



WHO REPRESENTS BABYLON?

“Babylon is the church...” {GC 607}

The Lord admonishes us by His prophet regarding Revelation Chapter 18 as follows: “Take each verse of this chapter, and read it carefully, especially the last two.”
{Ms 92a-1898}

Transpires under the 7th plague:

“And the great city was divided into three parts (*Paganism, Catholicism, Relapsed Protestantism/ SDA Church*), and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.”

Rev. 16:19

Rev 16:18-19: “And thunders and lightnings” - another allusion to the judgments of Egypt. (See Exodus 9:23.) The great city is divided into three parts; that is, **the three grand divisions of the false and apostate religions of the world (the great city), Paganism, Catholicism, and relapsed Protestantism**, seem to be set apart each to receive its appropriate doom. The cities of the nations fall; universal desolation spreads over the earth; every island flees away, and the mountains are not found; and great Babylon comes in remembrance before God. **Read her judgments, as more fully described in [chapter 18](#).**” {DAR 1909 698.4}

“The testimonies themselves will be the key that will explain the messages given, as Scripture is explained by Scripture.” {18LtMs, Lt 73, 1903, par. 7}

“The Bible is its own expositor. One passage will prove to be a key that will unlock other passages, and in this way light will be shed upon the hidden meaning of the word. By comparing different texts treating on the same subject, viewing their bearing on every side, the true meaning of the Scriptures will be made evident.” {CE 85.1}

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We are admonished to “c a r e f u l l y read each verse of Revelation Chapter 18, especially the last 2 verses.” Please note we will use Bible and Spirit of Prophecy to identify the question marks below as we move forward in this study.

Rev 18:23 And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries [*“pharmakeia”/ pharmacy- drugs!*] were all nations deceived.
Rev 18:24 And in her [*Babylon*] was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth [*Jer 51:48, 49*].

"A similar work will be accomplished when that other angel, represented in [Rev 18:1], gives his message. **The first, second, and third angels' messages will be repeated** (of Rev 14). The call will be given **to** the church, "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." [Rev 18: 4.] "**Babylon, the great, is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.** For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. ... Come out of her my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues: for her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities." [Rev 18: 2-5.]

Rev 18:23, 24

Take each verse of this chapter, and read it carefully, especially the last two: "And the **light of [a] candle** (*Adventists*) shall shine no more in thee (?); and **the voice of the bridegroom** (*Adventists*) **and of the bride** shall be heard no more at all in thee (?): for thy (?) merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy (?) **sorceries** (*G5331- drugs/ pharmakeia*) were all nations deceived. And in her (?) was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth." [Rev 18:23, 24.] The **parable of the ten virgins** (*SDA's*) was given by Christ Himself, and **every specification should be carefully studied.** A time will come when the door will be shut (*probation will close- Matt 24/ Mark 13*). **We** (*SDA's*) are represented either by the **wise or the foolish virgins.** **We** (*SDA's*) cannot now distinguish, nor have we authority to say who are wise and who foolish. There are those who hold the truth in unrighteousness, and these appear just like the wise." {Ms92a-1898.11-14}

We will begin with the last 2 verses since she emphasizes to “especially read carefully”. In the following verses of Revelation 18:23 and 24, we must let the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy, by proof texting, identify the question marks above in order to know who or what is being referenced in this passage.

The Parable of Ten Virgins represents Adventism which also includes the bridegroom and the virgins' lamps (light of a candle) quoted above.



"In the **parable of the ten virgins**, Matthew 25, the experience of **Adventists is illustrated** by the incidents of an Eastern marriage.



"Then shall the kingdom of Heaven be likened unto **ten virgins**, which **took their lamps**, and went forth to meet **the bridegroom**." "While **the bridegroom** tarried, they all slumbered and slept." The **wide-spread movement** (*Adventism 1840-1844*) under the proclamation of the first message, answered to the going forth of the first message, answered to the going forth of

the virgins, while the passing of the time of expectation, the disappointment, and the delay, were represented by the tarrying of the bridegroom." {4SP 242.3}

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The “light” in the parable of the ten virgins is referencing Seventh-day Adventists who gave the message the three angel’s messages of Rev. 14 to the Protestant Churches from 1840-44. This message will again be repeated under the 4th angel of Rev. 18.

“In the special efforts which were made to proclaim the **Advent message in the summer of 1844, the leaders in the movement had seen their own experience in the parable of the ten virgins** recorded in Matthew 25. There had been a “tarrying time” followed by the cry, “Behold **the bridegroom cometh**; go ye out to meet him.” This was commonly referred to as “the midnight cry.” In her first vision, this was shown to Mrs. White as **a bright light set up behind the Adventists at the beginning of the path**. **In the parable, they read that those who were ready went in with the bridegroom to the marriage, “and the door was shut.”** (See Matthew 25:10.)” {EW xxvii.2}

The “light of the candle” is representative of Seventh-day-Adventists which is compared with ancient Babylon! Read Revelation 18:23 & 24 again (first quote on page 1) to see same language employed in Jeremiah 25 below.

“Thus saith the Lord of hosts; **Because ye have not heard My words**, behold, I will send and **take all the families of the north** (*THIS IS ISLAM IN OUR DAY!!*), saith the Lord, and Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, My servant, and **will bring them against this land, and against the inhabitants thereof, and against all these nations round about, and will utterly destroy them** (*read Ezekiel Ch 9*), and make them an astonishment, and an hissing, and perpetual desolations. Moreover I **will take from them** (*SDA’s*) the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, **the voice of the bridegroom**, and **the voice of the bride**, the sound of the millstones, and **the light of the candle**. And this whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.” Verses Jer. 25:8-11. {PK 430.3}

Now we can fill in the blanks below in Revelation 18:23, 24 on the “light of the candle” and the “bridegroom” as being relapsed Protestantism and the SDA Church. And so it follows by the subject in the sentence, that the “thee”, “thou” and “her” (church) must be referring to the same! The Seventh-day Adventist church has apostatized and joined with the Babylon (Rome & relapsed Protestantism). Thus we clearly see that **THE THIRD BABYLON IS THE CHURCH that has professed faith in the 3rd angel’s message yet not been sanctified by obeying that message.**

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Rev. 16:19

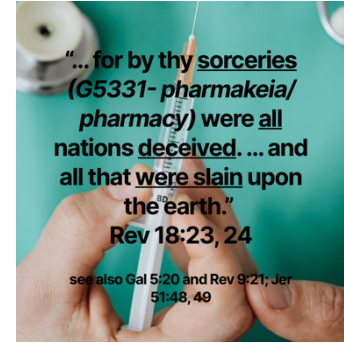
“As the storm approaches, **a large class who have professed faith in the third angel's message** (*SDA’s*), **but have not been sanctified through obedience to the truth**, **abandon their position and join the ranks of the opposition....** They become the most bitter enemies of their former brethren.” {GC 608}

Rev 18: 23-24 “And **the light of the candle** (**Relapsed Protestantism, incl. SDA Church*) shall shine no more in **thee** (*); and the **voice of the bridegroom** and **of the bride** (*) shall be heard no more at all in **thee** (*): for **thy** (*) **merchants** were the great men of the earth; for by **thy** (*) **sorceries** were all nations deceived. And in **her** (*) was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth.”
[Rev 18:23, 24.] {Ms92a-1898.11-14}

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Verse 23 has a striking fulfillment today (2020-22) in light of the Covid 19 ‘vaccination’/ injection crisis. The whole world is being deceived that the Covid injection is safe although many are dying or have permanent life altering disabilities from the poisonous injection!! Let’s read Sister White’s quote again on Revelation 18:23 and 24 with the question marks filled in...



“Take each verse of this chapter, and read it carefully, especially the last two: “And the light of the candle (*Relapsed Protestantism, incl. SDA Church) shall shine no more in thee (*); and the voice (*) of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy (*) merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy (*) sorceries (G5331- drugs/ pharmakeia) were all nations deceived. And in her (*) was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth.” [Rev 18:23, 24.] The parable of the ten virgins (Adventists represented by the parable of the 10 virgins) was given by Christ Himself, and every specification should be carefully studied. A time will come when the door will be shut (probation will close- Matt 24/ Mark 13). We (Adventists) are represented either by the wise or the foolish virgins (Adventists represented by the parable of the 10 virgins). We (Adventists) cannot now distinguish, nor have we authority to say who are wise and who foolish. There are those (backslidden Adventists) who hold the truth in unrighteousness, and these (backslidden Adventists) appear just like the wise (Adventists).” {Ms92a-1898.11-14}

Sadly, Adventist medical institutions perform abortions & administer drugs like the world’s institutions. Seventh-day Adventist leaders have supported the vaccine agenda, and have not warned church members of their imminent danger in taking these vaccines and that by so-doing, are going directly against God’s clear counsel. MANY PEOPLE HAVE BEEN & CONTINUE TO BE LED TO UNTIMELY GRAVES FROM THE COVID INJECTION!

“How is the faithful city (Adventists) become an harlot! it was full of judgment (gave the judgment hour cry); righteousness lodged in it (was pure and faithful at one time) but now murderers.”
Isaiah 1:21

“Drugs never cure. Instead, they place in the system seeds which bear a very bitter harvest. . . .” {2SM 288.3}
“More deaths have been caused by drug-taking than from all other causes combined. If there was in the land one physician in the place of thousands, a vast amount of premature mortality would be prevented. Multitudes of physicians, and multitudes of drugs, have cursed the inhabitants of the earth, and have carried thousands and tens of thousands to untimely graves.” {2SM 450.2}

“...lectures should be given not on how to use drugs, not to lead minds and educate them in the methods of drug using, but to teach people the better way—to live healthfully and do without drugs. The words were repeated, Educate! Educate! Educate!” {20MR 373.3}

“Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in My name, He will give it you.” He promises to come to us as a Comforter to bless us. Why do we not believe these promises? That which we lack in faith we make up by the use of drugs. Let us give up the drugs, believing that Jesus does not desire us to be sick, and that if we live according to the principles of health reform, He will keep us well.” {19MR 51.2}

“Drug medication should be worked away from as fast as possible, until entirely discarded.” (CD 406.4)

“No man or woman has any right to form habits which lessen the healthful action of one organ of mind or body. He who perverts his powers is defiling the temple of the Holy Spirit. The Lord will not work a miracle to restore to soundness those who continue to use drugs which so degrade soul, mind, and body that sacred things are not appreciated.” {RH November 6, 1900, par. 5}

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We are not excusable if through ignorance we destroy God's building by taking into our stomachs poisonous drugs under a variety of names we do not understand. It is our duty to refuse all such prescriptions. {2SM 283.4}

"Were I sick, I would just as soon call in a lawyer as a physician from among general practitioners. I would not touch their nostrums, to which they give Latin names. I am determined to know, in straight English, the name of everything that I introduce into my system." {Manuscript 86, 1897}

Certificate of Vaccination ID

Latin for Corona- “radiation”; “Crown, (miter)” ← pope’s miter (& all the protestant churches that support the pope’s agenda!!)
Latin for Virus- “poison”; “venom” ← there is snake venom in the Covid injections!

Latin for Vaccinate- “cow” – **Vaccination**- The act, art or practice of inoculating persons with the cow-pox. **Inoculation**- The act or art of **communicating a disease to a person in health, by inserting contagious matter in his skin or flesh.** This practice is limited chiefly to the communication of the small-pox, and the cow pox, which is intended as a substitute for it. (1828 Webster's Dict.)

