 years*) shall not pass, till all these things be done.

Luke 21:7 And they asked him, saying, Master, but when shall these things be? and what sign [will there be] when these things shall come to pass? **21:29** And **he spake to them a parable**; Behold **the fig tree, and all the trees**; **21:30** **When they now shoot forth** (*springtime*), **ye see and know of your own selves that summer** (*close of probation*) **is now nigh at hand**. **21:31** So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand. **21:32** Verily I say unto you, **This generation** (*40 years*) shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled.

Parables are to be treated the same as figures according to Miller's rules 6, 9 & 10.

RULE VI God has revealed things to come, by visions, in figures and **parables**, and in this way the same things are often time revealed again and again, by different visions, or in different **figures, and parables**. If you wish to understand them, you **must combine them all in one**.

DOCTRINE = RAIN

EAST WIND

SHOOTETH / PUTTETH FORTH

PARABLES

MILLER'S RULES

RULE IX “Parables are used as comparisons to illustrate subjects, and must be explained in the same way as figures by the subject and Bible. Mark iv.13. See explanation of the ten virgins, Miller’s Lectures, No.xvi. {1842 WiM, MWV1 21.7}

RULE X “Figures sometimes have two or more different significations, as day is used in a figurative sense to represent three different periods of time. 1. Indefinite. 2. Definite, a day for a year. 3. Day for a thousand years {1842 WiM, MWV1 21.8}

*Please note that **grasshoppers** and **locusts** are one in the same. Grasshoppers represent people.*

Nah 3:17 Thy crowned [are] as the **locusts**, and thy captains as the great **grasshoppers**, which camp in the hedges in the cold day, [but] when the sun ariseth they flee away, and their place is not known where they [are].

Isa 40:22 It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as **grasshoppers** ...

*What is connected to the beginning of the “**shooting forth**” in the parable? Ans. **Grasshoppers**. The latter growth was in the time of “mowing” down, it’s the reaping time... **the last of the King’s harvest**. **When you see the grasshoppers you know that you are at the beginning of the shooting forth** which is the last harvest.*

Amos 7:1 Thus hath the Lord GOD showed unto me; and, behold, he formed **grasshoppers** in the **beginning of the shooting up of the latter growth**; and, lo, [it was] the **latter growth** after the king’s mowings.

*With what people group are these **grasshoppers** associated? Ans. The **Midianites** who are the **Children of the East** who came up like **grasshoppers** are the **Ishmaelites**.*

GRASSHOPPERS / LOCUSTS

CHILDREN OF THE EAST

Jud 6:3 And [so] it was, when Israel had sown, that the **Midianites** came up, and the Amalekites, and the **children of the east**, even they came up against them; **6:5** For **they came up** with their cattle and their tents, and they came **as grasshoppers for multitude**; [for] both **they** and their camels **were without number**: and they **entered into the land to destroy it**. **7:12** And the **Midianites** and the Amalekites and all the **the children of the east lay along in the valley like grasshoppers for multitude**; and their camels [were] without number, **as the sand by the sea side for multitude**.

Prov 30:27 The **locusts** have no king, yet **go they forth** all of them **by bands**;

Jud 8:22 Then the men of Israel said unto Gideon, Rule thou over us, both thou, and thy son, and thy son’s son also: for thou hast delivered us from the hand of **Midian**. **8:24** And Gideon said unto them, I would desire a request of you, that ye would give me every man the earrings of his prey. (For they had golden earrings, because **they [were] Ishmaelites**.)

Gen 37:27 Come, and let us sell him to the **Ishmeelites**, and let not our hand be upon him; for he [is] our brother [and] our flesh. And his brethren were content. **37:28** Then there passed by **Midianites** merchantmen; and they drew and lifted up Joseph out of the pit, and sold Joseph to the **Ishmeelites** for twenty [pieces] of silver: and they brought Joseph into Egypt. **37:36** And the **Midianites** sold him into Egypt unto Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh’s, [and] captain of the guard.

***Ishmael** is Abraham’s son. The **children of the east (Ishmael)**, were sent eastward. **They lived in the east, in the wilderness**.*

Gen 21:17 And God heard the voice of the lad; and the angel of **God called to Hagar out of heaven**, and said unto her, What aileth thee, Hagar? fear not; for God hath heard the voice of **the lad** where he [is]. **21:20** And God was with **the lad**; and he grew, and **dwelt in the wilderness**, and became an archer.

Gen 25:5 And Abraham gave all that he had unto Isaac. **25:6** But unto **the sons of the concubines**, which Abraham had, Abraham gave gifts, and **sent them away** from Isaac his son, while **he yet lived, eastward**, unto the east country.

*We know that **Ishmael** is of the Children of the East and so we now will trace **his second born son, Kedar**, as men of the east as well. They have camels. Camels are in the desert. These are the **grasshoppers**.*

WILDERNESS

KEDAR

BABYLON

Gen 25:13 And these [are] the names of the sons of Ishmael, by their names, according to their generations: **the firstborn of Ishmael**, Nebajoth; and **Kedar**, and Adbeel, and Mibsam,

Jer 49:28 Concerning **Kedar**, and concerning the kingdoms of Hazor, which Nebuchadrezzar king of **Babylon** shall smite, thus saith the LORD; Arise ye, go up to **Kedar**, and **spoil the men of the east**. **49:29** Their tents and their flocks shall they take away: they shall take to themselves their curtains, and all their vessels, and their **camels**; and they shall cry unto them, Fear [is] on every side.

Eze 27:21 Arabia, and all the princes of **Kedar**, they occupied with thee in lambs, and rams, and goats: in these [were they] thy merchants.

MIDIAN / MIDIANITES

ISHMEELITES

ABRAHAM / HAGAR

MEN OF THE EAST

The children of **Kedar** are from Arabia (in the east). They are inhabitants of Tema. An interesting side note: Kedar (Islam) will fall within a year, under the 6th plague, from the time when they take residence in Jerusalem. The seven last plagues last for one year and Islam will come to its downfall **within a year!** **Locusts** bring the 7 last **plagues**.

Isa 21:1, 7, 11-12 WATCH

PLAGUES

Isa 21:13 The burden upon **Arabia**. In the forest in Arabia shall ye lodge, O ye travelling him that was thirsty, they prevented with their bread him that fled. **21:15** For they fled from the swords, from the drawn sword, and from the bent bow, and from the grievousness of war. **21:16** For thus hath the Lord said unto me, **Within a year**, according to the years of an hireling, and all the glory of **Kedar shall fail**: **21:17** And the residue of the number of archers, the mighty men of the children of **Kedar**, shall be diminished: for the LORD God of Israel hath spoken [it].

Therefore shall her **plagues** come in **one day** (a year), death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong [is] the Lord God who judgeth her. **Rev 18:8**

If there be in the land famine, if there be **pestilence**, blasting, mildew, **locust**, or if there be **caterpillar**; if their enemy besiege them in the land of their cities; whatsoever **plague**, whatsoever sickness there be; **1 Kings 8:37**

ARABIA

The **Princes of Arabia** are the **Princes of Kedar**. They are from the **east**.

Eze 27:21 **Arabia**, and all the **princes of Kedar**, they occupied with thee in lambs, and rams, and goats: in these [were they] thy merchants.

PRINCES

Again, these **princes of Kedar and Tema** are the **sons of Ishmael**.

SARAH

Gen 25:12 Now these [are] the generations of **Ishmael**, Abraham's son, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah's handmaid, bare unto Abraham: **25:13** And these [are] the names of the sons of **Ishmael**, by their names, according to their generations: the firstborn of Ishmael, Nebajoth; and **Kedar**, and Adbeel, and Mibsam, **25:14** And Mishma, and Dumah, and Massa, **25:15** Hadar, and **Tema**, Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah: **25:16** These [are] the sons of Ishmael, and these [are] their names, by their towns, and by their castles; **twelve princes** according to their nations.



Rev 9:3: "And there came out of the smoke **locusts** [destructive armies of Mobomed; Midianites (Ishmaelites)- Jud 6:1-5; 7:12; 8:22-26; Ex 10:4-5, 13-15] upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power." (Compare **Joel 1:6**- Nation = **Locusts**) *Prov 30:27*

Joel 2:25
Locusts = Islam / Mahometans
swarms of locusts are destructive

How is the "east wind" brought about? Ans. The "east wind" **brings the locusts** (Islam) which will cover the whole world (Egypt represents world).

DESTRUCTION

Ex 10:12 And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the **land of Egypt** for **the locusts**, that they may come up upon the **land of Egypt**, and eat every herb of the land, [even] all that the hail hath left. **10:13** And Moses stretched forth his **rod over the land of Egypt**, and the LORD brought **an east wind** upon the land all that day, and all [that] night; [and] when it was morning, **the east wind brought the locusts**. **10:14** And **the locusts** went up **over all the land of Egypt**, and rested in **all the coasts of Egypt**: very grievous [were they]; before them there were no such **locusts** as they, neither after them shall be such.

Ex 10:12-14 – This **East wind** brought **Locusts** that caused **destruction**... came over all the land of Egypt (world)

From where does the "east wind" come? Ans. From the Wilderness; the wind of the Lord from the wilderness.

EUPHRATES DRIED UP

Hos 13:15 Though he be fruitful among [his] brethren, **an east wind shall come**, **the wind of the LORD shall come up from the wilderness**, and his spring shall become dry, and his fountain shall be dried up (*Euphrates River dried up*): he shall spoil the treasure of all pleasant vessels.

Where is this wilderness located? Ans. In the desert. So the **east wind** comes from the dessert which is where the Children of the East (descendants of Ishmael) live.

Ex 19:2 For they were departed from Rephidim, and were come [to] **the desert** of Sinai, and had pitched in **the wilderness**; and there Israel camped before the mount.

Where is the Arabian located? Ans. In the wilderness/ desert. The **east wind** is connected to the **shooting forth** that are **grasshoppers** from the **east** (from where the descendants of Ishmael live-they are of Arab descent).

Jer 3:2 Lift up thine eyes unto the high places, and see where thou hast not been lien with. In the ways hast thou sat for them, as **the Arabian in the wilderness**; and thou hast polluted the land with thy whoredoms and with thy wickedness.

