

Prophetic History Repeated

Does Ellen White Teach that
Prophetic History will be
Specifically Repeated in the
Last Days of Earth's History?

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from the writings of
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In every age there is a new development of truth, a message of God to the people of that generation. The old truths are all essential; new truth is not independent of the old, but an unfolding of it. It is only as the old truths are understood that we can comprehend the new . . . But it is the light which shines in the fresh unfolding of truth that glorifies the old. {COL 127.4}

Reference Abbreviations

AA	The Acts of the Apostles (1911)
AG	God's Amazing Grace (1973)
BC	S.D.A. Bible Commentary Vol. 1-7 (1953)
Broadside	Volumes 1-2. (April 6, 1846–January 31, 1849)
CD	Counsels on Diet and Foods (1938)
CET	Christian Experience and Teachings of Ellen G. White (1922)
ChS	Christian Service (1925)
CM	Colporteur Ministry (1953)
COL	Christ's Object Lessons (1900)
CW	Counsels to Writers and Editors (1946)
DA	The Desire of Ages (1898)
DS	The Day-Star (1846-)
Ed	Education (1903)
Ev	Evangelism (1946)
EW	Early Writings (1882)
FE	Fundamentals of Christian Education (1923)
FLB	The Faith I Live By (1958)
FW	Faith and Works (1979)
GC88	The Great Controversy (1888)
GC	The Great Controversy (1911)
GH	The Gospel Herald (1898-1910)
GW	Gospel Workers (1915)
HFM	The Health Food Ministry (1970)
HP	In Heavenly Places (1967)
HS	Historical Sketches of the Foreign Missions of the Seventh-day Adventists (1886)
KC	The Kress Collection (1985)
LDE	Last Day Events (1992)
LP	Sketches from the Life of Paul (1883)
Mar	Maranatha (1976)
MB	Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing (1896)
ML	My Life Today (1952)
MR	Manuscript Releases Volume 1-21 [Nos. 1-1598] (1981-1993)
PC	The Paulson Collection of Ellen G. White Letters (1985)
PH	Pamphlet
PK	Prophets and Kings (1917)
PM	The Publishing Ministry (1983)
PP	Patriarchs and Prophets (1890)
RH	The Review and Herald (July 21, 1851–June 17, 1915)
SAT	Sermons and Talks Volume 1-2 (1990-1994)
SD	Sons and Daughters of God (1955)
SG	Spiritual Gifts. Volumes 1-3 (1858)
SP	The Spirit of Prophecy Volumes 1-4 (1870)
SpTB	Volumes 1-19. Testimonies for the Church (1906)
SpTEd	Special Testimonies On Education (1897)
ST	The Signs of the Times (June 11, 1874–August 10, 1915)
T	Testimonies For The Church Volume 1-7 (1855-1909)
TDG	This Day With God (1979)
TM	Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers (1923)
YI	The Youth's Instructor (August 1, 1852–June 9, 1914)
WM	Welfare Ministry (1952)

Introduction

What a Brilliant Plan God has Designed!

It is God-ordained that all of the books of the Bible shed their light on the book of Revelation. In the very center of this prophetic book are two chapters, which if properly understood, will guide the last generation's every step in the last controversy with Satan. Revelation chapters 10 and 11 belong together, for they explain each other and unseal the seven thunders of the near future.

In this last wedge of time, when all seems to be in doubt, people don't know who to believe and where to turn for the truth, even doubting their relationship with the Holy Spirit, the Revealer of Truth. But our Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, has put the master plan into action thousands of years ago. What is the plan that will give faith to the doubting and strength to the weak of the last generation? It is this: God in His love for the salvation of the human race foretold the future and called it prophecy, and asked the prophets to write it down.

The prophets of God down through time have recorded His words, and the prophetic books that get the most attention are Daniel and Revelation. As the centuries unrolled, the prophecies were fulfilled right down to our very day, and the faith of every generation was made sure by the fulfilled promises of prophecy. We, the last generation, will soon put the final part of the prophetic plan into action. God calls for the last generation to diligently study the fulfilled prophecies of the centuries, for they are a pattern, a type of what is to be repeated by us in a very short time in the near future. The fulfilled prophecies of history are to be repeated in a very marked reenactment, —event for event! They will not only strengthen our faith in the past and the way in which God led our forefathers, but *they build a firm foundation upon the Rock, Jesus Christ*, which we need as the last generation, standing firm through a time of trouble such as the world has never seen! Praise God for such a master plan!

*Are the prophecies that important?
Should we really study and know them?
What do the prophecies
have to do with our salvation?*

We have the privilege of walking on sacred ground in studying and understanding prophecies past generations never fully understood. Previous generations could not fully understand these prophecies because

the generation to which they applied was not yet on the prophetic scene. But that generation is here —NOW! We are that generation! We are living in the last Great Day of Atonement when the righteousness of Christ will be vindicated by our generation of saints in the cleansing of the Heavenly Sanctuary! It will be our generation that will take the “testimony of Jesus” which “is the spirit of prophecy” to the world as foretold in Revelation 19:10.

In this study, we will endeavor to show the importance of knowing the prophecies of the Bible—past, present, and future—and *how they point to and reflect the perfect character of Christ as Redeemer.*

Prophetic History Repeated

This book is a compilation of Ellen White's writings in which she explains that scripture after scripture and prophecy after prophecy (and in fact, all scripture), applies not only to the fulfilled prophecies of history, but are to be specifically reapplied to the last days of earth's history—to us, the last generation! This collection of statements is the result of twenty-five years of studying the Bible prophecies. In 1978, I finished a lengthy study of Daniel and Revelation, which included drawing thirty color charts to help me understand. Shortly after completing the last chart, I read four statements that changed the way I viewed prophecy and the last day events. The four statements are: [1] 7BC 982.6,7, page 42; [2] 7BC 968.5, page 40-41; [3] PK 547.1,2, page 16; [4] TM 116.1-5, page 10 & 59. These statements did not change my view about the historical fulfillments of the prophecies, but in fact, pointed to the real meaning and placement of prophetic history in that it was to be specifically repeated in the last days of earth's history.

This book is a complement to the book, *An Introduction to The Seven Thunders*, which is about the **Mighty Angel of Revelation 10**, who has opened the little book of Daniel for the last generation, revealing that **the seven thunders** are about to sound to the world as the last-day events. It shows that the great controversy is over what constitutes the true worship of our Heavenly Father, through His Son, in His Sanctuary—past, present, and future. The book explains that the Sanctuary prophecies of Daniel, which were fulfilled during the centuries, are a *type* and will have their *antitype fulfillment* in the last days of earth's history. *An Introduction to The Seven Thunders* is a study of type and antitype of the prophecies.

The EGW statements in this book, *Prophetic History Repeated*, teach something which our church has yet to understand and apply both corporately and individually. Over a hundred and fifty years ago, the Lord's messenger tried (and is still trying) to show our church that the prophecies of history were to be repeated in the last days of earth's history; that they were to be a light on the path of those who were to eat the little book of Daniel. (Rev. 10:9) It is clear to me that we as a church "with all our religious advantages, ought to know far more today than we do know." {TM 116.3, page 59}

The sequence of this study follows the order of the books of the Bible. A few of the statements do not deal directly with the subject, *prophetic history will be repeated*, but have been included to help complete the picture.

A few things to watch for when reading the following comments are:

- ✓ All emphasis (underlining and **bold type**) has been supplied by the compiler, and text added to statements is in [brackets] except where noted.
- ✓ Comments from the compiler are placed before or after a statement in Arial Narrow typeface and indented.
- ✓ Watch for the way the words **as** and **so** are used. Example: "**As** Nebuchadnezzar made a golden image, and set it up to be worshiped by all, **so** Sunday is placed before the people to be regarded as sacred. This day bears not a vestige of sanctity, yet it is held up to be honored by all." {19MR 183.1}
- ✓ Also watch for the use of the words when and then.
- ✓ To save space, quoted scripture has been reduced to the reference only. Example: [Rev. 11:1-3 quoted.] However, we strongly recommend that the reader take time to look up and carefully read each reference.

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It is our prayer that this compilation will be prayerfully read without prejudice, and that the light Jesus has given regarding *the specific repeating of the prophecies* will shine upon our path, providing the light that will keep us from stumbling and falling off the path on our way to the city of our God. We of Modern Israel need to study as we never have before, for we as a church, have but only scratched the surface in understanding the plan of salvation for this last generation.

Scripture

Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure. Isaiah 46:9,10

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

Not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into. 1Peter 1:12

The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to show unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass. Revelation 1:1; 4:1; 22:6.

And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings. Revelation 10:11

And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe. John 14:29

Verily I say unto you, All these things shall come upon this generation. Matthew 23:36

So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors. Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled. Matthew 24:33,34

When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand.) Matthew 24:15

What is the Premise upon which The Great Controversy was Written?

The Lord has set before me matters which are of urgent importance for the present time, and which reach into the future. The words have been spoken in a charge to me, “**Write in a book the things which thou hast seen and heard, and let it go to all people; for the time is at hand when past history will be repeated.**” I have been aroused at one, two, or three o’clock in the morning, with some point forcibly impressed upon my mind, as if spoken by the voice of God. I was shown that many of our own people were asleep in their sins, and although they claimed to be Christians, they would perish unless they were converted. {3SM 113.5}

In the great final conflict, Satan will employ the same policy, manifest the same spirit, and work for the same end as in all preceding ages. That which has been, will be, except that the coming struggle will be marked with a terrible intensity such as the world has never witnessed. Satan’s deceptions will be more subtle, his assaults more determined. If it were possible, he would lead astray the elect. Mark 13:22, R.V.

. . . I have been bidden to make known to others that which has thus been revealed—to trace the history of the controversy in past ages, and especially so to present it as to shed a light on the fast-approaching struggle of the future. . .

In these records we may see a foreshadowing of the conflict before us. {GC xi.1-3}

. . . all these records of the past are seen to have a new significance; and through them a light is cast upon the future, illumining the pathway of those who, like the reformers of past ages, will be called, even at the peril of all earthly good, to witness “for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.” [Rev. 6:9] {GC xii.1}

I was shown that much of my time had been occupied in speaking to the people, when it was more essential that I should devote myself to writing out the important matters for Volume IV, [TO ELLEN WHITE THE 1888 EDITION OF *THE GREAT CONTROVERSY* WAS STILL VOLUME IV IN THE PRESENTATION OF THE GREAT CONTROVERSY STORY, AND WAS OFTEN REFERRED TO BY HER AS SUCH. —COMPILERS OF S.M.] that the warning must go where the living messenger could not go, and that it would call the attention of many to the important events to occur in the closing scenes of this world’s history. {3SM 114.2}

The book *The Great Controversy*, I appreciate above silver or gold, and I greatly desire that it shall come before the people. While writing the manuscript of *The Great Controversy*, I was often conscious of the presence of the angels of God. And many times the scenes about which

I was writing were presented to me anew in visions of the night, so that they were fresh and vivid in my mind. (Letter 56, 1911) {CM 128.3}

Where is the Light Coming from Which Lights the Path of the Advent People?

While I was praying at the family altar, the Holy Ghost fell upon me, and I seemed to be rising higher and higher, far above the dark world. I turned to look for the Advent people in the world, but could not find them, when a voice said to me, “Look again, and look a little higher.” At this I raised my eyes, and saw a straight and narrow path, cast up high above the world. On this path the Advent people were traveling to the city, which was at the farther end of the path. They had a bright light set up behind them at the beginning of the path, which an angel told me was the midnight cry. This light shone all along the path and gave light for their feet so that they might not stumble. If they kept their eyes fixed on Jesus, who was just before them, leading them to the city, they were safe. But soon some grew weary, and said the city was a great way off, and they expected to have entered it before. Then Jesus would encourage them by raising His glorious right arm, and from His arm came a light which waved over the Advent band, and they shouted, “Alleluia!” Others rashly denied the light behind them and said that it was not God that had led them out so far. The light behind them went out, leaving their feet in perfect darkness, and they stumbled and lost sight of the mark and of Jesus, and fell off the path down into the dark and wicked world below. {EW 14.1}

What is this light shining from behind, which is called the “midnight cry?” The first and second angels’ messages were preached in the summer of 1844 with the pleading urgency of Matthew 25:5-7, “Behold, the Bridegroom cometh!” The proof used to show the urgency of getting ready was found in the fulfillment of the prophetic times of Daniel—the 1260 & 1290 years ending in 1798; and the 1335 ending in 1843. But, more attention was given to the yet unfulfilled time message of the first angel, “the hour of his judgment is come,” the ending of the 2300 years—October 22, 1844. These combined messages were called the “midnight cry” because they were based on the time messages of Daniel. (See GC 398.2-4; see also “midnight cry” in *EGW Index*.)

It is the fulfilled prophetic light of the past centuries that is to shine on our path, lighting their repeated events in the future. Surely this prophecy applies even more to the salvation of the last generation, and is just about to be fulfilled before our eyes!

Prophetic History

Christ opened the Scriptures to his disciples, beginning at Moses and the prophets, and instructed them in all things concerning himself, and also explained to them the prophecies. The apostles, in their preaching, went back to Adam’s day, and brought their hearers down through

prophetic history, and ended with Christ and him crucified, calling upon sinners to repent and turn from their sins to God. The representatives of Christ in our day should follow their example, and in every discourse magnify Christ as the Exalted One, as all and in all. {GW92 20.1}

Those young men who desire to give themselves to the ministry, or who have already done so, should become familiar with every line of prophetic history and every lesson given by Christ. The mind gains in strength, breadth, and acuteness by active use. It must work, or it will become weak. It must be trained to think, to think habitually, or it will in a great measure lose the power of thought. Let the young minister wrestle with the difficult problems found in the word of God, and his intellect will be thoroughly awakened. As he gives diligent study to the great truths found in the Scriptures, he will be enabled to preach sermons which will contain a direct, definite message, and which will help his hearers to choose the right way. {GW 98.1}

While the Protestant world is by her attitude making concessions to Rome, let us arouse to comprehend the situation and view the contest before us in its true bearings. Let the watchmen now lift up their voice and give the message which is present truth for this time. [Heb. 2:1-4] Let us show the people where we are in prophetic history and seek to arouse the spirit of true Protestantism, awakening the world to a sense of the value of the privileges of religious liberty so long enjoyed. {5T 716.2}

In that time of wonderful illumination, his [Paul's] mind acted with remarkable rapidity. He traced down through prophetic history, and saw that the rejection of Jesus by the Jews, his crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension had been foretold by the prophets, and proved him to be the promised Messiah. . . {LP 22.3}

The great waymarks of truth, showing us our bearings in prophetic history, are to be carefully guarded, lest they be torn down, and replaced with theories that would bring confusion rather than genuine light. {2SM 101.2}

Missionaries are wanted. . . You can hang up the charts, and show them the truth, as it is there illustrated. You can teach them, if you have a mind thus to do, by explaining prophetic history, and tracing down prophecies, that the end of all things is at hand. You can impress them with the sacredness of the law of God, and show them its claims upon them. {RH March 29, 1870 par. 14}

The Lord has lifted upon us the light of His countenance. Now we will make known God as never before. Our conversation will be in heaven, and we will draw souls to His attractive loveliness. Our hope of success is in the truth we bring before the people, presenting it in every line in prophetic history, leading step by step to the close of time with the simple exhibitions of the wonders of the cross of Calvary. Truth is a continually increasing power. The love displayed by the Saviour on Calvary's cross vindicates the immutability of the law of God. There is seen the law magnified. And His grace, His peace, His

pardon, and eternal life are for all who are obedient. That sacrifice on the cross purchased the crown of immortality for all who will look unto Christ and live. {18MR 287.1}

The advent of Christ was the greatest event which had taken place since the creation of the world. The birth of Christ, which gave joy to the angels of Heaven, was not welcome to the kingly powers of the world. Suspicion and envy were aroused in king Herod, and his wicked heart was planning his dark purposes for the future. The Jews manifested a stupid indifference to the story of the wise men. But Herod is intensely interested and excited. He summons the scribes, and the chief priests, and urges upon them to search carefully prophetic history, and tell him where the infant king was to be born. The careless indifference and apparent ignorance of the scribes and chief priests, as they turn to their books for the words of prophecy, irritate the fully aroused king. He thinks they are trying to conceal from him the real facts in regard to the birth of the Messiah. He authoritatively commands them to make close search in relation to their expected king. {2SP 22.3}

Christ himself was the originator of the Jewish system, the very foundation of the costly temple, the antitype to whom all the sacrificial services pointed. The Jews had watched with apparent anxiety for the coming of Christ. The scribes, who were learned in the law and acquainted with the declarations of the prophets regarding his coming, knew from prophetic history that the time of looking and waiting for his advent to the world had expired. Through the parables which Jesus spoke to the Jews, he brought their minds to prophecies which had foretold the very things which were then being enacted. He sought by every means within his power to awaken their consciences and to enlighten their understanding, that they might consider well the steps they were meditating. {3SP 35.1}

All who join the ranks of Sabbathkeepers should become diligent Bible students, that they may know the pillars and groundwork of the truth. They should study prophetic history, which has brought us down point by point to where we are at the present time. This is God's plan for our school. Young men should attend who desire to become educated for any line of work, who have capabilities, and see the necessity of learning more and still more where we stand today in prophetic history, uniting link after link in the prophetic chain, even from Genesis to Revelation. Christ is the Alpha, the first link, and the Omega, the last link, of the gospel chain, which is welded in Revelation. {10MR 171.1}

The history which the great I AM has marked out in His word, uniting link after link in the prophetic chain, from eternity in the past to eternity in the future, tells us where we are today in the procession of the ages, and what may be expected in the time to come. All that prophecy has foretold as coming to pass, until the present time, has been traced on the pages of history, and we may be assured that all which is yet to come will be fulfilled in its order. {Ed 178.3}

Prophetic History will be Repeated

We are standing on the threshold of great and solemn events. Many of the prophecies are about to be fulfilled in quick succession. Every element of power is about to be set to work. Past history will be repeated; old controversies will arouse to new life, and peril will beset God's people on every side. Intensity is taking hold of the human family. It is permeating everything upon the earth. . . .

Study Revelation in connection with Daniel, for history will be repeated. {TM 116.2,3}

What kind of "past history will be repeated?" The kind of history that is found in Daniel and Revelation, —**prophetic history!**

Past history will be repeated. {SpTEd 212.1}

Every man needs now to take his position on the old-time foundation of obedience to God. Let no one allow the propositions of any group of men to lead him, through a spirit of compromise, to accept wrong plans and principles. I have been instructed that history will be repeated, and that the specious working of Satan will be revealed by human agents. {12MR 67.2}

The scenes of persecution enacted during Christ's life will be **enacted** by false religionists till the close of time. Men think that they have a right to take into their charge the consciences of men, and work out their theories of apostasy and transgression. History will be repeated. Christ declared that prior to His second coming the world would be as it was in the days of Noah, when men reached such a pass in following their own sinful imagination that God destroyed them by a flood. {12MR 413.2}

Here is presented to us a state of things which has been, and history will be repeated. {19MR 105.2}

History will be repeated. The time will come, Christ tells us, when many deceivers will go forth declaring themselves to be the Christ. The Saviour says, "Go ye not after them." [Luke 17:23] We need not be deceived. {19MR 358.5}

How did men treat Christ when He came? . . . "He came unto his own, and his own received him not." (John 1:11) Thus it is today. This history is being repeated, and will be repeated again and again before the Lord shall come in the clouds of heaven. The deceptions of Satan will be upon those who dwell on the earth. . . . {TMK 54.2}

The repeated murmurings of the Israelites, and the visitations of divine wrath because of their transgressions, are recorded in sacred history for the benefit of God's people who should afterward live upon the earth; but more especially to prove a warning to those who should live near the close of time. {ST June 24, 1880 par. 7}

We have the benefit of the accounts of the workings of the power of evil in contrast to the deeds of those who through many centuries were living by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. This rich experience

is bequeathed to us as a legacy of great value. When history shall be repeated, when the great men of earth will not come to the Bible for light and evidence and truth, when the commandments of men shall be exalted above the commandments of God, and when it shall be regarded a crime to obey God rather than the laws of men, then we shall not have to tread a path in which we have had but few examples of others who have gone before us. {9MR 275.1}

The experience of the past will be repeated. In the future, Satan's superstitions will assume new forms. Errors will be presented in a pleasing and flattering manner. False theories, clothed with garments of light, will be presented to God's people. Thus Satan will try to deceive if possible, the very elect. Most seducing influences will be exerted; minds will be hypnotized. {RH March 3, 1904 par. 1}

Read in my books, "Patriarchs and Prophets," and "Great Controversy," the story of the first great apostasy. History is being repeated and will be repeated. Read then, and understand. {PC 123.2}

When will men learn that which has been so fully demonstrated in the history of the past? (Ms 51, 1900){3MR 332.3}

All Scripture Applies to These Last Days

In the Revelation all the books of the Bible meet and end. {AA 585.1}

The Bible has accumulated and bound up together its treasures for this last generation. All the great events and solemn transactions of Old Testament history have been, and are, repeating themselves in the church in these last days. . . . the whole accumulated truths are presented in force to us that we may profit by their teachings. We are under the influence of the whole. What manner of persons ought we to be to whom all this rich light of inheritance has been given. Concentrating all the influence of the past with new and increased light of the present, accrued power is given to all who will follow the light. {3SM 339.1}

The Bible, and the Bible only, gives a correct view of these things. Here are revealed the great final scenes in the history of our world, events that already are casting their shadows before, the sound of their approach causing the earth to tremble and men's hearts to fail them for fear. [Luke 21:26; see on Deut. 20:3] {Ed 180.1}

When the time shall come, in the providence of God, for the world to be tested upon the truth for that time, minds will be exercised by His Spirit to search the Scriptures, even with fasting and with prayer, until link after link is searched out and united in a perfect chain. Every fact which immediately concerns the salvation of souls will be made so clear that none need err or walk in darkness.

Books of the Bible—

Isaiah

As we have followed down the chain of prophecy, revealed truth for our time has been clearly seen and explained. We are accountable for the privileges that we enjoy and for the light that shines upon our pathway. Those who lived in past generations were accountable for the light which was permitted to shine upon them. Their minds were exercised in regard to different points of Scripture which tested them. But they did not understand the truths which we do. They were not responsible for the light which they did not have. They had the Bible, as we have; **but the time for the unfolding of special truth in relation to the closing scenes of this earth's history is during the last generations that shall live upon the earth.** {2T 692.1,2}

We are sounding to the world the last message of warning. We are laborers together with God, living and working amid the closing scenes of this earth's history. From God's watchmen the world must hear the truth for this time. He who commanded the light to shine out of darkness has issued the command to us, Let your light shine before me. Go forth as a lamp that burneth. Diffuse light. Each period of the fulfillment of prophetic history is a preparation for the advanced light which will succeed each period. As the prophecy comes to an end, there is to be a perfect whole. {13MR 15.3}

Increased light will shine upon all the grand truths of prophecy, and they will be seen in freshness and brilliancy, because the bright beams of the Sun of Righteousness will illuminate the whole. {Ev 198.3}

Increased light will shine upon what? All the grand truths of past prophecy! With freshness and brilliancy they will light up the same events, repeated in the near future.

Do we believe that we are coming to the crisis, that we are living in the very last scenes of the earth's history? Will we now awaken and do the work which this time calls for, or will we wait till the things which I have presented come upon us? {Manuscript 18, 1888}

Never are we absent from the mind of God. God is our joy and our salvation. Each of the ancient prophets spoke less for their own time than for ours, so that their prophesying is in force for us. [1Cor. 10:11 quoted.] [1Peter 1:12 quoted.] {3SM 338.1}

The prophets of God spoke less for their own time than for the ages to come, and especially for the generation that would live amid the last scenes of this earth's history. [1Peter 1:12 quoted.] [1Cor. 10:11 quoted.]

The patriarchs and prophets were representative men, and through them, from century to century, a flood of knowledge was poured into the world. . . In types and symbols the Gospel was revealed to those of former dispensations. The Old Testament Scriptures show us the power possessed by those who looked to Christ. The glorious beams of continually-increasing light are all concentrated in our time. All testify of Christ, "the Way, the Truth, and the Life." {ST January 13, 1898 par. 8,9}

The prophecy of Isaiah 3 was presented before me as applying to these last days, and the reproofs are given to the daughters of Zion who have thought only of appearance and display. Read verse 25: "Thy men shall fall by the sword, and thy mighty in the war." I was shown that this scripture will be strictly fulfilled. Young men and women professing to be Christians, yet having no Christian experience, and having borne no burdens and felt no individual responsibility, are to be proved. They will be brought low in the dust and will long for an experience in the things of God, which they have failed to obtain. {1T 270.1}

But relief was sent to Isaiah in his distress. [Isa. 6:6,7 quoted.] . . .

The vision given to Isaiah represents the condition of God's people in the last days. They are privileged to see by faith the work that is going forward in the heavenly sanctuary. "And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament." As they look by faith into the holy of holies, and see the work of Christ in the heavenly sanctuary, they perceive that they are a people of unclean lips, —a people whose lips have often spoken vanity, and whose talents have not been sanctified and employed to the glory of God. Well may they despair as they contrast their own weakness and unworthiness with the purity and loveliness of the glorious character of Christ. But if they, like Isaiah, will receive the impression the Lord designs shall be made upon the heart, if they will humble their souls before God, there is hope for them. The bow of promise is above the throne, and the work done for Isaiah will be performed in them. [Rev. 8:2-5] God will respond to the petitions coming from the contrite heart. (RH Dec. 22, 1896) {4BC 1139.2,3}

There is a great work to be done in the world, and the Lord's servants are not to start enterprises of a commercial character, which will absorb the ability and tact and skill that God calls for in other lines of work. Just as soon as God's people lay off the burdens that He has not placed on them, and obtain the robe of Christ's righteousness; just as soon as they begin to answer the prayer of Christ, and to serve the Lord with all humility, the words of the twelfth chapter of Isaiah will be fulfilled to them. (MS 45, 1903) {HFM 71.1}

Read the first eleven verses of the fortieth chapter of Isaiah. Present the truth in its power, as it is in Jesus. Keep the mind stayed on God and imbued with His Holy Spirit. Present the affirmative of truth. Stand on the platform of eternal truth. But do not accuse. Say nothing to arouse enmity and strife. {21MR 436.3}

When the children of God manifest mercy, kindness, and love toward all men, and especially toward those of

the household of faith, they bear testimony to the fact that “the law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul.” [Ps. 19:7] It is because the law of God is trampled under foot, transgressed, and made void, that the world is becoming like Sodom, and like the world before the flood. In the midst of an apostate world, there must be those who represent loyalty to the law of God. A desperate confederacy will be formed among those who are breaking the law of God, and who are teaching others to transgress its precepts. They will make decrees to oppose God’s commandment-keeping people. [Isa. 10:17-25 quoted.]

All the fifty-fourth chapter of Isaiah is applicable to the people of God, and every specification of the prophecy will be fulfilled. The Lord will not forsake his people in their time of trial. He says, [Isa. 54:7,8 quoted.] Are these words of comfort spoken to those who are making void the law of God? —No, no, the promise is for those who amid general apostasy, keep the commandments of God, and lift up the moral standard before the eyes of the world who have forsaken the ordinance, and broken the **everlasting covenant.** [Isa. 54:9-13 quoted.]