Our safety net for these last days that will protect us from Babylon’s dangers!

“**God has permitted the light of health reform to shine upon us in these last days, that by walking in the light we may escape many of the dangers to which we shall be exposed.** Satan is working with great power to lead men to indulge appetite, gratify inclination, and spend their days in heedless folly. He presents attractions in a life of selfish enjoyment and of sensual indulgence. **Intemperance saps the energies of both mind and body.** {CTBH, 75, 1890 CD 22.4}

Since the breakout of Covid, and looking back at how our SDA Church leaders have addressed this crisis has been very discomfoting. We have not heard any warnings coming from the pulpit or our presses regarding our danger, but rather, we hear it is okay to take the vaccine or decline it since each person can make their own individual choice. This is a deceptive statement (truth mixed with error) since the health message is not addressed concerning drug use.

News Notes

MILTON-STATELINE ADVENTIST SCHOOL

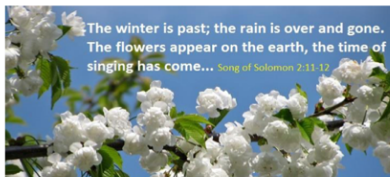


MSAS is accepting applications for a part time Science and Social Studies Teacher and SPED aide. This position is for the 2021-2022 school year. It is possible for one person to do both the teacher and sped aide position. You may send application to info@miltonstateline.org or call 541-938-7131 for more information.

- MSAS is needing to purchase another bus! Any donations toward the fund would be very helpful!

CHRISTIAN AID CENTER

The Christian Aid Center is looking for a volunteer to cook breakfast on Friday mornings for our shelter guests and others in our community. For more information, please contact Jeannette Regalado, Volunteer & Donor Relations, at 509-525-7153 ext. 114.



COVID-19 COMPLIANCE

- Please sit in designated places in the sanctuary (blue tape)
- Use masks (masks available in foyer)
- Keep to physical distance minimum of 6 feet
- Apply hand sanitizer as needed (available in the foyer)

If you have associated with people who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 whether inside or outside the Walla Walla Valley, please worship with us on Zoom. If you travel outside of the Walla Walla Valley area, please do so in a COVID-19 compliant manner.

MILTON CHURCH CALENDAR

Today, Sabbath, March 6	
8:45am	Prayer time with the church Elders (Zoom)
10:45am	Pastor Lloyd: "Behold the Lamb" The Moral & Redemptive Purpose of Prophecy, pt 4 (Sanctuary / Zoom)
5:46pm	Sunset— Lev. 23:32
Monday, March 8	
9am-12pm	Church Office Open
10am-4pm	Thrift Store Open (713 S Main St. Milton-Freewater)
Tuesday, March 9	
9am-12pm	Church Office Open
11:00am	Pastoral Staff Meeting
Wednesday, March 10	
9am-12pm	Church Office Open
12 noon	Church Bulletin Information Due
7:00pm	District Prayer Meeting (Zoom)
Thursday, March 11	
8:00am	COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic (Milton Church Parking Lot)
9am-12pm	Church Office Open
10am-4pm	Thrift Store Open (713 S Main St. Milton-Freewater)
Friday, March 12	
5:54pm	Sunset— Lev. 23:32
Sabbath, March 13	
8:45am	Prayer time with the church Elders (Zoom)
10:45am	WWU Theology Dept. (Sanctuary / Zoom)
5:56pm	Sunset— Lev. 23:32
Sunday, March 14 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS	

THE BLUE MOUNTAIN VALLEY CHURCH

is opening its doors for worship today, March 6, 10:45am! With masks and social distancing, they will have church each week, with no Sabbath School classes yet. Pastor Nancy will be spending the month of March at the BMV Church, and then go back to her schedule of spending the 1st and 3rd Sabbaths at Milton, and the 2nd and 4th at BMV.

Please remember our sister church in your prayers.



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Please note the following announcement below for the Covid vaccine, taken from the March 6, 2021 [Milton-Freewater Church Seventh-day Adventist Church Bulletin](#) (extracted from their website). We live in this town and can testify that when driving by the church, there were banners in front of the church announcing free Covid vaccines and at other times when driving by, we would see active participants. We should be sighing and crying for the abominations that are taking place in the Church and lifting up our voice like a trumpet to reveal the life-destroying deceptions that are taking place among God’s professed children. Walla Walla (WA) Union-Bulletin article announces Covid drive-thru Vaccination Clinic locations; the first location set up in parking lot of the Milton-Freewater, Oregon, Seventh-day Adventist Church on October 29, 2021. The photo reveals vaccines were previously given at the Adventist’s church parking lot back in March 2021. Sadly, this is an example how the Adventist Church (& some independent groups) have supported the vaccine agenda by turning their back on God’s clear counsel and warnings.

Vaccination clinics coming to Milton-Freewater | Coronavirus | union-bulletin.com

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https://www.union-bulletin.com/news/local/health_fitness/coronavirus/vaccination-clinics-coming-to-milton-freewater/article_ed48ee0c-339e-11ec-8f5d-6f00a70859f5.html

EXCLUSIVE SPOTLIGHT FEATURED

Vaccination clinics coming to Milton-Freewater

By Walla Walla Union-Bulletin
Oct 23, 2021



[Registered nurse Alisha Lundgren, nurse supervisor with Umatilla County Public Health takes information during a drive-thru event at the Milton Seventh-Day Adventist Church in Milton-Freewater on March 11, 2021.](#)
[Greg Lehman, Walla Walla Union-Bulletin file](#)

[MILTON-FREEWATER — The Umatilla County health department will sponsor two drive-thru vaccination clinics for flu and COVID-19 in Milton-Freewater, both 9 a.m.-1 p.m.](#)

[The first is on Friday, Oct. 29, at the Milton Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1244 N. Elizabeth St.](#)

A second clinic will be Saturday, Oct. 30, at Gib Olinger Elementary School, 1011 S. Mill St.

In addition to first and second doses of Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson formulas, booster shots will be available.

No appointments or registration are needed. For more information call 541-278-5432 or go to ucohealth.net.

https://www.union-bulletin.com/news/local/health_fitness/coronavirus/...o-milton-freewater/article_ed48ee0c-339e-11ec-8f5d-6f00a70859f5.html

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Thus far in Rev 18:24, we have also read that Relapsed Protestantism & SDA Churches’ merchants are the great men of the earth (see also Rev 18:3) and now have a glimpse of who is involved with the drug business that is sending people to a premature grave! Let’s now go through Revelation 18 verse by verse, beginning with verses 1-2 and compare with Spirit of Prophecy comments. Please note the red bracketed italics are teachings from our Adventist pioneers. Sadly, Sister White states the Adventist church became a harlot (an identifying mark of Babylon) and had warned of our danger of becoming a sister of fallen Babylon (apostate Protestants).

Apostate Protestantism (includes Adventists who will lead out in the rebellion):

Rev 18:1 And after these [after Rev 14-17] things I saw another angel [4th Angel; to be given in connection with the 3rd message] come down [a message more pointed & direct; different from 1st three angels that were “flying in the midst”] from heaven, having great power [10 times the power of the Midnight Cry! Joel 2:23, 6T60]; and the earth was lightened with his glory.

The last note of mercy to be given:

Rev 18:2 And he [4th Angel] cried mightily with a strong voice [Loud Cry- Isa 40:9], saying, Babylon [at one time, the Roman Catholic Church (4SP 232.2) but now, apostate Protestantism of which **the SDA Church is a sister to fallen Babylon and she leads out in the rebellion**] the great is fallen, is fallen, [a moral fall- spiritually & physically- Rev 14:8] and **is become** the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird [descriptions of apostasy which will be completed by the work of Spiritualism].

“We must as a people (SDA’s) arouse and cleanse the camp of Israel. Licentiousness, unlawful intimacy, and unholy practices are coming in among us (SDA’s) in a large degree; and ministers who are handling sacred things are guilty of sin in this respect. They are coveting their neighbors’ wives, and the seventh commandment is broken. We (SDA’s) are in danger of becoming a sister to fallen Babylon (apostate Protestantism), of allowing our churches to become corrupted, and filled with every foul spirit, a cage for every unclean and hateful bird; and will we be clear unless we make decided movements to cure the existing evil?” {21MR380.1} Written September 6, 1886, from Basel, Switzerland, to G. I. Butler

“How is the faithful city (Adventists) become an harlot! it was full of judgment; righteousness lodged in it (was pure and faithful at one time); but now murderers.”

Isaiah 1:21

“Why is there so dim a perception of the true spiritual condition of the church? Has not blindness fallen (Laodicea) upon the watchmen (Adventists- Matt 24) standing on the walls of Zion?...Who can truthfully say, ‘Our gold is tried in the fire; our garments are unspotted by the world?’ I saw our Instructor pointing to the garments of so-called righteousness. Stripping them off, He laid bare the defilement beneath. Then He (Christ) said to me: ‘Can you not see how they (Adventists) have pretentiously (like the Pharisees) covered up their defilement and rottenness of character? How is the faithful city (Adventists) become an harlot! My Father’s house is made a house of merchandise, a place whence the divine presence and glory have departed! (Rev 18:14)” {Testimonies, vol 8, p 248-50 April 21, 1903}.

Such a tragedy to think the steps of the old apostate Babylon (Roman Catholic Church) of Revelation 17 (see also Ms24-1891.17 under verse 4) is now being followed by the final Babylon of Revelation 18— the apostate religious Protestant denominations of the day, including the Seventh-day Adventist Church who is leading out in the apostasy. These steps will lead to the persecution of God’s true followers.

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“In Revelation 17, Babylon is represented as a woman, a figure which is used in the Scriptures as the symbol of a church. A virtuous woman represents a pure church, a vile woman an apostate church. **Babylon is said to be a harlot**; and **the prophet beheld her drunken with the blood of saints and martyrs**. **The Babylon thus described represents Rome**, that apostate church which has so **cruelly persecuted the followers of Christ**. But Babylon the harlot is the mother of daughters who follow her example of corruption. Thus are represented those churches that cling to the doctrines and traditions of Rome and follow her worldly practices, and whose fall is announced in the second angel’s message.” {4SP 232-33}

“When faithful teachers expound the Word of God, there arise men of learning, ministers professing to understand the Scriptures, **who denounce sound doctrine as heresy**, and thus turn away inquirers after truth. Were it not that **the world is hopelessly intoxicated with the wine of Babylon**, multitudes would be convicted and converted by the plain, cutting truths of the Word of God. But **religious faith appears so confused and discordant, that the people know not what to believe as truth**. **The sin of the world’s impenitence lies at the door of the church.**” {GC88 389.1}

Our pioneers, give a description of what constitutes Babylon. The question to ask is, “Does your church fit the descriptions given”?