Gen 21:17, 20 – **Ishmael** dwelt in the **wilderness** (descendants of **Ishmael** from the dessert) (see → **Genesis 16:8, 11-12** – the lad = **Ishmael**)



Like Horses

When one examines the locust of Arabia he will soon see that they literally look like little horses. In fact the Bedouins describe them as "soldiers' horses". The old Italians called them Cavaletta, which means "little horses".

The locust is used in scripture to denote swarming numbers, and this was a neat symbol of the amazing numbers of the Arabs as they swarmed out of the desert in conquest. The prophet said, "Make thyself many as the locusts." Nahum 3:5

*The Arabian horse is in the desert. What are the **locusts** likened unto? Ans. Horses; the faces of men (Ottoman Empire/ Islam). These men are from Arabia in the desert. Again, **locusts** figuratively represent Islam, the descendants of Ishmael.*



1843 Chart- depiction of Mahometans



Compare with Joel 1:6; 2:4

1843 Chart on Rev 9:7, 17: "Firearms first used on horseback by Turks" "Crowns like gold... faces of men"

Rev 9:7, 9: "And the shapes of the locusts [were] like unto horses prepared unto battle,... and their faces [were] as the faces of men. they had breastplates [iron shields], as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings [was] as the sound of chariots of

Rev 9:7 And **the shapes of the locusts [were] like unto horses** prepared unto battle; and on their heads [were] as it were crowns like gold, and their faces [were] as **the faces of men**.

*What is connected to this angry horse that is seeking to break loose over the face of the whole earth, bringing death and destruction? Ans. The **four winds***

Jer 51:27 Set ye up a standard in the land, **blow the trumpet** among the nations, **prepare the nations** against her, call together against her the kingdoms of Ararat, Minni, and Ashchenaz; appoint a captain against her; **cause the horses to come up as the rough caterpillars**. (Another word for locusts are the same as caterpillars that bring the plagues- see 1Ki 8:37)

Jer 49:36 And **upon Elam will I bring the four winds** from the four quarters of heaven, and will scatter them toward all those winds; and **there shall be no nation** whither the outcasts of Elam shall not come.

Rev 7:1-3 And after these things I saw **four angels** standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the **four winds** of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. **7:2** And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a **loud voice** to the **four angels**, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, **7:3** Saying, **Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.**

Angels are holding the **four winds, represented as an angry horse** seeking to break loose and rush over the face of the **whole earth, bearing destruction and death in its path**. {20MR 216.6}

Eze 13:13 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; I will even rend it with a **stormy wind in my fury**; and there shall be an **overflowing shower in mine anger**, and great hailstones in my fury to consume it.

*The destruction that is coming is like a whirlwind. The **east wind** brings **destruction**.*

Prov 1:27 When your fear cometh as desolation, and **your destruction cometh as a whirlwind**; when distress and anguish cometh upon you.

Whirlwind- a column of air moving rapidly around and around in a cylindrical or funnel shape.



Here we have a description of what these desert warriors were like. It talks about their battle horses. The Arabian Desert horses were amazing animals. They were raised by their owners in the tents right along with the family and were treated with gentleness so they were very highly trained. At a word or touch from their master they would run like the wind into battle, or flee away across the sand.

*What begins to happen when the **shooting forth** (Islam) is first seen in 2001 (911)? Ans. The iniquity of Israel will be **purged**, sins will be taken away and fruit will be produced—characters will be formed in the image of Christ. An interesting side note: In the day of the shooting forth, it states, "thou wilt **debate** with it, the east wind." Since 2001, Adventism has **debated** over the credibility of Islam's connection with the fulfillment of end-time prophecy!!*

Isa 27:8 In measure, when it **shooteth forth**, thou wilt **debate** with it: he stayeth his rough wind in the day of the **east wind**. **27:9** **By this therefore shall the iniquity of Jacob be purged**; and this [is] **all the fruit to take away his sin**; when he maketh all the stones of the altar as chalkstones that are beaten in sunder, the groves and images shall not stand up.

*Examples (1Cor 10:11) for our admonition when we see these things ("putteth/ shooteth forth leaves") beginning to happen, Israel shall be **purged** of sins. God has been preparing His people to be sealed (character perfection) BEFORE probation closes.*

HORSES / CATERPILLARS

FOUR WINDS

DESTRUCTION & DEATH

WHIRLWIND

1Cor 10:11 Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.

Rev 22:2 ...the **leaves** of the tree were for the **healing** of the nations.

2Pet 1:9 ... that he was **purged** from his old sins. **Isa 6:7** ... thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin **purged**.

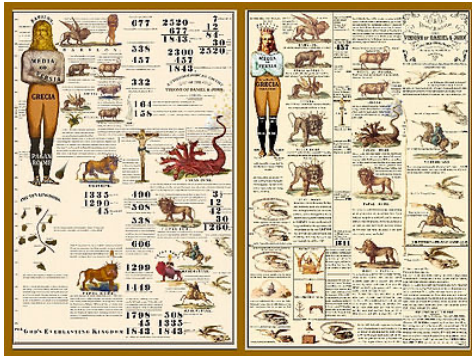
Ps 51:7 **Purge** me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.



Amos 7:1 – **grasshoppers** connected to the beginning of the **shooting forth**

Ps 120:5 **Woe** is me, that I sojourn in Mesech, [that] I dwell in the tents of **Kedar!**
120:6 My soul hath long dwelt with him that **hateth peace.**
120:7 I [am for] peace: but when I speak, they [are] for war.

What does the Lord say to Habakkuk regarding those who desire to **argue** (reprove or **debate**) over these (visions) prophecies (which includes Islam) on the 1843/50 charts?



Hab 2:1-4 I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am **reproved** <margin, **argued with**>. And the LORD answered me, and said, **Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables (1843 & 1850 charts), that he may run that readeth it.** For the vision is yet for an appointed time (**VISION OF ISLAM- 3RD WOE UNDER 7TH TRUMPET IS YET FUTURE**), 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. Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith.

And my mind was directed to the **tenth chapter of Revelation** where I could see the vision (**Hab 2**) had spoken and **did not lie.** {RH June 23, 1921~ Hiram Edson}

Isa 30:8 Now go, **write it before them in a table,** and note it in a book, that it may be **for the time to come** <margin; Heb- **the latter day**> for ever and ever:

The trumpets denote a series of events which transpire contemporaneously with the events of the seals. **A trumpet is a symbol of war;** hence the trumpets denote great political commotions to take place among the nations during the gospel age.

There are 7 Trumpets (Rev 8:2). "The first four trumpets (Rev Ch. 8) mark the downfall of the Western Empire of Rome; the fifth and sixth (Rev Ch 9) mark the destruction of the Eastern Empire of Rome; and the seventh trumpet marks the downfall of all empires, all kingdoms, and all nations; for when the God of heaven sets up his kingdom, "it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms" (Dan 2:44)."

The last three of the seven trumpets (5th, 6th & 7th trumpets) are **WOE trumpets** (Rev 8:13) of which we have been under the sounding of the 7th trumpet since 1844 (Rev

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Rev. 8:13. And I beheld and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice,
WOE! WOE! WOE!
 to the inhabitants of the earth, by reason of the three angels which are yet to sound.
 The first woe commenced July 27, 1299; when Othman, the founder of the Turkish empire, made his first attack upon the Greeks. Rev. 9:3-10. Their power was to hurt men five months. = 150 years, ending A.D. 1449.

Rev. 9:1. 5th Angel sounded.
 The Roman or 1st Empire.
 1st woe commenced: 1299.
 Rev. 9:7. Like horses prepared for battle.
MAHOMETANS.
 The sixth trumpet commenced at the end of the first woe. 1449. It continued for an hour, and a day, a month, and a year. 391 years and 15 days, which ended August 11th 1840.

Rev. 9:13. 6th Angel, 2nd woe.
 Firearms first used on horseback by the Turks.
THE OTTOMAN SUPREMACY CEASED. 1840. 1844.
 The 2nd woe is past.

7th Angel sounded.
 3rd Woe cometh quickly.
 The seven last plagues.
 Rev. 10:7. 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. 11:15-19. And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.
 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 corrupt the earth.

EXPLANATION OF THE TIME.
 A prophetic year or time is 360 days denoting, years. 7 times is 7 x 360 = 2520 yrs.
 Time times and a half, is 3½ x 360 = 1260 yrs. A prophetic month, is 30 days, 30 yrs.
 42 months, is 42 x 30 = 1260 yrs. A prophetic day, denotes 1 year, 15 days.
 The treading down of Israel by the gentiles commenced before Christ
 677; 1843 years after Christ added to 677, make 2520 yrs. 7 times.
 The length of the daily, Dan. 8:13, from B.C. 457 to A.D. 508, 9 = 965 yrs.
 From the daily taken away, to the papacy being set up, 538, 9 = 30 yrs.
 Time of the papal desolating abomination, to 1798, 9 = 1260 yrs.
 From 1798, 9 to 1844, = 45 yrs.
 2300 yrs.

WOE

CHARTS / TABLES

WILL NOT LIE

5th WOE TRUMPET

6th WOE TRUMPET

7th WOE TRUMPET

10:7; 11:14-15). "The woe of the fifth trumpet was called by Gibbons the "shipwreck of nations," but the woe of the seventh trumpet will be not only the shipwreck of nations, but of this great globe itself." (Quoted extracts above taken from ARSH Sept 11, 1900 584.16,17)
 The 1843 & 1850 charts display the 5th and 6th trumpets/ 1st and 2nd woe of Revelation Ch 9, under the Mahometans (Turks). The 7th trumpet/ 3rd woe will be the same.

Ecc1 1:9 The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and **there is no new thing under the sun**.

Isa 46:10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:



Our faithful pioneers left us the charts and their writings to direct us forward from our past history to keep us on the narrow pathway.

Rev 14:13 Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

Ecc1 2:18 Yea, I hated all my labour which I had taken under the sun: **because I should leave it unto the man that shall be after me**.

Jesus commands us (the watchmen) to "watch" in the parable and this includes the second coming.

Matt 24:42 Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

Jer 6:17 Also I set **watchmen** over you, saying, **Hearken to the sound of the trumpet**. But they said, We will not hearken.