In the fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah, the work that the people of God are to do in Christ’s lines, is clearly set forth. They are to break every yoke, they are to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to bring the poor that are cast out into their houses, to draw out their souls to the hungry, and to satisfy the afflicted soul. If they carry out the principles of the law of God in acts of mercy and love, they will represent the character of God to the world, and receive the richest blessings of Heaven. The Lord says, “Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily; and thy righteousness shall go before thee Christ our righteousness; and the glory of the Lord shall be thy reward.” [Isa. 58:8] {RH August 20, 1895 par. 1-3} {Also 4BC 1148.3, in part.}

[Isa. 57:14 quoted.] **Is not this the very work that the Lord has given us to do** in connection with those who see and feel the importance of the work that must be done in the earth that the truth may triumph gloriously? Every man who undertakes to hedge up the way of the servants of God, binding them about by human restrictions, so that they cannot follow the leadings of the Spirit of God, is hindering the advance of the work of God.

The Lord sends the message, “**Take up the stumbling-block out of the way of my people.**” Earnest effort is to be put forth to counterwork the influences that have kept back the message for this time. A solemn work is to be done in a short space of time. (Letter 42, 1909) {4BC 1148.4,5}

[Isa. 58:8-14 quoted.] Where do we find the people who are thus addressed? Who is it that shall build the old waste places, and raise up the foundation of many generations? Where are the people who have had light from heaven to see that a breach has been made in the law of God?

In the Revelation, John says, “The temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark

of his testament.” Rev. 11:19. John saw in vision the Lord’s people looking for His coming and searching for truth. As the temple of God was opened unto His people, the light of the law of God, which was in the ark, shone forth. Those who receive this light are brought to view in the proclamation of the third angel’s message.

This angel is seen flying in the midst of heaven, [Rev. 14:9,10,12 quoted.]

This is the people that are repairing the breach in the law of God. They see that **the Sabbath** of the fourth commandment has been supplanted by a spurious sabbath, a day that has no sanction in the Word of God. Amid great opposition they become loyal to their God, and take their position under the standard of the third angel. (MS 48, 1900)

As the end approaches, the testimonies of God’s servants will become more decided and more powerful, flashing the light of truth upon the systems of error and oppression that have so long held the supremacy. The Lord has sent us messages for this time to establish Christianity upon an eternal basis, and all who believe present truth must stand, not in their own wisdom, but in God; and raise up the foundation of many generations. These will be registered in the books of heaven as repairers of the breach, the restorers of paths to dwell in. We are to maintain the truth because it is truth, in the face of the bitterest opposition. God is at work upon human minds; it is not man alone that is working. The great illuminating power is from Christ; the brightness of His example is to be kept before the people in every discourse. (Letter 1f, 1890) {4BC 1152.3-7}

I am instructed, as the Lord’s messenger, to tell you to make God your trust, and to leave your perplexities in His hands. He will bring to pass His will. Now is your time to find rest of soul. Let not your dependence be in man, but in God. You must every moment make Him your trust. You, and all the Lord’s people, have a work to do. We are to build the old waste places, and raise up the foundations of many generations. The great issue regarding the law of God will soon be upon us. We are to work as those who are called and chosen of God. Our influence is to be united with that of the great Physician in repairing the breach and restoring paths to dwell in. We are to make a determined stand for the truth. Read the whole of the fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah.

No one is to be idle now. Oh that those who have allowed continual differences to arise could see the loss they have thus sustained. Let us work on the plan given in the fifty-eighth of Isaiah. The instruction of this chapter shows what we are to do in cooperation with the great Master-worker. {GH April 1, 1905 par. 1.2}

Jeremiah

“Yea, the stork in the heaven knoweth her appointed times, and the turtle and the crane and the swallow observe the time of their coming; but My people know not the judgment of the Lord.” (Jeremiah 8:7)

How true is the solemn statement, “My people know not the judgment of the Lord.” Has not this been repeatedly demonstrated in Battle Creek? Have not men stood up in public assemblies and ridiculed the idea that the burning of our two largest institutions was a reproof and a judgment from God? Could they have seen the presentation given me of what will be in the future, their ridicule would suddenly have turned to mourning. {SpTB07 9.1,2}

[Jer. 36:1-7 quoted.] This chapter is a record of historical events that will be repeated. Let all who desire to receive warning, read carefully. [Jer. 36:22,23,27,28,32 quoted.]

In the incidents of the closing scenes of the Lord’s ministry is embraced much that very many claiming to be Bible Christians do not study. They do not see that in their experience they are passing over the very same ground. They do not seem to care to learn lessons from the history of **ancient Israel** that have been written for their admonition.

[1Cor. 10:1-12 quoted.]

As God’s church, we cannot tread the same path of unbelief as did ancient Israel, refusing to be admonished and discarding the messages He had given, and escape the sure result of our course of action. {2SAT 331.3-6}

Who is Modern Israel?

Mark the whole tenor of this chapter [Num. 14], and learn the lesson it conveys to modern Israel. These things are written for our ensamples upon whom the ends of the world are come. [1Cor. 10:11] **We** see the unbelief, and the stout resistance of some who have had great light, and although evidence has been piled upon evidence, they have kept themselves in stubborn resistance. The Lord has sent messages of warning and entreaty, messages of reproof and rebuke, and they have not been in vain. But **we** have never had a message that the Lord would disorganize the church. **We** have never had the prophecy concerning Babylon applied to the **Seventh-day Adventist Church**, or been informed that the “loud cry” consisted in calling God’s people to come out of **her**; for **this is not God’s plan concerning** [modern] **Israel.** {RH October 3, 1893 par. 12}

Ezekiel

In the ninth chapter of Ezekiel is portrayed the fate of the men of responsibility who have not glorified God by faithfulness and integrity. Read this chapter. Notice especially verses four to six: [Eze. 9:4-6 quoted.] **At the appointed time, the Lord God of Israel will do His work most thoroughly.** {18MR 183.5}

Be mindful of Eze. 8:16 — the 25 men who turn their backs on the sanctuary and worship the sun. What is the great issue?

[2Thess. 2:7, 8; Eze. 28:2, 6-10 quoted.] The time is fast approaching when this scripture will be fulfilled. The world and the professedly Protestant churches are in this our day taking sides with the man of sin. . . . **The great issue that is coming will be on the seventh-day Sabbath.** (RH April 19, 1898) {4BC 1162.9}

The thirty-third chapter of Ezekiel is an outline of the work that God approves. Those in positions of sacred trust, those honored of God by being appointed to stand as watchmen on the walls of Zion, are in every respect to be all that is embraced in the meaning of the word watchmen. They are to be ever on guard against the dangers threatening the spiritual life and health and prosperity of God’s heritage. {18MR 184.1}

Fearful perils are before those who bear responsibilities in the cause of God — perils the thought of which make me tremble. But the word comes, “My hand is upon the wheel, and I will not allow men to control My work for these last days. My hand is turning the wheel, and My providence will continue to work out the divine plans, irrespective of human inventions.” . . . [Reference to Eze. 10]

In the great closing work we shall meet with perplexities that we know not how to deal with, but let us not forget that the three great powers of heaven are working, that a divine hand is on the wheel, and that God will bring His purposes to pass. (Manuscript 118, 1902) {Ev 65.1,2}

Daniel

All that God has in prophetic history specified to be fulfilled in the past has been, and all that is yet to come in its order will be. Daniel, God’s prophet, stands in his place. John stands in his place. In the Revelation the Lion of the tribe of Judah has opened to the students of prophecy the book of Daniel, and thus is Daniel standing in his place. He bears his testimony, that which the Lord revealed to him in vision of the great and solemn events which we must know as we stand on the very threshold of their fulfillment. {2SM 109.1}

Great light shone forth from Daniel and his companions. Glorious things were spoken of Zion, the city of the Lord. Thus the Lord designs that spiritual light shall shine from His faithful watchmen in these last days. If the saints in the Old Testament bore such a decided testimony of loyalty, how should God’s people today, having the accumulated light of centuries, shine forth, when the prophecies of the Old Testament shed their veiled glory into the future! (Letter 32, 1899) {4BC 1169.4}

Brethren and sisters, the Lord wants to impart to us increased light. He desires that we shall have distinct revealings of his glory; that ministers and people shall become strong in his strength. When the angel was about to unfold to Daniel the intensely interesting prophecies to be recorded for us who are to witness their fulfillment, the angel said, “Be strong, yea, be strong.” [Dan. 10:19] We are to receive the very same glory that was revealed to Daniel, because it is for God’s people in these last days, that they may give the trumpet a certain sound. God help us to work unitedly and as we never have worked before, is my prayer. There is need now of faithful Calebs, whose voices will be heard in clear, ringing notes, saying of the immortal inheritance, “Let us go up at once and possess

it, for we are well able.” We need now the courage of God’s faithful servant of old; not one wavering, uncertain note should come from the watchers’ trumpets. They must be true to the sacred, solemn work that has been intrusted to them, and lead the flock of God in right pathways. {RH Dec. 24, 1889 par. 13}

Our historical interpretation of Daniel teaches that nearly all of Daniel is fulfilled, except for Jesus’ Second Coming and Daniel 11:40-45 & 12:1. Why then, is it written that the prophecies of Daniel are written for us, God’s people in these last days, to be witness to their fulfillment?

Read the book of Daniel. Call up, point by point, the history of the kingdoms there represented. Behold statesmen, councils, powerful armies, and see how God wrought to abase the pride of men, and lay human glory in the dust. . . .

The light that Daniel received from God was given especially for these last days. {TM 112.2,3}

In the Revelation all the books of the Bible meet and end. Here is the complement of the book of Daniel. One is a prophecy; the other a revelation. The book that was sealed is not the Revelation, but that portion of the prophecy of Daniel relating to the last days. The angel commanded, “But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end.” Daniel 12:4. {AA 585.1}

As the message of Christ’s first advent announced the kingdom of His grace, so the message of His second advent announces the kingdom of His glory. And the second message, like the first, is based on the prophecies. The words of the angel to Daniel relating to the last days were to be understood in the time of the end. At that time, “many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.” “The wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.” Dan. 12:4, 10. The Saviour Himself has given signs of His coming, and He says, “When ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand.” “And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.” “Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.” Luke 21:31, 34, 36.

We have reached the period foretold in these scriptures. The time of the end is come, the visions of the prophets are unsealed, and their solemn warnings point us to our Lord’s coming in glory as near at hand. {DA 234.4-235.1}

The first and second [angels’; Rev. 14] messages were given in 1843 and 1844, and we are now under the proclamation of the third; but all three of the messages are still to be proclaimed. It is just as essential now as ever before that they shall be repeated to those who are seeking for the truth. By pen and voice we are to sound the proclamation, showing their order, and the application of the prophecies that bring us to the third angel’s message. There cannot be a third without the first and second. These

messages we are to give to the world in publications, in discourses, showing in the line of prophetic history the things that have been and the things that will be.

The book that was sealed was not the book of Revelation, but that **portion of the prophecy of Daniel which related to the last days.** The Scripture says, “But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.” (Dan. 12:4) When the book was opened, the proclamation was made, “Time shall be no longer.” (See Revelation 10:6.) The book of Daniel is now unsealed, and the revelation made by Christ to John is to come to all the inhabitants of the earth. By the increase of knowledge a people is to be prepared to stand in the latter days. {2SM 104.3-105.1}

Blessed are the eyes which saw the things that were seen in 1843 and 1844. [See Dan. 12:12]

The message was given. And there should be no delay in repeating the message, for the signs of the times are fulfilling; the closing work must be done. A great work will be done in a short time. A message will soon be given by God’s appointment that will swell into a loud cry. **Then Daniel will stand in his lot, to give his testimony.** {21MR 437.2,3} [See Rev. 10:6]

Did the generation of 1844 repeat the message that was given from Daniel? No! Is there a message from the little book of Daniel that when preached will lead us into the loud cry and latter rain? **Yes!**

Daniel One

As God called Daniel to witness for Him in Babylon, so He calls us to be His witnesses in the world today. In the smallest as well as the largest affairs of life, He desires us to reveal to men the principles of His kingdom. Many are waiting for some great work to be brought to them, while daily they lose opportunities for revealing faithfulness to God. Daily they fail of discharging with wholeheartedness the little duties of life. While they wait for some large work in which they may exercise supposedly great talents, and thus satisfy their ambitious longings, their days pass away. {PK 487.3}

Every institution established by Seventh-day Adventists is to be to the world what Joseph was in Egypt and what Daniel and his fellows were in Babylon. As in the providence of God these chosen ones were taken captive, it was to carry to heathen nations the blessings that come to humanity through a knowledge of God. They were to be representatives of Jehovah. They were never to compromise with idolaters; their religious faith and their name as worshipers of the living God they were to bear as a special honor. {6T 219.1}

Daniel Two

The Spirit of the Lord rested upon Daniel and his fellows, and the secret was revealed to Daniel in a night vision. As he related the facts, the dream came fresh to the king’s mind, and the interpretation was given, showing the remarkable events that were to transpire in prophetic history.

The Lord was working in the Babylonian kingdom, communicating light to the four Hebrew captives, that He might represent His work before the people. He would reveal that He had power over the kingdoms of the world, to set up kings and to throw down kings. The King over all kings was communicating great truth to the king of Babylon, awakening in his mind a sense of his responsibility to God. He saw the contrast between the wisdom of God and the wisdom of the most learned men in his kingdom.

The Lord gave His faithful representatives lessons from heaven, and Daniel declared before the great men of the king of Babylon, [Daniel 2:20-22 quoted.] “There is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days.” Glory was not given to the men who stood as oracles in the kingdom; but the men who put their entire trust in God, seeking for grace and strength and divine enlightenment, were chosen as representatives of the kingdom of God in wicked, idolatrous Babylon.

The historic events related in the king’s dream were of consequence to him; but the dream was taken from him, that the wise men by their claimed understanding of mysteries, should not place upon it a false interpretation. **The lessons taught in it were given by God for those who live in our day.** The inability of the wise men to tell the dream, is a representation of the wise men of the present day, who have not discernment and learning and knowledge from the Most High, and therefore are unable to understand the prophecies. The most learned in the world’s lore, who are not watching to hear what God says in His word, and opening their hearts to receive that word and give it to others, are not representatives of His. It is not the great and learned men of the earth, kings and nobles, who will receive the truth unto eternal life, though it will be brought to them. {FE 411.1-412.1}

Is there a king of Babylon today? Could it be you whom God will call to go to the king of Babylon and give the meaning of his dream?

Daniel Three

Having described the image that the king had seen, Daniel gave the interpretation, foretelling the remarkable events that were to take place in prophetic history. {YI, September 8, 1903 par. 1}

By many, **the Sabbath** of the fourth commandment is made void, being treated as a thing of naught; while the spurious sabbath, the child of the papacy, is exalted. In the place of God’s laws, are elevated the laws of the man of sin, —laws that are to be received and regarded as the wonderful golden image of Nebuchadnezzar was by the Babylonians. Forming this **great image**, Nebuchadnezzar commanded that it should receive universal homage from all, both great and small, high and low, rich and poor. (MS 24, 1891) {4BC 1169.5} [Dan. 3:4,5; Rev. 13:16]

In Daniel two, God gave to Babylon a true prophecy and it was understood and accepted by King Nebuchadnezzar. But in chapter three we see that the prophecy is perverted by the pride of King Nebuchadnezzar. This will be repeated in the last-day Babylon.

History will be repeated. False religion will be exalted. **The first day of the week**, a common working day, possessing no sanctity whatever, **will be set up as was the image at Babylon.** All nations and tongues and peoples will be commanded to worship this spurious sabbath. This is Satan’s plan to make of no account the day instituted by God, and given to the world as a memorial of creation.

The decree enforcing the worship of this day is to go forth to all the world. In a limited degree, it has already gone forth. In several places the civil power is speaking with the voice of a dragon [Rev. 12; 13; 16:13], just as the heathen king spoke to the Hebrew captives. [Dan. 3]

Trial and persecution will come to all who, in obedience to the Word of God, refuse to worship this false sabbath. Force is the last resort of every false religion. At first it tries attraction, as the king of Babylon tried the power of music and outward show. If these attractions, invented by men inspired by Satan, failed to make men worship the image, the hungry flames of the furnace were ready to consume them. **So it will be now.** The papacy has exercised her power to compel men to obey her, and she will continue to do so. We need the same spirit that was manifested by God’s servants in the conflict with paganism. (ST May 6, 1897) {7BC 976.7-9}

When the law of God is being made void, when His name is dishonored, when it is considered disloyal to the laws of the land to keep the seventh day as the Sabbath, when wolves in sheep’s clothing, through blindness of mind and hardness of heart, are seeking to compel the conscience, shall we give up our loyalty to God? No, no. The wrongdoer is filled with a **Satanic hatred** against those who are loyal to the commandments of God, but the value of God’s law as a rule of conduct must be made manifest. The zeal of those who obey the Lord will be increased as the world and the church unite in making void the law. They will say with the Psalmist, “I love thy commandments above gold; yea above fine gold.” [Ps. 119:127] This is what will be sure to occur when the law of God is made void **by a national act.** When Sunday is exalted and sustained by law, then the principle that actuates the people of God will be made manifest, as the principle of the three Hebrews was made manifest when Nebuchadnezzar commanded them to worship the golden image in the plain of Dura. **We can see what our duty is when the truth is overborne by falsehood.** {13MR 71.1}

“The law of God is made void by a national act,” “sustained by law” as “when Nebuchadnezzar commanded them to worship the golden image in the plain of Dura.” Is there an end-time Babylon [Rev. 14:8; 18:2-4] who will make a national Sunday law? [Rev. 13:11-18; Dan. 8:13] Who is this Babylon? Literal/figurative, or both? Will there be a king of the end-time Babylon, who will lead the peoples of his nation to the end-time plain of Dura, to bow down and worship the golden-Sun(day) image?

An idol sabbath has been set up, as the golden image was set up in the plains of Dura. And as Nebuchadnezzar,

the king of Babylon, issued a decree that all who would not bow down and worship this image should be killed, so a proclamation will be made that all who will not reverence the Sunday institution will be punished with imprisonment and death. Thus the Sabbath of the Lord is trampled underfoot. But the Lord has declared, “Woe unto them that decree unrighteous decrees, and write grievousness which they have prescribed.” [Isa. 10:1] [Zeph. 1:14-18; 2:1-3 quoted.] {14MR 91.3}

Daniel Four

We are living in the last days of this earth’s history, and we may be surprised at nothing in the line of apostasies and denials of the truth. Unbelief has now come to be a fine art, which men work at to the destruction of their souls. There is constant danger of there being shams in pulpit preachers, whose lives contradict the words they speak; but the voice of warning and of admonition will be heard as long as time shall last; and those who are guilty of transactions that should never be entered into, when reproved or counseled through the Lord’s appointed agencies, will resist the message and refuse to be corrected. They will go on as did Pharaoh, and Nebuchadnezzar, until the Lord takes away their reason, and their hearts become unimpressible. The Lord’s Word will come to them; but if they choose not to hear it, the Lord will make them responsible for their own ruin. {4BC 1170.4}

To us who believe have been committed the oracles of God. The books of Daniel and Revelation are full of matter which concerns every one of us. We should study these books, and let the Lord God of Israel communicate truth to us, so that we may be able to communicate the truth to others who live in these last days. The Lord would have His people learn of Jesus. God forbid that those for whom He has wrought shall become highminded and be left to their own way as was the king of Babylon. {13MR 65.2}

Daniel Five

There are in our time continual repetitions of Belshazzar’s feast and Belshazzar’s worship; and Belshazzar’s sin is repeated when the heart, which God requires to be given to Him in pure and holy devotion, is turned away from Him to worship a human being, and the lips are made to utter words of praise and adoration which belong alone to the Lord God of heaven. {TM 435.1}

Daniel Seven

The coming of Christ as our high priest to the most holy place, for the cleansing of the sanctuary, brought to view in Daniel 8:14; the coming of the Son of man to the Ancient of days, as presented in Daniel 7:13; and the coming of the Lord to His temple, foretold by Malachi, are descriptions of the same event; and this is also represented by the coming of the bridegroom to the marriage, described by Christ in the parable of the ten virgins, of Matthew 25. {FLB 207.4}

Honored by men with the responsibilities of state and with the secrets of kingdoms bearing universal sway, Daniel was honored by God as His ambassador, and was given many revelations of the mysteries of ages to come. His wonderful prophecies, as recorded by him in chapters 7 to 12 of the book bearing his name, were not fully understood even by the prophet himself; but before his life labors closed, he was given the blessed assurance that “at the end of the days” —in the closing period of this world’s history— he would again be permitted to stand in his lot and place. [Rev. 10:11] It was not given him to understand all that God had revealed of the divine purpose. “Shut up the words, and seal the book,” he was directed concerning his prophetic writings; these were to be sealed “even to the time of the end.” “Go thy way, Daniel,” the angel once more directed the faithful messenger of Jehovah; “for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end. . . . Go thou thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days.” Daniel 12:4,9,13.

As we near the close of this world’s history, the prophecies recorded by Daniel **demand our special attention, as they relate to the very time in which we are living.** {PK 547.1,2}

The phrase “at the end of the days” is taken from Daniel 12:13. I believe it is quoted here to show its unsealed last-day setting, —“in the closing period of this world’s history.” The events around 1844 were not the last-day events, thus Daniel chapters 7-12 must be **repeated** for this prophecy to come true. Daniel is to have two fulfillments! The events of the 2300 years will illuminate the same events repeated in the last days. Daniel will be permitted to stand in his lot and place —**again!** (Rev. 10:2,11) **Then**, will the Sanctuary be cleansed.

Daniel Eight

Visions by the Ulai and Hiddekel (Dan. 8: 2,16; 10:4)

Read the book of Daniel. Call up, point by point, the history of the kingdoms there represented. Behold statesmen, councils, powerful armies, and see how God wrought to abase the pride of men, and lay human glory in the dust. . . .

The light that Daniel received from God was given especially for these last days. The visions he saw by the banks of the Ulai [Dan. 8:2,16] and the Hiddekel [Dan. 10:4], the great rivers of Shinar, are now in process of fulfillment, and all the events foretold will soon come to pass. [Dan. 8:19,26; 10:14]

Consider the circumstances of the Jewish nation when the prophecies of Daniel were given. {TM 112.2-113.1}

What chapters have events, that will soon come to pass, which should concern us in the visions given to Daniel by the rivers? What were the circumstances of the Jewish nation that will help us to understand these prophecies for our time? —Babylon had fallen! They were to leave Babylon and join in the rebuilding of the temple, the walls, and the city. Does this apply to us, the last generation?

Transgression of Desolation [See Comments on Matt. 24:15.]

These principles are made known by the third angel’s message, which declares that the Creator had always required and always will require obedience to His royal law. But this law has been disregarded and transgressed, and is now being ignored by the churches. Human enactments are placed where God’s law should be. Sunday, a

child of the Papacy, has taken the place of God's holy Sabbath. As Nebuchadnezzar made a golden image, and set it up to be worshiped by all, so Sunday is placed before the people to be regarded as sacred. This day bears not a vestige of sanctity, yet it is held up to be honored by all.

By doing this, men are doing just what Satan wished them to do. When those who claim to love God refuse to obey His Word as plainly stated in the fourth precept of the decalogue, and accept a common working day as their sabbath, they show respect to a day exalted by the enemy of God. But notwithstanding this, God's law still stands firm. The Man of sin has thought to change this law; he has thought to do it; but not while God holds the throne will he be able to change one jot or tittle of His law. {19MR 183.1,2}

“How Long” shall be the Vision

This question is asked two times in Daniel; 8:13 and 12:6. See comments on Daniel 12.

The Ram, (the Sanctuary and the Host) to be Trodden Under Foot

An idol sabbath has been set up, as the golden image was set up in the plains of Dura. And as Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, issued a decree that all who would not bow down and worship this image should be killed, so a proclamation will be made that all who will not reverence the Sunday institution will be punished with imprisonment and death. Thus the Sabbath of the Lord is trampled underfoot. But the Lord has declared, “Woe unto them that decree unrighteous decrees, and write grievousness which they have prescribed.” [Isa. 10:1] [Zeph. 1:14-18; 2:1-3, quoted.] {14MR 91.3}

What and who was “trampled underfoot,” and by whom?
—Stamped; cast to the ground; trodden underfoot: Dan. 7:7,19; 8:7,10-13,24; 9:26; 11:31,33; 12:7. [See also Heb. 10:29.]

We have been looking many years for a Sunday law to be enacted in our land; and, now that the movement is right upon us, we ask: Will our people do their duty in the matter? Can we not assist in lifting the standard and in calling to the front those who have a regard for their religious rights and privileges? The time is fast approaching when those who choose to obey God rather than man will be made to feel the hand of oppression. Shall we then dishonor God by keeping silent while His holy commandments are trodden underfoot? {5T 716.1}

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 compunctions of conscience they will do the deeds of their father the devil. . . . {3SM 416.1}

Unto 2300 days

In the Scriptures are presented truths that relate especially to our own time. To the period just prior to the appearing of the Son of man, the prophecies of Scripture point, and here their warnings and threatenings preeminently apply. The prophetic periods of Daniel,

extending to the very eve of the great consummation, throw a flood of light upon events then to transpire. {RH Sept. 25, 1883 par. 6}

The subject of the sanctuary and the investigative judgment should be clearly understood by the people of God. All need a knowledge for themselves of the position and work of their great High Priest. Otherwise, it will be impossible for them to exercise the faith which is essential at this time, or to occupy the position which God designs them to fill. Every individual has a soul to save or to lose. Each has a case pending at the bar of God. Each must meet the great Judge face to face. How important, then, that every mind contemplate often the solemn scene when the judgment shall sit and the books shall be opened, when, with Daniel, every individual must stand in his lot, at the end of the days. {Ev 221.3}

As a people, we should be earnest students of prophecy; we should not rest until we become intelligent in regard to the subject of the sanctuary, which is brought out in the visions of Daniel and John. This subject sheds great light on our present position and work, and gives us unmistakable proof that God has led us in our past experience. It explains our disappointment in 1844, showing us that the sanctuary to be cleansed was not the earth, as we had supposed, but that Christ then entered into the most holy apartment of the heavenly sanctuary, and is there performing the closing work of His priestly office, in fulfillment of the words of the angel to the prophet Daniel, “Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.” [Dan. 8:14] {Ev 222.3}

High Priest of Israel, help our minds to understand your plan of salvation for us, the last generation. How long, O Lord, How long shall be the vision? How long will it be until the Sanctuary is cleansed?

Jesus did not come to earth as the waiting, joyful company expected, to cleanse the Sanctuary, by purifying the earth by fire. I saw that they were correct in their reckoning of the prophetic periods. Prophetic time closed in 1844. Their mistake consisted in not understanding what the Sanctuary was, and the nature of its cleansing. Jesus did enter the Most Holy place to cleanse the Sanctuary at the ending of the days. {1SG 148.1} {Also EW 243.2}

Was the Heavenly Sanctuary cleansed in 1844 at the ending of the years? No! When Jesus entered the Most Holy Place of the Heavenly Sanctuary in 1844, the judgment of the dead began. The judgment must pass from the dead to the judgment of the living (and be completed) before the Heavenly Sanctuary can be cleansed (of sin), —the removal of the sins of the righteous dead as well as the righteous living. We must then conclude that this event, the cleansing of the sanctuary, is yet future (at the ending of the days), which has its complete fulfillment when these sins are placed on the head of the scapegoat, Satan, who is led into the 1000-year wilderness!