The Five Steps to Apostasy

By J. N. Loughborough

In setting up of this “abomination that maketh desolate” (Dan.12:11), we see that five distinct steps were taken:-

1. **Forming a creed**, expressing their faith in man-made phrases instead of adhering to the word of the Lord.
2. **Making that man-made creed a test of fellowship**, and **denouncing all as heretics who would not assent to the exact wording of their creeds**.
3. **Making the creed a rule by which all heretics must be tried**. Many were thus declared sinners whose faith was more in harmony with the direct statements of the Bible than that of those who decreed against them.
4. **Constituting themselves a tribunal for the trial of heretics, and excluding from their fellowship all who would not assent to their creeds**. Not content to debar such from church privileges in this world, they declared them subjects for the lake of fire.
5. Having thus kindled a hatred in their own hearts **against all who did not conform to their creeds, they next invoked and obtained the aid of the civil power to torture, and kill with sword, with hunger, with flame, and with beasts of the earth, those whom they had declared unfit to remain in the world**.

Then appeared on the stage of action one class of professed Christians with a head over them, actually declaring that he was “God on earth,” persecuting another class of Christians who were conscientiously following the Lord and his Word, - a class of whom it might be said, in the light in which God views them (as was said, of the ancient worthies), “of whom the world was not worthy.” Heb.11:38 (J. N. Loughborough, *The Church, Its Organization, Order, and Discipline*, pp. 76, 77).

This then is the true Church of God. Now, what are the principal agents in oppressing and injuring this Church? We answer, all those sects, whether Roman Catholics or Protestants, that go to work to **divide and bring in —confusion** to the oneness of the Church. And how is this done? It is done by the manufacturing of **creeds**, whether written or oral, and **endeavoring to organize a party**; the **test of fellowship being** now, not love to God and each other, but **assent to these creeds**. (pg1) ... because their **creeds differ**; and hence —**confusion or Babylon is truly their name**. Surely we need have no great difficulty in deciding **where Babylon is, or what it is. It is the old mother and all her children; who are known by the family likeness a domineering, lordly spirit, a spirit to suppress a free search after truth, and a free expression of our conviction of what is truth**. Every one of us shall give account of HIMSELF to God, II (Rom. Xiv. 13.) **We have no right to let any men, or body of men, thus lord it over us. And to remain**, it appears to me, **in such an organized body, is to remain in Babylon**. (pg2)... Well, say some, —if they will turn us out, let them do it; we will stay with them until we are turned out.—But, does God say, stay in here till you are turned out! **NO**. He says—**Come out of her my people. Come out of this —confusion, this Babylon**.

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But it will be asked, —Where shall we go if we come out? **Go to the Lord.** Trust in Him. —Wait for his Son from heaven. **Take care that you do not seek to manufacture another church. No church can be organized by man’s invention but what it becomes Babylon the moment it is organized.** (pg 4) New York, The Midnight Cry Feb. 1844 George Storrs.

1853- If you are *unequally* yoked together with *unbelievers* [not showing their faith by their works—James.] **Come out from among them and be ye separate, and you shall be a son or a daughter of the Lord Almighty.**— *Voice of Truth*, Vol. , 1844. The Advent Review and Sabbath Herald Jan, 6 1853

1895- “I need not take to give a definition in detail of what the image of the beast is; we all know well that it is **the church power using the government, the civil power, for church purposes.** ... Now I want to state a little further upon the principle that no Christian, being a citizen of the kingdom of God, can of right start any procedure in connection with the civil government. After it is started by the government itself, that is another question... I repeat therefore, that upon the principles which govern kingdoms and governments, the very principle of the law in heaven, or law in earth, **a Christian cannot start any procedure in connection with civil government. And of all Christians, Seventh-day Adventists cannot do it. The very keeping of the Sabbath forbids it.**” {February 4, 1895 ATJ, GCB 11.2}

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1897- “The true church is a chaste virgin. (2 Cor. 11:2). **The church that is joined with the world in friendship is a harlot. It is this unlawful connection with the kings of the earth that constitutes her the great harlot of the Apocalypse.** (Rev.17). Thus, the Jewish Church, **at first espoused to the Lord** (Jer. 2:3; 31:32), **became a harlot** (Eze.16)... The unlawful union with the world of which **Babylon** is guilty, is positive that it (**Babylon**) is the **civil power**... For these reasons, it is very evident that **the Babylon of the Apocalypse is the professed church united with the world**” {1897 UrS, DAR 654.2}

Portions quoted below from The Advent Review Volume 1, Entitled: Extracts Relating to the Churches, and Church Organization {August 1850 JWe, ADRE 22.6-23.7}:

“**While Israel obeyed God, He defended and blessed them;** but when they desired a king like the surrounding nations, and said, “Give us a king, God departed from them, or suffered them to follow their own wisdom: and the result was, a yoke was laid upon their necks by their: king, who was given to them ‘in wrath and taken away in anger.’

“**While the primitive church stood upon the foundation laid by Christ, obeyed His law, and followed Him, they were humble, prosperous and happy.**

“**But when they began to lay other foundations, adopt other laws, and follow other leaders, the glory departed from them:** they committed fornication **with the kings of the earth,** and soon constituted the ‘mother’ whom John saw seated on the scarlet coloured beast, drunk with the blood of the saints.

“While the seceding sects were young, humble, and submitted to Christ and His word, they were blessed, and proved a blessing to The Church and the world.

“But when they patterned after the “mother of harlots”, they, like her, “committed fornication”, and became identified with **mystery Babylon,** that great city which reigneth over the kings of the earth of the earth.

“**From this fallen city, brethren, we have fled, in obedience to the command, “Come out of her”.** Let us not go back to her polluted temples, nor build one of our own after any of her patterns.

“**Obey Christ and His word, and you have nothing to fear. But if you depart from Him, like the examples before us, He will cast us off forever.**

“Finally, we object to the doings of the Albany Conference, because the proceedings as a whole, **look like forming a new sect, under a sectarian name, instead of coming to the order of the New Testament, under the name there given to the true Church.**

“It looks like laying plans of our own devising, when we have in our possession the perfect economy of the Lord, by which we should be guided, and when we profess to be looking for His coming every hour.

“**Can we for one moment suppose it is a time now to be fixing up a creed for years, or even months, to come?** Is this our faith? O I cannot, I cannot - I must not,

“**What! The advent people have a creed?**

“**What! The advent people organize into a sect?**

“O, brethren, do let us be consistent.

“**Did not our enemies tell us that after the time passed - if it did pass - we should organize into a sect?**

What did we answer them?

“**You who are disposed to organize and have a creed, answer it.** “Let us remember three things, and overcome them.

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“1. The beast.

“2. His mark.

“3. The number of his name.

“Here is the patience and faith of the saints. Let the Gentile princes exercise their dictation; but let us not be so.” - Advent Review, 1850; (published by Hiram Edson, David Arnold, Geo. W. Holt, Samuel W. Rhodes)

“COME OUT OF HER, MY PEOPLE” – A SERMON, BY C. FITCH
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1843.

“[Rev 18:1-5; 18:21; 14:6-20 quoted] **1. WHAT IS BABYLON?** It is Antichrist: all those to whom Christ will say, at his appearing, “Those mine enemies who would not that I should reign over them, bring hither and slay them before me.” It is every thing belonging to the vine of the earth, which, at the appearance of one like the Son of man on a white cloud, is to be reaped, and cast into the great wine-press of the wrath of God. {1843 CF, CHMP 5.1} ... AND THIS IS THAT **SPIRIT OF ANTICHRIST** whereof ye have heard that it should come, and even now already is it in the world.” 2 John 7: “For many deceivers are entered into the world **who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. THIS IS A DECEIVER AND AN ANTI-CHRIST.**” {1843 CF, CHMP 5.2}... **To confess with the lips that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh, and yet to be opposed in heart and life to the objects for which he came, is certainly to be Antichrist.**... whoever is opposed to the **PERSONAL REIGN** of Jesus Christ over this world on David’s throne, is **ANTICHRIST**; for though he may admit that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh, he is opposed to the object for which he came, and therefore must be Antichrist; for “the kingdoms of this world must become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign for ever and ever.” {1843 CF, CHMP 8.1}... We have therefore only to inquire who is **OPPOSED TO THE PERSONAL REIGN OF CHRIST ON DAVID’S THRONE**, in order to ascertain **who is ANTICHRIST, or who is IN BABYLON**, to be destroyed when Christ shall appear in the clouds of heaven, to establish his kingdom. Who, then, is opposed to the personal reign of Christ on David’s throne? {1843 CF, CHMP 9.1}... **1st. THE ENTIRE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH.**{1843 CF, CHMP 9.2} ...**2nd. IS THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, ONLY OPPOSED TO THE PERSONAL REIGN OF CHRIST? What shall we say of Protestant Christendom in this respect?** Among all the sects into which the Protestant church is divided, where is one that is not decidedly hostile to the Bible truth that Christ has been raised up to sit personally on David’s throne? ... CHMP 10.2}.... 2 Tim. iv, 3,) “For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears, and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned to fables.” **This is at present true of all sects in Protestant Christendom.** CHMP 10.2} The practical motto in this day is, **by their creeds** ye shall know them. CHMP 10.2}...To such an extent has the love of this present world abounded, in the hearts of those who say they are Christ’s, that nothing is so unwelcome to the mass of them as to tell them that their Savior, whom they profess to regard as their best friend, is soon coming to take his people to be with him. {1843 CF, CHMP 10.2}

II. WHAT ARE WE TO UNDERSTAND BY THE FALL OF BABYLON? This is fully expressed in Scripture language: [Rev 18:2 quoted]... But how is it with Protestant Christendom. **How is she occupied?** Is she not engaged, for her own aggrandizement, in every species of merchandise ascribed to **Babylon**, even to slaves and the souls of men? The **spirit of oppression reigns**, in greater or less portions of the leading sects, unrebuked; and a man may sell or buy his fellow-man, and then sit at the communion table, or even minister at the altar of God, and by the mass of Protestant Christendom go unreproved. **Lust for power** is seen among all the sects, and **lust for gold** is practically regarded by the multitude of Christ’s professed disciples as a virtue, and they may **resort to any means** for acquiring wealth which does not amount to positive transgression of human law, and **yet stand in the church as accredited members.** {1843 CF, CHMP 16.1}

III. WHAT IS IT FOR GOD’S PEOPLE TO COME OUT OF BABYLON? [Rev 18:4 quoted] {1843 CF, CHMP 18.1} ...But I do say, if you are a Christian, come out of **Babylon!** **If you intend to be found a Christian when Christ appears, come out of Babylon, and come out Now!** **Throw away that miserable medley of ridiculous spiritualizing nonsense with which multitudes have so long been making the word of God of none effect, and dare to believe the Bible.**” {1843 CF, CHMP 19.1} (*all words in CAPS are in the original*)

The FALL of Babylon & errors entering church since 1844.