There are many who do not understand the prophecies relating to these days and they must be enlightened. It is the duty of both **watchmen** and laymen **to give the trumpet** (7th trumpet, **Rev 11:15**) **a certain sound**.—Evangelism, 194, 195 (1875). {LDE 16.2}

As the inhabitants of the antediluvian world "knew not" the time in which they were living, so the inhabitants of the world today know not, because they do not choose to know, that they are living in the last days. **Christ has warned us to look for His second coming.** He says, "**Watch** therefore, for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. ... Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season?" Everyone of us may well ask, "Does this scripture refer to me? Lord, is it I?" "Blessed is that servant," Christ says, "whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Verily I say unto you, that he shall make him ruler over all his goods. But if that evil servant shall say in his heart, my lord delayeth his coming, and shall begin to smite his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; the lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of, and shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth." {BTS June 1, 1902, par. 4}

Every Christian is now to stand in his lot. This is no time to be careless. The judgments of God are in the world. They will **surprise** many. Vessels filled with passengers will suddenly go down, and all on board will perish. **Some one may be saved to bear witness to the intemperance of those on board,—the drinking, the card-playing, the swearing, the wickedness of every description.** We need to **watch**, the Lord says, lest, coming suddenly, He find us sleeping in dreamland, or engaged in worldly projects and foolish diversions. {BTS June 1, 1902, par. 5}

The first of the 7 last plagues poured out by Islam (locusts)& the plagues came from the WILDERNESS!

Rev 16:2 And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and **there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men** which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image.

1 Samuel 4:8 **Woe** unto us! who shall deliver us out of the hand of these mighty Gods? these are the Gods that smote the Egyptians with all the **plagues in the wilderness**.

*Anyone connected to false teachings will be a target for Islam. God's last day remnant are written in the Koran! **Isaiah 60** shows that many of the descendants of Ishmael will come to a knowledge of the truth. Who has that truth? Ans. Seventh-day Adventist have been set apart to give the trumpet*



(7th) a certain sound. **Not to receive the plagues from the Locusts (7 last plagues) is the warning of the third angel's message.**

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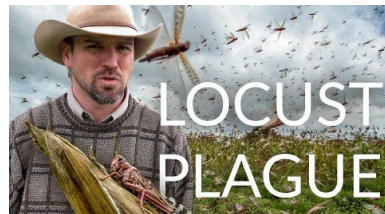
PROPHETIC HISTORY

Let the **watchmen** now lift up their voice and give the message which is present truth for this time. **Let us show the people where we are in prophetic history**... {5T 716.2}

The **parable of the fig tree** will show us where we are in prophetic history and is the last crisis to come upon the disobedient/wicked—the **wrath** (7 last plagues) of God delivered by Islam.

Job 20:23 [When] he is about to fill his belly, [God] shall cast the fury of his **wrath** upon him, and shall **rain** [it] upon him while he is eating.

Jer 21:5 And I myself will fight against you with an outstretched hand and with a strong arm, even in anger, and in fury, and in **great wrath**.



WRATH / PLAGUE

What causes God to pour out his wrath (plagues) in judgment under the third angel's message by Islam as He did in the past? Ans. Because his professed followers have apostatized and are worshipping the sun; they are keeping Sunday rather than the true Seventh-day Sabbath. **And they have not repented of their evil works. NOW IS THE TIME TO REPENT!**

Rev 9:20 And the rest of the men which were not killed by these **plagues yet repented not** of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk:

Eze 8:16 And he brought me into the inner court of the LORD'S house, and, behold, at the door of the temple of the LORD, between the porch and the altar, [were] about **five and twenty men, with their backs toward the temple of the LORD, and their faces toward the east; and they worshipped the sun toward the east.** 8:17 Then he said unto me, Hast thou seen [this], O son of man? Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here? for they have filled the land with violence, and have returned to **provoke me to anger**: and, lo, they put the branch to their nose. 8:18 **Therefore will I also deal in fury**: mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: and though they cry in mine ears with a loud voice, [yet] will I not hear them.

What does Spirit of Prophecy admonish us to study regarding God's wrath that is coming? Ans. **Ezekiel Chapter 9.** What causes his wrath to come? Ans. Because they refused to humble their souls and to be converted.

Study the ninth chapter of Ezekiel. These words will be literally fulfilled; yet the time is passing, and the people are asleep. **They refuse to humble their souls and to be converted.** Not a great while longer will the Lord bear with the people who have such great and important truths revealed to them, but **who refuse to bring these truths into their individual experience.** **The time is short.** God is calling. Will you hear? Will you receive His message? **Will you be converted before it is too late? Soon, very soon, every case will be decided for eternity.** {L1106-1909.17} 18MR 236.2

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}

There is Meshech, Tubal, and all her multitude: her graves are round about him: all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword...

—Ezekiel 32:26

Ezekiel Chapter 32, All nations that surround Israel (vs 22: Asshur = Syria and part of Iraq; vs 24: Elam = Iran; vs 26: Meshech & Tubal = Turkey; vs 29: Edom = Jordan and part of Saudi Arabia) are marked and in verse 30, they are called, "PRINCES OF THE NORTH"

Eze 32:30 There [be] the **princes of the north**, all of them, and all the Zidonians [*Lebanon today*], which are gone down with the slain; with their terror they are ashamed of their might; and they lie uncircumcised with [them that be] slain by the sword, and bear their shame with them that go down to the pit.

Ezekiel Ch. 32 lists every nation that forms a crescent around Israel. This is a delineation of the uncircumcised army of Satan who are bent on using terrorism to achieve their goal of destroying Israel and making the whole world Islamic.

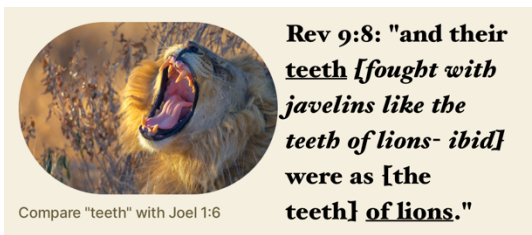
ALL NATIONS

NORTH

Meshech and Tubal is primarily Turkey today. Turkey is the "hinge" of the Islamic nations. Soon Turkey will be the seat of power for Islam, when the Caliphate is formed. Istanbul, formerly known as Constantinople, is one of the most strategic military areas in the world. But no matter what their advantages, they will meet the same fate as the rest of Islam.LI

Jer 4:6 Set up the standard toward Zion: retire, stay not: for I will bring evil from the north, and a great destruction. **4:7** The lion (Rev 9:8, 17) is come up from his thicket, and the destroyer of the Gentiles is on his way; he is gone forth from his place to make thy land desolate; [and] thy cities shall be laid waste, without an inhabitant.

Jer 46:20 Egypt [is like] a very fair heifer, [but] destruction cometh; it cometh out of the north. **24** The daughter of Egypt shall be confounded; she shall be delivered into the hand of the people of the north.



Rev 9:8: "and their teeth [fought with javelins like the teeth of lions- *ibid*] were as [the teeth] of lions."

TEETH OF LIONS

JUDGMENTS

Jer 1:13 And the word of the LORD came unto me the second time, saying, What seest thou? And I said, I see a seething pot; and the face thereof [is] toward the north. **1:14** Then the LORD said unto me, Out of the north an evil shall break forth upon all the inhabitants of the land. **1:15** For, lo, I will call all the families of the kingdoms of the north, saith the LORD; and they shall come, and they shall set every one his throne at the entering of the gates of Jerusalem, and against all the walls thereof round about, and against all the cities of Judah. **1:16** And I will utter my judgments against them touching all their wickedness, who have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, and worshipped the works of their own hands.

Here in **Ezekiel 9** we see these 6 men (Islam) with slaughtering weapons (the plagues) in their hands. They will slay those who do not have God's seal (his mark- Rom 4:11) and will start with the church leaders. Also notice they come from the north—this is the king of the north (Islam), in **Daniel 11:45**.

SLAUGHTER WEAPONS

Eze 9:1 He cried also in mine ears with a loud voice, saying, Cause them that have charge over the city to draw near, even every man [with] his destroying weapon in his hand. **9:2** And, behold, six men came from the way of the higher gate, which lieth toward the north (Dan 11:45), and every man a slaughter weapon in his hand (Islam); and one man among them [was] clothed with linen, with a writer's inkhorn by his side: and they went in, and stood beside the brazen altar.

Six men (angels Matt 28:2-6, a man Mark 16:3-6) are the first 6 plagues... came from the higher gate came from north... men with destroying weapons in their hand to destroy those who receive the mark of the beast; those who don't have God's seal (Rom 4:11- sign and seal are synonymous) Judgment begins with church leaders (judgment begins at house of God- 1Pet 4:7) then laity. Islam is destroyed under the 6th plague.

If God's people are in living in apostasy (not in obedience to all of God's commands- not sealed) in any form (i.e., cross/ phallic symbol on church building, eat pork, drink alcohol, women dress as a man or immodestly) they will be a target for Islam.

CROWNS LIKE GOLD

Rev 9:3 And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the



Yellow turban head covering



Lion Head Turkish Canon

Rev 9:7: "crowns like gold"

Rev 9:17-19- "and the heads of the horses [were] as the heads of lions (canon heads); and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone."

Rev 9:20: These attacks were "plagues". See cf Rev 14:10

earth have power. **9:4** And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree (people); but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads. **9:7** And the shapes of the locusts [were] like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads [were] as it were crowns like gold, and their faces [were] as the faces of men.

Amazing! Scripture foretold how many Muslims there would be bringing forth destruction. There are 1.3 to 1.5 billion Muslims in the world of which 200 million are radical Islam (those who will go forth to destroy).



Rev 9:3, 10: "power, as the scorpions." Scorpions, when cornered with no way to escape, will commit suicide by stinging itself to death. Fundamentalist Islam teaches its people to commit suicide.

SCORPIONS

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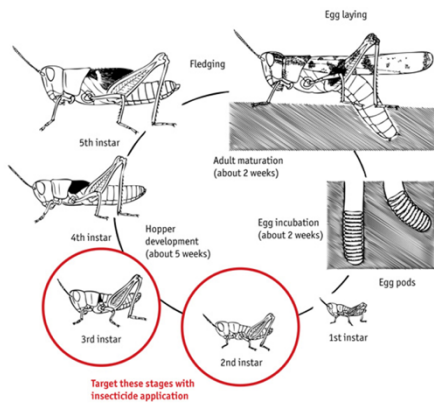
Rev 9:16 And the number of the army of the horsemen [were] **two hundred thousand thousand** (200 million): and I heard the number of them. **9:17** And thus I **saw the horses in the vision**, and them that sat on them, **having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone**: and **the heads of the horses [were] as the heads of lions**; and out of their mouths issued **fire and smoke and brimstone**.