Then shall the Sanctuary be Cleansed

As anciently the sins of the people were by faith placed upon the sin offering and through its blood transferred, in figure, to the earthly sanctuary, so in the new covenant

the sins of the repentant are by faith placed upon Christ and transferred, **in fact**, to the heavenly sanctuary. And **as the typical cleansing** of the earthly was accomplished by the removal of the sins by which it had been polluted, **so the actual cleansing of the heavenly is to be accomplished by the removal, or blotting out, of the sins which are there recorded.** **But before** this can be accomplished, there must be an examination of the books of record to determine who, through repentance of sin and faith in Christ, are entitled to the benefits of His atonement. **The cleansing of the sanctuary** therefore involves a work of investigation—a work of judgment. This work must be performed **prior** to the coming of Christ to redeem His people. {GC 421.3}

Jesus has risen up and shut the door of the holy place of the heavenly sanctuary and has opened a door into the most holy place and entered in to cleanse the sanctuary. **All who wait patiently shall understand the mystery.** Man has erred; but there has been no failure on the part of God. **All was accomplished that God promised;** but man erroneously believed the earth to be the sanctuary to be cleansed **at the end of the prophetic periods.** It is man's expectation, not the promise of God, that has failed. {EW 250.1}

For eighteen centuries this work of ministration continued in the first apartment of the sanctuary. The blood of Christ, pleaded in behalf of penitent believers, secured their pardon and acceptance with the Father, yet their sins still remained upon the books of record. **As** in the typical service there was a work of atonement at the close of the year, **so before** Christ's work for the redemption of men is completed, there is a work of atonement for the removal of sin from the sanctuary. This is the service which **began** when the 2300 days **ended.** At that time . . . our High Priest entered the most holy, to perform the **last division of His solemn work —to cleanse the sanctuary.** . . .

The coming of Christ as our high priest to the most holy place, for the cleansing of the sanctuary, brought to view in Daniel 8:14; the coming of the Son of man to the Ancient of days, as presented in Daniel 7:13; and the coming of the Lord to His temple, foretold by Malachi, **are descriptions of the same event;** and this is **also represented by the coming of the bridegroom to the marriage,** described by Christ in the parable of the ten virgins, of Matthew 25. {FLB 207.3,4}

The following paragraph gives a detailed description of the last days of the cleansing of the Heavenly Sanctuary.

I saw the time of trouble, such as never was. Jesus told me it was the time of Jacob's trouble, and that we should be delivered out of it by the voice of God. Then I saw the four angels cease to hold the four winds. And I saw famine, pestilence and sword—nation rose against nation, and the whole world was in confusion. Then we cried to God day and night for deliverance, until we began to hear the bells on Jesus' garment. And I saw Jesus rise up in the Holiest, and **as he came out we heard the tinkling of the bells** and knew that our High Priest was

coming out. Then we heard **the voice of God** which shook the heavens and the earth, and **gave the 144,000 the day and hour of Jesus' coming.** Then the saints were free, united, and full of the glory of God, for he has turned their captivity. And I saw a flaming cloud come where Jesus stood. Then Jesus laid off his priestly garment and put on his Kingly robe, and took his place on the cloud which carried him to the East, where it first appeared to the saints on earth—a small black cloud which was the sign of the Son of Man. While the cloud was passing from the Holiest to the East, which took a number of days, the synagogue of Satan worshipped at the saints' feet. {Broadside 1, April 6, 1846 par. 8}

The forgiveness of sins and iniquities and transgressions, belongs in a special sense to this time. **We are in the antitypical day of atonement,** and every soul should now be humbling himself before God, seeking pardon for his transgressions and sins, and accepting the justifying grace of Christ, the sanctifying [cleansing] of the soul by the operations of the Holy Spirit of Christ; thus the carnal nature is transformed, renewed in holiness after the image of Christ's righteousness and true holiness. {PH002 25.2}

Our faith in reference to the messages of the first, second, and third angels was correct. **The great waymarks we have passed are immovable.** Although the hosts of hell may try to tear them from their foundation, and triumph in the thought that they have succeeded, yet they do not succeed. **These pillars of truth stand firm as the eternal hills,** unmoved by all the efforts of men combined with those of Satan and his host. We can learn much, and should be constantly searching the Scriptures to see if these things are so. God's people are now to have their eyes fixed on the heavenly sanctuary, where the final ministration of our great High Priest in the work of the judgment is going forward, —where He is interceding for His people. (RH Nov. 27, 1883) {Ev 223.1}

While Christ is **cleansing the sanctuary,** the worshippers on earth should carefully review their life, and compare their character with the standard of righteousness. (RH April 8, 1890) {Ev 224.1}

“End of the 2300 Days”

I saw a throne, and on it sat the Father and the Son. I gazed on Jesus' countenance and admired His lovely person. The Father's person I could not behold, for a cloud of glorious light covered Him. I asked Jesus if His Father had a form like Himself. He said He had, but I could not behold it, for said He, “If you should once behold the glory of His person, you would cease to exist.” Before the throne I saw the Advent people—the church and the world. I saw two companies, one bowed down before the throne, deeply interested, while the other stood uninterested and careless. **Those who were bowed before the throne** would offer up their prayers and look to Jesus; then He would look to His Father, and appear to be pleading with Him. A light would come from the Father to the Son and from the Son to the

praying company. **Then I saw an exceeding bright light come from the Father to the Son, and from the Son it waved over the people before the throne. But few would receive this great light.** Many came out from under it and immediately resisted it; others were careless and did not cherish the light, and it moved off from them. Some cherished it, and went and bowed down with the little praying company. **This company all received the light and rejoiced in it, and their countenances shone with its glory.**

I saw the Father rise from the throne, (See page 92, EW.) and in a flaming chariot go into the holy of holies within the veil, and sit down. Then Jesus rose up from the throne, **and the most of those who were bowed down arose with Him.** I did not see one ray of light pass from Jesus to the **careless multitude** after He arose, and they were left in perfect darkness. Those who arose when Jesus did, **kept their eyes fixed on Him as He left the throne and led them out a little way.** Then He raised His right arm, and we heard His lovely voice saying, "Wait here; I am going to **My Father to receive the kingdom; keep your garments spotless,** and in a little while **I will return from the wedding and receive you to Myself.**" Then a cloudy chariot, with wheels like flaming fire, surrounded by angels, came to where Jesus was. He stepped into the chariot and **was borne to the holiest,** where the Father sat. There I beheld Jesus, a great High Priest, standing before the Father. On the hem of His garment was a bell and a pomegranate, a bell and a pomegranate. Those who **rose up with Jesus** would send up their faith to Him in the holiest, and pray, "**My Father, give us Thy Spirit.**" Then Jesus would breathe upon them **the Holy Ghost. In that breath was light, power, and much love, joy, and peace.**

I turned to look at the company who were **still bowed** before the throne; they did not know that Jesus had left it. **Satan appeared** to be **by** the throne, trying to carry on the work of God. I saw them **look up** to the throne, and pray, "**Father, give us Thy Spirit.**" Satan would then breathe upon them an unholy influence; in it there was light and much power, but **no** sweet love, joy, and peace. Satan's object was to keep them deceived and to draw back and deceive God's children. {EW 54.2-56.1}

The title the servant of God placed on this section in *Early Writings* is the "**End of the 2300 Days.**" Should we place the fulfillment of this vision at the end of the 2300 years? No! Did Jesus receive the kingdom, His bride, in 1844? No! When only can He receive His bride in marriage? Only after the bride has prepared herself sinless!—**cleansed** through His blood, the washing and ironing time of the last days of earth's history! **Then** we must conclude that the antitypical 2300 days of atonement **is still future!**

Thought Questions:

—What is the difference in the prayers of the two companies bowed before the throne? **My Father.** . . . (A personal relationship)

—Why were some of the people deceived by Satan's impersonation of Jesus? They did not have their "**eyes fixed** on Him."

—What is this event? "Then Jesus would breathe upon them the Holy Ghost. In that breath was light, power, and much love, joy, and peace." Is it the Latter Rain?

Daniel Nine Commandment to

Restore and to Build Jerusalem

Today the church of God is free to carry forward to completion the divine plan for the salvation of a lost race. . .

No longer have the hosts of evil power to keep the church captive; for "Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city," which hath "made **all nations** drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication;" and to **spiritual Israel** is given the message, "Come out of her, My people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." [Rev. 14:8; 18:4] **As the captive exiles heeded the message,** "Flee out of the midst of Babylon" (Jeremiah 51:6), and were restored to the Land of Promise, **so** those who fear God **today** are heeding the message to **withdraw from spiritual Babylon,** and soon they are to stand as trophies of divine grace in the earth made new, the heavenly Canaan. {PK 714.1; 715.1}

The **work of restoration and reform** carried on by the **returned exiles,** under the leadership of **Zerubbabel, Ezra, and Nehemiah,** **presents a picture of a work of spiritual restoration that is to be wrought in the closing days of this earth's history.** The remnant of Israel were a feeble people, exposed to the ravages of their enemies; but through them God purposed to preserve in the earth a knowledge of Himself and of His law. They were the guardians of the true worship, the keepers of the holy oracles. Varied were the experiences that came to them as they **rebuilt the temple and the wall of Jerusalem;** strong was the opposition that they had to meet. Heavy were the burdens borne by the leaders in this work; but these men moved forward in unwavering confidence, in humility of spirit, and in firm reliance upon God, believing that He would cause His truth to triumph. Like King Hezekiah, Nehemiah "clave to the Lord, and departed not from following Him, but kept His commandments. . . . And the Lord was with him." 2Kings 18:6, 7. {PK 677.1}

How was Zerubbabel commanded to accomplish the Lord's work?

"So he answered and said to me: This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: **Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,** says the LORD of hosts." Zech. 4:6

The **spiritual restoration of which the work carried forward in Nehemiah's day was a symbol,** is outlined in the words of Isaiah: "They shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities." "They that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in." Isaiah 61:4; 58:12.

The prophet here describes a people who, in a **time of general departure** from truth and righteousness, **are seeking to restore the principles that are the foundation of the kingdom of God. They are repairers of a breach that has been made in God's law—the wall that He has placed around His chosen ones for their protection,**

and obedience to whose precepts of justice, truth, and purity is to be their perpetual safeguard.

In words of unmistakable meaning the prophet points out the **specific work** of this remnant people who build the wall. "If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on My holy day; and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable; and shalt honor Him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it." Isaiah 58:13, 14.

In the **time of the end** every divine institution is to be restored. **The breach made in the law at the time the Sabbath was changed by man, is to be repaired.** God's remnant people, standing before the world as reformers, are to show that the law of God is the foundation of all enduring reform and that the Sabbath of the fourth commandment is to stand as a memorial of creation, a constant reminder of the power of God. In clear, distinct lines they are to present the necessity of obedience to all the precepts of the Decalogue. Constrained by the love of Christ, they are to cooperate with Him in building up the waste places. They are to be repairers of the breach, restorers of paths to dwell in. See verse 12. {PK 677.2-678.2}

The pope has changed the day of rest from the seventh to the first day. He has thought to change the very commandment that was given to cause man to remember his Creator. He has thought to change the greatest commandment in the decalogue and thus make himself equal with God, or even exalt himself above God. The Lord is unchangeable, therefore His law is immutable; but the pope has exalted himself above God, in seeking to change His immutable precepts of holiness, justice, and goodness. He has trampled underfoot God's sanctified day, and, on his own authority, put in its place one of the six laboring days. The whole nation has followed after the beast, and every week they rob God of His holy time. The pope has made a breach in the holy law of God, but I saw that the time had fully come for this breach to be made up by the people of God and the waste places built up. {EW 65.1}

. . . I saw that God had not changed the Sabbath, for He never changes. But the pope had changed it from the seventh to the first day of the week; for he was to change times and laws. [Dan. 7:25]

And I saw that if God had changed the Sabbath from the seventh to the first day, He would have changed the writing of the Sabbath commandment, written on the tables of stone, which are now in the ark in the most holy place of the temple in heaven; and it would read thus: The first day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God. But I saw that it read the same as when written on the tables of stone by the finger of God, and delivered to Moses on Sinai. "But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God." I saw that the holy Sabbath is, and will be, the

separating wall between the true Israel of God and unbelievers; and that the Sabbath is the great question to unite the hearts of God's dear, waiting saints.

I saw that God had children who do not see and keep the Sabbath. They have not rejected the light upon it. And at the commencement of the time of trouble, we were filled with the Holy Ghost as we went forth and proclaimed the Sabbath more fully. (See page 85, EW below.) This enraged the churches and nominal Adventists, as they could not refute the Sabbath truth. And at this time God's chosen all saw clearly that we had the truth, and they came out and endured the persecution with us. I saw the sword, famine, pestilence, and great confusion in the land. The wicked thought that we had brought the judgments upon them, and they rose up and took counsel to rid the earth of us, thinking that then the evil would be stayed. {EW 32.3-33.2}

(Supplement, page 85)—"The commencement of that time of trouble," here mentioned does not refer to the time when the plagues shall begin to be poured out, but to a short period **just before** they are poured out, while **Christ is in the sanctuary.** At that time, while the work of salvation is closing, trouble will be coming on the earth, and the nations will be angry, yet held in check so as not to prevent the work of the third angel. At that time the "latter rain," or refreshing from the presence of the Lord, will come, to give power to the loud voice of the third angel, and prepare the saints to stand in the period when the seven last plagues shall be poured out. {EW 85.3}

Each one is to concentrate his energies on the portion of the wall he is required to build, that no labor may be lost, that there may be no jostling of the workers, no crossing one another's path on the part of the workers, and that the laborers together with God shall put forth consecrated tact to do their utmost without waste of means or energies, each individual rejoicing in the success of his fellow workers, with a full sense that they are cooperating to the advancement of the cause of truth under the generalship of Jesus Christ.

"For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, **ye are God's building**" (1Cor. 3:9), each strengthening the hands of the other. It is full time that our brethren and sisters made an advance move. We will meet every form of opposition. Every hindrance will be placed in the way of the work, **for history will be repeated.** It is not evidence that the enemies and opposers of the truth want. They have fierce hatred of the truth itself, for they cannot controvert it. There are organized and sleepless adversaries from without who are determined to stop the work of God, but let us move forward with well-concentrated effort amid all the discouragements. We must reach the people. The reproach cast upon God's messengers must be counteracted, and it will be.

There must be a waking up among believers. Each may be so imbued with the spirit of the work that he will be a Nehemiah, possessing holy energy and faith and hope, thus strengthening one another's hands, depending wholly on God, the great and mighty Worker. (Letter 8a, 1893) {11MR 11.3-12.2}

In the Midst of the Seventieth Week

The sin of ancient Israel was in disregarding the expressed will of God and following their own way according to the leadings of unsanctified hearts. **Modern Israel are fast following in their footsteps**, and the displeasure of the Lord is as surely resting upon them. {PH117 79.2}

In His Word the Lord declared what He would do for Israel if they would obey His voice. But **the leaders of the people yielded to the temptations of Satan**, and God could not give them the blessings He designed them to have, because they did not obey His voice but listened to the voice and policy of Lucifer. **This experience will be repeated in the last years of the history of the people of God**, who have been established by His grace and power. Men whom He has greatly honored **will in the closing scenes of this earth's history pattern after ancient Israel**. {13MR 379.2}

Is it possible that the events of the seventieth week will be repeated? Could it be that the leaders of Modern Israel leagued with Rome will, in effect, lead the people to crucify Christ **again** by nailing His law to the cross?

The forces of darkness will unite with human agents who have given themselves into the control of Satan, and the **same scenes** that were exhibited at the trial, rejection, and crucifixion of Christ **will be revived**. (RH April 14, 1896) {7BC 974.7}

The scene in the judgment hall in Jerusalem is a symbol of what will take place in the closing scenes of this earth's history. The world will accept Christ, the Truth, or they will accept Satan, the first great rebel, a robber, apostate, and murderer. **They will either reject the message of mercy in regard to the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus**, or they will accept the truth as it is in Jesus. If they accept Satan and his falsehoods, they identify themselves with the chief of all liars, and with all who are disloyal, **while they turn from no less a personage than the Son of the infinite God**. (RH Jan. 30, 1900) {5BC 1105.7}

When Jesus was on earth, Satan led the people to reject the Son of God, and to choose Barabbas, who in character represented Satan, the god of this world. The Lord Jesus Christ came to dispute the usurpation of Satan in the kingdoms of the world. The conflict is not yet ended; and as we draw near **the close of time**, the battle waxes more intense. **As the second appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ draws near, satanic agencies are moved from beneath**. Satan will not only appear as a human being, but **he will personate Jesus Christ**; and the world that has rejected the truth will receive him as the Lord of lords and King of kings. He will exercise his power, and **work upon the human imagination**. He will corrupt both the minds and the bodies of men, and will work through the children of disobedience, fascinating and charming, as does a serpent. What a spectacle will the world be for heavenly intelligences! What a spectacle for God, the Creator of the world, to behold!

The form Satan assumed in Eden when leading our first parents to transgress, was of a character to bewilder and confuse the mind. **He will work in as subtle a manner as we near the end of earth's history**. All his deceiving power will be brought to bear upon human subjects, to complete the work of deluding the human family. So deceptive will be his working, **that men will do as they did in the days of Christ**; and when asked, Whom shall I release unto you, Christ or Barabbas? the almost universal cry **will be**, Barabbas, Barabbas! And when the question is asked, "What will ye then that I shall do unto him whom ye call the King of the Jews?" the cry again will be, "**Crucify him!**"

Christ will be represented in the person of those who accept the truth, and who identify their interest with that of their Lord. **The world will be enraged at them in the same way that they were enraged at Christ**, and the disciples of Christ **will know** that they are to be treated no better than was their Lord. But **Christ will surely identify His interest with that of those who accept Him as their personal Saviour**. Every insult, every reproach, every false accusation made against them by those who have turned their ears away from the truth and are turned unto fables, will be charged upon the guilty ones **as done to Christ in the person of His saints**. (RH April 14, 1896)

When Christ was upon this earth, the world preferred Barabbas. And **today** the world and the churches are making the same choice. **The scenes of the betrayal, the rejection, and the crucifixion of Christ have been reenacted, and will again be reenacted on an immense scale**. People will be filled with the attributes of the enemy, and with them his delusions will have great power. Just to that degree that light is refused will there be misconception and misunderstanding. Those who reject Christ and choose Barabbas work under a ruinous deception. Misrepresentation and false witness will grow to open rebellion. The eye being evil, the whole body will be full of darkness. Those who give their affections to any leader but Christ will find themselves under the control, body, soul, and spirit, of an infatuation that is so entrancing that under its power souls turn away from hearing the truth to believe a lie. They are ensnared and taken, and by their every action they cry, Release unto us Barabbas, **but crucify Christ**.

Even now this decision is being made. **The scenes enacted at the cross are being reenacted**. **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**.

In view of the history of the life and death of Christ, can we be surprised if the world is hollow and insincere? Can we in our day trust in man, or make flesh our arm? Shall we not choose Christ as our Leader? He alone can save us from sin.

When the world is at last brought up for trial before the great white throne, to account for its rejection of Jesus Christ, God's own messenger to our world, what a solemn scene it will be! What a reckoning will have to be made for nailing to the cross One who came to our world **as a living epistle of the law**. God will ask each one the question, What have you done with My only-begotten Son? What will those answer who have refused to accept the truth? They will be obliged to say, We hated Jesus, and cast Him out. We cried, Crucify Him, crucify Him. We chose Barabbas in His stead. If those to whom the light of Heaven is presented reject it, they reject Christ. They reject the only provision whereby they may be cleansed from pollution. They crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put Him to an open shame. To them it will be said, "I never knew you: depart from me." God will assuredly avenge the death of His Son. (RH Jan. 30, 1900) {5BC 1105.8-1106.6}

The scene transacted in Jerusalem at the betrayal and rejection of Christ represents the scene which will take place in the future history of the world, when Christ is finally rejected. The **religious world** will take sides with the first great rebel, and will reject the message of mercy in regard to the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. (MS 40, 1897) {5BC 1107.4}

There is need of a Sabbath reform among us, who profess to observe God's holy rest-day. . . . Those who are careless in their observance of the Sabbath will suffer great loss.

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. 7,8}

The unbelief and sins of **ancient Israel** were presented before me, and I saw that similar wrongs and iniquity exist among modern Israel. The pen of inspiration recorded their crimes for the benefit of those who live in these last days, that we might shun their evil example. {4T 491.1}

Had not the Lord been slow to anger, and mercifully considerate of the ignorance and weakness of the

children of Israel, he would have destroyed them in his wrath. He exercises the same pitying tenderness toward modern Israel. But we are less excusable than was ancient Israel. We have had every opportunity to elevate and ennoble our characters, which they did not have. We also have their history, recorded that we may shun their example of unbelief and impatient murmuring and rebellion. {ST April 15, 1880 par. 13}

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

His word will bring as serious consequences upon God's people today as did the same sin upon ancient Israel. There is a limit beyond which He will no longer delay His judgments. The desolation of Jerusalem stands **as a solemn warning before the eyes of modern Israel,** that the corrections given through His chosen instruments cannot be disregarded with impunity. {4T 167.1}

The Holy Covenant

What is the seven-fold covenant with **modern Israel**?

1. Finish the transgression
2. Make an end of sins
3. Make reconciliation for iniquity
4. Bring in everlasting righteousness
5. Seal up the vision
6. Seal up the prophecy
7. Anoint the most Holy —Daniel 9:24

(See also Dan. 9:4,27; 11:22,28,30,32; Rev. 10:1—rainbow)

Conviction and thorough repentance was required of ancient Israel in order to meet the standard of God. **No less does God require of his people in our day.** There must be genuine heart work in repentance and humiliation, in order to come under this **covenant care, and protecting love of God.** Unmistakable evidence is given that God is a jealous God, and that **He will require of modern Israel** as he did of **ancient Israel, that they obey his law. For all who live upon the earth is this sacred history traced by the pen of inspiration.** {ST May 27, 1880 par. 11}

The cause of Israel's weakness lay in their departure from God by disobedience to his commandments. The reason of the weakness and backsliding of **modern Israel** is their neglect to obey the divine law. God requires from all mankind obedience to his commandments. The whole world **will be judged** by the moral law according to their opportunity of becoming acquainted with it, whether by reason, or tradition, or the written word. {ST June 9, 1881 par. 9}

All I can say to you is, Take up the light which God has given you, and follow it at any cost to yourselves. This is your only safety. You have a work to do to come into harmony, and may the Lord help you to do it even if self is crucified. Gather up the rays of light that have been slighted and rejected. Gather them up with meekness, with trembling, and with fear. The sin of **ancient Israel** was in disregarding the expressed will of God and following their own way according to the leadings of unsanctified hearts. **Modern Israel** are fast following in their footsteps, and the displeasure of the Lord is as surely resting upon them. {PH117 79.2}

God's tried and tested people will find their power in the sign spoken of in Exodus 31:12-18. They are to take their stand on the living word: "It is written." This is the only foundation upon which they can stand securely. Those who have **broken their covenant with God** will in that day be without God and without hope. {9T 16.1}

The natural heart is not to bring its own tainted, corrupting principles into the work of God. There must be no concealing of the principles of our faith. The third angel's message is to be sounded by God's people. It is to swell to the loud cry. The Lord has a time appointed when He will bind off the work; but when is that time?—when the truth to be proclaimed for these last days shall go forth as a witness to all nations, then shall the end come. If the power of Satan can come into the **very temple of God,**

and manipulate things as he pleases, the time of preparation will be prolonged. {9MR 212.1}

In the past, education has consisted in laboriously loading the minds of the students with material which cannot be of the least value to them, and which will not be recognized in the higher school. The teachers of the Jewish nation professed to educate the youth to understand the purity and excellence of the laws of that kingdom which is to stand forever and ever, but they perverted truth and purity. Though they said of themselves, "The temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord are we," [Jer. 7:4] yet they crucified the Originator of all the Jewish economy. Him to whom all their ordinances pointed. They failed to discern the veiled mystery of godliness; Christ Jesus remained veiled to them. The truth, the life, the heart of all their service, was discarded. They held, and still hold, the mere husks, the shadows, the figures symbolizing the true. A figure for the time appointed, that they might discern the true, became so perverted by their own inventions, that their eyes were blinded. They did not realize that type met antitype in the death of Jesus Christ. The greater their perversion of figures and symbols, the more confused their minds became, **so** that they could not see the perfect fulfillment of the Jewish economy, instituted and established by Christ, and pointing to Him as the substance. {FE 397.3}

... There was one clear place of settled glory, whence came the voice of God like many waters, which shook the heavens and the earth. The sky opened and shut and was in commotion. The mountains shook like a reed in the wind, and cast out ragged rocks all around. The sea boiled like a pot and cast out stones upon the land. And as God spoke the day and the hour of Jesus' coming and **delivered the everlasting covenant to His people,** He spoke one sentence, and then paused, while the words were rolling through the earth. The Israel of God stood with their eyes fixed upward, listening to the words as they came from the mouth of Jehovah, and rolled through the earth like peals of loudest thunder. It was awfully solemn. And at the end of every sentence the saints shouted, "Glory! Alleluia!" Their countenances were lighted up with the glory of God; and they shone with the glory, as did the face of Moses when he came down from Sinai. The wicked could not look on them for the glory. And when the **never-ending blessing** was pronounced on those who had honored God in keeping His Sabbath holy, there was a mighty shout of victory over the beast and over his image. {EW 34.1}

Daniel Eleven

The world is stirred with the spirit of war. The prophecy of the eleventh chapter of Daniel has nearly reached its complete fulfillment. Soon the scenes of trouble spoken of in the prophecies will take place. {9T 14.2}

The judgments of God are in the land. The wars and rumors of wars, the destruction by fire and flood, say clearly that the time of trouble, which is to increase until the end, is very near at hand. We have no time to lose.

The world is stirred with the spirit of war. The prophecies of the eleventh of Daniel have almost reached their final fulfillment. (RH Nov. 24, 1904) { WM 136.5 }

The previous two paragraphs show that there was a historical fulfillment of Daniel 11. The following shows that it is to be repeated!

We have no time to lose. Troublous times are before us. The world is stirred with the spirit of war. Soon the scenes of trouble spoken of in the prophecies will take place. The prophecy in the eleventh of Daniel has nearly reached its complete fulfillment. Much of the history that has taken place in fulfillment of this prophecy will be repeated. In the thirtieth verse a power is spoken of that “shall be grieved, and return, and have indignation against the **holy covenant**: so shall he do; he shall even return, and have intelligence with them that **forsake the holy covenant.**” [Verses 31-36 quoted.]

Scenes similar to those described in these words will take place. We see evidence that Satan is fast obtaining the control of human minds who have not the fear of God before them. Let all read and understand the prophecies of this book, for we are now entering upon the time of trouble spoken of: [Dan. 12:1-4 quoted.] { 13MR 394.1,2 }

I was shown the inhabitants of the earth in the utmost confusion. War, bloodshed, privation, want, famine, and pestilence were abroad in the land. As these things surrounded God's people, they began to press together, and to cast aside their little difficulties. Self-dignity no longer controlled them; deep humility took its place. Suffering, perplexity, and privation caused reason to resume its throne, and the passionate and unreasonable man became sane, and acted with discretion and wisdom.