Babylon can no longer be the Roman Church; it is now the fallen protestant churches of today. (See comments under verses 3-6)

“When the churches spurned the counsel of God by rejecting the Advent message, the Lord rejected them. **The first angel was followed by a second, proclaiming, “Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.” [Revelation 14:8] This message was understood by Adventists to be an announcement of the moral fall of the**

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churches in consequence of their rejection of the first message. The proclamation, “**Babylon is fallen,**” was given in the summer of 1844, and as the result, about fifty thousand withdrew from these churches. {4SP 232.1}

The term **Babylon**, derived from Babel, and **signifying confusion**, is applied in Scripture to the various forms of false or apostate religion. But the message announcing **the fall of Babylon** must apply to **some religious body that was once pure, and has become corrupt. It cannot be the Romish Church which is here meant; for that church has been in a fallen condition for many centuries.** But how appropriate **the figure as applied to the Protestant churches**, all professing to derive their doctrines from the Bible, yet divided into almost innumerable sects. The unity for which Christ prayed does not exist. Instead of one Lord, one faith, one baptism, there are numberless conflicting creeds and theories. Religious faith appears so confused and discordant that **the world know not what to believe as truth. God is not in all this; it is the work of man,—the work of Satan.**” {4SP 232.2}

Many of **the Protestant churches** are following Rome's example of iniquitous connection with “**the kings of the earth**”—**the state churches**, by their relation to secular governments; and other denominations, by seeking the favor of the world. And **the term “Babylon”—confusion—may be appropriately applied to these bodies, all professing to derive their doctrines from the Bible, yet divided into almost innumerable sects, with widely conflicting creeds and theories.** {GC 383.1}

“Let us not rest unless we have the abiding witness that our ways please God. Souls are coming out upon the truth all around here. **They are those who have not heard the Advent doctrine and some of them are those who went forth to meet the Bridegroom in 1844, but since that time have been deceived by false shepherds** until they did not know where they were or what they believed. {1LtMs, Lt 4, 1850, par. 4}

“I saw **another mighty angel** [4th angel- Rev 18:1-2] **commissioned** to descend to earth, and **unite his voice with the third angel** [of Rev 14 :9], and give power and force to his message. **Great power and glory** were imparted to the angel [Rev 18], and as he descended, **the earth was lightened with his glory.** The light which went before and followed after this angel, penetrated everywhere, as **he cried mightily, with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.** The message of the **fall of Babylon**, as given by the second angel [of Rev 14 :8], **is again given, with the addition of the corruptions which have been entering the churches since 1844.** The work of this angel comes in at the right time, and **joins in the last great work of the third angel's message, as it swells into a loud cry.**” {1SG 193.2}

The 4th angel's message of Revelation 18 angel is given by God's remnant people who keep the commandments of God and have the faith of Jesus.

“**We have taught, we have expected, that an angel is to come down from heaven** [Rev 18], **that the earth will be lightened with his glory.** Then we shall behold an ingathering of souls similar to that witnessed on the day of Pentecost. {Lt25b-1892.35}

But **this mighty angel comes bearing no soft, smooth message** [Rev 18], **but words that are calculated to stir the hearts of men to their very depths.** That an angel is represented as crying 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.” “Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.”** [Revelation 18:2, 4.] Are we, indeed, **as the human agencies** to cooperate with the divine instrumentalities in **sounding the message of this mighty angel** who is to lighten the earth with his glory?” {Lt25b-1892.36}

Rev 18:3 For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her **[SDA Church is a sister to Protestant fallen Babylon and she leads out in the rebellion; thus why judgment begins at the house of God]** fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her **[SDA Church]**, and the **merchants**

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of the earth [see verse 23] are waxed rich through the abundance of her [SDA Church] delicacies [extravagance, vanity, pride, luxury].

“But what is the “image to the beast” (*apostate Protestantism*)? and how is it to be formed? The image is made by the two-horned beast (*USA by civil enforcement*), and is an image **to** the first **beast** (*Roman Catholic Church*). It is also called an image **of** the beast. Then **to learn what the image** (*apostate Protestantism*) **is like, and how it is to be formed, we must study the characteristics of the beast itself,—the papacy.**” {GC88 443.2} **“Force** is the last resort of every false religion” {ST May 6, 1887.16}

“The truth in regard to the Sabbath of the Lord is to be proclaimed. The seventh day is to be shown to be the seal of the living God. **People are to be shown what they may expect from the papal power** (*enforcement of false dogmas and false Sunday worship*). **The time has come when the Protestant churches are reaching out to grasp the hand of the power** (*ROMAN POWER*) **that has made void the law of God.**” {Lt232-1899.19} (*She states in 1899, “the time has come”, since the Sunday Law had passed into law the year prior in 1892 by president Harrison.*)

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“The kings of the earth have committed fornication with her...” **Rev. 18:3**



“What is it that gives its kingdom to this (*papal*) **power? Protestantism,** a power which while professing to have the temper and spirit of a lamb (*Protestants*), and to be allied to heaven, speaks with the voice (*USA by civil laws*) of a dragon. It is moved by a power from beneath (*Satanic*). **[Revelation 18:1-4 quoted] This is the message Satan would have silenced.**” {Lt232-1899.22, 23}

“We cannot tell the people any more that the United States government **is going to put away the Sabbath** of the Lord from the fourth commandment **and put Sunday in its place.** No man can do that and speak truly. **Everyone that speaks the truth on that has to say that has been done and point the people simply to the official record in the proceedings of the government that shows it and there it stands.** Therefore, as this is truly so, this text applies as never before, “Now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.” {February 13, 1895 ATJ, GCB 116.9} (*Italicized in original*)

What is the wine of wrath that all nations have drunk?

“The prophet says, “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” (Revelation 18:1, 2). This is the same message that was given by the second angel. **Babylon is fallen, “because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication”** (Revelation 14:8). **What is that wine?—Her false doctrines.** She has given to the world **a false sabbath** instead of the Sabbath of the fourth commandment, and has repeated the falsehood that Satan first told Eve in Eden—**the natural immortality of the soul.** **Many kindred errors** she has spread far and wide, **“teaching for doctrines the commandments of men”** (Matthew 15:9).” {2SM 118.1}

“The great sin charged against Babylon is that she “made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.” This cup of intoxication which she presents to the world represents **the false**

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doctrines that she has accepted as the result of her unlawful connection with the **great ones** of the earth (see Rev 18:23- “great men of the earth”). Friendship with the world corrupts her faith, and in her turn she exerts a corrupting influence upon the world by teaching doctrines which are opposed to the plainest statements of Holy Writ. {GC 388.2}

“It is our individual duty to walk humbly with God. We are not to seek any strange, new message. **We are not to think that the chosen ones of God who are trying to walk in the light compose Babylon. The fallen denominational churches are Babylon.** Babylon has been fostering **poisonous doctrines, the wine of error. This wine of error is made up of false doctrines, such as the natural immortality of the soul, the eternal torment of the wicked, the denial of the pre-existence of Christ prior to His birth in Bethlehem, and advocating and exalting the first day of the week above God's holy and sanctified day.** These and kindred errors are presented to the world by the various churches, and thus the Scriptures are fulfilled that say, ‘**For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.**’ It is **a wrath which is created by false doctrines, and when kings and presidents drink this wine of the wrath of her fornication, they are stirred with anger against those who will not come into harmony with the false and satanic heresies which exalt the false sabbath, and lead men to trample underfoot God's memorial.**” {TM 61.3}

Other kindred errors (false doctrines) of the Catholic Church: The doctrine of the Trinity which the Papacy admits to be her central pillar doctrine (which is accepted by most of Christendom), Sunday sacredness, immortality of the soul, eternal hell, worshipping Mary and the saints, transubstantiation, sprinkling for baptism, sacrament of confession, infallibility of the pope, etc.

Innumerable erroneous doctrines:

“**Innumerable are the erroneous doctrines** and fanciful ideas that are obtaining among the churches of Christendom. **It is impossible to estimate the evil results of removing one of the landmarks fixed by the word of God.** Few who venture to do this stop with the rejection of a single truth. The majority continue to set aside one after another of the principles of truth, until they become actual infidels.” {GC 525.3}

“The Roman Church now presents a fair front to the world, covering with apologies her record of horrible cruelties. She has clothed herself in Christlike garments; but she is unchanged. Every principle of the papacy that existed in past ages exists today. **The doctrines devised in the darkest ages are still held.** Let none deceive themselves. **The papacy that Protestants are now so ready to honor is the same that ruled the world in the days of the Reformation, when men of God stood up, at the peril of their lives, to expose her iniquity.** She possesses the same pride and arrogant assumption that lorded it over kings and princes, and claimed the prerogatives of God. **Her spirit is no less cruel and despotic now than when she crushed out human liberty and slew the saints of the Most High.**” {GC 571.1}

Rev 18:4 And I heard another voice [repeat of 3rd angel in Rev 14?] from heaven, saying, **Come out [Jer 51:45]** of her [apostate protestant churches and apostate Adventists], **my people**, that ye be not partakers of her sins [2Tim 3:5 **TURN AWAY!!**], and that ye receive not of her plagues. [Jer 50:8, 9; 1:15 **come out of Spiritual Babylon**]

Rev 18:5 For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered [Ex 6:5-6] her iniquities.

Rev 18:6 Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double [She begins to raise the arm of oppression against the saints- Ps 35:6].

“Concerning **Babylon, the symbol of the apostate church.** He says to His ministers of judgment, “**Her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities. Reward her even as she**

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rewarded you, and **double unto her double** according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double.” Rev. 18:5, 6.” –*Christ’s Object Lessons* 178.4 1900

“God is raising up a class to give the **loud cry of the third angel’s message**. “**Of your own selves** shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.” [Acts 20:30.] It is Satan’s object now to get up new theories to divert the mind from the true work and genuine message for this time. He stirs up minds to give **false interpretations of Scripture, a spurious loud cry** (i.e., the incorrect message of Dan. 11:45 that will not give us the true event for the nearness of the close of probation/ **time of visitation in judgments!** This event is connected to the 3rd angel’s message), **that the real message will not have its effect when it does come**. This is one of the greatest evidences that the loud cry will soon be heard and the earth will be lightened with the glory of God.” {Lt20-1884.7}

“**Of Babylon at this time it is declared, “Her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.**” [Revelation 18:5.] She has filled up the measure of her guilt, and destruction is about to fall upon her. But **God still has a people in Babylon**; and before the **visitation of his judgments** (7 last plagues), these faithful ones must be **called out**, that they “partake not of her sins, and receive not of her plagues.” Hence the movement symbolized by the angel coming down from Heaven, lightening the earth with his glory, and crying mightily with a strong voice, **announcing the sins of Babylon**. In connection with his message the call is heard, “**Come out of her**, my people.” As these warnings join the **third angel’s message**, it swells to a **loud cry**. {4SP 422.1}

“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}

“Satan is diverting minds with unimportant questions, in order that they shall not with clear and distinct vision see matters of vast importance. The enemy is planning to ensnare the world. {Ms24-1891.12}

The so-called Christian world is to be the theater of great and decisive actions. Men in authority will enact laws controlling the conscience, after the example of the Papacy. Babylon will make all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. Every nation will be involved. Of this time John the Revelator declares: {Ms24-1891.13}

“The merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her (Babylon- all denominational churches are in apostasy) delicacies. And I heard another voice (God’s remnant giving the Loud Cry of 4th angel Rev 18) from heaven saying, “**Come out of her, My people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.** For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities. Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double. How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her; for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow.” [Revelation 18:3-7.] {Ms24-1891.14}

“**These have one mind**, and shall give their power and strength unto **the beast** (USA by civil authority). These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for He is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with Him are called, and chosen, and faithful.” [Revelation 17:13, 14.] {Ms24-1891.15}

“**These have one mind.**” There will be a universal bond of union, one great harmony, a confederacy of Satan’s forces. “**And shall give their power and strength unto the beast.**” Thus is manifested the same arbitrary, oppressive power against religious liberty, freedom to worship God according to the dictates of conscience, as was manifested by the papacy, when in the past it persecuted those who dared to refuse to conform with the religious rites and ceremonies of Romanism. {Ms24-1891.16}

In the warfare to be waged in the last days there will be united, in opposition to God’s people, all the corrupt powers that have apostatized from allegiance to the law of Jehovah. In this warfare the Sabbath of the fourth commandment will be the great point at issue, for in the Sabbath commandment the great Law-giver identifies Himself as the Creator of the heavens and the earth. {Ms24-1891.17}

It is very important for the church to know the time (based on an event) of their visitation!