*Chapter 9 refers to these scourges by the Ottoman Turks (Islam) upon eastern Rome as **plagues**.*

Rev 9:2 And the rest of the men which were not killed by these **plagues** yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor

INTERESTING NOTE: The **life cycle of a locust is 5 months**. Islam **comes to its end** after delivering the **first 5 plagues**; it comes to its end under the 6th plague (Dan 11:45b; Rev 16:12).

FIVE STAGES IN THE LIFE OF A LOCUST



walk: **9:21 Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.**

Rev 15:1 And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the **seven last plagues**; for in them is filled up the **wrath of God**.

Rev 16:1 And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and **pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth**.

7 LAST PLAGUES = VIALS / WRATH OF GOD

*The **fire and brimstone** in Rev 9:17 were dealt out in the fall Constantinople, the fall of Eastern Rome under the Ottoman Turks (Ottoman Empire). The Turks once again will be used (the 3rd angel's message in Rev 14:9-10) to deal out the **wrath (plagues)** of God upon the disobedient and those who are not sealed.*

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 of God** (Rev 9:17, 20), which is poured out without mixture (*without mercy*) into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be **tormented with fire and brimstone** (Rev 9:18; 20:7-9; 19:20) in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

*Once again, these plagues/ wrath of God and vials of wrath are synonymous. God will use **Islam to deliver the first 5 plagues**; they are destroyed under the 6th plague. (see above diagram of **5 stages of locusts**)*

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Jer 49:28 Concerning **Kedar**, and concerning the kingdoms of Hazor, which Nebuchadrezzar king of **Babylon** shall smite, thus saith the LORD; Arise ye, go up to **Kedar**, and spoil the men of the east. **49:29** Their tents and their flocks shall they take away: they shall take to themselves their curtains, and all their vessels, and their camels; and they shall cry unto them, Fear [is] on every side. **49:30** Flee, get you far off, dwell deep, O ye inhabitants of Hazor, saith the LORD; for Nebuchadrezzar king of **Babylon** hath taken counsel against you, and hath conceived a purpose against you.

Eze 32:11 (*king of Babylon kills Kedar*) For thus saith the Lord GOD; The sword of the king of **Babylon** shall come upon thee.

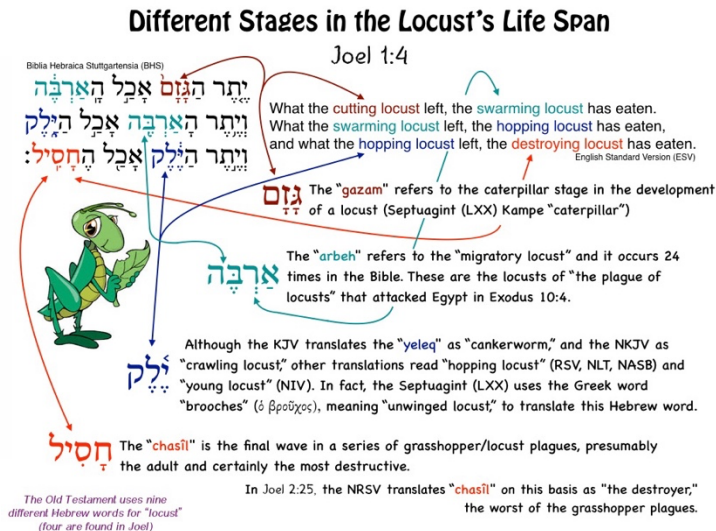
*The **first 6 plagues** (Rev 16:2- 12) are literally poured out upon mankind, thus why the **6 slaughtering men of Ezekiel 9**. The seventh angel pours out his vial (plague) into the air (Rev 14:17), not poured on the earth, but the air. The seventh and final plague is universal (hail-Rev 16:17, 21), then follows the 2nd coming of Christ.*

Rev 16:17 And **the seventh angel** (7th, last plague) **poured out his vial into the air**; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done (2nd coming of Christ).

Jer 50:13 Because of the **wrath** of the LORD it shall not be inhabited, but it shall be wholly desolate: every one that goeth by **Babylon** shall be astonished, and hiss at all her **plagues**.

The Four Stages Of The Locust

1. Gnawer, pupa stage, the Palmerworm Gazam **H1501** gâzâm *gaw-zawm'* From an unused root meaning to *devour*; a kind of *locust*: - palmer-worm.
2. Swarmer, imbro stage, the Locust Arbeh **H697** 'arbeh *ar-beh'* From **H7235**; a *locust* (from its rapid *increase*): - grasshopper, locust
3. Devourer, Cankerworm Yelek **H3218** yeleq *yeh'-lek* From an unused root meaning to *lick up*; a *devourer*; specifically the young *locust*: - cankerworm, caterpillar.
4. Consumer, Caterpillar Hasil **H2625** chāsîyl *khaw-seel'* From **H2628**; the *ravager*, that is, a *locust*: - caterpillar. **H2628** chāsâl *khaw-sal'* A primitive root; to *eat off*: - consume. **Joel chapters 1-2**



Who is Babylon?

BABYLON

Thus will the message of the **third angel** (*7 last plagues - Islam*) be proclaimed. As the time comes for the **loud cry** to be given, the Lord will work through humble instruments, leading the minds of those who consecrate themselves to his service. The laborers will be qualified rather by the unction of his Spirit than by the training of literary institutions. Men of faith and prayer will be constrained to go forth with holy zeal, declaring the words which God gives them. **The sins of Babylon will be laid open.** The fearful results of a union of Church and State, the inroads of Spiritualism, the stealthy but rapid progress of the papal power,--all will be unmasked. **By these solemn warnings the people will be stirred. Thousands upon thousands have never listened to words like these. In amazement they hear the testimony that Babylon is the church, fallen because of her errors and sins, because of her rejection of the truth sent to her from Heaven.** {4SP 424.1}

What is the light (truth) sent from heaven?

FALSEHOOD

At the time of the **loud cry** of the **third angel** those who have been in any measure blinded by the enemy, who have not fully recovered themselves from the snare of Satan, will be in peril, because it will be difficult for them to discern **the light from heaven, and they will be inclined to accept falsehood.** Their erroneous experience will color their thoughts, their decisions, their propositions, their counsels. The evidences that God has given will be no evidence to those who have blinded their eyes by choosing darkness rather than light. **After rejecting light, they will originate theories which they will call "light," but which the Lord calls, "Sparks of their own kindling," by which they will direct their steps.** The Lord declares, "Who is among you that feareth the Lord, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? Let him trust in the name of the Lord, and stay upon his God. Behold, all ye that kindle a fire, that compass yourselves about with sparks: walk in the light of your fire, and in the sparks that ye have kindled. This shall ye have of mine hand; **ye shall lie down in sorrow.**" Jesus said: "For **judgment** I am come into the world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind." "I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness." "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day." {RH, December 13, 1892 par. 3}

How is this light from heaven rejected?

DEPARTMENT

In writing and speaking upon the life of John the Baptist and the life of Christ, I have tried to present that which has been presented to me in regard to the education of our youth. We are under **obligation** to God to study this subject candidly; for it is worthy of close, critical examination upon every side. Of John the Baptist, Christ declared, "Of them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater." **That prophet was led by the Spirit of God into the wilderness, away from the contaminating influences of the city, to obtain an education that would qualify him to receive instruction from God rather than from any of the learned scribes. He was not to connect himself with the rabbis; the less he became acquainted with their teachings, their maxims and traditions, the more easily could the Lord impress his mind and heart, and give him the pure mold of truth that was to be given to the people to prepare the way of the Lord.** The teachings of the scribes and Pharisees were of a character to turn the people away from the unadulterated truth that was to be presented by the Great Teacher when he should enter upon his mission. **The only hope of the people was to open their hearts and minds to the light sent from heaven by this prophet, the forerunner of Christ.** {SpTEd 84.2}

These lessons are for us. **Those who claim to know the truth and understand the great work to be done for this time, are to consecrate themselves to God, soul, body, and spirit. In heart, in dress, in language, in every respect they are to be separate from the fashions and practises of the world.** They are to be a peculiar and holy people. It is not

their dress that makes them peculiar, but because they are a peculiar and holy people, they cannot carry the marks of likeness to the world. {SpTEd 85.1}

As a people we are to prepare the way of the Lord. Every iota of ability God has given us must be put to use in preparing the people after God's fashion, after his spiritual mold, **to stand in this great day of God's preparation**; and the serious question may be awakened in world-loving hearts, "What is eternity to us? How will my case stand in the **investigative judgement**? What will be my lot and place?" **Many who suppose they are going to heaven are blindfolded by the world.** Their ideas of what constitutes a religious education and religious discipline are vague, **resting only on probabilities**; there are many who have no intelligent hope, and **are running great risk in practising the very things which Jesus has taught that they should not do, in eating, drinking, and dressing, binding themselves up with the world in a variety of ways.** They have yet to learn **the serious lessons so essential to growth in spirituality, to come out from the world and be separate.** The heart is divided, the carnal mind craves conformity, similarity to the world in so many ways that the mark of distinction from the world is scarcely distinguishable. Money, God's money, is expended in order to make an appearance after the world's customs; the religious experience is contaminated with worldliness, and the evidence of discipleship--Christ's likeness in self-denial and cross-bearing--is not discernible by the world or by the universe of heaven. {SpTEd 85.2}

How are the judgments (plagues) to come upon the disobedient? Here we see also the connection to Islam.