My attention was then called from the scene. There seemed to be a little time of peace. Once more the inhabitants of the earth were presented before me; and again everything was in the utmost confusion. Strife, war, and bloodshed, with famine and pestilence, raged everywhere. Other nations were engaged in this war and confusion. War caused famine. Want and bloodshed caused pestilence. And then men's hearts failed them for fear, “and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth.” [Luke 21:26] { 1T 268.1,2 } { First published in RH August 27, 1861 par. 13,14 } { Also found, in part, Mar 259.2,3; ChS 55.1 }

One thing is clear; these two paragraphs which include “the inhabitants of the earth” are certainly not talking about the American Civil War of 1861-65, although they are placed into that setting (I believe for specific reasons). Could it be that these two wars are World Wars I and II? No. (1) The first war caused a shaking among God's people and they began to press together in preparation for even greater suffering, perplexity, and privation. This was not the result of WW I concerning God's people. (2) The second war is “raged everywhere” and involves more nations than the first war; it engulfs “the inhabitants of the earth.” Also the second war is the last war on earth, for it has its fulfillment at the end of the times of the Gentiles, with the signs in the sun, moon, and stars, and the voice of God. This did not happen in World Wars I & II. [See Luke

21:24-28; Rev. 11:2] [See comments on Matthew 24:29 & Luke 21:25 in this study.]

Prophecy tells us there will be many more wars. But, could it be that there are two more ‘world’ wars and that these two paragraphs are ‘sealed up’ in a chapter called *Slavery and the War* telling of the last two great battles between the (King of) North and the (King of) South (Dan. 11)? What is really revealed here? Can we know when these wars come? Are they to have their place in the last great controversy over God's Law?

Daniel 11:22,28,30,32 —(9:4,27,24)

Those who have broken their covenant with God will in that day be without God and without hope. { 9T 16.1 }

Daniel Twelve

The people of God need to study what characters they must form in order to pass through the test and proving of the last days. Many are living in spiritual weakness and backsliding. They know not what they believe. Let us read and study the twelfth chapter of Daniel. It is a warning that we shall all need to understand before the time of the end. There are ministers claiming to believe the truth who are not sanctified through the truth. Unless a change comes in their lives, they will say, “My Lord delayeth His coming.” (1903) { 15MR 228.2 }

Shut up the Words, and Seal the Book

[Dan. 12:8-13 quoted.] Daniel has been standing in his lot since the seal was removed and the light of truth has been shining upon his visions. He stands in his lot, bearing the testimony which was to be understood at the end of the days. [See PK 547.1, page 16.]

[Dan. 12:1-4 quoted.] (Manuscript 50, 1893) (MR 900.33) { 1SAT 225.5-226.1 }

Many shall run to and fro, and Knowledge shall be Increased

Wolff believed the coming of the Lord to be at hand, his interpretation of the prophetic periods placing the great consummation within a very few years of the time pointed out by Miller. To those who urged from the scripture, “Of that day and hour knoweth no man,” that men are to know nothing concerning the nearness of the advent, Wolff replied: “Did our Lord say that that day and hour should *never* be known? Did He not give us signs of the times, in order that we may know at least the *approach* of His coming, as one knows the approach of the summer by the fig tree putting forth its leaves? Matthew 24:32. Are we never to know that period, whilst He Himself exhorteth us not only to read Daniel the prophet, but to understand it? And in that very Daniel, where it is said that the words were shut up to the time of the end (which was the case in his time), and that ‘**many shall run to and fro**’ (a Hebrew expression for observing and thinking upon the time), ‘**and knowledge**’ (regarding that time) ‘shall be increased.’ Daniel 12:4. Besides this, our Lord does not intend to say by this, that the approach of the time shall not be known, but that the *exact ‘day and hour* knoweth no man.’ Enough, He does say, shall be known by the signs of the times, to induce us to prepare for His coming,

as Noah prepared the ark.” —Wolff, *Researches and Missionary Labors*, pages 404, 405. {GC 359.2} [Italics are in GC quote.]

How Long?

A wonderful connection is seen between the universe of heaven and this world. The things revealed to Daniel were afterward complemented by the revelation made to John on the Isle of Patmos. These two books should be carefully studied. Twice Daniel inquired, How long shall it be to the end of time?

[Dan. 12:8-13 quoted. —1290 and 1335 days]

It was the Lion of the tribe of Judah who unsealed the book and gave to John the revelation of what should be in these last days. {TM 114.6-115.2}

Twice? —Our attention is drawn here in Daniel 12 to only one of the two times the question “how long” is answered in the book of Daniel. (See also Dan. 8:13,14) (The question is also asked in Revelation and a parallel answer is given in Daniel (Rev. 6:10,11; Dan. 12:7) Could it be that this statement is directing our attention to “what should be in these last days,” the time of judgment (of the living), when “many shall be purified, and made white, and tried?” “The wise shall understand” Daniel, chapters 7-12.

Many shall be Purified, and made White, and Tried

Daniel stood in his lot to bear his testimony which was sealed until the time of the end, when the first angel’s message should be proclaimed to our world. These matters are of infinite importance in these last days; but while “many shall be purified, and made white, and tried,” “the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand.” How true this is! Sin is the transgression of the law of God; and those who will not accept the light in regard to the law of God will not understand the proclamation of the first, second, and third angel’s messages. The book of Daniel is unsealed in the revelation to John, and carries us forward to the last scenes of this earth’s history.

Will our brethren bear in mind that we are living amid the perils of the last days? Read Revelation in connection with Daniel. **Teach these things.** {TM 115.3,4}

God has revealed what is to take place in the last days, that His people may be prepared to stand against the tempest of opposition and wrath. Those who have been warned of the events before them are not to sit in calm expectation of the coming storm, comforting themselves that the Lord will shelter His faithful ones in the day of trouble. We are to be as men waiting for their Lord, not in idle expectancy, but in earnest work, with unwavering faith. It is no time now to allow our minds to be engrossed with things of minor importance. While men are sleeping, Satan is actively arranging matters so that the Lord’s people may not have mercy or justice. The Sunday movement is now making its way in darkness. The leaders are concealing the true issue, and many who unite in the movement do not themselves see whither the undercurrent is tending. Its professions are mild and apparently Christian, but when it shall speak it will reveal the spirit of the dragon. It is our duty

to do all in our power to avert the threatened danger. We should endeavor to disarm prejudice by placing ourselves in a proper light before the people. We should bring before them the real question at issue, thus interposing the most effectual protest against measures to restrict liberty of conscience. We should search the Scriptures and be able to give the reason for our faith. Says the prophet: “The wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.” {5T 452.1}

Hosea-Joel

In immediate connection with the scenes of the great day of God, the Lord by the prophet Joel has promised a special manifestation of His Spirit. Joel 2:28. This prophecy received a partial fulfillment in the outpouring of the Spirit on the Day of Pentecost; but it will reach its full accomplishment in the manifestation of divine grace which will attend the closing work of the gospel. {GC ix.3}

If this prophecy of Joel met a partial fulfillment in the days of the apostles, we are living in a time when it is to be even more evidently manifest to the people of God. He will so bestow His Spirit upon His people that they will become a light amid the moral darkness; and **great light** will be reflected in all parts of the world. O that our faith might be increased, that the Lord might work mightily with His people. (MS 49, 1908) {4BC 1175.2}

The work will be similar to that of the Day of Pentecost. As the “former rain” was given, in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at the opening of the gospel, to cause the upspringing of the precious seed, so the “latter rain” will be given at its close for the ripening of the harvest. “Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord: His going forth is prepared as the morning; and He shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth.” Hosea 6:3. “Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God: for He hath given you the former rain moderately, and He will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain.” Joel 2:23. “In the last days, saith God, I will pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh.” “And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” Acts 2:17,21.

The great work of the gospel is not to close with less manifestation of the power of God than marked its opening. The prophecies which were fulfilled in the outpouring of the former rain at the opening of the gospel are again to be fulfilled in the latter rain at its close. Here are “the times of refreshing” to which the apostle Peter looked forward when he said: “Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; and He shall send Jesus.” Acts 3:19, 20.

Servants of God, with their faces lighted up and shining with holy consecration, will hasten from place to place to proclaim the message from heaven. By thousands of voices,

all over the earth, the warning will be given. Miracles will be wrought, the sick will be healed, and signs and wonders will follow the believers. Satan also works, with lying wonders, even bringing down fire from heaven in the sight of men. Revelation 13:13. Thus the inhabitants of the earth will be brought to take their stand. {GC 611.2-612.1}

... I rejoice that the scenes on the day of Pentecost will be repeated, and that indeed the power of the grace of God will be bestowed in a wonderful manner. {14MR 286.1}

Habakkuk

[Habakkuk 3:2-6,13,17-19 margin quoted.]

Habakkuk was not the only one through whom was given a message of bright hope and of future triumph as well as of present judgment. {PK 387.2-389.1}

Zephaniah

During the reign of Josiah the word of the Lord came to Zephaniah, specifying plainly the results of continued apostasy, and calling the attention of the true church to the glorious prospect beyond. His prophecies of impending judgment upon Judah apply with equal force to the judgments that are to fall upon an impenitent world at the time of the second advent of Christ:

[Zeph. 1:14-18; 2:1-3; 3:14-17,19,20 quoted.] {PK 389.1}

Haggai

[Haggai 1:1,2 quoted.] The expression, “This people say,” is significant. In the hour of their opportunity, the Israelites had not shown themselves willing. Prompt obedience is expected of those whom the Lord chooses and leads. Pleas for delay are a dishonor to God. And yet those who choose to follow their own way, often frame ingenious excuses in self-justification. Thus the Israelites declared that they had begun to rebuild, but that they were broken off in their work because of the hindrances devised by their enemies. These hindrances, they reasoned, were an indication that it was not the proper time to rebuild. They declared that the Lord had interposed difficulties to reprove their hot haste. This is why, in a communication through His prophet, He referred to them not as “my people,” but as “this people.”

The Israelites had no real excuse for leaving their work on the temple. The time when the most serious objections were raised, was the time for them to persevere in building. But they were actuated by a selfish dislike to encounter danger by arousing the opposition of their enemies. They did not possess the faith that is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. They hesitated to move forward by faith in the opening providences of God, because they could not see the end from the beginning. When difficulties arose, they were easily turned from the work. [See Ev 695.3, page 52.]

This history will be repeated. There will be religious failures because men do not have faith. When they look at the things that are seen, impossibilities appear; but God can lead them step by step in the course He desires them to take. His work will advance only as His servants move forward by faith. While they may be called upon to pass through trying times, yet they should ever remember that they are contending with a weakened, beaten foe. God’s people will finally triumph over every power of darkness. (RH Dec. 5, 1907) {4BC 1175.3-5}

Zechariah

Zechariah’s vision of Joshua and the Angel applies with peculiar force to the experience of God’s people in the closing up of the great day of atonement. The remnant church will be brought into great trial and distress. Those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus will feel the ire of the dragon and his hosts. [Rev. 12] Satan numbers the world as his subjects, he has gained control of the apostate churches; but here is a little company that are resisting his supremacy. If he could blot them from the earth, his triumph would be complete. As he influenced the heathen nations to destroy Israel, so in the near future he will stir up the wicked powers of earth to destroy the people of God. All will be required to render obedience to human edicts in violation of the divine law. Those who will be true to God and to duty will be menaced, denounced, and proscribed. They will “be betrayed both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolks, and friends.” [Luke 21:16]

Their only hope is in the mercy of God; their only defense will be prayer. As Joshua was pleading before the Angel, so the remnant church, with brokenness of heart and earnest faith, will plead for pardon and deliverance through Jesus their Advocate. They are fully conscious of the sinfulness of their lives, they see their weakness and unworthiness, and as they look upon themselves they are ready to despair. The tempter stands by to accuse them, as he stood by to resist Joshua. He points to their filthy garments, their defective characters. He presents their weakness and folly, their sins of ingratitude, their unlikeness to Christ, which has dishonored their Redeemer. He endeavors to affright the soul with the thought that their case is hopeless, that the stain of their defilement will never be washed away. He hopes to so destroy their faith that they will yield to his temptations, turn from their allegiance to God, and receive the mark of the beast. {5T 472.2-473.1}

Prophecies —Mixed

Let God’s workmen study the sixth chapter of Isaiah, and the first and second chapters of Ezekiel.

To the prophet the wheel within a wheel, the appearances of living creatures connected with them, all seemed intricate and unexplainable. But the hand of Infinite Wisdom

is seen among the wheels, and perfect order is the result of its work. Every wheel works in perfect harmony with every other.

I have been shown that human instrumentalities seek after too much power and try to control the work themselves. . .

Please read carefully the third chapter of Ezekiel. We must learn to put our entire dependence upon God, and yet we must ever bear in mind that the Lord God has need of every agency that holds the truth in righteousness. As workers for Christ we are to stand in view of the cross of Calvary, proclaiming to the world, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." [John 1:29,36] We are to proclaim the third angel's message with our human voices, and it is to go to the world with power and glory. {TM 213.2-214.1}

The last books of the Old Testament show us workers taken from the laborers in the field. Others were men of high ability and extensive learning, but the Lord gave them visions and messages. These men of the Old Testament spoke of things transpiring in their day, and Daniel, Isaiah, and Ezekiel not only spoke of things that concerned them as **present truth**, but their sights reached down to the future, and to what should occur in these last days. (Letter 132, 1898) {3SM 419.5}

But God's servants are not to trust to themselves in this great emergency. In the visions given to Isaiah, to Ezekiel, and to John we see how closely heaven is connected with the events taking place upon the earth and how great is the care of God for those who are loyal to Him. The world is not without a ruler. The program of coming events is in the hands of the Lord. The Majesty of heaven has the destiny of nations, as well as the concerns of His church, in His own charge. {5T 753.3}

These things make me feel very solemn, because I know that the judgment day is right upon us. The judgments that have already come are a warning, but not the finishing, of the punishment that will come on wicked cities. Our cities are most terrible places, wherein are practiced all kinds of sin and iniquity of the most revolting character. The Lord's name is greatly dishonored.

In Micah we read: [Micah 1:2-7; 2:1-5,7,12,13; 3 quoted.]

Oh, how soon the scenes of destruction and desolation will come and be universal, we cannot tell. "Be ye also ready," saith the Lord, "for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." [Matthew 24:44]

In Habakkuk we read: [Habakkuk 2:1,2 quoted.] "**It will not tarry**" [**beyond the time appointed.**] [Habakkuk 2:3-20 quoted.] ["beyond the time appointed" is in the quote.]

In Zephaniah we read: [Entire book quoted.]

In connection with these scriptures, read the first four chapters of the prophecy of Zechariah, and the entire book of Malachi.

These scenes will soon be witnessed, just as they are clearly described. I present these wonderful statements from the Scriptures for the consideration of everyone.

The prophecies recorded in the Old Testament are the word of the Lord for the last day, and will be fulfilled as surely as we have seen the desolation of San Francisco.

Will any body of men bring upon themselves the displeasure of the Lord by framing a law for the observance of a spurious sabbath, and then compelling obedience to this law? Will they insult God by profaning His holy day, and assuming authority, as gods, to exalt the first day of the week to be observed by all?

Whoever of the human family will dare to defy the Lord God will pay the penalty by meeting the great Law-giver over His broken law. The Word has gone forth. It is not the Word of a human power, but of Almighty Authority, of a living and true God. Will man dare trifle with the sacred law of Jehovah, and place in its stead a common workday that marks the beginning of the week for the transaction of ordinary business? Who will venture to meet Jehovah over His broken law? {21MR 87.1-88.4}

Matthew 24

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

What present truth is there in Matthew 24 "that will decide the destiny of souls?"

The Saviour's prophecy concerning the visitation of judgments upon Jerusalem **is to have another fulfillment**, of which that terrible desolation was but **a faint shadow**. In the fate of the chosen city we may behold the doom of a world that has rejected God's mercy and trampled upon His law. Dark are the records of human misery that earth has witnessed during its long centuries of crime. The heart sickens, and the mind grows faint in contemplation. Terrible have been the results of rejecting the authority of Heaven. But a scene yet darker is presented in the revelations of the future. The records of the past, —the long procession of tumults, conflicts, and revolutions, the "battle of the warrior . . . with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood" (Isaiah 9:5), —what are these, in contrast with the terrors of that day when the restraining Spirit of God shall be wholly withdrawn from the wicked, no longer to hold in check the outburst of human passion and satanic wrath! The world will then behold, as never before, the results of Satan's rule. {GC 36.2}

The world is no more ready to credit the message for this time than were the Jews to receive the Saviour's warning concerning Jerusalem. {GC 38.1}

Christ forewarned His disciples of the destruction of Jerusalem and the signs to take place prior to the coming of the Son of man. The whole of the twenty-fourth chapter of

Matthew is a prophecy concerning the events to precede this event, and the destruction of Jerusalem is used to typify the last great destruction of the world by fire. (Ms 77, 1899) {LDE 18.1}

The twenty-fourth chapter of Matthew gives an outline of what is to come upon the world. We are living amid the perils of the last days. Those who are perishing in sin must be warned. {TDG 152.3}

Read this whole twenty-fourth chapter of Matthew. The Lord, we know, is near, at the door, and we must move carefully, in the Lord's way. Christ has warned us of the judgments that will come upon cities because their inhabitants have greatly dishonored God. **Now** is our opportunity to warn the world that the end of all things is at hand. {21MR 80.3}

Jesus did not answer His disciples by taking up separately the destruction of Jerusalem and the great day of His coming. He mingled the description of these two events. Had He opened to His disciples future events as He beheld them, they would have been unable to endure the sight. In mercy to them He blended the description of the two great crises, leaving the disciples to study out the meaning for themselves. When He referred to the destruction of Jerusalem, His prophetic words reached beyond that event to the final conflagration in that day when the Lord shall rise out of His place to punish the world for their iniquity, when the earth shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain. **This entire discourse was given, not for the disciples only, but for those who should live in the last scenes of this earth's history.** {DA 628.1}

Is Jesus asking the same from this last generation; to study out the meaning for ourselves? Are we asking the questions, "Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?" Jesus gives the answers!

The death of Jesus as fully destroyed their hopes as if He had not forewarned them. So in the prophecies the future is opened before us as plainly as it was opened to the disciples by the words of Christ. The events connected with the close of probation and the work of preparation for the time of trouble, are clearly presented. **But multitudes have no more understanding of these important truths than if they had never been revealed.** Satan watches to catch away every impression that would make them wise unto salvation, and the time of trouble will find them unready. {GC 594.1}

Matthew 24:3

After hearing Christ's words in regard to the destruction of Jerusalem, the disciples came to him with the question, "**When shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?**" In answer, Christ gave them important lessons, interweaving with the destruction of Jerusalem **a still greater destruction,** —the final destruction of the world. The warning here given as to what the disciples would have to meet at the hands of their fellow men **is a warning to us also.** {RH April 19, 1898 par. 1}

Matthew 24:4,5

"Take heed that no man deceive you," Christ said. "For many shall come in My name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many." (Matt. 24:4,5) False messiahs will appear, claiming to work miracles, **and declaring that the deliverance of the Jewish nation has come.** These will mislead many. Christ's words were fulfilled. Between His death and the siege of Jerusalem, many false messiahs appeared. **But this warning is given to those also who live in this age of the world.** The same deceptions practised prior to the destruction of Jerusalem will be practised again. The events that took place at the overthrow of Jerusalem will be repeated. {ST Feb. 20, 1901 par. 3}

Matthew 24:6-8

We need to stay our faith upon God, for there is just before us a time that will try men's souls. Christ, upon the Mount of Olives, rehearsed the fearful judgments that were to precede His second coming: "Ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars." "Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows." [Matt. 24:6-8] While these prophecies received a **partial fulfillment** at the destruction of Jerusalem, **they have a more direct application to the last days.** {5T 753.1}

Do we study the words of Jesus in Matthew 24 as revealing a more direct application to the last days? Is this present truth? — Type and antitype of prophecy?

That time is at hand. Today the signs of the times declare that we are standing on the threshold of great and solemn events. Everything in our world is in agitation. **Before our eyes is fulfilling the Saviour's prophecy of the events to precede His coming:** "Ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars. . . . Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places." Matthew 24:6, 7.

The present is a time of overwhelming interest to all living. Rulers and statesmen, men who occupy positions of trust and authority, thinking men and women of all classes, have their attention fixed upon the events taking place about us. They are watching the strained, restless relations that exist among the nations. They observe the intensity that is taking possession of every earthly element, and they recognize that something great and decisive is about to take place —that the world is on the verge of a stupendous crisis.

Angels are now restraining the winds of strife, that they may not blow until the world shall be warned of its coming doom [Rev. 7:1]; but a storm is gathering, ready to burst upon the earth [Rev. 6:1; 8:5]; and when God shall bid His angels loose the winds, there will be such a scene of strife as no pen can picture. [Rev. 8:13; 9:13-15]

The Bible, and the Bible only, gives a **correct view** of these things. Here are revealed the great final scenes in the history of our world, events that already are casting their **shadows before,** the sound of their approach

causing the earth to tremble and men's hearts to fail them for fear. [Luke 21:26] {Ed 179.4-180.1}

"Before our eyes is fulfilling the Saviour's prophecy [in Matthew 24] of the events to precede His coming." Where are we told to find the correct view of the great final scenes?—"In the history of our world." We then conclude that prophetic history is to be repeated in a very short space of time in the last days. For it is prophetic history that casts its **shadows** before us to lighten our path.

Already kingdom is rising against kingdom. There is not now a determined engagement. As yet the four winds are held until the servants of God shall be sealed in their foreheads. Then the powers of earth will marshal their forces for the last great battle. How carefully we should improve the little remaining period of our probation! (RH Nov. 27, 1900)

Just before we entered it [time of Jacob's trouble], we all received the seal of the living God. Then I saw the four angels cease to hold the four winds. And I saw famine, pestilence and sword, nation rose against nation [Matt. 24:6,7], and the **whole world** was in confusion. (Day-Star, March 14, 1846 par. 2)

Everything in the world is in an unsettled state. The nations are angry, and great preparations for war are being made. Nation is plotting against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. The great day of God is hastening greatly. But although the nations are mustering their forces for war and bloodshed, the command to the angels is still in force, that they hold the four winds until the servants of God are sealed in their foreheads. (RH Jan. 28, 1909) {7BC 968.10-12}

Matthew 24:9,10

[Matt. 24:9,10 quoted.] **These words will be fulfilled.** Those who have been our companions in Christian association will not always maintain their fidelity. Envy and evil-surmising, if cherished, will separate very friends. When a man loses the shield of a good conscience, he loses the cooperation of heavenly angels. God is not working in him. He is controlled by another spirit. {RH April 19, 1898 par. 2}

Every individual in our world will be arrayed under one of two banners.

The two armies will stand distinct and separate, and this distinction will be so marked that many who shall be convinced of truth will come on the side of God's commandment-keeping people. When this grand work is to take place in the battle, prior to the last closing conflict, many will be imprisoned, many will flee for their lives from cities and towns, and many will be martyrs for Christ's sake in standing in defense of the truth. {Mar 199.1,2}

The 144,000 were all sealed and perfectly united. On their foreheads was written, God, New Jerusalem, and a glorious star containing Jesus' new name. At our happy, holy state the wicked were enraged, and would rush violently up to lay hands on us to thrust us into prison, when we would stretch forth the hand in the name of the Lord, and they would fall helpless to the ground. {EW 15.1}

Matthew 24:11

In these days of peril we are not to accept everything that men bring to us as truth. As professed teachers from God come to us declaring that they have a message from God, it is proper to inquire carefully, How do we know that this is truth? Jesus has told us that "false prophets shall arise and shall deceive many." [Matt. 24:11] But we need not be deceived; for the Word of God gives us a test whereby we may know what is truth. The prophet says, "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them."

From this statement it is evident that it becomes us to be diligent Bible students, that we may know what is according to the law and the testimony. We are safe in no other course of action. Jesus says, "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits." [Matt. 7:15] (RH Feb. 23, 1892) {7BC 951.7,8}

All genuine experience in religious doctrines will bear the impress of Jehovah. All should see the necessity of understanding the truth for themselves individually. We must understand the doctrines that have been studied out carefully and prayerfully. It has been revealed to me that there is among our people a great lack of knowledge in regard to the rise and progress of the third angel's message. There is great need to search the book of Daniel and the book of Revelation, and learn the texts thoroughly, that we may know what is written. [Hosea 4:6]

The light given me has been very forcible that many would go out from us, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. [1Tim. 4:1] The Lord desires that every soul who claims to believe the truth shall have an intelligent knowledge of what is truth. False prophets will arise and will deceive many. [Matt. 24:11] Everything is to be shaken that can be shaken. Then does it not become everyone to understand the reasons for our faith? In place of having so many sermons, there should be a more close searching of the Word of God, opening the Scriptures text by text, and searching for the strong evidences that sustain the fundamental doctrines that have brought us where we now are, upon the platform of eternal truth.

My soul is made very sad to see how quickly some who have had light and truth will accept the deceptions of Satan, and be charmed with a spurious holiness. When men turn away from the landmarks the Lord has established that we may understand our position as marked out in prophecy, they are going they know not whither. (Undated Manuscript 148) {Ev 363.2-364.1}

Matthew 24:12

Christ had foretold that deceivers would arise, through whose influence "iniquity" should "abound," and "the love of many" should "wax cold." Matthew 24:12. He had warned the disciples that the church **would be in more danger from this evil** than from the persecution of her enemies. . .

The warnings of the word of God regarding the perils surrounding the Christian church belong to us today. **As** in the days of the apostles men tried by tradition and philosophy to destroy faith in the Scriptures, **so today**, by the pleasing sentiments of higher criticism, evolution, spiritualism, theosophy, and pantheism, the enemy of righteousness is seeking to lead souls into forbidden paths. To many the Bible is as a lamp without oil, because they have turned their minds into channels of speculative belief that bring misunderstanding and confusion. The work of higher criticism, in dissecting, conjecturing, reconstructing, is destroy-ing faith in the Bible as a divine revelation. It is robbing God's word of power to control, uplift, and inspire human lives. By spiritualism, multitudes are taught to believe that desire is the highest law, that license is liberty, and that man is accountable only to himself. {AA 473.3-474.1}

[Matt. 24:12 quoted.] 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 and confirmed by opposition, threats, and abuse, they will cowardly take the side of the opposers. {5T 136.1}

Matthew 24:13

We are to watch vigilantly for the coming of the Lord. . . . Every moment is to be faithfully employed. "He that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved." [Matthew 24:13] (RH February 3, 1903 par. 2) {SD 351.5}

The work of salvation is not child's play, to be taken hold of at will and let alone at pleasure. It is the steady purpose, the untiring effort, that will gain the victory at last. It is he who endureth to the end that shall be saved. [Matthew 24:13] It is they who patiently continue in well-doing that shall have eternal life and the immortal reward. . . . All who are engaged in this warfare with Satan and his host have a close work before them. They must not be as impressible as wax, that the fire can melt into any form. They must endure hardness as faithful soldiers, stand at their post, and be true every time.

. . . **Now is the hour of probation. Now is the day of salvation. Now, now, is God's time.** {2T 101.1-102.1}

I now entreated that if I must go and relate what the Lord had shown me, I should be preserved from undue exaltation. Said the angel: "Your prayers are heard, and shall be answered. If this evil that you dread threatens you, the hand of God will be stretched out to save you; by affliction He will draw you to Himself, and preserve your humility. Deliver the message faithfully; endure unto the end [Matt. 24:13], and you shall eat the fruit of the tree of life and drink of the water of life." [Rev. 22:1-4]

After recovering consciousness of earthly things, I committed myself to the Lord, ready to do His bidding whatever that might be. {CET 68.1,2}

Matthew 24:14

There is a day that God hath appointed for the close of this world's history: "This gospel of the kingdom shall be

preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and *then* shall the end come." [Matt. 24:14] **Prophecy is fast fulfilling**. More, much more, should be said about these tremendously important subjects. The day is at hand when the destiny of souls will be fixed forever. . . . {LDE 16.4}

Hundreds, yea, thousands, who have heard the message of salvation are still idlers in the market place, when they might be engaged in some line of active service. To these Christ is saying, "Why stand ye here all the day idle?" and He adds, "Go ye also into the vineyard." Matthew 20:6, 7. Why is it that many more do not respond to the call? Is it because they think themselves excused in that they do not stand in the pulpit? Let them understand that there is a large work to be done outside the pulpit by thousands of consecrated lay members.