“If left to the care of those who, **while professing allegiance to God, know not the time of their visitation** (close of probation- Matt 24/ Mark 13/ Islam on the scene), **the light of the candle** (see Rev18:23), or **church,**

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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}

“In a special sense **Seventh-day Adventists** have been set in the world as **watchmen** (*Matt 24/ Mark 13*) and **light bearers.** To them has been entrusted the last warning for a perishing world. On them is **shining wonderful light** from the word of God. They have been given a work of the most solemn import—**the proclamation of the first, second, and third angels’ messages.** There is no other work of so great importance. They are to allow nothing else to absorb their attention.” {9T 19.1}

What is the fate of the unfaithful watchman who have had great light?

“The church has departed from the light, neglected her duties, **abused her high and exalted privileges** of being peculiar and holy in character, and thereby **dishonored her God, like ancient Israel.** They have **violated their covenant** to live for God and him only. **They have joined in with the selfish and world-loving.** Pride, the love of pleasure, and sin, are cherished, and **Christ has departed. His Spirit has been quenched in the church.** Satan works side by side with Professed Christians; yet they are so destitute of spirituality and discernment that they do not detect him. {PH011 4.2} (T#18, pg 129- 1870)

In 1889, Sister White announced that they had hoped that there would not have to be another call to COME OUT of the Seventh-day Adventist church!

“I was confirmed in all I had stated in Minneapolis, that a reformation must go through the churches. Reforms must be made, **for spiritual weakness and blindness were upon the people who had been blessed with great light and precious opportunities and privileges.** As reformers they had come out of the denominational churches, but they **now act a part similar to that which the churches acted. We hoped that there would not be the necessity for another coming out.** While we will endeavor to keep the “unity of the Spirit” in the bonds of peace, we will not with pen or voice cease to protest against bigotry.” {The Ellen G. White 1888 Materials, 356, 357 (1889). LDE 48.1}

By 1893, she gave a very stern warning to Seventh-day Adventists. Brackets are in original:

“Of those who boast of **their light,** and yet fail to walk in it, Christ says, "But I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgment, than for you. And thou, Capernaum [**Seventh-day Adventists, who have had great light**], which art exalted unto heaven [**in point of privilege**], **shalt be brought down to hell:** for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. But I say unto you, That it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for thee." At that time Jesus answered and said, "I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast **hid these things from the wise and prudent [in their own estimation],** and hast **revealed them unto babes.** Matt 11:22-25 [Bracketed material IN ORIGINAL] {RH, August 1, 1893}

Interesting to read a history outline in Quarterly of how God continues moving His work forward even when His people backslide — from the early church, down to our day:

BABYLON THE GREAT- 16. What follows her unlawful union with the governments of earth? Ans.- The fall of Babylon. Rev. 14:8 **SEE NOTE...**
NOTE. The second angel speaks of the professed people of God not as individuals, but as a body— Babylon —which has fallen, because of fornication with the world. The message comes to individuals, but of Babylon. This is the last part of, the three-fold fall of Babylon. (1) “When the early church departed from God and imbibed pagan errors, she became Babylon When she united with the state, she fell and, as an organization, was the body of Christ no longer. While the Reformation churches held fast to the word, Christ was with them. Then they crystallized their various errors into **creeds** and endeavored thus to confine God’s word, **they made themselves daughters of Babylon.** When some of

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them united with the state, they fell, and God had to use other people, called out of **Babylon** to carry forward His work. Now [in 1896] among these very churches which came out of the **second Babylon**, confusion reigns; and now [in 1896] great Babylon, including later daughters, is in adulterous union with the kings of earth, and is endeavoring to make that union stronger. **God calls no church Babylon which holds to His word, and follows the light that shines from it, even though there are in its membership many who do not know Christ.** When the controlling influence of a church is downward, it erects some other standard besides God's word... It has ever been true that a backslidden body, one that has turned from God's word to men, from God's power to the state, was never reformed in itself. Invariably God's message has called out those from the **fallen church** who would **do** His will and preach His gospel. (2) **Israel** went down to Egypt for help, and their captivity and loss of power followed. Out of the captives God gathered a faithful band to do His work. (3) **The Jewish church failed**, and God called out the apostolic church to do His bidding. (4) **The Roman Church failed**, and out of it God called the churches of the **Reformation**. (5) **Some of these churches failed** to advance, and God called out others to bear His gospel to the world such as the **Baptist, Methodist, Congregationalist, Disciple, Adventists**. (6) **His last 'called-out' people will know no standard but His word, no power but His Spirit.**

First Quarter, Lesson IX & X, February 29 & March 7, 1896, p. 33, 35-36 *(highlighted numbers added by compiler)*

“In the days of the Reformation, the gentle and pious Melancthon declared, “There is no other church than the assembly of those who have the word of God, and who are purified by it.” **Adventists, seeing that the churches rejected the testimony of God's Word, could no longer regard them as constituting the church of Christ,** “the pillar and ground of the truth;” and as the message, **Babylon is fallen,** began to be proclaimed, they felt themselves justified in separating from their former connection..” {4SP 237.2} *(God chose the Adventist to give the message in 1840-44 but today they need to be called out of apostasy.)*

The remnant (144,000) of the Seventh-day Adventist church will give the loud cry of Revelation 18, calling all fallen protestants (including backslidden nominal Adventists) “to come out of her my people.”

“I saw that God has honest children among the **nominal (in name only) Adventists and the fallen churches**, and **before the plagues shall be poured out**, ministers and people **will be called out from these churches** and will gladly receive the truth. Satan knows this; and **before the loud cry of the third angel is given**, he raises an excitement in these religious bodies, that those **who have rejected the truth may think** that God is with them. **He hopes to deceive the honest and lead them to think that God is still working for the churches. But the light will shine, and all who are honest will leave the fallen churches, and take their stand with the remnant.**” {EW 261} 1882

“**At the proclamation of the first angel's message, the people of God were in Babylon; and many true Christians are still to be found in her communion.** Not a few who have never seen the special truths for this time are dissatisfied with their present position, and are longing for clearer light. They look in vain for the image of Christ in the church. **As the churches depart more and more widely from the truth, and ally themselves more closely with the world, the time will come when those who fear and honor God can no longer remain in connection with them.** Those that “believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness,” will be left to receive “strong delusion,” and to “believe a lie.” [2 Thessalonians 2:11, 12.] Then the spirit of persecution will again be revealed. But the light of truth will shine upon all whose hearts are open to receive it, and **all the children of the Lord still in Babylon, will heed the call, “Come out of her, my people.”**” {4SP 239-40}

“**The Waldenses** were the first of all the peoples of Europe to obtain a translation of the Scriptures. Hundreds of years before the Reformation, they possessed the entire Bible in manuscript in their native tongue. **They had the truth unadulterated**, and this rendered them the special objects of hatred and persecution. **They declared the Church of Rome to be the apostate Babylon of the Apocalypse**, and at the peril of their lives they stood up to resist her corruptions.” {4SP 70.1} 1884

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The term Babylon, derived from Babel, and signifying confusion, is applied in Scripture to the various forms of false or apostate religion. But **the message announcing the fall of Babylon must apply to some religious body that was once pure, and has become corrupt. It cannot be the Romish Church which is here meant; for that church has been in a fallen condition for many centuries.** But how appropriate **the figure as applied to the Protestant churches,** all professing to derive their doctrines from the Bible, yet divided into almost innumerable sects. {4SP 232.2}

We have sadly discovered that the Babylon in Revelation Chapter 18 is not only apostate Protestantism but it also includes apostate Adventism. Why? “because of her rejection of the truth sent to her from heaven.”

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 enforcing the observances of the church by civil authority,** 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 will listen who have never heard 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.** {The Great Controversy, 606, 607 (1888). Ev 43.4}

The sin of the world’s impenitence lies at the door of the church. God sent his professed people a message (*1st AM: see pg 231*) that would have corrected the evils which separated them from his favor. A state of union, faith and love had been produced among those who from every denomination in Christendom received the **Advent doctrine;** **and had the churches in general accepted the same truth, the same blessed results would have followed.** **Babylon scornfully rejected the last means which Heaven had in reserve for her restoration, and then, with greater eagerness, she turned to seek the friendship of the world.** {4SP 236} 1884

"As the storm approaches, **a large class who have professed faith in the third angel's message, but have not been sanctified through obedience to the truth, abandon their position and join the ranks of the opposition.... They become the most bitter enemies of their former brethren.**" {GC 608}

“The church appeals to the strong arm of civil power, and in this work, papists are solicited to come to the help of Protestants.” {4SP 42}

“I expect to be betrayed, as was my Master, by professed friends.” {RH, Oct 16, 1883 p 17}

“The Lord has a controversy with his professed people in these last days. In this controversy men in responsible positions will take a course directly opposite to that pursued by Nehemiah. **They will not only ignore and despise the Sabbath themselves, but they will try to keep it from others by burying it beneath the rubbish of custom and tradition.** In churches and in large gatherings in the open air, **ministers will urge upon the people the necessity of keeping the first day of the week.** There are calamities on sea and land: and these calamities will increase, one disaster following close upon another; and **the little band of conscientious Sabbath-keepers will be pointed out as the ones who are bringing the wrath of God upon the world by their disregard of Sunday.**” {RH, March 18, 1884 par. 8}

“I saw the nominal church and nominal Adventists, like Judas, would betray us to the Catholics to obtain their influence to come against the truth. ...the churches and **nominal Adventists** who know of our faith and customs (**for they hated us on account of the Sabbath,** for they could not refute it) **will betray the saints and report them to the Catholics as those who disregard the institutions** (*Sunday*) **of the people;** ...” {SpM 1.5 1850}

“We shall receive the most fierce opposition from the Adventists who oppose the law of God. But, like the builders of the walls of Jerusalem, we should not be diverted and hindered from our work by reports, by messengers desiring discussion or controversy, or by intimidating threats, the publication of falsehoods, or any of the devices that Satan may instigate. **Our answer should be: We are engaged in a great work, and we cannot come down.** We shall sometimes be perplexed to know what course we should pursue to preserve the honor of the cause of God and to vindicate His truth.” {3T 574.2}

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“The **scenes enacted at the cross are being re-enacted**. In the churches that have departed from truth and righteousness it is being revealed what human nature can do and will do when the love of God is not an abiding principle in the soul. We need not be surprised at anything that may take place now. We need not marvel at any developments of horror. **Those who trample under their unholy feet the law of God have the same spirit as had the men who insulted and betrayed Jesus**. Without any compunction of conscience, they will do the deeds of their father, the devil. They will ask the question that came from the traitorous lips of Judas, What will you give me if I betray unto you Jesus the Christ? **Even now Christ is being betrayed in the person of his saints.**” {RH January 30, 1900, Art. A, par. 9}

What is the light/ truth sent to her (Adventists) from heaven that is rejected? We see from quotes below it is those who reject any part of the 3 angel’s messages which is sent from heaven.