I was shown that the **judgments** of God would not come directly out from the Lord upon them, but [rather] in this way: **they place themselves beyond His protection.** He **warns**, corrects, reproves, and points out the only path of safety; then, if those who have been the objects of His special care **will follow their own course independent of the Spirit of God after repeated warnings, if they choose their own way, then He does not commission His angels to prevent Satan's decided attacks upon them.** It is Satan's power that is at work at sea and on land bringing calamity and distress, sweeping off multitudes to make sure of his prey. Storm and tempest both by sea and land will be, for Satan has come down in great wrath. He is at work. He knows his time is short, and if he is not restrained we shall see more terrible manifestations of his power than we have ever dreamed of. {Lt14-1883.8}

GOD USES HIS ENEMIES (ISLAM/ MIDIANITES) TO PUNISH EVIL:

God will use His enemies (Islam/ Turkey) as instruments to punish those who have followed their own pernicious ways whereby the truth of God has been misrepresented, misjudged, and dishonored. These enemies of God are living evidences of the truth of His Word; they are fulfilling that which holy men of old spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. God does not **forewarn** His people of trifles; the repetition of **caution and warnings** shows that there is **importance** in that which was spoken. **Do those who claim to want light treat the light with the respect which is due?** {Lt44-1894.17}

MIDIANITES ARE CONSIDERED THE ENEMIES OF GOD:

The simple act of blowing a **blast upon the trumpet** by the army of Joshua around Jericho, and by Gideon's little band about the hosts of **Midian**, was made effectual, **through the power of God**, to overthrow the might of His **enemies**. Deep are the counsels of God, and the finite mind seeks in vain to comprehend them. {ST July 21, 1881, par. 10} {PP 554.1}

Gideon was not anxious to secure the honor to himself, for he knew that it belonged to the Lord alone. As soon as the **Midianites** were routed, Gideon had sent swift messengers, desiring the Ephraimites to seize the fords of the Jordan that the fugitives might not escape. **A large number of the enemy were slain, among whom were two of the chief princes of Midian.** Thus the men of Ephraim followed up the battle, and helped complete the victory. Nevertheless, they were jealous and angry, as though Gideon were governed by his own will and **judgment**. They did not discern God's hand in the triumph of Israel, and this very fact proved that they were indeed unworthy to be used as his instruments on that occasion. They would have taken the honor to themselves, instead of ascribing it to God. The wicked spirit manifested toward Gideon shows that they were not men who could be trusted, who would appreciate God's mercy and power in their deliverance. {ST July 21, 1881, par. 8}

The apparently powerless condition of that little company of Israelites, compared with the vast host of the **enemy**, was fitly represented by the cake of barley bread. But as that loaf overthrew the tent upon which it fell, so would **the handful of Israelites destroy their numerous and powerful enemies.** The Lord himself directed Gideon's mind in the adoption of a plan which the latter immediately set out to execute. He divided his three hundred men into **three companies**. To every man was given a **trumpet**, and a pitcher containing a lighted lamp. He then stationed his men in such a manner that they surrounded the entire camp of **Midian**. They had been previously instructed how to proceed, and **at midnight**, at a signal from Gideon, **all the three companies blew their trumpets, uncovered their lamps**, and broke the pitchers, at the same time shouting, "The sword of the Lord and of Gideon!" The light of three hundred lamps, piercing the midnight darkness, and that mighty shout from three hundred voices, suddenly aroused the sleeping army. Believing themselves at the mercy of an overwhelming force, the **Midianites** were panic-stricken. A terrible scene of confusion ensued. In their fright they fled in all directions, and mistaking their own companions for enemies **they slew one another.** {ST July 14, 1881, par. 5}

God had sent **judgments upon Israel** for yielding to the enticements of the **Midianites**; but the tempters were not to escape the **wrath** of divine justice. The Amalekites, who had attacked Israel at Rephidim, falling upon those who were faint and weary behind

the host, were not punished till long after; but the **Midianites** who seduced them into sin were speedily made to feel God's **judgments**, as being the more **dangerous enemies**. "Avenge the children of Israel of the **Midianites**" (**Numbers 31:2**), was the command of God to Moses; "afterward shalt thou be gathered unto thy people." This mandate was immediately obeyed. One thousand men were chosen from each of the tribes and sent out under the leadership of Phinehas. "And they warred against the **Midianites**, as the Lord commanded Moses.... And they slew the kings of **Midian**, beside the rest of them that were slain; ... five kings of **Midian**: Balaam also the son of Beor they slew with the sword." **Verses 7, 8**. The **women** also, who had been made captives by the attacking army, were put to death at the command of Moses, as the most guilty and most dangerous of the foes of Israel. {PP 456.2}

*God will also use **Islamic Turks** to help spread and finance the gospel message! And as a result, many will be converted to the truth! The wise men (Arabs) financed Mary and Joseph's move to Egypt and they (Ishmaelites) rescued Joseph out of the pit. There are many examples in the Bible how God has used the Ishmaelites through history to protect His faithful believers and He will use Islam again in these last days to protect the remnant and faithful while using them at the same time to bring judgment upon the disobedient.*

MESSAGE FINANCED

Isa 60:1 Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. **60:2** For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. **60:3** And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. **60:4** Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at [thy] side. **60:5** Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee. **60:6** The **multitude of camels shall cover thee, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah**; all they from Sheba shall come: they **shall bring gold and incense**; and they shall show forth the praises of the LORD. **60:7** All the flocks of **Kedar** shall be gathered together unto thee, the rams of Nebaioth shall minister unto thee: they shall come up with acceptance on mine altar, and I will glorify the house of my glory.

Gen 12:12 Therefore it shall come to pass, when **the Egyptians** shall see thee, that they shall say, This [is] his wife: and they will kill me, but **they will save thee alive**. **12:13** Say, I pray thee, **thou [art] my sister**: that it may be well with me for thy sake; and **my soul shall live because of thee**.

The last event of Daniel 11:45- 12:1 is waiting for fulfillment in our day!

James Springer White
(1821-1891)
Preacher, author, editor,
publisher, administrator.

We do not believe that Russia is "the king of the north." **It is our opinion that any power that reigns over Syria is - for the time being - "the king of the north,"** spoken of Daniel 11; **hence that the Turkish Dynasty is now that power.** If Russia, Austria, England, or France should become possessed of supreme power over Syria, **then it - which ever it might be - would become "the king of the north."** **Till then none but the Turkish Dynasty occupies that position, in our opinion...**{December 12, 1854 JWe, ARSH 134.18}

Triangular Question by Percy T. Magan

For more than half a century the Seventh – day Adventist people have maintained that the scripture plainly teach that in the last days the **Ottoman Empire in Europe** will come to an end, and that following this **there will be a world-wide war** — "a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation, to even the same time." And we have further declared that according to the Word of God this **universal war would terminate in the battle of Armageddon**, the end of the world, and the coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. {Vol 5. RH Aug 5, 1909, p 532}

WORLD WAR

Brief summary of last three "woe" trumpets ~ Past history reveals what is coming in the future under the 7th trumpet:

PAST

(Rev 9:1-4) **5th trumpet 1st woe-** Saracens & Bedouins attack eastern Rome... Muslims on the scene with Turkey at the head.

(Rev 9:5-11) All the broken fragments of Islam come together under Othman (**Judgment mingled with mercy**)

(Rev 9:12-21) **6th trumpet 2nd woe-** Turks on the scene attack eastern Rome. (Ottoman Empire with Turkey at the head- the Arab people who are today called Muslims.) Probation closed. (**Judgment without mercy**)

BEFORE the plagues begin, judgment is offered with mercy; **AFTER** plagues begin to fall (Islam on scene), no mercy is offered since probation will have closed.

FUTURE

(Rev 11:15; Dan 11:45) **7th trumpet/ 3rd woe-** **Radical Islam** will bring death and destruction under the plagues (wrath) of God.

Our duty as “watchmen”

Isa 21:6 For thus hath the Lord said unto me, Go, **set a watchman**, let him **declare what he seeth**.

Eze 3:17 Son of man, I have made thee **a watchman** unto the house of Israel: therefore **hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me**.

Eze 33:2-9 Son of man, speak to the children of thy people, and say unto them, When I bring the sword upon a land, if the people of the land take a man of their coasts, and set him for their **watchman**: If when he seeth **the sword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people**; Then whosoever heareth the **sound of the trumpet**, and taketh not warning; if the sword come, and take him away, his blood shall be upon his own head. He heard the **sound of the trumpet**, and took not warning; **his blood shall be upon him**. But he that taketh warning shall deliver his soul. But if the **watchman see the sword come**, and **blow not the trumpet**, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take any person from among them, **he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand**. So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a **watchman** unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me. When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but **his blood will I require at thine hand**. Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; **but thou hast delivered thy soul**.

TRUMPET



There are many who do not understand the prophecies relating to these days and they must be enlightened. It is the duty of both **watchmen** and laymen **to give the trumpet** (*7th trumpet, Rev 11:15*) **a certain sound**.—Evangelism, 194, 195 (1875). {LDE 16.2}

Four mighty angels hold back the powers of this earth till the servants of God are sealed in their foreheads. The nations of the world are eager for conflict, but they are held in check by the angels. **When this restraining power is removed there will come a time of trouble and anguish. Deadly instruments of warfare will be invented. Vessels with their living cargo will be entombed in the great deep.** All who have not the spirit of truth will

unite under the leadership of Satanic agencies, but they are to be kept under control till the time shall come for the great battle of Armageddon.—The S.D.A. Bible Commentary 7:967 (1900). {LDE 238.3}

Time is almost up! We are to be watchmen.

Hos 9:5-11 **What will ye do in the solemn day**, and in the day of the feast of the LORD? For, lo, they are gone because of **destruction**: **Egypt** shall gather them up, **Memphis** shall bury them: the pleasant *places* for their silver, nettles shall possess them: **thorns shall be in their tabernacles**. **The days of visitation are come, the days of recompence are come**; **Israel shall know it**: the prophet *is a fool*, the spiritual man *is mad*, for the multitude of thine iniquity, and the great hatred. **The watchman of Ephraim was with my God: but the prophet is a snare of a fowler in all his ways, and hatred in the house of his God. They have deeply corrupted themselves**, as in the days of **Gibeah**: *therefore* he will remember their iniquity, he will visit their sins. I found **Israel like grapes in the wilderness**; **I saw your fathers as the firstripe in the fig tree at her first time: but they went to Baalpeor**, and separated themselves unto *that* shame; and *their* abominations were according as they loved. As for **Ephraim**, their glory shall fly away like a bird, from the birth, and from the womb, and from the conception.