Long has God waited for the spirit of service to take possession of the whole church so that everyone shall be working for Him according to his ability. When the members of the church of God do their appointed work in the needy fields at home and abroad, in fulfillment of the gospel commission, the whole world will soon be warned and the Lord Jesus will return to this earth with power and great glory. "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Matthew 24:14. {AA 110.3-111.1}

Why has the history of the work of the disciples, as they labored with holy zeal, animated and vitalized by the Holy Spirit, been recorded, if it is not that from this record the Lord's people today are to gain an inspiration to work earnestly for Him? What the Lord did for His people in that time, it is just as essential, and more so, that He do for His people today. All that the apostles did, every church member today is to do. And we are to work with as much more fervor, to be accompanied by the Holy Spirit in as much greater measure, **as the increase of wickedness demands a more decided call to repentance.** {7T 33.1}

Matthew 24:10-14,24-27

The people of God should carefully study the words of Christ concerning these last days. Why is it that the people of God do not read and understand the specifications concerning the dangers that will surely come? Why is it that they rush on blindfolded, receiving messages that are not true? With prophetic eye Christ looked down the stream of time to the very end of earth's history, and marked out with prophetic pencil the very things that would take place in these last days. He lifted the danger-signal, and declared: [Matt. 24:24-27 quoted.]

[Matt. 24:10-14 quoted.] {YI, Nov. 18, 1897 par. 9,10}

Matthew 24:15

Destruction of Jerusalem = The end of the World

After speaking of the end of the world, Jesus comes back to Jerusalem, the city then sitting in pride and arrogance, and saying, "I sit a queen, and shall see no sorrow." (See Rev. 18:7) As His prophetic eye rests upon Jerusalem, He sees that **as** she was given up to destruction, [**so**] the

world will be given up to its doom. The scenes that transpired at the destruction of Jerusalem will be repeated at the great and terrible day of the Lord, but in a more fearful manner. . . .

As men throw off all restraint, and make void His law themselves, as they establish their own perverted law, and try to force the consciences of those who honor God and keep His commandments to trample the law under their feet, they will find that the tenderness which they have mocked will be exhausted. . . . {3SM 417.1,2}

The ruin of Jerusalem was a **symbol** of the final ruin that shall overwhelm the world. The prophecies that received **a partial fulfillment** in the overthrow of Jerusalem **have a more direct application to the last days.** We are now standing on the threshold of great and solemn events. A crisis is before us, such as the world has never witnessed. And sweetly to us [Rev. 10:10], as to the first disciples, comes the assurance that God's kingdom ruleth over all. The program of coming events is in the hands of our Maker. [Rev. 5:5; 10:2] The Majesty of heaven has the destiny of nations, as well as the concerns of His church, in His own charge. {MB 120.2-122}

Christ saw in Jerusalem a **symbol** of the world hardened in unbelief and rebellion, and hastening on to meet the retributive judgments of God. {GC 22.1}

But in that day, as in the time of Jerusalem's destruction, God's people will be delivered, everyone that shall be found written among the living. . . {GC 37.1}

With the overthrow of Jerusalem the disciples associated the events of Christ's personal coming in temporal glory to take the throne of **universal empire**, to punish the impenitent Jews, and to break from off the nation the **Roman** yoke. The Lord had told them that He would come the second time. Hence at the mention of judgments upon Jerusalem, their minds reverted to that coming; and as they were gathered about the Saviour upon the Mount of Olives, they asked: "When shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of Thy coming, and of the end of the world?"

The future was mercifully veiled from the disciples. Had they at that time fully comprehended the **two awful facts**—the Redeemer's sufferings and death, and the destruction of their **city and temple**—they would have been overwhelmed with horror. Christ presented before them an outline of the prominent events to take place before the close of time. His words were not then fully understood; but their meaning was to be unfolded as His people should need the instruction therein given. The prophecy which He uttered was twofold in its meaning; while foreshadowing the destruction of Jerusalem, it prefigured also the terrors of the last great day. {GC 25.2,3}

Could it be that we have come to understand the main premise for prophecy repeated? Could it be that Jesus is teaching us in Matthew 24 how the fulfilled prophecies of history are to be a template for the same prophecies fulfilled in the last days? If Matthew 24 is to have a more direct application in the last days, then should

not the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation also be specifically repeated? (See 5T 753.1 in Matt. 24:6-8 section, p. 28.)

His word will bring as serious consequences upon God's people today **as** did the same sin upon ancient Israel. There is a limit beyond which He will no longer delay His judgments. The desolation of Jerusalem stands as a solemn warning before the eyes of modern Israel, that the corrections given through His chosen instruments cannot be disregarded with impunity. {4T 167.1}

With rapid steps we are approaching this period. When Protestant churches shall unite with the secular power to sustain a false religion, for opposing which their ancestors endured the fiercest persecution, then will the papal sabbath be enforced by the combined authority of church and state. There will be a national apostasy, which will end only in national ruin. (Manuscript 51, 1899) {Ev 235.1}

The retribution to come upon Jerusalem could be delayed only a short time; and as Christ's eye rested upon the doomed city, he saw not merely its destruction, but the destruction of a world. He saw that **as** Jerusalem was given up to destruction, **so** the world will be given up to its doom. He saw the retribution that will be visited on the adversaries of God. The scenes that were transacted at the destruction of Jerusalem **will be repeated** at the great and terrible day of the Lord, but in a more fearful manner. {RH December 7, 1897 par. 9}

When He leaves the sanctuary, darkness covers the inhabitants of the earth. In that fearful time the righteous must live in the sight of a holy God without an intercessor. The restraint which has been upon the wicked is removed, and Satan has entire control of the finally impenitent. God's long-suffering has ended. The world has rejected His mercy, despised His love, and trampled upon His law. The wicked have passed the boundary of their probation; the Spirit of God, persistently resisted, has been at last withdrawn. Unsheltered by divine grace, they have no protection from the wicked one. Satan will then plunge the inhabitants of the earth into one great, final trouble. As the angels of God cease to hold in check the fierce winds of human passion, all the elements of strife will be let loose. **The whole world will be involved in ruin more terrible than that which came upon Jerusalem of old.** {GC 614.1}

What is the abomination of desolation?

All the signs in Matthew 24 are more or less general; they have been in the world since the beginning of sin, except for the abomination of desolation—**it is specific.** Does it have a specific application to these last days for the last generation? Is there a truth here that will decide the destiny of souls? (See GW 148.2 in Matthew 24 section, page 27.)

It is not time now for God's people to be fixing their affections or laying up their treasure in the world. The time is not far distant, when, like the early disciples, we shall be forced to seek a refuge in desolate and solitary places. **As** the siege of Jerusalem by the **Roman** armies was the **signal**

for flight to the Judean Christians, so the assumption of power on the part of our nation [U.S.A.] in the decree enforcing the papal sabbath will be a warning to us. It will then be time to leave the large cities, preparatory to leaving the smaller ones for retired homes in secluded places among the mountains . . . Every talent lent of God should be used to His glory in giving the warning to the world. {5T 464.3}

—The **sign** for the disciples' generation **was** the Roman Armies at the wall of Jerusalem.

—The **sign** for the last-day generation **is** when our nation, the United States, passes a decree enforcing the papal sabbath, Sunday sacredness! (Again, the Roman armies at the wall of God's Law.)

By the decree enforcing the institution of the papacy in violation of the law of God, our nation will disconnect herself fully from righteousness. When Protestantism shall stretch her hand across the gulf to grasp the hand of the Roman power, when she shall reach over the abyss to clasp hands with spiritualism, when, under the influence of this threefold union [Rev. 16:13,14], our country shall repudiate every principle of its Constitution as a Protestant and republican government, and shall make provision for the propagation of papal falsehoods and delusions, then we may know that the time has come for the marvelous working of Satan and that the end is near.

As the approach of the Roman armies was a sign [abomination of desolation] to the disciples of the impending destruction of Jerusalem, so may this apostasy be a sign [abomination of desolation] to us that the limit of God's forbearance is reached, that the measure of our nation's iniquity is full, and that the angel of mercy is about to take her flight, never to return. The people of God will then be plunged into those scenes of affliction and distress which prophets have described as the time of Jacob's trouble. The cries of the faithful, persecuted ones ascend to heaven. And as the blood of Abel cried from the ground, there are voices also crying to God from martyrs' graves, from the sepulchers of the sea, from mountain caverns, from convent vaults: "How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost Thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?" [Rev. 6:9-11 –The fifth seal] {5T 451.1,2}

Not only is the abomination clearly identified here in these two paragraphs as the **National Sunday Law**, but it is what causes the persecution of the fifth seal, **repeated!**

The question of Sabbath and Sunday observance is to be agitated everywhere, and the deceptions of Satan will flood the world. The man of sin has instituted a spurious sabbath, and the Protestant world has taken this child of the papacy and cradled and nurtured it. Satan means to make all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of the fornication of Babylon. Men are binding themselves together in bonds of union to show their disloyalty to the God of heaven. The first day of the week is to be exalted and presented to all for observance. Shall we be partakers of this cup of abomination? Shall we bow to the authorities of earth and despise God? The powers

of darkness have been gathering their forces to bring this crisis about in the world, so that the man of sin may exalt himself above God. [Dan. 11:36] {RH April 15, 1890 par. 12} [See also GC 536.3]

Jesus says that if we want to know more about "the abomination of desolation," we are to go to the book of Daniel. The "abomination of desolation" is mentioned in Daniel four times.

1&2. Daniel 11:31 and 12:11—"The abomination that maketh desolate," which is at the beginning of the time periods of the 1260, 1290, and 1335 days.

3. Daniel 8:13—"Transgression of desolation," which is at the beginning of the 2300 days.

4. Daniel 9:26,27—"For the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate," which is in point of prophetic time (a day = year), the **only** use in Daniel that can be applied to the disciples' generation and the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D. (See 4BC 855.6; 5BC 499.3-6)

It is clear, even by taking a quick glance at these four uses in Daniel, that the "abomination of desolation" is **much larger in meaning** than just its application to 70 A.D. And in fact, the "abomination of desolation" is the "great issue" throughout the entire book of Daniel, both historic and prophetic chapters, which shows that the golden image **will again** be "set up" in Babylon. Dare we conclude that Sun(day) worship is the "abomination of desolation" and that Daniel warns the last generation of Sun(day) laws which are to be "set up" in the last days of earth's history? "Whoso readeth, let him understand." Matt. 24:24.

Who will be involved?

In the near future we shall see and shall feel what the purpose of the Roman element is. Whoever shall believe and obey the word of God will thereby incur reproach and persecution. {4SP 397.2}

The vision that Christ presented to John, presenting the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, is to be definitely proclaimed to all nations, people, and tongues. The churches, represented by Babylon [Rev. 17:5], are represented as having fallen from their spiritual state to become a persecuting power [Rev. 17:6] against those who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. [Rev. 12:17] To John this persecuting power is represented as having horns like a lamb [U.S.–Rev. 13:11], but as speaking like a dragon. . . . [Satan–Rev. 12:9] {TM 117.4}

[Rev. 12:17 quoted.] In the near future we shall see these words fulfilled as the Protestant churches unite with the world and with the papal power against commandment keepers. The same spirit which actuated papists in ages past will lead Protestants to pursue a similar course toward those who will maintain their loyalty to God.

Church and state are now making preparations for the future conflict. Protestants are working in disguise to bring Sunday to the front, as did the Romanists. Throughout the land the papacy is piling up her lofty and massive structures, in the secret recesses of which her former persecutions are to be repeated. And the way is preparing for the manifestation, on a grand scale, of those lying wonders by which, if it were possible, Satan would deceive even the elect. [Matt. 24:24] {5T 449.2,3}

How Wide-Spread Will This Abomination Be?

... Foreign nations will follow the example of the United States. Though she leads out, yet **the same crisis will come upon our people in all parts of the world.** {6T 395.1}

... As America, the land of religious liberty, shall unite with the papacy in forcing the conscience and compelling men to honor the false sabbath, the people of every country on the globe will be led to follow her example. {6T 18.2}

What will be made desolate?

Men will continue to erect expensive buildings, costing millions of money: special attention will be called to their architectural beauty, and the firmness and solidity with which they are constructed, but the Lord has instructed me that despite the unusual firmness and expensive display, these buildings will share the fate of the temple in Jerusalem. That magnificent structure fell. Angels of God were sent to do the work of destruction, so that one stone was not left one upon another that was not thrown down. (MS 35, 1906) {5BC 1098.7} [See 21MR 80.3, page 28]

“The Earth Desolated”

is the title of this section in *Early Writings!*

My attention was again directed to the earth. The wicked had been destroyed, and their dead bodies were lying upon its surface. The wrath of God in the seven last plagues had been visited upon the inhabitants of the earth... After the saints had been delivered by the voice of God, the wicked multitude turned their rage upon one another. The earth seemed to be deluged with blood, and dead bodies were from one end of it to the other.

The earth looked like a desolate wilderness. Cities and villages, shaken down by the earthquake, lay in heaps. Mountains had been moved out of their places, leaving large caverns. Ragged rocks, thrown out by the sea, or torn out of the earth itself, were scattered all over its surface. Large trees had been uprooted and were strewn over the land. Here is to be the home of Satan with his evil angels for a thousand years. Here he will be confined, to wander up and down over the broken surface of the earth and see the effects of his rebellion against God's law. For a thousand years he can enjoy the fruit of the curse which he has caused. Limited alone to the earth, he will not have the privilege of ranging to other planets, to tempt and annoy those who have not fallen. During this time, Satan suffers extremely. Since his fall his evil traits have been in constant exercise. But he is then to be deprived of his power, and left to reflect upon the part which he has acted since his fall, and to look forward with trembling and terror to the dreadful future, when he must suffer for all the evil that he has done and be punished for all the sins that he has caused to be committed. {EW 289.3-290.1}

What does this statement say is the cause (or the abomination) that leads to the desolation of the earth? —Rebellion against God's law.
“The great issue that is coming will be on the seventh-day Sabbath.”
{4BC 1162.9}

How Will This Desolation Happen?

Before the Son of man appears in the clouds of heaven, everything in nature will be convulsed. Lightning from heaven uniting with the fire in the earth, will cause the mountains to burn like a furnace, and pour out their floods of lava over villages and cities. Molten masses of rock, thrown into the water by the upheaval of things hidden in the earth, will cause the water to boil and send forth rocks and earth. There will be mighty earthquakes and great destruction of human life. But as in the days of the great Deluge Noah was preserved in the ark that God had prepared for him, so in these days of destruction and calamity, God will be the refuge of His believing ones . . . [Ps. 91:9,10; 27:5 quoted.] (Letter 258, 1907)

The hand of Omnipotence is at no loss for ways and means to accomplish His purposes. He could reach into the bowels of the earth and call forth His weapons, waters there concealed, to aid in the destruction of the corrupt inhabitants of the old world. . . .

Water will never destroy the earth again, but the weapons of God are concealed in the bowels of the earth, which He will draw forth to unite with the fire from heaven to accomplish His purpose in the destruction of all those who would not receive the message of warning and purify their souls in obeying the truth and being obedient to the laws of God. [Dan. 12:10] (ST Jan. 3, 1878)

In the bowels of the earth God has in reserve the weapons that He will use to destroy the sinful race. Since the Flood, God has used, to destroy wicked cities, both the water and the fire that are concealed in the earth. In the final conflagration God will in His wrath send lightning from heaven that will unite with the fire in the earth. The mountains will burn like a furnace, and pour forth streams of lava [Nahum 1:5, 6; Ps. 144:5,6 quoted.] (MS 21, 1902) {7BC 946.7-10}

Those majestic trees which God had caused to grow upon the earth, for the benefit of the inhabitants of the old world, and which they had used to form into idols, and to corrupt themselves with, God has reserved in the earth, in the shape of coal and oil to use as agencies in their final destruction. As He called forth the waters in the earth at the time of the Flood, as weapons from His arsenal to accomplish the destruction of the antediluvian race, so at the end of the one thousand years He will call forth the fires in the earth as His weapons which He has reserved for the final destruction, not only of successive generations since the Flood, but the antediluvian race who perished by the Flood. (3SG 87) {1BC 1090.8}

Matthew 24:21

The same spirit which in the Dark Ages consigned men and women to prison, to exile, and to death, which conceived the exquisite torture of the Inquisition, which planned and executed the Massacre of St. Bartholomew, and which kindled the fires of Smithfield, is still at work with malignant energy in unregenerate hearts. The history of truth has ever been the record of a struggle between

right and wrong. The proclamation of the gospel has ever been carried forward in this world in the face of opposition, peril, loss, and suffering. {AA 84.3}

Matthew 24:22

When Jesus leaves the most holy, His restraining Spirit is withdrawn from rulers and people. They are left to the control of evil angels. Then such laws will be made by the counsel and direction of Satan, that unless time should be very short, no flesh could be saved. {1T 203.1}

Matthew 24:23

In the proclamation of the messages, every specification of prophecy has been fulfilled. Those who were privileged to act a part in proclaiming these messages have gained an experience which is of the highest value to them; and now when we are amid the perils of these last days, when voices will be heard on every side saying, “Here is Christ.” [Matt. 24:23] “Here is truth,” while the burden of many is to unsettle the foundation of our faith which has led us from the churches and from the world to stand as a peculiar people in the world, like John our testimony will be borne: [John 1:1,3 quoted.] {2SM 387.3}

Matthew 24:24

As the crowning act in the great drama of deception, Satan himself will personate Christ. {GC 624.2}

It is impossible to give any idea of the experience of the people of God who shall **be alive** upon the earth when celestial glory and **a repetition of the persecutions of the past are blended.** They will walk in the light proceeding from the throne of God. By means of the angels there will be constant communication between heaven and earth. And Satan, surrounded by evil angels, and claiming to be God, will work miracles of all kinds, to deceive, if possible, the very elect. [Matt. 24:24] God’s people will not find their safety in working miracles, for Satan will counterfeit the miracles that will be wrought. God’s tried and tested people will find their power in the sign spoken of in Exodus 31:12-18. They are to take their stand on the living word: “It is written.” This is the only foundation upon which they can stand securely. {Mar 205.4}

Satan has come down in these last days to work with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish. His satanic majesty works miracles in the sight of false prophets, in the sight of men, claiming that he is indeed Christ Himself. Satan gives his power to those who are aiding him in his deceptions; therefore those who claim to have the great power of God can only be discerned by the great detector, the law of Jehovah. The Lord tells us if it were possible they would deceive the very elect. [Matt. 24:24] {FW 45.1}

In these days of delusion, every one who is established in the truth will have to contend for the faith once delivered to the saints. Every variety of error will be brought out in the mysterious working of Satan, which would, if it were possible, deceive the very elect, and turn them from the truth. . . . [Matt. 24:24]

There will be false dreams and false visions, which have some truth, but lead away from the original faith. The Lord has given men a rule by which to detect them: “To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.” [Isa. 8:20] **If they belittle the law of God, if they pay no heed to His will as revealed in the testimonies of His Spirit, they are deceivers.** They are controlled by impulse and impressions which they believe to be from the Holy Spirit and consider more reliable than the Inspired Word. They claim that every thought and feeling is an impression of the Spirit; and when they are reasoned with out of the Scriptures, they declare that they have something more reliable. But while they think that they are led by the Spirit of God, they are in reality following an imagination wrought upon by Satan. (BE Sept., 1886) {7BC 952.1,2}

Matthew 24:25

The warnings Christ has given mean something to us. See Matthew 24:21-23.

Satan will work with all deceivableness of unrighteousness to personate Jesus Christ; if it were possible, he would deceive the very elect. [Matt. 24:24] Now if the counterfeit bears so close a resemblance to the genuine, is it not essential to be on your guard, that no man deceive you? Christ enforces His warnings, saying, “Behold, I have told you before.” (Matt. 24:25) Brethren, preach the Word, call not the people to rest their faith upon uncertain things or to place confidence in the human agent. {2SM 87.2,3}

Further Study—

Satan Impersonating Christ on Earth. {Mar 205.1-206.7}

Matthew 24:28

For wheresoever the carcass is,

there will the eagles be gathered together.

There are no EGW comments that I know of regarding this verse. What is Jesus saying in this context?

Is it a warning? Are we eagles gathered about the dead men of the world (false prophets) eating in great unchewed gulps their teachings which lead to eternal death? It is the dead and dying that you will find the eagles gathered about, fighting over their remains. Let us pray that we are eating of the leaves of the tree of life, the Bible, which bring eternal life.

Or, could it be that there is yet another lesson in this verse?

We are composed of what we eat, and if we subsist largely upon the flesh of dead animals we shall partake of their nature. . . . You have used the fat of animals, which God in **His word expressly forbids:** “It shall be a perpetual statute for your generations throughout all your dwellings, that ye eat neither fat nor blood.” [Lev. 3:17] “Moreover ye shall eat no manner of blood, whether it be of fowl or of beast, in any of your dwellings. Whatsoever soul it be that eateth any manner of blood, even that soul shall be cut off from his people.” [Lev. 7:26,27] {2T 60.4}

The eating of flesh meats has made a poor quality of blood and flesh. Your systems are in a state of inflammation, prepared to take on disease. You are liable to acute attacks of disease and to sudden death because

you do not possess the strength of constitution to rally and resist disease. {2T 61.1}

Those who profess to be fitting for translation [the 144,000] should not become butchers. {2T 60.3}

Matthew 24:29-35

Let men beware lest they neglect the lesson conveyed to them in the words of Christ. **As** He warned His disciples of Jerusalem's destruction, giving them **a sign** of the approaching ruin, that they might make their escape; **so** He has warned the world of the day of final destruction and has given them tokens of its approach, that all who will may flee from the wrath to come. Jesus declares: "There shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations." Luke 21:25; Matthew 24:29; Mark 13:24-26; Revelation 6:12-17. Those who behold these harbingers of His coming are to "know that it is near, even at the doors." Matthew 24:33. "Watch ye therefore," are His words of admonition. Mark 13:35. They that heed the warning shall not be left in darkness, that that day should overtake them unawares. But to them that will not watch, "the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night." 1Thess. 5:2-5. {GC 37.2}

December 16, 1848, the Lord gave me a view of the shaking of the powers of the heavens. I saw that when the Lord said "heaven," in giving the signs recorded by Matthew, Mark, and Luke, He meant heaven, and when He said "earth" He meant earth. The powers of heaven are the sun, moon, and stars. They rule in the heavens. The powers of earth are those that rule on the earth. The powers of heaven will be shaken at the voice of God. Then the sun, moon, and stars will be moved out of their places. They will not pass away, but be shaken by the voice of God.

Dark, heavy clouds came up and clashed against each other. The atmosphere parted and rolled back; then we could look up through the open space in Orion, whence came the voice of God. The Holy City will come down through that open space. I saw that the powers of earth are now being shaken and that events come in order. War, and rumors of war, sword, famine, and pestilence are first to shake the powers of earth, then the voice of God will shake the sun, moon, and stars, and this earth also. I saw that the shaking of the powers in Europe is not, as some teach, the shaking of the powers of heaven, but it is the shaking of the angry nations. {EW 41.1,2}

Don't we teach that these signs in the sun, moon, and stars were fulfilled in prophetic history? Yes. [See 5BC 502.2-4; 7BC 779.5-10.]—
But in this comment, they are placed in the future.

In the time of trouble we all fled from the cities and villages, but were pursued by the wicked, who entered the houses of the saints with a sword. They raised the sword to kill us, but it broke, and fell as powerless as a straw. Then we all cried day and night for deliverance, and the cry came up before God. The sun came up, and the moon stood still. The streams ceased to flow. Dark, heavy clouds came up and clashed against each other. But there was one clear place of settled glory, whence came the voice of

God like many waters, which shook the heavens and the earth. The sky opened and shut and was in commotion. The mountains shook like a reed in the wind, and cast out ragged rocks all around. The sea boiled like a pot and cast out stones upon the land. And as God spoke the day and the hour of Jesus' coming and delivered the everlasting cov-enant to His people, He spoke one sentence, and then paused, while the words were rolling through the earth. . .

. . . Soon appeared the great white cloud. It looked more lovely than ever before. On it sat the Son of man. At first we did not see Jesus on the cloud, but as it drew near the earth we could behold His lovely person. This cloud, when it first appeared, was the sign of the Son of man in heaven. [Matt. 24:30] {EW 34.1-35.1}

Matthew 24:33,34

From the destruction of Jerusalem, Christ passed on to a much greater event, —the last link in the chain of this earth's history, —the coming of the Son of God in majesty and glory. [Matt. 24:29-31 quoted.]

Christ gave special directions in regard to this event. "Now learn a parable of the fig-tree," he said; "when his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh: so likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors. Verily I say unto you, This generation [the generation that saw the signs] shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." [Matt. 24:32-35 quoted.] {RH December 27, 1898 par. 6,7}

Please note: The above brackets and phrase, "[the generation that saw the signs]," are in the comment and were NOT added by the compiler.

Jesus, looking down to the last generation, saw the world involved in a deception similar to that which caused the destruction of Jerusalem. The great sin of the Jews was their rejection of Christ; the great sin of the Christian world would be their rejection of the law of God, the foundation of His government in heaven and earth. {GC 22.2}

Are we to wait until the fulfillment of the prophecies of the end before we say anything concerning them? Of what value will our words be then? Shall we wait until God's judgments fall upon the transgressor before we tell him how to avoid them? Where is our faith in the word of God? Must we see things foretold come to pass before we will believe what He has said? In clear, distinct rays light has come to us, showing us that the great day of the Lord is near at hand, "even at the doors." [Matt. 24:33] Let us read and understand before it is too late. {9T 20.1}

The complete verse says, "So likewise ye, when ye shall **see** all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors." There is only one generation that will **see** all these signs, —it is the last generation! Why? Because only the last generation **sees** all the signs, including the abomination of desolation (Sunday laws), and the last great event, Jesus coming in the clouds!

We need now to take heed to ourselves. Warnings have been given. Can we not see the fulfillment of the

predictions made by Christ and recorded in the twenty-first chapter of Luke? How many are studying the words of Christ? How many are deceiving their own souls and cheating themselves out of the blessings that others might secure if they would believe and obey? Probation still lingers, and it is our privilege to lay hold of the hope set before us in the gospel. **Let us repent and be converted and forsake our sins, that they may be blotted out.** [Luke 21:33-36 quoted.]

Shall the warnings given by Christ be passed by unheeded? Shall we not make diligent work for repentance now, while Mercy's gracious voice is still heard?