“The churches that refused to receive the **FIRST ANGEL’S MESSAGE, rejected light from Heaven**. That message **was sent in mercy to arouse them to see their true condition of worldliness and backsliding**, and to seek a preparation to meet their Lord.” {4SP 230.1 1884}

“I was shown in vision, and I still believe, that there was a shut door in 1844. All who saw **the light** of the **first and second angels’ messages** and **rejected that light**, were left in darkness. And those who accepted it and received the Holy Spirit which attended the proclamation of **the message from heaven**, and who afterward renounced their faith and pronounced their experience a delusion, thereby rejected the Spirit of God, and it no longer pleaded with them.” {1SM 63.9}

“Those who did not see the light, had not the guilt of its rejection. It was only the class who had despised **the light from heaven** that the Spirit of God could not reach. And this class included, as I have stated, both those who refused to accept the message when it was presented to them, and also those who, having received it, afterward renounced their faith. **These might have a form of godliness, and profess to be followers of Christ; but having no living connection with God, they would be taken captive by the delusions of Satan**. These two classes are brought to view in the vision—those who declared the light which they had followed a delusion, and the wicked of the world who, having **rejected the light**, had been rejected of God. No reference is made to those who had not seen the light, and therefore were not guilty of its rejection.” {1SM 63.10}

“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} (AKA 58 GC 75.1)

“**Love for Christ and faith in his coming waxed cold**. Such is the sure result of neglect to appreciate and improve **the light and privileges** which God bestows. Unless the church will follow on in his opening providence, accepting every ray of light, performing every duty which may be revealed, religion will inevitably degenerate into the observance of forms, and the spirit of vital godliness will disappear. This truth has been repeatedly illustrated in the history of the church. God requires of his people works of faith and obedience corresponding to the blessings and privileges bestowed. **Obedience requires a sacrifice and involves a cross; and this is why so many of the professed followers of Christ refused to receive the light from Heaven, and, like the Jews of old, knew not the time of their visitation.** (*close of probation!*) [Luke 19:44.] (*see 4SP 17*) **Because of their pride and unbelief**, the Lord passed them by, and revealed his truth to men in humble life, who had given heed to all the light they had received. {4SP 200.2} 1884

“**And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many (SDA’s) shall wax cold.**” The very atmosphere is polluted with sin. Soon God’s people will be tested by fiery trials, and **the great proportion of those who now appear to be genuine and true will prove to be base metal**. Instead of being strengthened

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and confirmed by opposition, threats, and abuse, they will cowardly take the side of the opposers. The promise is: "Them that honor Me I will honor." Shall we be less firmly attached to God's law because the world at large have attempted to make it void?" {5T136.1} 1882

BUT WAIT!!! Didn't Ellen White say not to call the church Babylon???

First, we should keep this counsel in mind:

“Regarding the testimonies, nothing is ignored; nothing is cast aside; but time and place must be considered” {Selected Messages, book 1, p 57. 1907}

Personally, I have found only one time period, 1893, that she ever made the statement not to call the church Babylon, but please notice, time and place must be considered and she qualifies her statement with, “at the present time” since the church was standing for truth. She never stated that the church could never become Babylon anywhere in her writings, but on the contrary, she warned against becoming like Babylon in 1886. She stated in 1903 that the SDA church had become a “harlot**” which is one of the identifying marks of Babylon.**

What? **know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body?**
for two, saith he, shall be one flesh.
1 Cor 6:16

For true and righteous are his judgments: for **he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication**, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand.
Rev 19:2

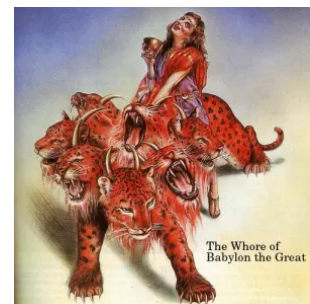
1886-

“We (SDA's) are in danger of becoming a sister to fallen Babylon (apostate Protestantism that unites with the harlot Roman Catholic church), of allowing our churches to become corrupted, and filled with every foul spirit, a cage for every unclean and hateful bird; and will we be clear unless we make decided movements to cure the existing evil?” {21MR380.1} Written September 6, **1886**, from Basel, Switzerland, to G. I. Butler

1893- (Remember at this time [“time & place must be considered”], the year prior, 1892, Sunday Law was passed by president Harrison and Adventist were proclaiming the warning against this false day of worship!)
“There is but one church in the world who are at the present time standing in the breach, and making up the hedge, building up the old waste places; and for any man to call the attention of the world and other churches to this church, **denouncing her as Babylon**, is to do a work in harmony with him who is the accuser of the brethren.” {TM 50.8} (this was written in **1893!**)

1903- Glory and truth departed

“Why is there so dim a perception of the true spiritual condition of the church? Has not blindness fallen (Laodicea) upon the watchmen (Adventists) standing on the walls of Zion?... Who can truthfully say, ‘Our gold is tried in the fire; our garments are unspotted by the world?’ I saw our Instructor pointing to the garments of so-called righteousness. Stripping them off, He laid bare the defilement beneath. Then He (Christ) said to me: ‘Can you not see how they (Adventists) have pretentiously (like the Pharisees) covered up their defilement and rottenness of character? **How is the faithful city (Adventists) become an harlot! My Father’s house is made a house of merchandise (John 2:16), **a place whence the divine presence and glory have departed!**” (Rev 18:14, Hos 10:5, 1Sam 4:21-22, Eze 10:18)” {Testimonies, vol 8, p 248-50 April 21, 1903}.**



Apostate Church(es) rides (joins) the beast (USA) that will enforce her dogmas through civil legislation (enforcement)

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“... **truth** and **glory** of God are **inseparable**” {1884GC 416}

She made a prediction... One only has to do a little research to know the apostasy taking place in the Church today & this quote is being fulfilled:

“Many will stand in **our pulpits** with the **torch of false prophecy** in their hands, **kindled from the hellish torch of Satan**. If doubts and unbelief are cherished, the faithful ministers will be removed from the people who think they know so much. “If thou hadst known,” said Christ, “even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! But now they are hid from thine eyes.” {SpTA11 8.1 1897}

The “her” (Babylon, the apostate church) referred to in this passage (vs 8) has to be referring collectively to all the apostate Protestant churches as well since they have followed after the false teachings and satanic behavior portrayed by the Catholic Church.

Rev 18:7 How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen *[Fulfilled Feb 29, 1892 with passage of Sunday Law. City of Babylon was literally known as the queen of the earth. It was called the golden city.]*, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow. *[Compare with Isa 46:7-10; 57:15]*

Rev 18:8 Therefore shall her **plagues** *[7 last plagues]* come in **one day** *[a year will be occupied in that terrible visitation- Isa 34:8; Jer 51:46]*, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong *[is]* the Lord God who judgeth her. *[compare with Isa 46:7-10]*

Rev 18:9 And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning,

Rev 18:10 Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in **one hour** *[15 days- Rev 17:12]* is thy judgment come. *[Verses 9 & 10 direct parallel to Eze 32:9, 10]*

Please go back and carefully read verse 3 as she is connecting these verses (11-17) to the apostate protestant churches as well as the as the apostate Adventist church!

Rev 18:11 And the **merchants** of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more *[now they are cut off; can't buy or sell]:*

Rev 18:12 The **merchandise** of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble,

Rev 18:13 And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men.

Rev 18:14 And the fruits *[“autumnal fruits”]* that thy soul lusted after are departed from thee, and all things which were dainty and goodly are departed from thee, and thou shalt find them no more at all. *[Gluttony rebuked]*

Rev 18:15 The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing,

Rev 18:16 And saying, Alas, alas, that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls!

Rev 18:17 For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off,

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“Her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.... In the cup which she hath filled fill to her double. How much **she hath glorified herself**, and **lived deliciously**, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow. Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her. And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, ... saying, Alas, alas that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come.” **Revelation 18:5-10**. GC 653.1

“The merchants of the earth,” that have “waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies,” “shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing, and saying, Alas, alas that great city, that **was** clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls! For in one hour so great riches is come to nought.” **Revelation 18:11, 3, 15-17**. {GC 653.2}

Such are the judgments that fall upon Babylon in the day (*plagues fall for one year- Rev. 18:8*) **of the visitation of God's wrath** (*Visitation is in reference to the CLOSE OF PROBATION, the time of the 7 last plagues. The Papacy is destroyed by the brightness of Christ's 2nd Coming under the 7th plague -2Thess 2:8*). **She has filled up the measure of her iniquity; her time has come; she is ripe for destruction.** {GC 653.3}

When the voice of God turns the captivity of His people, there is a terrible awakening of those who have lost all in the great conflict of life. **While probation continued they were blinded by Satan's deceptions, and they justified their course of sin.** The rich prided themselves upon their superiority to those who were less favored; but they had obtained their riches by violation of the law of God. **They had neglected to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to deal justly, and to love mercy. They had sought to exalt themselves and to obtain the homage of their fellow creatures. Now they are stripped of all that made them great and are left destitute and defenseless.** They look with terror upon the destruction of the idols which they preferred before their Maker. **They have sold their souls for earthly riches and enjoyments, and have not sought to become rich toward God. The result is, their lives are a failure; their pleasures are now turned to gall, their treasures to corruption. The gain of a lifetime is swept away in a moment.** The rich bemoan the destruction of their grand houses, the scattering of their gold and silver. **But their lamentations are silenced by the fear that they themselves are to perish with their idols.** {GC 654.1}

The wicked are filled with regret, not because of their sinful neglect of God and their fellow men, but because God has conquered. They lament that the result is what it is; but they do not repent of their wickedness. They would leave no means untried to conquer if they could.” {GC 654.2}

“And I gave her space (*during probation*) to repent of her fornication; and **she repented not.**”

Rev. 2:21

Rev 18:18 And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What [city is] like unto this great city!

[Gen 19:23-28]

Rev 18:19 And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas, that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour [15 days] is she made desolate.

Rev 18:20 Rejoice over her, [thou] heaven, and [ye] holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her.

Rev 18:21 And a mighty angel took up a stone [Jer 50:1-4; 51:60-64] like a great millstone [Babylon sinks to rise no more], and cast [it] into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all.