SOLEMN DAY

The first and second watches are past. We are in the third watch, waiting and watching for the Master's return. There remains but a little period of watching now. I saw some becoming weary; their eyes were directed downward, and they were engrossed with **earthly things**, and were **unfaithful in watching**. They were saying, In the first watch we expected our Master, but were disappointed. We thought surely he would come in the second watch, but that passed, and he came not. We may be again disappointed. We need not be so particular. He may not come in the following watch. **We are in the third watch, and now we think it best to lay up our treasure on the earth, that we may be secure against want.** Many were sleeping, **stupefied with the cares of this life, allured, by the deceitfulness of riches, from their waiting, watching position.** {PH098 15.2}

This [is] **the third [time]** I am coming to you. **In the mouth of two or three witnesses** shall every word be established.
2 Cor 13:1

THIRD WATCH

Rapidly men are ranging themselves under the banner they have chosen, restlessly **waiting and watching** the movements of their **leaders**. Some are **watching and waiting** and working for our Lord's appearing, but **the greater part of the world** are rapidly falling into line under the generalship of the first great apostate. **They look for a god in humanity, and Satan personifies the one**

they seek. **Multitudes** will be so deluded through their rejection of truth that they will accept the counterfeit, and **humanity will be hailed as God.** {Lt54-1895.17}

Mk 13:34 [For the Son of man is] as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to **watch**. **13:35 Watch** ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning (**close of probation**): **13:36 Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping**. **13:37** And what I say unto you I say unto all, **Watch**.

SANCTUARY

Jesus has left us word: "**Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the Master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: lest coming suddenly He find you sleeping. And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.**" **We are waiting and watching for the return of the Master**, who is to bring the morning, lest **coming suddenly** He find us sleeping. (Mark 13:34-36) **What time is here referred to? Not to the revelation of Christ in the clouds of heaven to find a people asleep. No; but to His return from His ministration in the most holy place of the heavenly sanctuary, when He lays off His priestly attire and clothes Himself with garments of vengeance, (Dan 12:1 close of probation) and when the mandate goes forth: "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still; and he that is holy, let him be holy still."** (Rev 22:11) {2T 190.1}

When Jesus ceases to plead (**close of probation**) for man, the cases of all are forever decided. This is the time of reckoning with His servants. To those who have neglected the preparation of **purity and holiness, which fits them to be waiting ones** to welcome their Lord, the sun sets in gloom and darkness, and rises not again. **Probation closes; Christ's intercessions cease in heaven. This time (close of probation) finally comes suddenly upon all**, and those who have neglected to **purify their souls by obeying the truth** are found sleeping. They became weary of waiting and watching; they became indifferent in regard to the coming (**close of probation**) of their Master. **They longed not for His appearing**, and thought there was no need of such continued, persevering **watching**. They had been disappointed in their expectations and might be again. They concluded that there was time enough yet to arouse. **They would be sure not to lose the opportunity of securing an earthly treasure**. It would be safe to get all of this world they could. And in securing this object, they lost all anxiety and interest in the appearing (**close of probation**) of the Master. They became indifferent and careless, as though His coming (**close of probation**) were yet in the distance. But **while their interest was buried up in their worldly gains, the work closed (close of probation) in the heavenly sanctuary, and they were unprepared.** {2T 191.1}

Our danger in not watching

Note 2. Page 225.—That a wrong use is often made of the text [**Matthew 24:36**] is evident from the context. One question of the disciples was concerning **the sign (when Turkey/ Islam takes residence in Jerusalem- Dan 11:45) of Christ's coming (close of probation)** and of the end of the world. This question Jesus answered. In verse 29 he gave **signs (signs in sun, moon and stars for the pioneers and also a sign for our day in the parable of fig tree in verse 32: Locusts = Islam, Amos 7:1)**, and said, "When ye shall see **all these things**, know that **it (close of probation)** is near, **even at the doors.**" (**Doors of the sanctuary- Christ is soon to step out of MHP!**) Verse 33. One saying of the Saviour must not be amade to destroy another. Though **no man knoweth the day nor the hour (close of probation)**, we are instructed and required [**for it is in the imperative**] to know when **it (close of probation) is near**, even at the doors. **And we are further taught that it will be as fatal to us to disregard his warning, and refuse or neglect to know, (close of probation) as it was for those who lived in the days of Noah not to know when (close of probation) the flood was coming. Verses 37-39. And verses 44-51 show in what light Christ, when He comes (close of probation), will regard and reward those whom he finds watching and teaching his coming (close of probation), and those denying it.** "Blessed are those servants, whom the Lord when he cometh shall find **watching.**" Luke 12:37. {4SP 496.2} [Brackets in the original]

DAYS OF NOAH

"Blessed are those servants who when **the Lord cometh (close of probation)** shall be found **watching.**" (Luke 12:37; Prov 8:34) "Yet a little while and **he that shall come will come (close of probation)** and will not tarry." (Heb 10:37) (See also Hab 2:3) YI August 25, 1886, par. 4}

For further study on this subject of the king of the north (Islam), study Ps 83, Eze 32 and Joel 1, 2 and 3 and other minor prophets that spoke of this time.

Interesting texts using the word "shoot"

2 Ki 13:17 And he said, Open the window **eastward**. And he opened it. Then Elisha said, **Shoot**. And he shot. And he said, **The arrow of the LORD'S deliverance**, and the arrow of deliverance **from Syria**: for thou shalt smite the Syrians in Aphek, till thou have consumed them.

Jer 50:14 Put yourselves in array against Babylon round about: all ye that bend the bow, **shoot** at her, spare no arrows: for she hath sinned against the LORD.

Job 8:16 He is green before the sun, and his branch **shooteth forth** in his garden.

	Locusts of Joel	Locusts of Revelation
Death & Destruction	Joel 2:3 – "A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth... And nothing shall escape them " Joel 2:6 – "Before their face the people shall be much pained: all faces shall gather blackness. "	Rev 9:17,18 – "and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone. By these three was the third part of men killed "
Lions	Joel 1:6 – "whose teeth are the teeth of a lion , and he hath the cheek teeth of a great lion "	Rev 9:8 – "and their teeth were as the teeth of lions " Rev 9:17 – "and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions "
Sound of Chariots	Joel 2:5 – "Like the noise of chariots on the tops of mountains shall they leap"	Rev 9:9 – "and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots "
Weapons of Fire	Joel 1:19,20 – "the fire hath devoured the pastures... The flame hath burned all the trees of the field"	Rev 9:17,18 – " breastplates of fire ...out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone. By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire ..."
Locusts	Joel 1:4 – " Locusts "	Rev 9:3 – " Locusts "
Large Army	Joel 1:6 – "A nation... strong and without number "	Rev 9:16 – "And the number of the army... were two hundred thousand thousand "
Strong & Powerful	Joel 2:2 – "A great people and a strong "	Rev 9:3 – "Locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power "
Appearance of Horses & Horsemen	Joel 2:4 – "the appearance of horses ; and as horsemen , so shall they run"	Rev 9:7 – "the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle" Rev 9:16,17 – "the number of the army of the horsemen ... I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them"

Eze 36:8 But ye, O mountains of Israel, ye shall **shoot forth your branches**, and yield your fruit to my people of Israel; for they are at hand to come.

Ps 11:2 For, lo, the wicked bend their bow, they make ready their arrow upon the string, that they may privily **shoot** at the upright in heart.

Ps 64:4 That they may **shoot** in secret at the perfect: suddenly do they shoot at him, and fear not.

Eze 31:14 To the end that none of all the trees by the waters exalt themselves for their height, neither **shoot up their top among the thick boughs, neither their trees stand up in their height**, all that drink water: for they are all delivered unto death, to the nether parts of the earth, in the midst of the children of men, with them that go down to the pit.

The 3 angel's messages are a warning call to come out of false doctrines (including those that have been entering the church since 1844), keep the true seventh-day Sabbath and follow all of God's Biblical truths to avoid the 7 last plagues.

CORRUPTION ENTERING SINCE 1844

"I saw another angel come down from Heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, **Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen**, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird." "And I heard another voice from Heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." [**Revelation 18:1, 2, 4.**] {4SP 421.1}
In this scripture the announcement of **the fall of Babylon, as made by the second angel**, [Revelation 14:8.] is repeated, **with the additional mention of the corruptions which have been entering the churches since 1844**. A terrible condition of the religious world is here described. With every rejection of truth, the minds of the people have become darker, their hearts more stubborn, until they are entrenched in an infidel hardihood. In defiance of the warnings which God has given, they continue to trample upon one of the precepts of the decalogue, and they persecute those who hold it sacred. Christ is set at naught in the contempt placed upon his word and his people. {4 SP 422}

A few words from the Pioneers

The fall of Babylon is a moral fall. This may aid us in determining what Babylon is. That her fall is a moral change is evident from the order of events given. **First**, she falls; **second**, she becomes the habitation of devils, and "the hold of every foul spirit," etc.; **third**, God's people are called out of her; and, **fourth**, her **plagues** are poured out upon her, and she is thrown down with violence, "like a great mill-stone cast into the sea," and "found no more at all." {James White, Signs of the Times, 1853}

The fall of Babylon here spoken of cannot be literal destruction; for there are events to take place in Babylon after her fall which utterly forbid this idea; as, for instance, **the people of God** are there **after her fall**, and are called out in order that they may not receive of her **plagues**; and in these **plagues** is embraced her **literal destruction**. {1897 Uriah Smith, Daniel and the Revelation, pg. 657}

The **fall is therefore a moral one**; for the result of it is that Babylon becomes the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. These are terrible descriptions of apostasy, showing that, as a consequence of her fall, she piles up an accumulation of sins even to the heavens, and becomes subject to the judgments of God, **which can no longer be delayed**.

MORAL FALL

And since the fall here introduced is a **moral one**, it must apply to some branch of Babylon besides, or outside of, **the pagan or papal divisions**; for from the beginning of their history, paganism has been a false religion, and **the papacy an apostate one**. And further, as this fall is said to occur but a short period before **Babylon's final destruction**, certainly this side of the rise and predicted triumph of the papal church, this testimony cannot apply to any religious organizations but such as have sprung from that church. These started out on reform. They ran well for a season, and had the approbation of God; but fencing themselves about with creeds, **they have failed to keep pace with the advancing light of prophetic truth**, and hence have been left in a position where **they will finally develop a character as evil** and odious in the sight of God as that of the church from which they first withdrew as dissenters, or reformers. As the point before us is to many a very sensitive one, we will let members of these various denominations here speak for themselves. {1897 Uriah Smith, Daniel and the Revelation, pg. 657}

The vileness of a union of the Christian church with the state, is depicted in chapter seventeen. When **the church that was once pure**, united with the government of Rome, and was known as the papacy, God called her Babylon the Great, the Mother of Harlots, He showed by the angels who hold the **vials of His wrath**, that, as loathsome disease is the physical penalty paid for the life of a harlot, so the seven last **plagues** are the natural results of the spiritual fornication of which the church is guilty when the name Babylon is applicable to her. {Stephan N Haskell, The Seer of Patmos, 1905, pg. 300}

How do we crucify Christ today as did the Jews?