[Matthew 24:42-51 quoted.] {9T 268.2-269.2}

Matthew 24:36

Though no man knoweth the day nor the hour of His coming [Matt. 24:36], **we are instructed and required to know when it is near.** We are further taught that to disregard His warning, and refuse or neglect to know when His advent is near, will be as fatal for us as it was for those who lived in the days of Noah not to know when the flood was coming. {GC 371.1}

Matthew 24:37-39

The scenes of persecution enacted during Christ's life **will be enacted** by false religionists till the close of time. Men think that they have a right to take into their charge the consciences of men, and work out their theories of apostasy and transgression. **History will be repeated.** Christ declared that prior to His second coming the world would be as it was in the days of Noah [Matt. 24:37-39], when men reached such a pass in following their own sinful imagination that God destroyed them by a flood. {12MR 413.2}

The world is following in the steps of the inhabitants of the Noachian world and of the Sodomites. [Gen. 6:5 quoted.] [Jude 7 quoted.]

Here is presented to us a state of things which has been, and history will be repeated. [Jude 14,15 quoted.] Then Jude speaks, [Jude 17-21 quoted.] {19MR 105.1,2}

Jesus, seated upon the Mount of Olives, gave instruction to His disciples concerning the signs which should precede His coming. He said: [Matt. 24:37-39 quoted.]

The same sins exist in our day which brought the wrath of God upon the world in the days of Noah. Men and women now carry their eating and drinking to gluttony and drunkenness. This prevailing sin, the indulgence of perverted appetite, inflamed the passions of men in the days of Noah and led to general corruption, until their violence and crimes reached to heaven, and God washed the earth of its moral pollution by a flood.

The same sins of gluttony and drunkenness benumbed the moral sensibilities of the inhabitants of Sodom so that crimes seemed to be the delight of the men and women of that wicked city. Christ thus warns the world: [Matt. 17:28-30 quoted.]

. . . This is the very condition of things which He declares will exist at His second coming.

Will men and women be warned? Will they cherish the light, or will they become slaves to appetite and base passions? Christ presents to us something higher to toil for than merely what we shall eat, and what we shall drink, and where-withal we shall be clothed. Eating, drinking, and dressing are carried to such excess that they become crimes, and are among the marked sins of the last days, and constitute a sign of Christ's soon coming. **Time, money, and strength, which are the Lord's**, but which He has entrusted to us, are wasted in needless superfluities of dress and luxuries for the perverted appetite, which lessen vitality and bring suffering and decay. **It is impossible to present our bodies a living sacrifice to God when they are filled with corruption and disease by our own sinful indulgence.** {3T 163.1-164.2}

Matthew 24:42-51

Read this whole twenty-fourth chapter of Matthew. The Lord, we know, is near, at the door, and we must move carefully, in the Lord's way. Christ has warned us of the judgments that will come upon cities because their inhabitants have greatly dishonored God. Now is our opportunity to warn the world that the end of all things is at hand.

[Matt. 24:42-44 quoted.]

The Lord is sending His judgments to arouse the inhabitants of the world from their condition of apathy.

[Matt. 24:45,46 quoted.] Where are the faithful and wise servants in our cities today?

[Matt. 24:47 quoted.] That servant who diligently searches the Word, speaking the words of truth in faithful warnings, calling attention to the dangers that beset the world, Christ calls a faithful and wise servant. Let those in each town and city who have read these warnings manifest a diligent concern for souls. Let them speak of the truths of the Word of God. [Matt. 24:46 quoted.] **May the Lord arouse us from our sleeping indifference!**

[Matt. 24:48-51 quoted.]

Will the inhabitants of the cities heed the warnings of God? We are thankful that Oakland suffered but lightly, but will the inhabitants of Oakland now repent of their sins? Will they continue to allow the saloons to deal out liquor to make men insane, when they know the sure result? It is the privilege of men of influence to cooperate with God and with the One who gave His life to redeem every son and daughter of Adam. But when men in authority permit the open saloons, which leads to such awful results, these men will have a serious account to settle with the great Judge of the earth.

I feel alarmed for the cities of our land, unless men will heed the words of warning from the great Ruler of the universe, unless people believe His word and arise to sweep away the curse of drink. Where are our temperance workers? How does our great Ruler regard the conditions that exist in our wicked cities?

"Woe unto them," He declares, "that rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink." [Isa. 5:11]

The men who rule need to be brought under control to the all-wise God, who will certainly punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity. The time is near at hand

when “the earth shall disclose her blood, and no more cover her slain.” [Isa. 26:21] This chapter [Matthew 24] should be printed in a tract and circulated everywhere. {21MR 80.3-81.5}

Chapter 25 opens with the words: “Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins.” Here is brought to view the church living in the last days, the same that is pointed out in the close of chapter 24. {GC 393.2}

Matthew 24 –Conclusion

The horrible cruelties enacted in the destruction of Jerusalem are a demonstration of Satan’s vindictive power over those who yield to his control.

We cannot know how much we owe to Christ for the peace and protection which we enjoy. It is the restraining power of God that prevents mankind from passing fully under the control of Satan. The disobedient and unthankful have great reason for gratitude for God’s mercy and long-suffering in holding in check the cruel, malignant power of the evil one. But when men pass the limits of divine forbearance, that restraint is removed. God does not stand toward the sinner as an executioner of the sentence against transgression; but He leaves the rejectors of His mercy to themselves, to reap that which they have sown. Every ray of light rejected, every warning despised or unheeded, every passion indulged, every transgression of the law of God, is a seed sown which yields its unfailing harvest. The Spirit of God, persistently resisted, is at last withdrawn from the sinner, and then there is left no power to control the evil passions of the soul, and no protection from the malice and enmity of Satan. **The destruction of Jerusalem is a fearful and solemn warning to all who are trifling with the offers of divine grace and resisting the pleadings of divine mercy. Never was there given a more decisive testimony to God’s hatred of sin and to the certain punishment that will fall upon the guilty.**

Let men beware lest they neglect the lesson conveyed to them in the words of Christ. **As** He warned His disciples of Jerusalem’s destruction, giving them a sign of the approaching ruin, that they might make their escape; **so** He has warned the world of the day of final destruction and has given them tokens of its approach, that all who will may flee from the wrath to come. Jesus declares: “There shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations.” Luke 21:25; Matthew 24:29; Mark 13:24-26; Revelation 6:12-17. Those who behold these harbingers of His coming are to “know that it is near, even at the doors.” Matthew 24:33. “Watch ye therefore,” are His words of admonition. Mark 13:35. They that heed the warning shall not be left in darkness, that that day should overtake them unawares. But to them that will not watch, “the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.” 1Thess. 5:2-5.

The world is no more ready to credit the message for this time than were the Jews to receive the Saviour’s warning concerning Jerusalem. Come when it may, the day of God will come unawares to the ungodly. When life

is going on in its unvarying round; when men are absorbed in pleasure, in business, in traffic, in money-making; when religious leaders are magnifying the world’s progress and enlightenment, and the people are lulled in a false security—then, as the midnight thief steals within the unguarded dwelling, so shall sudden destruction come upon the careless and ungodly, “and they shall not escape.” Verse 3. {GC 35.3-38.1}

Mark 13

He had those in view who were living near the close of time, when He said: “Take heed to yourselves.” [Mark 13:9] It is our work, each for himself, to cherish in the heart the precious graces of the Holy Spirit. {5T 102.2}

Luke 21

History will be repeated. The time will come, Christ tells us, when many deceivers will go forth declaring themselves to be the Christ. The Saviour says, “Go ye not after them” [Luke 17:23] We need not be deceived. {19MR 358.5}

The remnant church will then be brought into great trial and distress. Those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus will feel the ire of the dragon and his hosts. Satan numbers the world as his subjects; he has gained control even of many professing Christians. But here is a little company who are resisting his supremacy. If he could blot them from the earth, his triumph would be complete. **As** he influenced the heathen nations to destroy Israel, **so in the near future** he will stir up the wicked powers of earth to destroy the people of God. Men will be required to render obedience to human edicts in violation of the divine law.

Those who are true to God will be menaced, denounced, proscribed. They will be “betrayed both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolks, and friends,” even unto death. Luke 21:16. Their only hope is in the mercy of God; their only defense will be prayer. {PK 587.2-588.1}

The strength given to Christ in the hour of bodily suffering and mental anguish in the Garden of Gethsemane, has been and will be given to those who suffer for his dear name’s sake. The same grace given to Jesus, the same comfort, the more than mortal steadfastness, will be given to every believing child of God, who is brought into perplexity and suffering, and threatened with imprisonment and death, by Satan’s agents. **Never has a soul that trusts in Christ been left to perish.** The rack, the stake, the many inventions of cruelty, may kill the body, but they can not touch the life that is hid with Christ in God.

[Luke 21:10-18 quoted.] [John 16:33 quoted.] {ST June 3, 1897 par. 14,15}

Christ said of Himself, “Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword.”

Matthew 10:34. The Prince of Peace, He was yet the cause of division. He who came to proclaim glad tidings and to create hope and joy in the hearts of the children of men, opened a controversy that burns deep and arouses intense passion in the human heart. And He warns His followers, "In the world ye shall have tribulation." "They shall lay their hands on you, and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues, and into prisons, being brought be-fore kings and rulers for My name's sake." "Ye shall be betrayed both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolks, and friends; and some of you shall they cause to be put to death." John 16:33; Luke 21:12, 16.

This prophecy has been fulfilled in a marked manner. Every indignity, reproach, and cruelty that Satan could instigate human hearts to devise, has been visited upon the followers of Jesus. And it will be again fulfilled in a marked manner; for the carnal heart is still at enmity with the law of God, and will not be subject to its commands. {AA 84.2,3}

A world is represented in the destruction of Jerusalem, and the warning given then comes sounding down along the line to our time: "And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring." [Luke 21:25] Yes, the sea shall pass its borders, and destruction will be in its track. It will engulf the ships that sail upon its broad waters; and with the burden of their living freight, these will be hurled into eternity. {RH December 7, 1897 par. 10}

Daniel and Revelation are One

The books of Daniel and the Revelation are one. One is a prophecy, the other a revelation; one a book sealed, the other a book opened. {7BC 971.5}

Revelation is a sealed book, but it is also an opened book. It records marvelous events that are to take place in the last days of this earth's history. The teachings of this book are definite, not mystical and unintelligible. In it the same line of prophecy is taken up as in Daniel. Some prophecies God has repeated, thus showing that importance must be given to them. The Lord does not repeat things that are of no great consequence. {Manuscript 107, 1897, pp. 1,2}

We are standing on the threshold of great and solemn events. Many of the prophecies are about to be fulfilled in quick succession. Every element of power is about to be set to work. Past history will be repeated; old controversies will arouse to new life, and peril will beset God's people on every side. Intensity is taking hold of the human family. It is permeating everything upon the earth. . . .

Study Revelation in connection with Daniel, for history will be repeated. . . . We, with all our religious advantages, ought to know far more today than we do know.

Angels desire to look into the truths that are revealed to the people who with contrite hearts are searching the word of God and praying for greater lengths and breadths and depths and heights of the knowledge which He alone can give. {TM 116.2-4}

What kind of "past history will be repeated?" The kind of history that is found in Daniel and Revelation, —**prophetic history!**

Prophecy has been fulfilling, line upon line. **The more firmly we stand under the banner of the third angel's message, the more clearly shall we understand the prophecy of Daniel; for the Revelation is the supplement of Daniel.** The more fully we accept the light presented by the Holy Spirit through the consecrated servants of God, the deeper and surer, even as the eternal throne, will appear the truths of ancient prophecy; we shall be assured that men of God spake as they were moved upon by the Holy Ghost. Men must themselves be under the influence of the Holy Spirit in order to understand the Spirit's utterances through the prophets. These messages were given, not for those that uttered the prophecies, but for us who are living amid the scenes of their fulfillment. {2SM 114.2}

The study of the Revelation directs the mind to the prophecies of Daniel, and both present most important instruction, given of God to men, concerning events to take place at the close of this world's history.

. . . None need be in darkness in regard to what is coming upon the earth. {GC 341.3,4}

There are those now living who, in studying the prophecies of Daniel and John, received great light from God as they passed over the ground where special prophecies were in process of fulfillment in their order. They bore the message of time to the people. The truth shone out clearly as the sun at noonday. Historical events, showing the direct fulfillment of prophecy, were set before the people, and the prophecy was seen to be a figurative delineation of events leading down to the close of this earth's history. The scenes connected with the working of the man of sin are the last features plainly revealed in this earth's history. The people now have a special message to give to the world, the third angel's message. Those who, in their experience, have passed over the ground, and acted a part in the proclamation of the first, second, and third angels' messages, are not so liable to be led into false paths as are those who have not had an experimental knowledge of the people of God. (MS 31, 1896) {2SM 102.1}

Revelation

The book of Daniel is unsealed in the Revelation to John, and carries us forward to the last scenes of this earth's history. Will our brethren bear in mind that we are living amid the perils of the last days? Read Revelation in connection with Daniel. Teach these things. {TM 115.4}

The unfulfilled predictions of the book of Revelation are soon to be fulfilled. This prophecy is now to be studied with diligence by the people of God and should be clearly

understood. It does not conceal the truth; it clearly forewarns, telling us what will be in the future. (1NL 96,1903) {LDE 15.6}

The book of Revelation is also replete with warning and instruction for the last generation. The beloved John, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, portrays the fearful and thrilling scenes connected with the close of earth's history, and presents the duties and dangers of God's people. None need remain in ignorance, none need be unprepared for the coming of the day of God. {RH Sept. 25, 1883 par. 6}

Revelation One

The solemn messages that have been given in their order in the Revelation are to occupy the first place in the minds of God's people. Nothing else is to be allowed to engross our attention. {8T 302.1}

As we near the close of this world's history, the prophecies relating to the last days especially demand our study. The last book of the New Testament scriptures is full of truth that we need to understand. Satan has blinded the minds of many, so that they have been glad of any excuse for not making the Revelation their study. But Christ through His servant John has here declared what shall be in the last days, and He says, "**Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein.**" Rev. 1:3. {COL 133.2}

Revelation Two & Three

[Rev. 2:1-5 quoted. —Ephesus] The words fall from the lips of One who cannot lie. The picture reveals eternal vigilance. Christ is in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks, walking from church to church, from congregation to congregation, from heart to heart. {7BC 956.2}

Christ walks in the midst of His churches through the length and breadth of the earth. He looks with intense interest to see whether His people are in such a condition spiritually that they can advance His kingdom. He is present in every assembly of the church. He knows those whose hearts He can fill with the holy oil, that they may impart it to others. Those who faithfully carry forward the work of Christ, representing in word and deed the character of God, fulfill the Lord's purpose for them, and Christ takes pleasure in them. [Rev. 1:13] (RH May 26, 1903) {7BC 956.3}

Is it [our sin] the sin of the **Nicolaitans**, turning the grace of God into lasciviousness? [Rev. 2:6 —Ephesus & Rev. 2:15 —Pergamos] (RH June 7, 1887)

The doctrine **is now largely taught** that the gospel of Christ has made the law of God of no effect; that by "believing" we are released from the necessity of being doers of the Word. But this is the doctrine of the **Nicolaitans**, which Christ so unsparingly condemned. (ST Jan. 2, 1912) {7BC 957.5,6} [The text, [our sin], is in the quote.]

Christ speaks of the church over which Satan presides as the **synagogue of Satan.** Its members are the

children of disobedience. They are those who choose to sin, who labor to make void the holy law of God. It is Satan's work to mingle evil with good, and to remove the distinction between good and evil. Christ would have a church that labors to separate the evil from the good, whose members will not willingly tolerate wrong-doing, but will expel it from the heart and life. [Rev. 2:9 — Smyrna] (RH Dec. 4, 1900) {7BC 958.1}

Listen not a moment to the interpretations that would loosen one pin, remove one pillar, from the platform of truth. Human interpretations, the reception of fables, will spoil your faith, confuse your understanding, and make of none effect your faith in Jesus Christ. Study diligently the third chapter of Revelation. In it is pointed out the danger of losing your hold upon the things that you have heard and learned from the Source of all light. [Rev. 3:3 —Sardis] (Letter 230, July 5, 1906, p. 4) {1MR 54.4}

When the Saviour pointed out to His followers the signs of His return, He foretold the state of backsliding that would exist just prior to His second advent.

The condition of the church at this time is pointed out in the Saviour's words in the Revelation: "Thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead." And to those who refuse to arouse from their careless security, the solemn warning is addressed: "If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee." Rev. 3:1,3. [—Sardis]

It was needful that men should be awakened to their danger; that they should be roused to prepare for the solemn events connected with the close of probation. {GC 309.2-310.1}

John's testimony is, "And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament." [Rev. 11:19] Beneath the mercy-seat, within the ark, were the two tables of stone, containing the law of Jehovah. God's faithful ones saw the light that shone forth to them from the law, to be given to the world. And now Satan's intense activity **is to close that door of light;** but Jesus says that **no man can shut it.** Men will turn from the light, denounce it, and despise it, but it still shines forth in clear, distinct rays to cheer and bless all who will see it. [Rev. 3:7,8 —Philadelphia] (RH August 25, 1885 par. 10)

I saw the time of trouble, such as never was. Jesus told me it was the time of Jacob's trouble, and that we should be delivered out of it by the voice of God. Then I saw the four angels cease to hold the four winds. And I saw famine, pestilence and sword —nation rose against nation, and the whole world was in confusion. Then we cried to God day and night for deliverance, until we began to hear the bells on Jesus' garment. And I saw Jesus rise up in the Holiest, and as he came out we heard the tinkling of the bells and knew that our High Priest was coming out. Then we heard the voice of God which shook the heavens and the earth, and gave **the 144,000** the day and hour of Jesus coming.

Then the saints were free, united, and full of the glory of God, for he has turned their captivity. And I saw a flaming cloud come where Jesus stood. Then Jesus laid off his priestly garment and put on his Kingly robe, and took his place on the cloud which carried him to the East, where it first appeared to the saints on earth—a small black cloud which was the sign of the Son of Man. While the cloud was passing from the Holiest to the East, which took a number of days, the **synagogue of Satan** worshipped at the saint's feet. {Broadside1, April 6, 1846 par. 8}

The 144,000 were all sealed and perfectly united. On their foreheads was written, God, New Jerusalem, and a glorious star containing Jesus' new name. At our happy, holy state the wicked were enraged, and would rush violently up to lay hands on us to thrust us into prison, when we would stretch forth the hand in the name of the Lord, and they would fall helpless to the ground. Then it was that the **synagogue of Satan** knew that God had loved us who could wash one another's feet and salute the brethren with a holy kiss, and they worshiped at our feet. {EW 15.1}

Are the Philadelphians the 144,000? "Behold, I will make them of the **synagogue of Satan**, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee." Rev. 3:9

In the message to the church at Sardis two parties are presented—those who have a name to live, but are dead; and those who are striving to overcome. Study this message, found in the third chapter of Revelation. [Rev. 3:1, 2 quoted.] Who are meant by those that are ready to die? and what has made them thus? The explanation is given, "I have not found thy works perfect before God." [Verses 3-5 quoted.—Sardis]

To the church of the present day this message is sent. I call upon our church members to read the whole of the third chapter of Revelation, and to make an application of it. The message to the church of the Laodiceans applies especially to the people of God today. It is a message to professing Christians who have become so much like the world that no difference can be seen. [Verses 14-18 quoted.—Laodicea] (RH Aug. 20, 1903) {7BC 959.4,5}

Revelation Four & Five

[Revelation 5:1-3 quoted.]

There in His open hand lay the book, the roll of the history of God's providences, the prophetic history of nations and the church. Herein was contained the divine utterances, His authority, His commandments, His laws, the whole symbolic counsel of the Eternal, and the history of all ruling powers in the nations. In symbolic language was contained in that roll the influence of every nation, tongue, and people from the beginning of earth's history to its close.

This roll was written within and without. John says: [Revelation 5:4, 5, 8-14; **6:8-11**; 8:1-4 quoted.]

The same spirit is seen today that is represented in Revelation 6:6-8. **History is to be repeated. That which has been will be again.** (Letter 65, August 23, 1898) {9MR 7.1-4} [3rd, 4th, & 5th seals]

Will the sealed book of history in the Father's hand be unsealed, having a more direct reapplication in the last days?

Thus the Jewish leaders made their choice. Their decision was registered in the book which John saw in the hand of Him that sat upon the throne, the book which no man could open. In all its vindictiveness this decision will appear before them in the day when this book is **unsealed** by the Lion of the tribe of Judah. {COL 294.1}

The fifth chapter of Revelation needs to be closely studied. It is of great importance to those who shall act a part in the work of God for these last days. {9T 267.1}

Our Leader has all power in heaven and in earth. [Rev. 5:6] He will use men as agents for the accomplishment of his purposes whom some of the brethren would reject as unfit to engage in the work. Heavenly intelligences are combined with human instrumentalities in carrying forward the Lord's work. Angels have their places assigned them in connection with the human agents on earth. They will work through every person who will submit himself to labor in Heaven's ways; therefore, not one human being should be cast aside or left with no part to act. {RH July 9, 1895 par. 10}

In these perilous times, those who profess to be God's commandment-keeping people should guard against the tendency to lose the spirit of reverence and godly fear. The Scriptures teach men how to approach their Maker—with humility and awe, through faith in a divine Mediator. Let man come on bended knee, as a subject of grace, a suppliant at the footstool of mercy. Thus he is to testify that the whole soul, body, and spirit are in subjection to his Creator. {AG 91.3}

Revelation Six

Four mighty angels are still holding the four winds of the earth. Terrible destruction is forbidden to come in full. The accidents by land and by sea; the loss of life, steadily increasing, by storm, by tempest, by railroad disaster, by conflagration; the terrible floods, the earthquakes, and the winds will be the stirring up of the nations to one deadly combat [Rev. 16:12-16], while the angels hold the four winds, forbidding the terrible power of Satan to be exercised in its fury until the servants of God are sealed in their foreheads.

Angels are holding the four winds, which are represented as an angry horse [Rev. 6:1-8, especially verses 3 & 4] seeking to break loose and rush over the face of the whole earth, bearing destruction and death in its path.

A terrible conflict is before us. We are nearing the **battle** of the great day of God Almighty. That which has been held in control is to be let loose. {ML 308.2-4}

Four angels; four winds held; four winds loosed; four horses loosed—white, red, black, pale (the first four seals).

The same spirit is seen today that is represented in Revelation 6:6-8 [Third & fourth seal.] History is to be repeated. That which has been will be again. (Letter 65, August 23, 1898) {9MR 7.4} {Also 4MR 152.1}

When the fifth seal was opened [Rev. 6:9-11], John the Revelator in vision saw beneath the altar the company that were slain for the Word of God and the testimony of

Jesus Christ. After this came the scenes described in the eighteenth of Revelation, when those who are faithful and true are called out from Babylon. [Rev. 18: 1-5 quoted.] (MS 39, 1906) {7BC 968.5}

The latter rain and loud cry of Revelation 18 are obviously future. Could it be that the use of the fifth seal in this paragraph is to show us that great persecution will surround the events of the loud cry of Revelation 18?

Every individual in our world will be arrayed under one of two banners.

The two armies will stand distinct and separate, and this distinction will be so marked that many who shall be convinced of truth will come on the side of God's commandment-keeping people. When this grand work is to take place in the battle, prior to the last closing conflict, many will be imprisoned, many will flee for their lives from cities and towns, and many will be martyrs for Christ's sake in standing in defense of the truth. {Mar 199.1,2}

We are not to have the courage and fortitude of martyrs of old until brought into the position they were in. . . . Should there be a return of persecution there would be grace given to arouse every energy of the soul to show a true heroism. (OHC 125, 1889) {LDE 150.4}

The strength given to Christ in the hour of bodily suffering and mental anguish in the Garden of Gethsemane, has been and will be given to those who suffer for his dear name's sake. The same grace given to Jesus, the same comfort, the more than mortal steadfastness, will be given to every believing child of God, who is brought into perplexity and suffering, and threatened with imprisonment and death, by Satan's agents. Never has a soul that trusts in Christ been left to perish. The rack, the stake, the many inventions of cruelty, may kill the body, but they can not touch the life that is hid with Christ in God. {ST June 3, 1897 par. 14}

The fifth chapter of Revelation needs to be closely studied. It is of great importance to those who shall act a part in the work of God for these last days. There are some who are deceived. They do not realize what is coming on the earth. Those who have permitted their minds to become beclouded in regard to what constitutes sin are fearfully deceived. Unless they make a decided change they will be found wanting when God pronounces judgment upon the children of men. They have transgressed the law and broken the everlasting covenant, and they will receive according to their works.

[Rev. 6:12-17 quoted, —sixth seal.] {9T 267.1,2}

December 16, 1848, the Lord gave me a view of the shaking of the powers of the heavens. I saw that when the Lord said "heaven," in giving the signs recorded by Matthew, Mark, and Luke, He meant heaven, and when He said "earth" He meant earth. The powers of heaven are the sun, moon, and stars. They rule in the heavens. The powers of earth are those that rule on the earth. The powers of heaven will be shaken at the voice of God. Then the

sun, moon, and stars will be moved out of their places. They will not pass away, but be shaken by the voice of God. [Matt. 24:29; Mark 13:24,25; Luke 21:25; also in the sixth seal, Rev. 6:12-17]

Dark, heavy clouds came up and clashed against each other. The atmosphere parted and rolled back; then we could look up through the open space in Orion, whence came the voice of God. The Holy City will come down through that open space. I saw that the powers of earth are now being shaken and that **events come in order.** War, and rumors of war, sword, famine, and pestilence are first to shake the powers of earth, then the voice of God will shake the sun, moon, and stars, and this earth also. I saw that the shaking of the powers in Europe is not, as some teach, the shaking of the powers of heaven, but it is the shaking of the angry nations. {EW 41.1,2} [See also EW 34.1]

Don't we teach that these signs in the sun, moon, and stars were fulfilled in prophetic history? Yes. [See 5BC 502.2-4; 7BC 779.5-10.]— But in this comment, they are placed in the future.

The hidden ones have been scattered because of man's enmity against the law of Jehovah. They have been oppressed by all the powers of the earth. They have been scattered in the dens and caves of the earth through violence of their adversaries, because they are true and obedient to the laws of Jehovah. [Dan. 12:7—the last scattering.] But deliverance comes to the people of God. [Dan. 12:12] To their enemies God will show himself as a God of just retribution.

[Rev. 6:9-17 quoted, —fifth & sixth seals.] From the dens and caves of the earth, that have been the secret hiding places of God's people, they are called forth as his witnesses, true and faithful.