Rev 18:22 And the voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, shall be heard no more at all in thee; and no craftsman, of whatsoever craft [he be], shall be found any more in thee; and the sound of a millstone shall be heard no more at all in thee;

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“Christ declares: “Whosoever shall offend one of these little ones that believe in Me, it is better for him that **a millstone** were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea.” **Whoever by willful deception or by a wrong example misleads a disciple of Christ is guilty of a great sin. Whoever would make him an object of slander or ridicule is insulting Jesus. Our Saviour marks every wrong done to His followers.**” {5T 244.3}

“Satan is working with unfailing perseverance and intense energy to draw into his ranks the professed followers of Christ. He is working “with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish.” But Satan is not the only worker by whom the kingdom of darkness is supported. **Whoever solicits to sin is a tempter. Whoever imitates the great deceiver becomes his aid. Those who give their influence to sustain an evil work are doing Satan's drudgery.**” {5T 102.3}

THE ENEMY’S DECEPTIONS



The crowing act in the great drama of deception

“As the crowning act in the **great drama of deception**, Satan himself will attempt to personate Christ. The church has long professed to look to the Saviour's advent as the consummation of her hopes. Now the great deceiver will make it appear that Christ has come. In different parts of the earth, Satan will manifest himself among men as a majestic being of dazzling brightness, resembling the description of the Son of God given by John in the Revelation. [Revelation 1:13-15.] The glory that surrounds him is unsurpassed by anything that mortal eyes have yet beheld. The shout of triumph rings out upon the air, “Christ has come! Christ has come!” The people prostrate themselves in adoration before him, while he lifts up his hands, and pronounces a blessing upon them, as Christ blessed his disciples when he was personally upon the earth. His voice is soft and subdued, yet full of melody. In gentle, compassionate tones he presents some of the same gracious, heavenly truths which the Saviour uttered; **he heals the diseases of the people**, and then, in his assumed character of Christ, he claims to have changed the Sabbath to Sunday, and commands all to hallow the day which he has blessed. He declares that those who persist in keeping holy the seventh day are blaspheming his name by refusing to listen to his angels sent to them with light and truth. **This is the strong, almost overmastering delusion.** Like the Samaritans who were deceived by Simon Magus, the multitudes, from the least to the greatest, give heed to these **SORCERIES**, saying, This is “the great power of God.” {4SP 442.1}

Mask Wearing



“Many today have **veils upon their faces.** These veils are sympathy with the customs and practices of the world, which hide from them the glory of the Lord. God desires us to keep our eyes fixed upon Him, that we may lose sight of the things of this world.” {6T 146}

“**Hath a nation changed [their] gods,** which [are] yet no gods? but my people have changed their glory for [that which] doth not profit. Be astonished, O ye heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid, be ye very desolate, saith the LORD. For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, [and] hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.”

Jer. 2:11-13

“But we all, with open face [unveiled] beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, [even] as by the Spirit of the Lord.”

2Cor 3:18

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“Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.”
1Cor 10:31

“Every mask will be laid aside, and we shall see Him as He is.” {Review and Herald, October 24, 1899}

“Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.”
1 John 3:2, 3

“Semblance and pretence will drop their mask. People will see themselves just as they are, obedient or disobedient, loyal or disloyal to the law of Jehovah. Then the division of the whole family will be made.”
{Lt29-1897.25}

“Thus will the message of the third angel be proclaimed.... 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... Those who are arraigned before the courts make a strong vindication of the truth, and some who hear them are led to take their stand to keep all the commandments of God. Thus light is brought before thousands who otherwise would know nothing of these truths.” {4SP 424.1, 425.1}

Mask wearing is connected to sorcery. Are you unknowingly practicing sorcery by the various definitions given below?

“Every unconverted man is fascinated, bewildered, by the bewitching power of the great deceiver. Paul wrote to the Galatians, “Who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth?” **Every person who cherishes a known error, in faith or practice, is under the power of sorcery, and is practicing sorcery upon others. Satan employs him to mislead other souls.**” {ST May 18, 1882, par. 18}

“Let those who are presenting theories as to whether the earth is round or flat, leave this question, for God has not given it to them to solve, and earnestly inquire, “What shall I do that I may have everlasting life?” Let them heed the answer, “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself.” {21MR 419.6}
Nonessential questions will be brought in by those who do not purify their souls by obeying the truth. They fall far short of the standard of loving God supremely and their neighbor as themselves. I am bidden to say that sophistries will be brought in to take the place of the pure gospel of Jesus Christ. The message is given, “Some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils.” This word has been fulfilling among our people.” {21MR 420.1}



“It is fondly supposed that heathen superstitions have disappeared before the civilization of the twentieth century. But the word of God and the stern testimony of facts declare that **sorcery is practiced in this age as verily as in the days of the old-time magicians. The ancient system of magic is, in reality, the same as what is now known as modern spiritualism.** Satan is finding access to thousands of minds by presenting himself under the guise of departed friends. The Scriptures declare that “the dead know not anything.” Ecclesiastes 9:5. Their thoughts, their love, their hatred, have perished. The dead do not hold communion with the living. But true to his early cunning, Satan employs this device in order to gain control of minds.” {AA 289.2}

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“His agents still **claim to cure disease**. They profess to employ electricity, magnetism, or the so-called “sympathetic remedies;” but in truth the magnetic power of which they boast is directly attributable to the **sorcery** of Satan. By this means he casts his spell over the bodies and souls of men.” {LP 139.2}

“Among the converts in Samaria was one Simon, who, by the power of Satan through **sorcerers**, had gained great fame among the people. “To whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the great power of God. And to him they had regard, because that of long time he had bewitched them with sorceries.” But when **he saw a greater power** manifested by the apostles **in healing the sick** and in converting souls to the truth, he thought that by uniting with the believers in Christ he might do wonders equal to those accomplished by the apostles. He hoped thus to add greatly to his fame and wealth, for **he made merchandise of his sorceries and Satanic arts**, pretending to impart their secrets to others.” {3SP 302.1}

“Those who give themselves up to the **sorcery** of Satan, may **boast of great benefit received**; but **does this prove their course to be wise or safe?** What if life should be prolonged? What if temporal gain should be secured? Will it pay in the end to have disregarded the will of God? All such apparent gain will prove at last an irrecoverable loss. **We cannot with impunity break down a single barrier which God has erected to guard His people from Satan's power.**” {PK 212.1}

“Thus was it with Saul. **He had the most decisive evidence that Samuel had been divinely appointed and inspired** (*have we not been provided with enough proof about Ellen White as well?*). It was in opposition to all the dictates of reason and sound judgment, that **he ventured to disregard the command of God** (*to destroy the Amalekites*) **through the prophet**. His fatal presumption must be attributed to this **Satanic sorcery**, which made him blind to the sin, and reckless of its consequences. Saul had manifested great zeal to suppress idolatry and witchcraft, decreeing that all found guilty of these practices should be punished with death. Yet the prophet shows him that in his disobedience to the divine command he had been actuated by the same spirit of opposition to God, and had been as really **inspired by Satan**, as though **he had practiced sorcery**. And, further, **when reproved**, he had **added stubbornness to rebellion**. Instead of confessing his sin, and humbly seeking pardon, he rejected reproof, and hardened his heart in transgression. He could have offered no greater insult to the Spirit of God, had he openly united with idolaters.” {ST September 14, 1882, par. 14}

“For **rebellion** is as the sin of **witchcraft**, and **stubbornness** is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king.”
{1Sam 15:23}



“Many who cannot be attracted by the **allurements of pleasure**, are ensnared by the teachings of “**science falsely so-called**.” These are led to extol human reason, above divine revelation; **to exalt nature**, and **forget the God of nature**. Is there no magic, no **sorcery**, going on around us?” {ST May 18, 1882, par. 24}

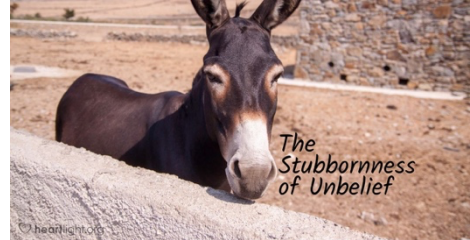
“There are so many who endure privation and pursue at considerable sacrifice a course which promises advantages in the future. They forego present comfort for a future inducement as an equivalent, but here Jesus presents eternal life as the reward of obedience, and if paltry things of earthly gain will be sacrificed for some future good, how much more should ease, pleasure, and present worldly advantages be sacrificed for the incomparable riches and glory of the future immortal life. Let not the sorcery of earthly enchantments steal the affections from God and harden the heart to eternal

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interest. Look at the things that are unseen. Enshrine Jesus in the heart. Love Him with your whole soul, for it is not possible for you to love Him with the ardor He deserves.” {2LtMs, Lt 15a, 1871, par. 8}

“The apostle asks, “Who hath bewitched you that ye should not obey the truth?” Galatians 3:1. So strong and powerful are the evidences on which our faith rests that the unbelief of men seems incredible. **The sorcery of the power of darkness has charmed and deluded the senses to chain reasoning minds in the darkness of unbelief.** Christ bore our sins in His own body on the tree, and who can read this and can restrain the thought that will follow, What must sin be, if no finite being could make atonement? What must its curse be, if Deity alone could exhaust it? The cross of Christ testifies to every man that the penalty of sin is death, and if he **continues in sin**, inconceivable wretchedness will be awarded him. Oh, must there be some strong, bewitching power which holds the moral senses, steeling them against the impressions of the Spirit of God? I entreat of you, as Christ’s ambassador and as your mother, to be diligent in securing the grace of God. You need it every day, that you make no mistake in your life.” {2LtMs, Lt 23, 1873, par. 7}



“These **tamperers with virtue**, whose favorite sin is **licentiousness**, are not few or scarce in this age of degeneracy. Men will lead astray unwise women and blind their consciences by dressing up the foul sin of **adultery** in a religious garment, calling it righteousness. **The spiritual eyesight becomes blurred, and even women of heretofore untainted morals become confused under the satanic sorcery and delusive sophistry of these agents of Satan professing to be messengers of light.** It is this delusion which gives them power. Should they come out boldly and make their advances openly, inviting to sin, they would be repulsed without a moment’s hesitation; but they work first to gain sympathy and secure faith and confidence in them as holy men of God, as God’s special messengers. Then their artful work begins to draw away souls from the path of rectitude by their attempts to make void the law of God. Some women **have so great confidence in men professing piety that they think they cannot err** and that nothing they do or say must be called sin.” {3LtMs, Ms 9, 1880, par. 26}



“We have been pained as we have had brought to our notice papers, advertisers of **sorcery and witchcraft, the work of magicians** and all this sort of thing, going on in Battle Creek. Who of you who profess to be children of the living God were presumptuous enough to place yourself anywhere near these

powers of darkness? There is in these the manifestation of a power that is above human power; and where is it? It is not all **sleight of hand**. No, indeed. It is the power of Satan. **And just as soon as you begin to bring yourselves in connection with these sorcerers and give them the least license, you dishonor the God of heaven and imperil your own souls.** There is a large church here. Our college has brought in many families; and these families ought to feel before God that they have a responsibility to guard the fort. If they are unfaithful and refuse to stand at their **post of duty**, who will do this for them? If they have not spirituality, if they have not piety, if they have not **devotion or discernment** in regard to how they should conduct themselves and **keep themselves separate from such influences** as are continually arising in Battle Creek—right where God is at work and where His institutions are, where we may expect that the angels of God as guardians are around about us—those who will do nothing to help the church, why, just as soon as they can find a position outside of Battle Creek we shall say amen to it. Better not be a burden to the church in this place.” {6LtMs, Ms 1, 1890, par. 8}

When I was coming from California, there was an infidel Jew on the same car. He was engaging in conversation with those present on the subject of the Bible and

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and righteousness
look strange
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Christianity. He would talk to one and then to another. **He would present Christ and the Christian religion in such a manner, in such a ridiculous light, as to create a laugh**; and those present could not withstand his ridicule, and they would begin to retreat. Then he would have a triumph, and he was triumphing all over the car. Finally he came and sat down by me. He saw I had a Bible in my hand; and he began to talk about the Bible and religion and said religion was like jugglery business; it was like **sorcery**. I did not say a word, but let him talk on. The people were listening intently to see what I would say, and he talked, and talked and talked, until I thought he had about exhausted himself. {7LtMs, Ms 8b, 1891, par. 11} *(Please look up and read this story, it is quite interesting)*

Every man, woman, and child that is not under the control of the Spirit of God is under the influence of Satan's SORCERY, and by his words and example he will lead others away from the path of truth.