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**. {1SG 75.1}

Many look with horror at the course of the Jews in rejecting and crucifying Christ; and as they read the history of His shameful abuse, they think they love Him, and would not have denied Him as did Peter, or crucified Him as did the Jews. But God who reads the hearts of all, has brought to the test that love for Jesus which they professed to feel. All heaven watched with the deepest interest the **reception of the first angel's message**. But many who professed to love Jesus, and who shed tears as they read the story of the cross, **derided the good news of His coming. Instead of receiving the message with gladness, they declared it to be a delusion**. They hated those who loved His appearing and shut them out of the churches. Those **who rejected the first message** could not be benefited by **the second**; **neither were they benefited by the midnight cry**, which was **to prepare them to enter with Jesus by faith into the most holy place of the heavenly sanctuary**. And **by rejecting the two former messages**, they have so darkened their understanding that they **can see no light in the third angel's message**, which shows the way into the **most holy place**. **I saw that as the Jews crucified Jesus, so the nominal churches had crucified these messages, and therefore they have no knowledge of the way into the most holy, and they cannot be benefited by the intercession of Jesus there**. Like the Jews, who offered their useless sacrifices, **they offer up their useless prayers to the apartment which Jesus has left**; and Satan, pleased with the deception, **assumes a religious character, and leads the minds of these professed Christians to himself, working with his power, his signs and lying wonders, to fasten them in his snare**. Some he deceives in one way, and some in another. He has different delusions prepared to affect different minds. **Some look with horror upon one deception, while they readily receive another**. {EW 260.1}

Regardless of indifference and contempt, he had steadfastly pursued his ministry of love. No frown upon his brow repelled the suppliant. **Himself subjected to privation and reproach, he had lived to scatter blessings in his path, to plead with men to accept the gift of life**. The waves of mercy, beaten back by the stubborn heart, returned in a tide of untiring love. **But Israel had turned from her best friend and only helper. The pleadings of his love had been despised, his counsels spurned, his warnings ridiculed**. {4SP 20.1}

The hour of grace and reprieve was fast passing; the cup of God's **long-deferred wrath** was almost full. The cloud of **wrath** that had been gathering through ages of apostasy and rebellion, was about to burst upon a guilty people, and **He who alone could save them from their impending fate had been slighted, abused, rejected, and was soon to be crucified**. **When Christ should hang on Calvary's cross, Israel's day as a nation favored and blessed of God would be ended**. The loss of even one soul is a calamity in comparison with which the gain of a world sinks into insignificance; but as Christ looked upon Jerusalem, the doom of a whole city, a whole nation, was before him; that city, **that nation which had once been the chosen of God,—his peculiar treasure**. {4SP 20.2}

CHRIST CRUCIFIED

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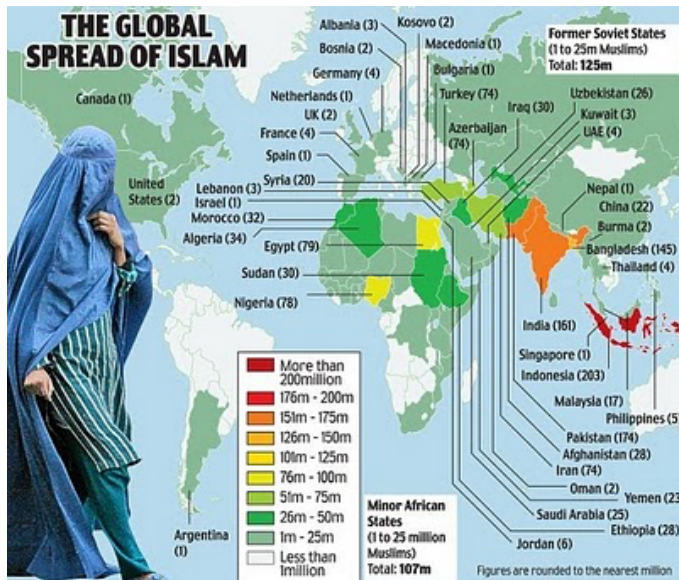


I Will Gather All Nations And Bring Them Down To The Valley Of Jehoshaphat. There I Will Enter Into Judgment Against Them Concerning My Inheritance, My People Israel, For They Scattered My People Among The Nations And Divided Up My Land.

Joel 3-2



The Close of Probation



“Every eye is centered on that one spot, and has been for years. **Turkey** is known universally as the “sick man of the east...the time will come when he will remove from Constantinople, and take up his abode in Palestine; that is, plant his tabernacle between the Mediterranean and Red Seas. Time and again the world has been brought to realize that the end of all things is near at hand, for all know that when the Turk steps out of Constantinople, there will be a general breaking up of Europe. They may not name **this impending conflict the battle of Armageddon**, but God has so named it.”{1901 SNH, SDP 247.3} “I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the **four winds** of the earth. . . . And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God; and he cried . . . Saying, hurt not the earth . . . Till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.” **these angels now hold the winds of strife**, waiting for the church of god to prepare for his coming. **The sealing angel goes through Jerusalem (the church) to place the seal of the living God on the foreheads of the faithful**, and while this work goes forward, **Turkey stands as a national guidepost to the world,**

that men may know what is going on in the sanctuary above. {1901 SNH, SDP 248.1} God’s eye is upon his people, and he never leaves himself without a witness in the world. **No man knows when Turkey will take its departure from Europe, but when that move is**

“Islam isn’t in America to be equal to any other faith, but to become dominant. The Qur’an should be the highest authority in America, and Islam the only accepted religion on earth.”
Omar Ahmed, Chairman of the Board of CAIR (Council on America-Islamic Relations)

made, earth’s history will be short. Then it will be said, “he that is unjust let him be unjust still, . . . And he that is righteous let him be righteous still.” **to-day is “the day of preparation...while the world watches Turkey, let the servant of God watch the movements of his great high priest, whose ministry for sin is almost over.”** {1901 SNH, SDP 248.2}



I saw that **Satan was at work** in these ways to **distract, deceive, and draw away** God’s people, just now **in this sealing time**. I saw **some** who **were not standing stiffly for present truth**. Their knees were trembling, and their feet sliding, because they were not firmly planted on the truth, and the covering of Almighty God could not be drawn over them while they were thus trembling. **Satan was trying his every art to hold them where they were, until the sealing was past**, until the covering was drawn over God’s people, and they left without a shelter from **the burning wrath of God, in the seven last plagues**. God has begun to draw this covering over His people, and it will soon be drawn over all who are to have a shelter **in the day of slaughter**. God will work in power for His people; and Satan will be permitted to work also. {EW 44.1-2}

“Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.” **Matt 24:42**

THE SACRIFICE THAT IS REQUIRED FROM THE WAITING, WATCHING ONES

Jesus has left us word: "Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the Master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: lest coming suddenly He find you sleeping. And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch." We are waiting and watching for the return of the Master, who is to bring the morning, lest coming suddenly He find us sleeping. What time is here referred to? Not to the revelation of Christ in the clouds of heaven to find a people asleep. No; but to His return from His ministration in the most holy place of the heavenly sanctuary, when He lays off His priestly attire and clothes Himself with garments of vengeance, [Dan 12:1] and when the mandate goes forth: "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still; and he that is holy, let him be holy still." {2T 190.1}

When Jesus ceases to plead for man, the cases of all are forever decided. This is the time of reckoning with His servants. To those who have neglected the preparation of purity and holiness, which fits them to be waiting ones to welcome their Lord, the sun sets in gloom and darkness, and rises not again. Probation closes; Christ's intercessions cease in heaven. This time finally comes suddenly upon all, and those who have neglected to [purify their souls by obeying the truth] are found sleeping. They became weary of waiting and watching; they became indifferent in regard to the coming of their Master. They longed not for His appearing, and thought there was no need of such continued, persevering watching. They had been disappointed in their expectations and might be again. They concluded that there was time enough yet to arouse. They would be sure not to lose the opportunity of securing an earthly treasure. It would be safe to get all of this world they could. And in securing this object, they lost all anxiety and interest in the appearing of the Master. They became indifferent and careless, as though His coming were yet in the distance. But while their interest was buried up in their worldly gains, the work closed in the heavenly sanctuary, and they were unprepared. {2T 191.1}

If such had only known that the work of Christ in the heavenly sanctuary would close so soon, how differently would they have conducted themselves, how earnestly would they have watched! The Master, anticipating all this, gives them timely warning in the command to watch. He distinctly states the suddenness of His coming. He does not measure the time, lest we shall neglect a momentary preparation, and in our indolence look ahead to the time when we think He will come, and defer the preparation. "Watch ye therefore: for ye know not." Yet this foretold uncertainty, and suddenness at last, fails to rouse us from stupidity to earnest wakefulness, and to quicken our watchfulness for our expected Master. Those not found waiting and watching are finally surprised in their unfaithfulness. The Master comes, and instead of their being ready to open unto Him immediately, they are locked in worldly slumber, and are lost at last. {2T 191.2}

A company was presented before me in contrast to the one described. They were waiting and watching. Their eyes were directed heavenward, and the words of their Master were upon their lips: "What I say unto you I say unto all, Watch." "Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the Master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: lest coming suddenly He find you sleeping." The Lord intimates a delay before the morning finally dawns. But He would not have them give way to weariness, nor relax their earnest watchfulness, because the morning does not open upon them as soon as they expected. The waiting ones were represented to me as looking upward. They were encouraging one another by repeating these words: "The first and second watches are past. We are in the third watch, waiting and watching for the Master's return. There remains but a little period of watching now." I saw some becoming weary; their eyes were directed downward, and they were engrossed with earthly things, and were unfaithful in watching. They were saying: "In the first watch we expected our Master, but were disappointed. We thought surely He would come in the second watch, but that passed, and He came not. We may be again disappointed. We need not be so particular. He may not come in the following watch. We are in the third watch, and now we think it best to lay up our treasure on the earth, that we may be secure against want." Many were sleeping, stupefied with the cares of this life and allured by the deceitfulness of riches from their waiting, watching position. {2T 192.1}

Angels were represented to me as looking on with intense interest to mark the appearance of the weary yet faithful watchers, lest they be too sorely tried, and sink under the toil and hardships made doubly severe because their brethren had been diverted from their watch, and become drunk with worldly cares and beguiled by worldly prosperity. These heavenly angels grieved that those who were once watching should, by their indolence and unfaithfulness, increase the trial and burdens of those who were earnestly and perseveringly endeavoring to maintain their waiting, watching position. {2T 193.1}