The people who have braved out their rebellion will fill the description given in Rev. 6:15-17 [sixth seal]. In these very caves and dens they find the very statement of truth in the letters and in the publications as witnesses against them. The shepherd who leads the sheep in false paths will hear the charge made against them, "It was you who made light of the truth. It was you who told us that God's law was abrogated, that it was a yoke of bondage. It was you who voiced the false doctrines when I was convicted that these Seventh-day Adventists had the truth. The blood of our souls is upon your priestly garments. The persecution brought upon those who kept God's commandments did not destroy them or their influence. I could not read my Bible with its condemnatory words, and I laid it aside. Now will you pay the ransom for my soul. You said you would stand between my soul and God, but you are now full of anguish yourself. What shall we do who listened to your garbling of the Scriptures and your turning into a lie the truth that if obeyed would have saved us?" {KC 125.2-4}

Revelation Seven

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

And what a representation is given in Revelation 7 for our consideration and comfort and encouragement! The four angels are commissioned to do a work upon the earth. But One who purchased the world by giving Himself for its ransom has a chosen few. Who? Those who are keeping all of the commandments of God and have the faith of Jesus. {15MR 221.2}

While their hands were loosening, and the four winds were about to blow, the merciful eye of Jesus gazed on the remnant that were not sealed, and He raised His hands to the Father and pleaded with Him that He had spilled His blood for them. Then another angel was commissioned to fly swiftly to the four angels and bid them hold until the servants of God were sealed with the seal of the living God in their foreheads. {ML 308.5}

If such scenes as this are to come, such tremendous judgments on a guilty world, where will be the refuge for God's people? How will they be sheltered until the indignation be overpast? [Isa. 26:20] John sees the elements of nature —earthquake, tempest, and political strife— represented as being held by four angels. These winds are under control until God gives the word to let them go. There is the safety of God's church. The angels of God do His bidding, holding back the winds of the earth, that the winds should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree, until the servants of God should be sealed in their foreheads. The mighty angel is seen ascending from the east (or sunrising). This mightiest of angels has in his hand the seal of the living God, or of Him who alone can give life, who can inscribe upon the foreheads the mark or inscription, to whom shall be granted immortality, eternal life. It is the voice of this highest angel that had authority to command the four angels to keep in check the four winds until this work was performed, and until he should give the summons to let them loose. {TM 444.3}

The seal of God's law is found in the fourth commandment. This only, of all the ten, brings to view both the name and the title of the Lawgiver. It declares Him to be the Creator of the heavens and the earth, and thus shows His claim to reverence and worship above all others. Aside from this precept, there is nothing in the Decalogue to show by whose authority the law is given. When the Sabbath was changed by the papal power, the seal was taken from the law. The disciples of Jesus are called upon to restore it by exalting the Sabbath of the fourth commandment to its rightful position as the Creator's memorial and the sign of His authority. {GC 452.1}

Just as soon as the people of God are sealed in their foreheads —it is not any seal or mark that can be seen, but a settling into the truth, both intellectually and spiritually, so they cannot be moved— just as soon as God's people are sealed and prepared for the shaking, it will come. Indeed, it has begun already; the judgments of God are now upon the land, to give us warning, that we may know what is coming. (MS 173, 1902) {4BC 1161.6}

The Israelites placed over their doors a signature of blood, to show that they were God's property. So the children of God in this age will bear the signature God has appointed. They will place themselves in harmony with God's holy law. A mark is placed upon every one of God's people just as verily as a mark was placed over the doors of the Hebrew dwellings, to preserve the people from the general ruin. God declares, "I gave them my Sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the Lord that sanctify them." [Eze. 20:12] (RH Feb. 6, 1900) {7BC 968.14}

Revelation Eight & Nine

[Rev. 8:3, 4 quoted.] Let the families, the individual Christians, and the churches bear in mind that they are closely allied to heaven. The Lord has a special interest in His church militant here below. The angels who offer the smoke of the fragrant incense are for the praying saints. Then let the evening prayers in every family rise steadily to heaven in the cool sunset hour, speaking before God in our behalf of the merits of the blood of a crucified and risen Saviour.

That blood alone is efficacious. It alone can make propitiation for our sins. It is the blood of the only-begotten Son of God that is of value for us that we may draw nigh unto God, His blood alone that taketh "away the sin of the world." Morning and evening the heavenly universe behold every household that prays, and the angel with the incense, representing the blood of the atonement, finds access to God. (MS 15, 1897) {7BC 971.1,2}

Every form of evil is to spring into intense activity. Evil angels unite their powers with evil men, and as they have been in constant conflict and attained an experience in the best modes of deception and battle, and have been strengthening for centuries, they will not yield the last great final contest without a desperate struggle. All the world will be on one side or the other of the question. The battle of Armageddon will be fought, and that day must find none of us sleeping. Wide awake we must be, as wise virgins having oil in our vessels with our lamps. . . .

The power of the Holy Ghost must be upon us, and the Captain of the Lord's host will stand at the head of the angels of heaven to direct the battle. Solemn events before us are yet to transpire. Trumpet after trumpet is to be sounded, vial after vial poured out one after another upon the inhabitants of the earth. Scenes of stupendous interest are right upon us. (Letter 112, 1890) {7BC 982.6,7}

Why are the trumpets in this statement placed in the future with the plagues? Don't we teach that the first six trumpets have been fulfilled? Yes!

Josiah Litch preached the fulfillment of the trumpets in 1838-44. He predicted that the fifth and sixth trumpets, the Ottoman Empire (Turkey), would come to its end, August 11, 1840. "The event exactly fulfilled the prediction . . . and a wonderful impetus was given to the advent movement . . . and from 1840 to 1844 the work rapidly extended." {GC 335.1}

The time of God's destructive judgments is the time of mercy for those who have no opportunity to learn what is truth. Tenderly will the Lord look upon them. His heart of mercy is touched; His hand is still stretched out to save, while the door is closed to those who would not enter. Large numbers will be admitted who in these last days hear the truth for the first time. (RH July 5, 1906) {7BC 979.3}

Are the seals and trumpets "God's destructive judgments" before the close of probation, before the plagues, while there is still "mercy for those who have no opportunity to learn what is truth?"

But there are **mercies mixed with judgment.** Revelation 7 and 8:3,4. The Lord has a people whom He will preserve. John beheld the "four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree" (Rev. 7:1,3) till the seal of the living God shall be placed upon those who love God and keep His commandments. The elements of nature are to be placed in the power of angels of God. He holdeth the winds in His fists; He gathereth the waters in the hollow of His hand; He maketh the clouds His chariot; "The Lord sitteth upon the flood; yea, the Lord sitteth King forever." (Prov. 30:4; Isa. 40:12; Ps. 104:3; Ps. 29:10) {15MR 220.2}

What are the mercies? —Rev. 7 "hurt not . . ."

What are the judgments? —Rev. 6—Seven Seals & Rev. 8—Seven Trumpets.

Concerning Rev. 8:3,4, could it be that the fire from the Heavenly Sanctuary censer thrown on the earth is not the close of this world's probation (Rev. 15:8), but the cleansing of God's people (Isa. 6:6-13; Eze. 10:2,6-9,19*) which takes place during the sealing time? The verses before and after (Rev. 8:2&6) the golden censer scene are both focused on the seven trumpets. Was not the altar of incense used in the daily services and the censer used in the yearly? How would throwing the censer onto the earth relate in the setting of the Antitypical Day of Atonement and the Latter Rain?

* "Let the minister from the desk [pulpit], with lips touched with a coal from off the altar of heaven; speak the words of life that will burn their way into the heart and soul of those who, although wise in the wisdom of the world, do not comprehend the wisdom that is from above." {CSW 78.1}

I saw that the four angels would hold the four winds until Jesus' work was done in the sanctuary, and then will come the seven last plagues. These plagues enraged the wicked against the righteous; they thought that we had brought the judgments of God upon them, and that if they could rid the earth of us, the plagues would then be stayed. {EW 36.2}

The substitution of the false for the true is the last act in the drama. When this substitution becomes universal, God will reveal Himself. When the laws of men are exalted above the laws of God, when the powers of this earth try to force men to keep the first day of the week, know that the time has come for God to work. He will arise in His majesty, and will shake terribly the earth. He will come out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the world for their iniquity. (RH April 23, 1901) {7BC 980.10}

Revelation Ten

The conditions prevailing in society, and especially in the great cities of the nations, **proclaim in thunder tones that the hour of God's judgment is come and that the end of all things earthly is at hand.** We are standing on the three-fold of the crisis of the ages. In quick succession the judgments of God will follow one another—fire, and flood, and earthquake, with war and bloodshed. . . . {Mar 67.3}

The following six paragraphs give at least twenty-one clues telling what the seven thunders are and how they will play a major role in the last day events.

¶ 1 The mighty angel who instructed John was no less a personage than **Jesus Christ.** Setting His right foot on the sea, and His left upon the dry land, shows the part which He is acting in the closing scenes of the great controversy with Satan. This position denotes His supreme power and authority over the whole earth. The controversy has waxed stronger and more determined from age to age, and will continue to do so, to the concluding scenes when the masterly working of the powers of darkness shall reach their height. Satan, united with evil men, will deceive the whole world and the churches who receive not the love of the truth. But the mighty angel demands attention. He cries with a loud voice. He is to show the power and authority of His voice to those who have united with Satan to oppose the truth.

¶ 2 After these seven thunders uttered their voices, the injunction comes to John as to Daniel in regard to the little book: "Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered." These relate to **future events** which will be disclosed in **their order.** Daniel shall stand in his lot at the end of the days. John sees the **little book unsealed.** Then Daniel's prophecies have their proper place in the first, second, and third angels' messages to be given to the world. The unsealing of the little book was the message in relation to time.

¶ 3 The books of Daniel and the Revelation are one. One is a prophecy, the other a revelation; one a book sealed, the other a book opened. John heard the mysteries which the thunders uttered, but he was commanded not to write them.

¶ 4 The **special light** given to John which was expressed in the seven thunders was a delineation of events which would transpire under the first and second angels' messages. It was not best for the people to know these things, for their faith must necessarily be tested. In the order of God most wonderful and advanced truths would be proclaimed. The first and second angels' messages **were** to be proclaimed, but **no further light was** to be revealed before these messages **had done their specific work.** This is represented by the angel standing with one foot on the sea, proclaiming with a most solemn oath that **time should be no longer.**

¶ 5 **This time**, which the angel declares with a solemn oath, is not the end of this world's history, neither of probationary time, **but of prophetic time**, which should precede the advent of our Lord. That is, the people will

not have another message upon definite time. After this period of time, reaching from 1842 to 1844, there can be no definite tracing of the prophetic time. The longest reckoning reaches to the autumn of 1844.

¶ 6 The angel's position, with one foot on the sea, the other on the land, signifies the wide extent of the proclamation of the message. It will cross the broad waters and be proclaimed in other countries, even to all the world. The comprehension of truth, the glad reception of the message, is represented in the eating of the little book. The truth in regard to the time of the advent of our Lord was a precious message to our souls. (MS 59, 1900) {7BC 971.3-8}

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No doubt, everyone who has read Revelation 10 has wondered what these seven thunders could be. It is not the purpose of this book to show what the seven thunders are and how they will affect our lives, (that is the purpose of the book, *An Introduction to The Seven Thunders*), but we will list what we see as the clues that are given in these six paragraphs for your study.

Clues in Paragraph one:

- [1] **Who** is the Mighty Angel? **Jesus!**
- [2] **When** are the seven thunders to take place? In the closing scenes of the great controversy with Satan. The concluding scenes when the masterly working of the powers of darkness shall reach their height. (During the judgment of the living.)
- [3] **How** will the seven thunders happen? By Jesus' supreme power and authority. (Mentioned two times.)
- [4] **Where** will they have their fulfillment? The whole earth.
- [5] **Who** are the messages of the seven thunders to? The whole world and the churches that have united with Satan to oppose the truth.
- [6] **Why** are they to have a place in earth's closing events? Because the world and the apostate churches have not received a love of the truth, and oppose the truth.
—But the Mighty Angel demands attention. He cries with a loud voice as a lion, in the time of judgment. (See Rev. 14:7)

Clues in Paragraph two:

- [7] **What** comparison is made between John and Daniel?
—John, "Seal up those things which the thunders uttered, and write them not." Rev. 10:4
—"Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end." Dan. 12:9
- [8] **What** are the seven thunders? They are seven specific events of the near future.
- [9] **How** will they occur? They will be disclosed in their order. [A specific order; 1-7.]
- [10] **Where** are the seven thunders to be found? In the little unsealed book of Daniel.
- [11] **What** happens when the little book of Daniel is unsealed in the Revelation by the Mighty Angel, Jesus Christ, in the closing scenes of the great controversy with Satan? Daniel shall stand in his lot at the end of the days. Daniel's prophecies will then have their **proper place** in the first, second, and third angels' messages to be given to the world. (Did not the prophecies of Daniel have their complete fulfillment in the past centuries ending, for the most part, in 1844?—Apparently not!)
- [12] **What** messages are given in connection with the fulfillment

of the seven thundering events of Daniel? The first, second, and third angels' messages (with the loud cry and latter rain power of the angel of Revelation 18). (The hour of God's Judgment is come—Judgment of the living.)

[13] **How** will we be able to distinguish seven events from the many events recorded in the book of Daniel? "The unsealing of the little book **was** the **message** in relation to **time**." The two paragraphs, which we have studied thus far, have pointed us to the future fulfillment of the seven thundering events of Daniel. So then, why are we sent to the past, the "**was**," in this last sentence of the second paragraph?

[14] **What** "was" the unsealing of the book of Daniel in a message relating to time? The understanding and preaching of the prophetic time lines of Daniel leading up to 1844 was believed to be the 'unsealing' of the little book, —Daniel. Could it be that we are to use the **fulfilled time prophecies** of Daniel as a template for the same events to be repeated, but in a more direct fulfillment, and that the real 'sealing' and 'unsealing' of Daniel is in knowing how his prophecies (the entire book) are to have an **antitype** fulfillment (based on prophetic history) in the last days of earth's history?

Clues in Paragraph three:

- [15] **How** are we to study the books of Daniel and Revelation concerning the seven thunders? The books of Daniel and the Revelation **are one**. One is a prophecy, the other a revelation; one a book sealed, the other a book opened.
- [16] **Why** was John told not to write the seven thunders? Because they were already written in the little book of Daniel. But the real meaning and fulfillment of the little book was sealed until the last generation came onto the scene. (Matt. 24:34,35)

Clues in Paragraph four:

- [17] **How** are we to regard the study of the seven thunders? They are "special light," revealing the plan of salvation in prophecy, past and future, for the last generation.
 - [18] **What generation** was first offered a view of the seven thunders? The generation of 1844!
- Thought Questions:**
- Why isn't there a third angel's message associated with 1844?
 - Why was it "not best" for the generation of 1844 to "know" the seven thunders?
 - Why was no more light to be given about the seven thunders to the generation of 1844?
 - Why was it necessary for them to "be tested?"
 - What is the "specific work" of the first and second angels' messages? Is that work completed yet? When will we know that these angels' work is done?
 - Why is the Mighty Angel only seen standing on the sea for the generation of 1844? What about the other foot on the land?

Clues in Paragraph five:

- [19] **What** "time" "should be no longer?" Is it the end of this world's history? —No. Is it the close of probation? —No. This "time" is "prophetic time!"
- [20] **What** is prophetic time? This "period of time," the 2300 years is the longest time reckoning in Daniel, and reaches to the autumn of 1844. Prophetic time, **the day/year principle**, closed in 1844. (See also; LS 57.3,4; EW 244.1; 250.1; GC 681.1; LS80 221.1) "The great test on time was in 1843 and 1844; and all who have set time since then have been deceiving themselves and deceiving others." {1T 73.1}

Clues in Paragraph six:

- [21] **Where and how** will these seven thundering events along with the three angels' messages be preached? It will cross the

broad waters and be proclaimed in other countries, even to all the world.

—**Note:** When the subject comes back to the giving of the seven-event message, the Mighty Angel is again seen standing on the sea and the land!

Are you ready to receive and teach a message that shows beyond all other messages ever given, that we stand only in the Salvation shining from the Heavenly Sanctuary, —the precious Righteousness of Christ? “It is the third angel’s message in verity.” {LDE 199.4}

After John (a **type** of the last generation) is told to eat the little book, the command is given which clearly tells what kind of prophecy is to be given to the world from the little book of Daniel. “And he said unto me, Thou must **prophesy again** before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.” Rev. 10:11. It is a prophecy, which has already been given, **and it is to be specifically repeated!** When the appointed time comes, will you be ready and willing to eat the little book?

Why have I put more notes here than any other place in this compilation? In my study of the prophecies, they **all** point to the last generation taking the little book out of the Mighty Angel’s hand and making it a part of their lives! What we, as the last generation of earth, do with the knowledge of this little book will show who are wise and who are foolish. **It is the testing message that will decide the destiny of our souls!** The real “**midnight cry**” is soon to sound, “Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.”

Further statements on Revelation 10:

Instead of proclaiming the abolition of the law, Calvary’s cross proclaims **in thunder tones** its immutable and eternal character. Could the law have been abolished, and the government of heaven and earth and the unnumbered worlds of God maintained, Christ need not have died. The death of Christ was to forever settle the question of the validity of the law of Jehovah. {FW 118.2}

The Lord has given us a message for the time in which we are living. This message is to be given with clear, distinct utterance. To proclaim this message demands all the talents and capabilities that God has given us. {14MR 151.2}

“And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders **uttered their voices**.” Rev. 10:3

We feel deeply over the present state of the church whose members have long possessed a knowledge of those events which are to transpire near the close of time in fulfillment of prophetic history. Christ is coming in power and great glory, and the dead are to be “judged out of those things which are written in the books, according to their works.” The One who has stood as our intercessor; who hears all penitential prayers and confessions; who is represented with a rainbow, the symbol of grace and love, encircling his head, is soon to cease his work in the heavenly sanctuary. Grace and mercy will then descend from the throne, and justice will take their place. He for whom his people have looked will assume his right, —the office of Supreme Judge. “The Father . . . hath committed all judgment unto the Son. . . . And he hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.”

[John 5:22,27] It was he, says Peter, who was ordained to “judge the quick [the living] and the dead.” [1Peter 4:5] “He hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained.” [Acts 17:31] {RH Jan. 1, 1889, par. 1}

How can “prophetic history” (fulfilled prophecies of the past) have a fulfillment “near the close of time” (future) unless “prophetic history” is to be repeated? Is there need for concern that a church which has received such great understanding of “prophetic history” does not see the purpose of the historical fulfillment and that it points to a reenactment in the near future?

[Matt. 13:16,17 quoted.] Blessed are the eyes which saw the things that were seen in 1843 and 1844.

The message was given. And there should be **no delay in repeating the message** [Rev. 10:6 RSV], for the signs of the times are fulfilling; the closing work must be done. A great work will be done in a short time. A message will soon be given by God’s appointment that will swell into a loud cry. **Then Daniel will stand in his lot, to give his testimony.** {21MR 437.2,3}

A rainbow is represented in Heaven round about the throne, also above the head of Christ, as a symbol of God’s mercy encompassing the earth. When man by his great wickedness provokes the wrath of God, Christ, man’s intercessor, pleads for him, and points to the rainbow in the cloud, as evidence of God’s great mercy and compassion for erring man; also the rainbow above the throne and upon his head emblematical of the glory and mercy from God resting there for the benefit of repentant man. {3SG 75.1}

The message of **Revelation 14**, proclaiming that the hour of God’s judgment is come, is given in the time of the end; and the angel of **Revelation 10** is represented as having one foot on the sea and one foot on the land, showing that the message will be carried to distant lands, the ocean will be crossed, and the islands of the sea will hear the proclamation of the last message of warning to our world.

In Revelation 14 the message is, “the hour of God’s judgment is come.” Revelation 10 points to seven thundering events in the little unsealed book of Daniel. Daniel is the book of judgment and at the appointed time the Heavenly Sanctuary will be cleansed of sin!

“And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven, and sware by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer.” (Rev. 10:5,6) This message announces the end of the prophetic periods. The disappointment of those who expected to see our Lord in 1844 was indeed bitter to those who had so ardently looked for His appearing. It was in the Lord’s order that this disappointment should come, and that hearts should be revealed.

Not one cloud has fallen upon the church that God has not prepared for; not one opposing force has risen to counterwork the work of God but He has foreseen. All has taken place as He has predicted through His prophets. He has not left His church in darkness, forsaken, but has traced

in prophetic declarations what would occur, and through His providence, acting in its appointed place in the world's history, He has brought about that which His Holy Spirit inspired the prophets to foretell. All His purposes will be fulfilled and established. {2SM 107.3-108.2}

The book that was sealed was not the book of Revelation, **but that portion of the prophecy of Daniel which related to the last days.** The Scripture says, "But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased." (Dan. 12:4) **When** the book was opened, the proclamation was made, "Time shall be no longer." (See Revelation 10:6) **The book of Daniel is now unsealed,** and the revelation made by Christ to John is to come to all the inhabitants of the earth. **By the increase of knowledge a people is to be prepared to stand in the latter days.** {2SM 105.1}

What kind of knowledge will prepare a people to stand in the latter days? The prophetic knowledge of the Heavenly Sanctuary!

Revelation Eleven Measure the Temple

The grand judgment is taking place, and has been going on for some time. Now the Lord says, **Measure the temple and the worshipers thereof.** Remember when you are walking the streets about your business, God is measuring you; when you are attending your household duties, when you engage in conversation, God is measuring you. Remember that your words and actions are being daguerreotyped [photographed] in the books of heaven, as the face is reproduced by the artist on the polished plate. . . . [See Eze. 43:10,11]

Here is the work going on, measuring the temple and its worshipers to see who will stand in the last day. Those who stand fast shall have an abundant entrance into the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. When we are doing our work remember there is One that is watching the spirit in which we are doing it. Shall we not bring the Saviour into our everyday lives, into our secular work and domestic duties? Then in the name of God we want to leave behind everything that is not necessary, all gossiping or unprofitable visiting, and present ourselves as servants of the living God. (MS 4, 1888) {7BC 972.1,2}

The Lord will work to purify His church. I tell you in truth, the Lord is about to turn and overturn in the institutions called by His name. Just how soon this refining process will begin I cannot say, but it will not be long deferred. He whose fan is in His hand will cleanse His temple of its moral defilement. He will thoroughly purge His floor. (Letter 4, 1895) {PM 170.2}

The Two Witnesses

Those who become confused in their understanding of the Word, who fail to see the meaning of antichrist, will surely place themselves on the side of antichrist. There is no time now for us to assimilate with the world. Daniel is standing in his lot and in his place. The prophecies of

Daniel and of John are to be understood. They interpret each other. They give to the world truths which every one should understand. These prophecies are to be witnesses in the world. By their fulfillment in these last days they will explain themselves. {7BC 949.6}

What two books of the Bible stand as the "two witnesses" that their prophecies of the 1260 days of persecution are true? Daniel and Revelation! (Dan. 7:25; 12:7; Rev. 11:2,3; 12:6,14; 13:5)

At the same time anarchy is seeking to sweep away all law, not only divine, but human. The centralizing of wealth and power; the vast combinations for the enriching of the few at the expense of the many; the combinations of the poorer classes for the defense of their interests and claims; the spirit of unrest, of riot and bloodshed; the worldwide dissemination of the same teachings that led to the French Revolution —**all are tending to involve the whole world in a struggle similar to that which convulsed France.** {Ed 228.2}

Let all who would understand the meaning of these things [working in the cities] read the eleventh chapter of Revelation. Read every verse, and learn the things that are yet to take place in the cities. Read also the scenes portrayed in the eighteenth chapter of the same book. (MR 1518, May 10, 1906) {LDE 95.4}

The Temple of God, the Ark, and the Law

Tell the people that the Lord is **coming in judgment,** and that neither rulers nor kings, wealth nor influence, will be able to stand against or ward off the judgments soon to fall. In many places these judgments are already falling, yet by their attitude worldlings and church members say plainly, We want none of these rebukes. We want none of your warnings. We will not hear.

"And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there **was seen in His temple the ark of His testament:** and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail." [Rev. 11:19] {14MR 161.1,2}

John's testimony is, "And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament." [Rev. 11:19] Beneath the mercy-seat, within the ark, were the two tables of stone, containing the law of Jehovah. God's faithful ones saw the light that shone forth to them from the law, to be given to the world. And now Satan's intense activity is to close that door of light; but Jesus says that no man can shut it. [Rev. 3:8] Men will turn from the light, denounce it, and despise it, **but it still shines forth in clear, distinct rays to cheer and bless all who will see it.** {RH August 25, 1885 par. 10}

But relief was sent to Isaiah in his distress. [Isa. 6:6,7 quoted.] . . .

The vision given to Isaiah represents the condition of God's people in the last days. They are privileged to see by faith the work that is going forward in the heavenly sanctuary. "And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament." [Rev. 11:19] As they look by faith into the holy of holies,

and see the work of Christ in the heavenly sanctuary, they perceive that they are a people of unclean lips, —a people whose lips have often spoken vanity, and whose talents have not been sanctified and employed to the glory of God. Well may they despair as they contrast their own weakness and unworthiness with the purity and loveliness of the glorious character of Christ. But if they, like Isaiah, will receive the impression the Lord designs shall be made upon the heart, if they will humble their souls before God, there is hope for them. The bow of promise is above the throne [Rev. 4:3; 10:1], and the work done for Isaiah **will be performed in them**. [Rev. 8:5] God will respond to the petitions coming from the contrite heart. (RH Dec. 22, 1896) {4BC 1139.2,3}

[Isa. 58:8-14 quoted.] Where do we find the people who are thus addressed? Who is it that shall build the old waste places, and raise up the foundation of many generations? Where are the people who have had light from heaven to see that a breach has been made in the law of God?

In the Revelation, John says, “The temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament.” Rev. 11:19. John saw in vision the Lord’s people looking for His coming and searching for truth. As the temple of God was opened unto His people, the light of the law of God, which was in the ark, shone forth. Those who receive this light are brought to view in the proclamation of the third angel’s message.

This angel is seen flying in the midst of heaven, [Rev. 14:9,10,12 quoted.]

This is the people that are repairing the breach in the law of God. They see that the Sabbath of the fourth commandment has been supplanted by a spurious sabbath, a day that has no sanction in the Word of God. Amid great opposition they become loyal to their God, and take their position under the standard of the third angel. (MS 48, 1900)

As the end approaches, the testimonies of God’s servants will become more decided and more powerful, flashing the light of truth upon the systems of error and oppression that have so long held the supremacy. The Lord has sent us messages for this time to establish Christianity upon an eternal basis, and all who believe present truth must stand, not in their own wisdom, but in God; and raise up the foundation of many generations. These will be registered in the books of heaven as repairers of the breach, the restorers of paths to dwell in. We are to maintain the truth because it is truth, in the face of the bitterest opposition. God is at work upon human minds; it is not man alone that is working. The great illuminating power is from Christ; the brightness of His example is to be kept before the people in every discourse. (Letter 1f, 1890) {4BC 1152.3-7}

Among the righteous still in Jerusalem, to whom had been made plain the divine purpose, were some who determined to place beyond the reach of ruthless hands the sacred ark containing the tables of stone on which had been traced the precepts of the Decalogue. This they did. With mourning and sadness they secreted the ark in a cave,

where it was to be hidden from the people of Israel and Judah because of their sins, and was to be no more restored to them. That sacred ark is yet hidden. It has never been disturbed since it was secreted. {PK 453.2}

“And He [Christ] gave unto Moses, when He had made an end of communicating with him upon Mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written by the finger of God.” [Ex. 31:18] Nothing written on those tables could be blotted out. The precious record of the law was placed in the ark of the testament and is still there, safely hidden from the human family. But in God’s appointed time He will bring forth these tables of stone to be a testimony to all the world against the disregard of His commandments and against the idolatrous worship of a counterfeit Sabbath. (MS 122, 1901)

Could it be that the appointed times of Daniel reveal when this thundering event brings forth the law of God?

There are abundant evidences of the immutability of God’s law. It was written with the finger of God, never to be obliterated, never to be destroyed. The tables of stone are hidden by God, to be produced in the great judgment-day, just as He wrote them. (RH March 26, 1908) [Judgment of the living.]

When the **judgment shall sit** [Dan. 7:25], and the books shall be opened, and every man shall be judged according to the things written in the books, **then the tables of stone, hidden by God until that day, will be presented before the world as the standard of righteousness**. Then men and women will see that the prerequisite of their salvation is obedience to the perfect law of God. **None will find excuse for sin**. By the righteous principles of that law, men will receive their sentence of life or of death. (RH Jan. 28, 1909) {1BC 1109.2-4}

Writing of the last days, John says: [Revelation 11:18,19 quoted.]