—The Youth's Instructor, November 16, 1893. {MYP 278.2}

AN APPEAL ~ Dear Brothers and Sisters, are you going to support or advocate the use of drugs in any form when we have been counseled by God to have nothing to do with them? Are you going to remain silent in warning people against the use of Babylon's drugs (in any and all forms, including pharmaceutical and over-the-counter drugs) that are being used to deceive the whole world - to bring people to an early grave? Sister White tells us:

“Some are closing their probation; and is it well with them? have they obtained a fitness for the future life? Will not their record show wasted opportunities, neglected privileges, a life of selfishness and worldliness, that has borne no fruit to the glory of God? And how much of the work which the Master has left for us to do, has been left undone. All around us are souls to be warned; but how often has the time been occupied in self-serving, and the record gone up to God of souls passing to their graves, unwarned and unsaved. {T31 14.3}

“Every year millions upon millions of human souls are passing into eternity unwarned and unsaved. From hour to hour in our varied life opportunities to reach and save souls are opened to us. These opportunities are continually coming and going. God desires us to make the most of them. Days, weeks, and months are passing; we have one day, one week, one month less in which to do our work. A few more years at the longest, and the voice which we cannot refuse to answer will be heard saying, “Give an account of thy stewardship.” {COL 373.4}

And remember:

"We are not excusable if through ignorance we destroy God's building by taking into our stomachs poisonous drugs under a variety of names we do not understand. It is our duty to refuse all such prescriptions." {2SM 283.4}

"Every pernicious (deadly) drug placed in the human stomach, whether by prescription of physicians or by man himself, doing violence to the human organism, injures the whole machinery." Manuscript 3, 1897 (General Manuscript). {2SM 280.7}

What if you or a loved one are in a situation that would be life-threatening if you abruptly stopped taking your particular medication/prescription drug? God loves you and desires you to be freed from Babylon, resting in Christ who is our Great Physician. Here is wise counsel from the Lord Himself through Sister White encouraging us to “work away” (as fast as possible, but at a safe pace) from their use:

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“Drug medication should be **worked away from as fast as possible, until entirely discarded.**” {CD 406.4}

“I must, if I made this statement, have done so in expressing the idea of **working away from the use of ALL DRUGS concocted at the apothecary.** We have no use for them. We should not vindicate the use of drug medication.” {20MR 36.2}

“Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health,
even as thy soul prospereth.”

3John 1:2

Dr. Harvey Kellogg...

“But God has given us a truth that has in it power to lift a man above the power of disease. He has given us principles which, if we obey and follow, will change our bodies so that we shall not have to be vaccinated; that will lift the body above the power of disease, and above the power of sin; for sin and disease go along together. Disease is the consequence of sin, and sin induces a moral disease. ...there will come a time when these diseases will come with such power and intensity that they will strike down everybody that has not yielded to God. There is a point here. **It is not faith alone that avails the man,** but that which faith leads the man to do. **It is not the holding of faith but the obedience that comes from faith.** The man who has complete faith in God believes everything that God says; and when God tells him to do a thing, he will implicitly obey him.” {Harvey Kellogg February 21, 1899 N/A, GCDB 44.10-45.3}

“**We must leave drugs entirely alone, for in using them we introduce an enemy into the system.** I write this because we have to meet this drug medication in the physicians in this country, and we do not want this practice, <as in Battle Creek,> to steal into our midst as a thief. **We want the door closed against the enemy before the lives of human beings are imperiled.**” {14LtMs, Lt 67, 1899, par. 7}

“**Not a poisonous drug should be used.** When you have a case that does not respond to the simple use of remedies, take it to the Lord in prayer...” {PC 43.1}

“The voice of a stranger” (*John 10:5*) is the voice of one who neither respects nor obeys God's holy, just, and good law. **Many make great pretensions to holiness, and boast of the wonders they perform in healing the sick, when they do not regard this great standard (God's health laws) of righteousness.** But through whose power are these cures wrought? Are the eyes of either party opened to their transgressions of the law? and do they take their stand as humble, obedient children, ready to obey all of God's requirements? John testifies of the **professed children of God:** “He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.” (*1John 2:4*) {RH November 17, 1885, par. 10}

None need be deceived. The law of God is as sacred as his throne, and by it every man who cometh into the world is to be judged. There is no other standard by which to test character. “If they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.” (*Isa 8:20*) Now, shall the case be decided according to the word of God, or shall man's pretensions be credited? Says Christ, “By their fruits ye shall know them.” (*Matt 7:20*) **If those through whom cures are performed, are disposed, on account of these manifestations, to excuse their neglect of the law of God (by administering drugs of which we have clearly been counseled against), and continue in disobedience,** though they have power to any and every extent, **it does not follow that they have the great power of God. On the contrary, it is the miracle-working power of the great deceiver. He is a transgressor of the moral law, and employs every device that he can master to blind men to its true character.** We are **warned that in the last days** he will work with signs and lying wonders. And **he will continue these wonders until the close of probation,** that he may point to them as evidence that he is an angel of light and not of darkness.” {RH November 17, 1885, par. 11}

“Trust in the wisdom of man does not facilitate growth in grace and in the knowledge of Christ.”
{92 GW 23} (*see Isa 8:19; 44:25; Ps 119:98; Job 28:28*)

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And if you choose to support or use drugs, the Bible declares that **YOU WILL BE DECEIVED AND LOST!** “**ALL NATIONS WILL BE DECEIVED** and the light of the candle (you, the church) will go out into darkness.” Do you belong to a “nation”? This includes you. This includes me.

“And the **light of the candle** (**Relapsed Protestantism, incl. SDA Church*) **shall shine no more** (go out into darkness) **in thee** (*); and the **voice** (*) of the **bridegroom** (*Jesus*) and of the **bride** (*wise virgins*) **shall be heard no more at all in thee** (*foolish virgins; Matt 25*): for **thy** (*) **merchants** were the great men of the earth; **for by thy** (*) **sorceries** (*G5331- drugs/ pharmakeia*) **were all nations** (*entire world!*) **deceived.**”

Rev. 18:23-24

Folks, the seven **candlesticks** in the sanctuary represent the history of the seven churches with the last being **Laodicea** (Seventh-day Adventist & relapsed Protestantism). Revelation 18:23 above tells us the light of the candle (church) will go out in darkness!

“If left to the care of those who, **while professing allegiance to God, know not the time of their visitation** (*close of probation- Matt 24/ Mark 13*), **the light of the candle** (*see Rev18:23*), **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}

“Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter; the mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in My right hand, and **the seven golden candlesticks**. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and **the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches**.” Revelation 1:19-20. {AA 585.2}

“**all the Christian world are represented in this parable**. (*Ten Virgins. Bride = Church = light [candlesticks]*). There is a delay in the coming of the **bridegroom** (*Christ; close of probation*) in order that all may have an opportunity to hear the last message of mercy...” {16MR 268.3}

“**The church who walk in the light are radiant with the truth from God's Word**. They are the mediums of heavenly illumination to the world, dispelling the moral darkness. **The position of the church is to be the light of the world**. (*Rev 2:5; Phil 2:15*) **Should any be pleased to enjoy the light of truth themselves, and feel indifferent in regard to the welfare of their neighbours, close by their own doors, and make no special effort to reveal to them the light of truth, then they are not obeying the injunctions of the Word of God; their light is hid under a bushel**. {PrT November 4, 1886, par. 3}

“**The candlestick was removed** out of its place when **Solomon forgot God**. He lost sight of God, he lost the wisdom of God, he confounded idolatry with religion.” {1888 960.10}

Are you going to be a **dumb dog that cannot bark and stay in Babylon and/ or support such a deceptive & deadly system or do you choose to be a faithful watchman on the walls of Zion and heed the call to “come out” and “cry aloud and spare not” by giving the “trumpet a certain sound”?** Are you being obedient to the commands given to us by our Saviour? **Harden not your heart for today is the day of salvation. Be faithful and soon, very soon, you will receive your reward.**

“His **watchmen are blind** (*Laodicea*): they are **all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark;** sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber (*sleepy 10 virgins*).”

Isa. 56:10

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“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.”

Rev 18:4

“Here is the patience of the saints: **here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.**”

Rev. 14:12

“Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may **have right to the tree of life**, and **may enter in through the gates into the city.**”

Rev. 22:14

“It is not a conclusive evidence that a man is a Christian because he manifests spiritual ecstasy under extraordinary circumstances. **Holiness** is not rapture: it is **an entire surrender of the will to God**; it is **living by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God**; it is **doing the will of our heavenly Father**; it is trusting God in trial, in darkness as well as in the light; it is walking by faith and not by sight; it is **relying on God with unquestioning confidence, and resting in His love.**”

{AA 51.2}

“The third angel's message must go over the land, and awaken the people, and call their attention to the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. **Another angel unites his voice with the third angel, and the earth is lighted with its glory** (*Revelation 18:1-6*). **The light increases, and it shines out to all the nations of the earth.** It is to go forth as a light that burneth. **It will be attended with great power, until its golden beams have fallen upon every tongue, every people, and every nation upon the face of the whole earth. Let me ask you, What you are doing to prepare for this work? Are you building for eternity?** You must remember that this angel represents the people that have this message to give to the world. Are you among that people? Do you really believe that this work in which we are engaged is truly the third angel's message? If so, then you understand that **we have a mighty work to do, and that we ought to be about it. We must sanctify ourselves by a strict obedience to the truth, placing ourselves in right relation to God and his work.** As the truth goes forth, Satan intensifies his zeal to defeat its progress by presenting pleasing delusions. As we urge the truth, he urges his errors. He will stir up his agents, in view of the coming of the Lord, to go out and cry, “Lo! here is Christ, and lo! there is Christ.” And here arises this superstition, and there arises that heresy. And tell me, **what are we to do about it? I will tell you: we can become familiar, with the Bible, and read what saith the Lord. Not only the ministers but all who love and fear God are to do the Master's work; and that is to let the light that he has given you shine before all.** Here are two companies (*parable of wheat and tares*); one of them is being bound in bundles to burn, the other is being bound by the cords of truth and love. Satan is binding his followers with the work of iniquity; Christ is binding together his people in love and faith in the keeping of his commandments. And this work will increase more and more, and Satan will work to divide and separate God's people one from the other. And while he is doing this kind of work, be careful that none of you are found helping him. We want to put away our cold-heartedness, and let love, tender compassion, true courtesy, and the spirit of tenderness come into our midst. Here **we are in the waiting time** (*parable of 10 virgins*), **in the day of God's preparation. Here in this world we are to fit up for these great trials that are soon coming upon us. And yet some of us act as though we had a whole millennium before us in which to accomplish the work.** But, says the text, **“Watch and pray; for ye know not when the time is.”** (*Matt 24/ Mark 13*) And what Christ said to his disciples, I say unto you, **“Take ye heed, watch and pray,”** that when the Master comes to reckon with his servants, you may receive from him the crown of life laid up for the overcomer, and rejoice with him in his kingdom.” {RH August 18, 1885, par. 14}

“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.”

2 Corinthians 5:10

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