I saw that it was impossible to have the affections and interests engrossed in worldly cares, to be increasing earthly possessions, and yet be in a waiting, watching position, as our Saviour has commanded. Said the angel: "They can secure but one world. In order to acquire the heavenly treasure, they must sacrifice the earthly. They cannot have both worlds." I saw how necessary a continuance of faithfulness in watching was in order to escape the delusive snares of Satan. He leads those who should be waiting and watching, to take an advance step toward the world; they have no intention of going further, but that one step removed them that much further from Jesus, and made it easier to take the next; and thus step after step is taken toward the world, until all the difference between them and the world is a profession, a name only. They have lost their peculiar, holy character, and there is nothing except their profession to distinguish them from the lovers of the world around them. {2T 193.2}

I saw that watch after watch was in the past. Because of this, should there be a lack of vigilance? Oh, no! There is the greater necessity of unceasing **watchfulness**, for now the moments are fewer than before the passing of the first watch. Now the period of waiting is necessarily shorter than at first. If we watched with unabated vigilance then, how much more need of double watchfulness in the second watch. The passing of the second watch has brought us to the **third**, and **now it is inexcusable to abate our watchfulness.** The **third watch** calls for threefold earnestness. To become impatient now would

Four mighty angels hold back the powers of this earth **till the servants of God are sealed in their foreheads.** {Lt 79-1900.34}

be to lose all our earnest, persevering **watching** heretofore. **The long night of gloom is trying; but the morning is deferred in mercy, because if the Master should come, so many would be found unready. God's unwillingness to have His people perish has been the reason for so long delay. But the coming of the morning to the faithful, and of the night to the unfaithful, is right upon us. By waiting and watching, God's people are to manifest their peculiar character, their separation from the world.** By our **watching** position we are to show that we are truly strangers and pilgrims upon the earth. **The difference between those who love the world and those who love Christ is so plain as to be unmistakable.** While **worldlings** are all earnestness and ambition to **secure earthly treasure**, God's people are not conformed to the world, but show by their earnest, **watching, waiting position** that they are transformed; that **their home is not in this world**, but that they are seeking a better country, even a heavenly. {2T 193.3}

I hope, my dear brethren and sisters, that you will not pass your eye over these words without thoroughly considering their import. As the men of Galilee stood looking steadfastly toward heaven, to catch, if possible, a glimpse of their ascending Saviour, two men in white apparel, heavenly angels commissioned to comfort them for the loss of the presence of their Saviour, stood by them and inquired: "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven." {2T 194.1}

God designs that His people shall fix their eyes **heavenward**, looking for the glorious appearing of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **While the attention of worldlings is turned to various enterprises, ours should be to the heavens;** our faith should reach further and further into the glorious mysteries of the heavenly treasure, drawing the precious, divine rays of light from the heavenly sanctuary to shine in our hearts, as they shine upon the face of Jesus. The scoffers mock the waiting, watching ones, and inquire: "Where is the promise of His coming? You have been disappointed. Engage now with us, and you will prosper in worldly things. **Get gain, get money, and be honored of the world.**" The waiting ones look upward and answer: "We are **watching.**" **And by turning from earthly pleasure and worldly fame, and from the deceitfulness of riches, they show themselves to be in that position. By watching they become strong; they overcome sloth and selfishness and love of ease.** Affliction's fire kindles upon them, and the waiting time seems long. They sometimes grieve, and faith falters; but they rally again, overcome their fears and doubts, and while their eyes are directed heavenward, **say to their adversaries: "I am watching, I am waiting the return of my Lord. I will glory in tribulation, in affliction, in necessities."** {2T 194.2}

The desire of our Lord is that we should be watching, so that when He cometh and knocketh we may open to Him immediately. A blessing is pronounced upon those servants whom He finds watching. "He shall gird Himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them." [Luke 12:37] Who among us in these last days will be thus specially honored by the Master of assemblies? Are we prepared without delay to open to Him immediately and welcome Him in? **Watch, watch, watch. Nearly all have ceased their watching and waiting; we are not ready to open to Him immediately.** The love of the world has so occupied our thoughts that **our eyes are not turned upward, but downward to the earth.** We are hurrying about, engaging with zeal and earnestness in different enterprises, but God is forgotten, and the heavenly treasure is not valued. **We are not in a waiting, watching position.** The **love of the world** and **the deceitfulness of riches** eclipse our **faith**, and we do not long for, and love, the appearing of our Saviour. **We try too hard to take care of self ourselves. We are uneasy and greatly lack a firm trust in God. Many worry and work, contrive and plan, fearing they may suffer need.** They cannot afford time to pray or to attend religious meetings and, in their care for themselves, leave no chance for God to care for them. **And the Lord does not do much for them, for they give Him no opportunity. They do too much for themselves, and believe and trust in God too little.** {2T 195.1}

Faith in the ability of Christ to save us fully and entirely is the **FAITH OF JESUS.** {12 MR 193}

The **love of the world has a terrible hold upon the people whom the Lord has commanded to watch and pray always, lest coming suddenly He find them sleeping.** "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever." 1John 2:15-17 {2T 196.1}

I have been shown that God's people who profess to believe present truth are not in a waiting, watching position. They are increasing in riches and are laying up their treasures upon the earth. They are becoming rich in worldly things, but not rich toward God. **They do not believe in the shortness of time: they do not believe that the end of all things is at hand, that Christ is at the door.** They may profess much **faith**; but they deceive their own souls, for they will act out all the **faith** that they really possess. **Their works show the character of their faith and testify to those around them that the coming of Christ is not to be in this generation.** According to their faith will be their works. **Their preparations are being made to remain in this world. They are adding house to house, and land to land, and are citizens of this world.** {2T 196.2}

The condition of poor Lazarus feeding upon the crumbs from the rich man's table is preferable to that of these professors. **If they possessed genuine faith, instead of increasing their treasures upon the earth they would be selling off, freeing themselves from the cumbersome things of earth and transferring their treasure before them to heaven.** Then their interest and hearts will be there, for the heart of man will be where his greatest treasure is. **Most of those who profess to believe the truth testify that that which they value the most is in this world.** For this they have care, wearing anxiety, and labor. **To preserve and add to their treasure is the study of their lives.** They have transferred so little to heaven, have taken so little stock in the heavenly treasure, that their minds are not specially attracted to that better country. **They have taken large stock in the enterprises of this earth, and these investments,** like the magnet, draw down their minds from the heavenly and imperishable to the earthly and corruptible. "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." {2T 197.1}

Selfishness girds many about as with iron bands. It is "**my farm,**" "**my goods,**" "**my trade,**" "**my merchandise.**" Even the

For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, Heb 10:26

claims of common humanity are disregarded by them. Men and women professing to be waiting and loving the appearing of their Lord are shut up to self. The noble, the godlike, they have parted with. The love of the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, the pride of life, have so fastened upon them that they are blinded. They are corrupted by the world and discern it not. **They talk of love to God, but their fruits show not the love they express. They rob Him in tithes and offerings, and the withering curse of God is upon them.** The truth has been illuminating their pathway on every side. **God has wrought wonderfully in the salvation of souls in their**

own households, but where are their offerings, presented to Him in grateful thanks for all His tokens of mercy to them? Many of them are as unthankful as the brute creation. The sacrifice for man was infinite, beyond the comprehension of the strongest intellect, yet men who claim to be partakers of these heavenly benefits, which were brought to them at so great a cost, are **too thoroughly selfish to make any real sacrifice for God.** Their minds are upon the world, the world, the world. In the forty-ninth psalm we read: "They that trust in their wealth, and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches; none of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him (for the redemption of their soul is precious, and it ceaseth forever)." (Ps 49:6-8) If all would bear in mind, and could in a small degree appreciate, the immense sacrifice made by Christ, they would feel rebuked for their fearfulness and their supreme selfishness. "Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before Him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about Him. He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that He may judge His people. Gather My saints together unto Me; those that have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice." (Ps 50:3-5) Because of selfishness and love of the world, God is forgotten, and many have barrenness of soul, and cry: "My leanness, my leanness." (Isa 24:16) **The Lord has lent means to His people to prove them, to test the depth of their professed love for Him. Some would let go of Him and give up their heavenly treasure rather than to decrease their earthly possessions and make a covenant with Him by sacrifice. He calls for them to sacrifice: but the love of the world closes their ears, and they will not hear.** {2T 197.2}

I looked to see who of those who professed to be looking for Christ's coming **possessed a willingness to sacrifice offerings to God of their**

STINTING, ppr. Restraining within certain limits; assigning a certain quantity to; limiting. - 1828 Webster's Dictionary

abundance. I could see a few humble poor ones who, like the poor widow, were **stinting themselves** and casting in their mite. Every such offering is accounted of God as precious

treasure. **But those who are acquiring means, and adding to their possessions, are far behind.** They do comparatively nothing to what they might. **They are withholding, and robbing God. For they are fearful they shall come to want. They dare not trust God. This is one of the reasons that, as a people, we are so sickly and so many are falling into their graves. The covetous are among us. Lovers of the world,** also those who have **stinted** the laborer in his hire, are among us. Men who had none of this world, who were poor and dependent on their labor, have been dealt with closely and unjustly. The lover of the world, with a hard face and harder heart, has grudgingly paid over the small sum earned by hard toil. Just so they are dealing with their Master, whose servants they profess to be. Just in this grudging manner do they put into the treasury of God. **The man in the parable had not where to bestow his goods, and the Lord cut short his unprofitable life.** (Matt 25:30) **So will He deal with many.** How difficult, in this corrupt age, to keep from growing worldly and selfish. How easy to become ungrateful to the Giver of all our mercies. **Great watchfulness is needed, and much prayer,** to keep the soul with all diligence. "Take ye heed, **watch and pray:** for ye know not when the time is." (Mark 13:33) {2T 198.1}

The sacrifice God is calling us to make is character building!!

Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect. Matt 5:48

Jesus said unto him, **If thou wilt be perfect,** go [and] **sell that thou hast, and give to the poor,** and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come [and] follow me. Matt 19:21

The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: **what lack I yet?** Jesus said unto him, **If thou wilt be perfect, go [and] sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come [and] follow me.** But **when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions.** Matt 19:20-22