When God’s temple in heaven is opened, what a triumphant time that will be for all who have been faithful and true. In the temple will be seen the ark of the testament in which were placed the two tables of stone, on which are written God’s law. These tables of stone will be brought forth from their hiding place, and on them will be seen the ten commandments engraved by the finger of God. These tables of stone now lying in the ark of the testament will be a convincing testimony to the truth and binding claims of God’s law. {Also 7BC 972.3}

From every nation, kindred, tongue, and people is to be gathered out a people who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus. **This is the work to be accomplished in these last days**. (Letter 47, 1902) {20MR 221.3-5}

Revelation Twelve

The world is as much opposed to genuine religion today as it ever has been. The same hatred and hostility toward God which prompted the rejection and crucifixion of Christ, and the persecution of his faithful witnesses, still burns in the hearts of the children of disobedience, and will soon break forth with malignant energy. We read that in the last days,

Satan will come down in great wrath, knowing that his time is short [Rev. 12:12], and will work with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish. [2Thess. 2:10] Those who profess the religion of Jesus, but have not followed him in self-denial, will be wholly unprepared for this time. Their religion is a religion of ease and convenience. They lift no cross; they fight no stern battles with the natural desires of the human heart. When the claims of God cross their self-indulgent desires, they choose to please themselves. They have not known Christ; for they have not accepted him in his humiliation. These will be found with the company that oppose the truth, rather than with those who are suffering for the truth's sake. {YI, May 28, 1884 par. 3 }

“And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.” Rev. 12:17.

In the twelfth chapter of Revelation is represented the great conflict between the obedient and the disobedient.

The sign of obedience is the observance of the Sabbath of the fourth commandment.

The Sabbath is a test to this generation. In obeying the fourth commandment in spirit and truth, men will obey all the precepts of the Decalogue. To fulfill this commandment one must love God supremely, and exercise love toward all the creatures that He has made.

The time is coming when God's people will feel the hand of persecution because they keep holy the seventh day. . . . The man of sin, who thought to change times and laws, and who has always oppressed the people of God, will cause laws to be made enforcing the observance of the first day of the week. But God's people are to stand firm for Him. {FLB 291.1-5 }

Don't we teach that the fulfillment of this chapter was in the persecutions of the Dark Ages, primarily covering the 1260 years of Papal supremacy? But this statement places the fulfillment in the future with the enforcement of Sunday laws!

The remnant church will be brought into great trial and distress. Those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus will feel the ire of the dragon and his hosts. Satan numbers the world as his subjects, he has gained control of the apostate churches; but here is a little company that are resisting his supremacy. If he could blot them from the earth, his triumph would be complete. As he influenced the heathen nations to destroy Israel, so in the near future he will stir up the wicked powers of earth to destroy the people of God. All will be required to render obedience to human edicts in violation of the divine law. Those who will be true to God and to duty will be menaced, denounced, and proscribed. They will be betrayed “both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolks, and friends.” Luke 21:16. {9T 231.1 }

The trying experiences that came to God's people in the days of Esther were not peculiar to that age alone. The revelator, looking down the ages to the close of time, has declared, “The **dragon** was wroth with the **woman**, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which

keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.” Revelation 12:17. Some who today are living on the earth will see these words fulfilled. The same spirit that in ages past led men to persecute the true church, will in the future lead to the pursuance of a similar course toward those who maintain their loyalty to God. Even now preparations are being made for this last great conflict.

Is there a hint given here that the time of this prophecy's fulfillment would be a life time distant, and that some now living (1915) would see these events?

The decree that will finally go forth against **the remnant people of God** will be very similar to that issued by Ahasuerus against the Jews. Today the enemies of the true church see in the little company keeping the Sabbath commandment, a Mordecai at the gate. The reverence of God's people for His law is a constant rebuke to those who have cast off the fear of the Lord and are trampling on His Sabbath. {PK 605.1,2 }

There are only two parties upon the earth —those who stand under the blood-stained banner of Jesus Christ and those who stand under the black banner of rebellion. Those who stand under Christ's banner bear the sign of obedience spoken of in Exodus 31:12-18. Please read this Scripture carefully. In the twelfth chapter of Revelation is represented the last great conflict between the obedient and the disobedient. [Rev. 12:17; 13:11-17 quoted.]

Satan will work the miracles to deceive those who dwell upon the earth. Spiritualism will do its work by causing the dead to be personated. Those religious bodies who refuse to hear God's messages of warning will be under strong deception, and will unite with the civil power to persecute the saints. The Protestant churches will unite with the papal power in persecuting the commandment-keeping people of God. This is that power which constitutes the great system of persecution which will exercise spiritual tyranny over the consciences of men. {14MR 161.3,4 }

Revelation Thirteen Verses 1-10

“And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.” [Rev. 12:17] In the near future we shall see these words fulfilled as the Protestant churches unite with the world and with the papal power against commandment keepers. The same spirit which actuated papists in ages past will lead Protestants to pursue a similar course toward those who will maintain their loyalty to God.

Church and state are now making preparations for the future conflict. Protestants are working in disguise to bring Sunday to the front, as did the Romanists. Throughout the land the papacy is piling up her lofty and massive structures, in the secret recesses of which her former persecutions are to be repeated. And the way is preparing for the manifestation, on a grand scale, of those lying wonders by which, if it were possible, Satan would deceive even the elect. [Matt. 24:24] {5T 449.2,3 }

In the last days Satan will appear as an angel of light, with great power and heavenly glory, and claim to be the Lord of the whole earth. He will declare that the Sabbath has been changed from the seventh to the first day of the week; and as lord of the first day of the week he will present this spurious sabbath as a test of loyalty to him. **Then will take place the final fulfillment of the Revelator's prophecy.** [Rev. 13:4-18 quoted.]

In connection with this scripture, the entire fourteenth chapter of Revelation should be studied much by God's people. Verses nine to eleven bring to view the special message of warning against worshiping the beast and his image, and receiving his mark in the forehead or in the hand. This warning is to be given to the world by those who are mentioned in the twelfth verse as keeping "the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." {19MR 282.1,2}

In the near future we shall see and shall feel what the purpose of the Roman element is. Whoever shall believe and obey the word of God will thereby incur reproach and persecution. {4SP 397.2}

Marvelous in her shrewdness and cunning is the Roman Church. **She can read what is to be. She bides her time, seeing that the Protestant churches are paying her homage** in their acceptance of the false sabbath and that they are preparing to enforce it by the very means which she herself employed in bygone days. Those who reject the light of truth will yet seek the aid of this self-styled infallible power to exalt an institution that originated with her. How readily she will come to the help of Protestants in this work it is not difficult to conjecture. Who understands better than the papal leaders how to deal with those who are disobedient to the church? {GC 580.1}

The Sabbath question will be the issue in the great conflict in which all the world will act a part. [Rev. 13:4-10 quoted.] **This entire chapter is a revelation of what will surely take place** [Rev. 13:11,15-17 quoted.] (MS 88, 1897) {7BC 979.10}

It is impossible to give any idea of the experience of the people of God who shall be alive upon the earth when celestial glory and a **repetition of the persecutions of the past are blended.** {9T 16.1}

Verses 11-18

The United States is the power represented by the beast with lamblike horns, and . . . this prophecy will be fulfilled when the United States shall enforce Sunday observance, which Rome claims as the special acknowledgment of her supremacy. But in this homage to Papacy the United States will not be alone. The influence of Rome in the countries that once acknowledged her dominion, is still far from being destroyed. **And prophecy foretells a restoration of her power.** "I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast." Rev. 13:3.

The infliction of the deadly wound points to the downfall of the Papacy in 1798. **After this,** says the prophet,

"His deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast." [Rev. 13:3] Paul states plainly that the man of sin will continue until the Second Advent. . . . **In both the Old and the New World, the Papacy will receive homage in the honor paid to the Sunday institution,** that rests solely upon the authority of the Roman Church. . . .

God's Word has given warning of the impending danger; let this be unheeded, and the Protestant world will learn what the purposes of Rome really are, only when it is too late to escape the snare. {FLB 329.3-5}

In the movements now in progress in the United States to secure for the institutions and usages of the church the support of the state, Protestants are following in the steps of papists. Nay, more, they are opening the door for the papacy to regain in Protestant America the supremacy which she has lost in the Old World. And that which gives greater significance to this movement is the fact that the principal object contemplated is the enforcement of Sunday observance—a custom which originated with Rome, and which she claims as the sign of her authority. It is the spirit of the papacy—the spirit of conformity to worldly customs, the veneration for human traditions above the commandments of God—that is permeating the Protestant churches and leading them on to do the same work of Sunday exaltation which the papacy has done before them. {GC 573.1}

The Word of God plainly declares that His law is to be scorned, trampled upon, by the world; there will be an extraordinary prevalence of iniquity. The professed Protestant world will form a confederacy with the man of sin, and the church and the world will be in corrupt harmony.

Here the great crisis is coming upon the world. The Scriptures teach that popery is to regain its lost supremacy, and that the fires of persecution will be rekindled through the time-serving concessions of the so-called Protestant world. In this time of peril we can stand only as we have the truth and the power of God. Men can know the truth only by being themselves partakers of the divine nature. We have need now for more than human wisdom in reading and searching the Scriptures; and if we come to God's Word with humble hearts, He will raise up a standard for us against the lawless element. {2SM 367.3,4}

But if the subject of religious legislation is judiciously and intelligently laid before the people, and they see that through Sunday enforcement the Roman apostasy would be reenacted by the Christian world, and that the tyranny of past ages would be repeated, then whatever comes, we shall have done our duty. {1SAT 80.1}

Revelation Fourteen

The everlasting gospel is to be proclaimed by human agents. **We are to sound the messages of the angels** which are represented as flying in the midst of heaven, with the last warning to a fallen world. If we are not called upon to prophesy, we are called to believe the prophecies, and to cooperate with God in giving light to other minds. This we are trying to do. {17MR 19.2}

[Rev. 14:1-4 quoted.] This scripture represents the character of the people of God for these last days. (MS 139, 1903) {7BC 977.11}

All Three Angels

In these last days it is our duty to ascertain the full meaning of the first, second, and third angels' messages. All our transactions should be in accordance with the Word of God. The first, second, and third angels' messages are all united and are revealed in the fourteenth chapter of Revelation from the sixth verse to the close. (13MR 68, 1896) {LDE 68.1}

Thus the substance of the second angel's message is again given to the world by that other angel who lightens the earth with his glory. These messages all blend in one, to come before the people in the closing days of this earth's history. All the world will be tested, and all that have been in the darkness of error in regard to the Sabbath of the fourth commandment will understand the last message of mercy that is to be given to men. {2SM 116.2}

We are God's commandment-keeping people. For the past fifty years every phase of heresy has been brought to bear upon us, to becloud our minds regarding the teaching of the Word—especially concerning the ministration of Christ in the heavenly sanctuary, and the message of Heaven for these last days, as given by the angels of the fourteenth chapter of Revelation. Messages of every order and kind have been urged upon Seventh-day Adventists, to take the place of the truth which, point by point, has been sought out by prayerful study, and testified to by the miracle-working power of the Lord. But the waymarks which have made us what we are, are to be preserved, and they will be preserved, as God has signified through His Word and the testimony of His Spirit. He calls upon us to hold firmly, with the grip of faith, to the fundamental principles that are based upon unquestionable authority. {1SM 208.2}

During the past fifty years of my life, I have had precious opportunities to obtain an experience. I have had an experience in the first, second, and third angels' messages. The angels are represented as flying in the midst of heaven, proclaiming to the world a message of warning, and having a direct bearing upon the people living in the last days of this earth's history. No one hears the voice of these angels, for they are a symbol to represent the people of God who are working in harmony with the universe of heaven. Men and women, enlightened by the Spirit of God and sanctified through the truth, proclaim the three messages in their order. {2SM 387.1}

It is just as essential now as ever before that they shall be repeated to those who are seeking for the truth. By pen and voice we are to sound the proclamation, showing their order, and the application of the prophecies that bring us to the third angel's message. There cannot be a third without the first and second. These messages we are to give to the world in publications, in discourses,

showing in the line of prophetic history the things that have been and the things that will be.

The book that was sealed was not the book of Revelation, but that portion of the prophecy of Daniel which related to the last days. {2SM 104.3-105.1}

The fourteenth chapter of Revelation outlines the work that is to be done by the people of God just before the second advent of our Saviour. Three messages are there represented, which must go to all the inhabitants of the world.

John writes of an angel which he saw flying [Rev. 14:6-10 quoted.]

These three angels represent the people who accept the light of God's messages, and go forth as His agents to sound the warning throughout the length and breadth of the earth . . . Nothing is to be permitted to hinder this work. It is the all-important work for this time, and it is to be far-reaching as eternity. {ST January 25, 1910 par. 1-5}

In history and prophecy the Word of God portrays the long continued conflict between truth and error. That conflict is yet in progress. Those things which have been, will be repeated. Old controversies will be revived, and new theories will be continually arising. But God's people, who in their belief and fulfillment of prophecy have acted a part in the proclamation of the first, second, and third angels' messages, know where they stand. They have an experience that is more precious than fine gold. They are to stand firm as a rock, holding the beginning of their confidence steadfast unto the end. {2SM 109.2}

The fourteenth chapter of Revelation is a chapter of the deepest interest. This scripture will soon be understood in all its bearings, and the messages given to John the revelator will be repeated with distinct utterance. (RH Oct. 13, 1904)

In the near future the three angels' voices (Rev. 14:7,8,9) are given with the distinct utterance (Rev. 10:3,4) of the seven thundering events of Daniel.

Christ is coming the second time, with power unto salvation. To prepare human beings for this event, He has sent the first, second, and third angels' messages. These angels represent those who receive the truth, and with power open the gospel to the world. (Letter 79, 1900) {7BC 978.10,11}

The proclamation of the first, second, and third angels' messages has been located by the word of Inspiration. Not a peg or pin is to be removed. No human authority has any more right to change the location of these messages than to substitute the New Testament for the Old. The Old Testament is the gospel in figures and symbols. The New Testament is the substance. [Type and anti-type.] One is as essential as the other. The Old Testament presents lessons from the lips of Christ, and these lessons have not lost their force in any particular. The first and second messages were given in 1843 and 1844, and we are now under the proclamation of the third; but all three of the messages are still to be proclaimed. It is just as essential now as ever before that they shall be repeated

to those who are seeking for the truth. By pen and voice we are to sound the proclamation, **showing their order, and the application of the prophecies that bring us to the third angel's message.** There cannot be a third without the first and second. These messages we are to give to the world in publications, in discourses, **showing in the line of prophetic history the things that have been, and the things that will be.** (Manuscript 32, 1896) {CW 26.2}

In our day as in Christ's day, there may be a misreading and misinterpreting of the Scriptures. If the Jews had studied the Scriptures with earnest, prayerful hearts, their searching would have been rewarded with a true knowledge of the time, and not only the time, but also the manner of Christ's appearing. They would not have ascribed the glorious second appearing of Christ to His first advent. They had the testimony of Daniel; they had the testimony of Isaiah and the other prophets; they had the teachings of Moses; and here was Christ in their very midst, and still they were searching the Scriptures for evidence in regard to His coming. And they were doing unto Christ the very things that had been prophesied they would do. They were so blinded they knew not what they were doing.

And many are doing the same thing today, in 1897, because they have not had experience in the testing messages comprehended in the first, second, and third angel's messages. There are those who are searching the Scriptures for proof that these messages are still in the future. They gather together the truthfulness of the messages, but they fail to give them their proper place in prophetic history. Therefore such are in danger of misleading the people in regard to locating the messages. They do not see and understand the time of the end, or when to locate the messages. The day of God is coming with stealthy tread, but the supposed wise and great men are prating about "higher education." They know not the signs of Christ's coming, or of the end of the world. (Manuscript 136, 1897) {Ev 612.4-613.1}

First Angel's Message

In the typical system, which was a **shadow** of the sacrifice and priesthood of Christ, **the cleansing of the sanctuary was the last service performed** by the high priest in the yearly round of ministration. It was the **closing work of the atonement**—a removal or putting away of sin from Israel. It **prefigured the closing work** in the ministration of our High Priest in heaven, in the removal or blotting out of the sins of His people, which are registered in the heavenly records. This service involves a **work of investigation, a work of judgment; and it immediately precedes** the coming of Christ in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory; for when He comes, every case has been decided. Says Jesus: "My reward is with Me, to give every man according as his work shall be." Revelation 22:12. **It is this work of judgment, immediately preceding** the second advent, that is **announced in the first angel's message of Revelation 14:7: "Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come."** {GC 352.2}

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

The whole earth is to be lightened with the glory of the Lord. The pure in heart shall see God. **It is those who are following the Lamb whithersoever He goeth that will receive power from that angel that came down from heaven "having great power."** **The first message is to be repeated** proclaiming the second advent of Christ to our world. **The second angels' message is to be repeated,** [Rev. 18:2,3 quoted.].

This prophecy will be fulfilled, and the earth will know that the Heavens do rule. {16MR 40.2-41.1}

Second Angel's Message

The **second angel's message** of Revelation 14 was first preached in the summer of 1844, and **it then had a more direct application** to the churches of the United States, where the **warning of the judgment** had been most widely proclaimed and most generally rejected, and where the declension in the churches had been most rapid. **But the**

message of the second angel **did not reach its complete fulfillment in 1844**. The churches then experienced a moral fall, in consequence of their refusal of the light of the Advent message; **but that fall was not complete**. As they have continued to reject the special truths for this time, they have fallen lower and lower. **Not yet**, however, can it be said that “**Babylon is fallen**, . . . because she made **all nations** drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.” She has not yet made **all nations do this**. . . . The work of apostasy has not yet reached its culmination.

The Bible declares that before the coming of the Lord, Satan will work “with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness;” and they that “received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved,” will be left to receive “strong delusion, that they should believe a lie.” 2Thess. 2:9-11. **Not until** this condition shall be reached, and the union of the church with the world shall be fully accomplished throughout Christendom, will the fall of Babylon be complete. The change is a progressive one, and the perfect fulfillment of Revelation 14:8 is yet future. (GC 389,390, 1911 ed.) {FLB 285.2,3}

When do her sins reach unto heaven? [Rev. 18:2-5; See 14:8] **When the law of God is finally made void by legislation.** (ST June 12, 1893) {LDE 198.5}

Instead of being a protector of men, Babylon became a proud and cruel oppressor. The words of Inspiration picturing the cruelty and greed of rulers in Israel reveal the secret of **Babylon’s fall** and of the fall of many another kingdom since the world began. [Ezekiel 34:3,4 quoted.] {Ed 176.1}

God ascribes the fall of Babylon to her gluttony and drunkenness. Indulgence of appetite and passion was the foundation of all their sins. {CD 147.3}

Third Angel’s Message

Had Adventists, after the great disappointment in 1844, held fast their faith and followed on unitedly in the opening providence of God, receiving the message of the third angel and in the power of the Holy Spirit proclaiming it to the world, they would have **seen** the salvation of God, the Lord would have wrought mightily with their efforts, the work would have been completed, and Christ would have come ere this to receive His people to their reward. **But** in the period of doubt and uncertainty that followed the disappointment, many of the advent believers yielded their faith. . . . Thus the work was hindered, and the world was left in darkness. Had the whole Adventist body united upon the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, how widely different would have been our history! {Ev 695.3}

The history of **ancient Israel** is a striking illustration of the past experience of the **Adventist body**. God led His people in the advent movement, even as He led the children of Israel from Egypt. **In the great disappointment** their faith was tested **as** was that of the Hebrews at the **Red Sea**. Had they still trusted to the guiding hand that

had been with them in their past experience, they would have **seen** the salvation of God. If all who had labored unitedly in the work in 1844, had received the third angel’s message and proclaimed it in the power of the Holy Spirit, the Lord would have wrought mightily with their efforts. **A flood of light would have been shed upon the world.** Years ago the inhabitants of the earth would have been warned, the closing work completed, and Christ would have come for the redemption of His people.

It was not the will of God that Israel should wander forty years in the wilderness; He desired to lead them directly to the land of Canaan and establish them there, a holy, happy people. But “they could not enter in because of unbelief.” Hebrews 3:19. Because of their backsliding and apostasy they perished in the desert, and others were raised up to enter the Promised Land. **In like manner**, it was not the will of God that the coming of Christ should be **so long delayed** and His people should remain so many years in this world of sin and sorrow. But unbelief separated them from God. As they refused to do the work which He had appointed them, others were raised up to proclaim the message. In mercy to the world, Jesus delays His coming, that sinners may have an opportunity to hear the warning and find in Him a shelter before the wrath of God shall be poured out. {GC 457.2-458.1}

If the light of truth has been presented to you, revealing the Sabbath of the fourth commandment, and showing that there is no foundation in the Word of God for Sunday observance, and yet you still cling to the false sabbath, refusing to keep holy the Sabbath which God calls “My holy day,” you receive the mark of the beast. When does this take place? When you obey the decree that commands you to cease from labor on Sunday and worship God, while you know that there is not a word in the Bible showing Sunday to be other than a common working day, you consent to receive the mark of the beast, and refuse the seal of God.

If we receive this mark in our foreheads or in our hands, the judgments pronounced against the disobedient must fall upon us. But the seal of the living God is placed upon those who conscientiously keep the Sabbath of the Lord. (RH July 13, 1897)

The third angel’s message is to be regarded as of the highest importance. It is a life and death question. The impression made by this message will be proportionate to the earnestness and solemnity with which it is proclaimed. (MS 16, 1900)

The third angel’s message increases in importance as we near the close of this earth’s history. . . . {7BC 980.1,2,3,5}

The world is preparing for the closing work of the third angel’s message. The truth is now to go forth with a power that it has not known for years. The message of present truth is to be proclaimed everywhere. We must be aroused to give this message with a **loud voice**, as symbolized in the fourteenth chapter of Revelation. There is danger of our

accepting the theory of the truth without accepting the great responsibility which it lays upon every recipient. My brethren, show your faith by your works. The world must be prepared for the loud cry of the third angel's message—a message which God declares shall be cut short in righteousness. {10MR 218.3}

God has presented to me the dangers that are threatening those who have been given the sacred work of proclaiming the third angel's message. They are to remember that this message is of the utmost consequence to the whole world. They need to search the Scriptures diligently, that they may learn how to guard against the mystery of iniquity, which plays so large a part in the closing scenes of this earth's history. {14MR 151.6}

The third angel's message is to be given to our world in clear, distinct lines. Some have thought that it is best to gradually prepare the way for the presentation of the Sabbath question. The Sabbath truth is the message to be proclaimed with a loud voice, as presented in the fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah. And in the fourteenth chapter of Revelation we read, [Rev. 14:9,10 quoted.] This message embraces the two preceding messages. It is represented as being given with a loud voice, that is, with the power of the Holy Spirit. The impression made by this message will be proportionate to the earnestness with which it is proclaimed. {14MR 158.3}

We know that now everything is at stake. The third angel's message is to be at this time regarded as of the highest importance. **It is a life and death question.**

The eighteenth chapter of Revelation reveals the importance of presenting the truth in no measured terms, but with boldness and power. There must be no toning down of the truth, no muffling of the message for this time. Satan has devised a state of things whereby the proclamation of the third angel's message shall be bound about. We must beware of his plans and methods. The third angel's message is to be strengthened and confirmed. {14MR 159.2-160.1}

But, thank God, His church is no longer in bondage. To spiritual Israel have been restored the privileges accorded the people of God at the time of their deliverance from Babylon. In every part of the earth, men and women are responding to the Heaven-sent message which John the revelator prophesied would be proclaimed prior to the second coming of Christ: "Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come." Revelation 14:7.

No longer have the hosts of evil power to keep the church captive; for "Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city," which hath "made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication;" and to spiritual Israel is given the message, "Come out of her, My people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." Verse 8; 18:4. **As** the captive exiles heeded the message, "Flee out of the midst of Babylon" (Jeremiah 51:6), and were restored to the Land of Promise, **so** those who fear

God today are heeding the message to withdraw from **spiritual Babylon**, and soon they are to stand as trophies of divine grace in the earth made new, the heavenly Canaan.

Today, in the spirit and power of Elias and of John the Baptist, messengers of God's appointment are calling the attention of a judgment-bound world to the solemn events soon to take place in connection with the closing hours of probation and the appearance of Christ Jesus as King of kings and Lord of lords. Soon every man is to be judged for the deeds done in the body. The hour of God's judgment has come, and upon the members of His church on earth rests the solemn responsibility of giving warning to those who are standing as it were on the very brink of eternal ruin. To every human being in the wide world who will give heed must be made plain the principles at stake in the great controversy being waged, **principles upon which hang the destinies of all mankind.** {PK 714.2-715.1; 716.1}

John was shown the last work for this time (Rev. 14:9-12), and he saw a people of whom he says, "Here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." [Rev. 14:12] John tells us what was opened to him in vision: "And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament." [Rev. 11:17] **This vision represents a people whose attention was called to the sanctuary in heaven.** There John saw the ark of God, containing the tables of stone whereon was engraven the law of God; and this people have been seeking to be in harmony with heaven by keeping all God's commandments. There has been great opposition because they have respected the Sabbath of the fourth commandment, which by the secular and religious world has been ignored.

Now God speaks to us from Sinai's mount: "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy; six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God." It is the only commandment which is prefaced with a "**remember,**" as though God had said, "**Do not forget it.**" He has given to man the Sabbath as a memorial of creation. Man is to obey his command, and as he observes this memorial, the mind will be directed to the living God, who created the heavens and the earth. If man had always remembered to keep holy the Sabbath, there would never have been an atheist or an infidel in our world; but Satan has made an effort to keep God out of the mind, and has worked his plans so as to accomplish this; and having banished God from the memory of man, he puts himself, if possible, in the place of God, and even goes so far as to exalt himself above God, in compelling the consciences of men, which God has never done. {RH December 18, 1888 par. 8,9}

I saw that God had children who do not see and keep the Sabbath. They have not rejected the light upon it. And at the commencement of the time of trouble, we were filled with the Holy Ghost as we went forth and **proclaimed the Sabbath more fully**. This enraged the churches and nominal Adventists, as they could not refute the Sabbath truth.

And at this time God's chosen all saw clearly that we had the truth, and they came out and endured the persecution with us. [See Appendix, page 85 of EW.] {EW 33.2}

[Rev. 14:9,10 quoted.] It is for the interest of all to understand what the mark of the beast is, and how they may escape the dread threatenings of God. **Why are men not interested to know what constitutes the mark of the beast and his image? It is in direct contrast with the mark of God.** [Ex. 31:12-17 quoted.] {7BC 979.9}

John was called to behold a people distinct from those who worship the beast and his image by keeping the first day of the week. The observance of this day is the mark of the beast. (Letter 31, 1898) {7BC 979.11}

Several have written to me, inquiring if the message of justification by faith is the third angel's message, and I have answered, "**It is the third angel's message in verity.**" (RH April 1, 1890) {Ev 190.3}

Revelation Eighteen

John writes: [Rev. 18:1-5 quoted.]

When Jesus began His public ministry, He cleansed the temple from its sacrilegious profanation. Among the last acts of His ministry was the second cleansing of the temple. **So** in the last work for the warning of the world, **two distinct calls are made to the churches.** The second angel's message is, "Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication." [First cleansing call.—Rev. 14:8.] And in the loud cry of the third angel's message a voice is heard 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." [Second cleansing call.—Rev. 18:4,5] (RH Dec. 6, 1892) {7BC 985.5}

I believe this is a most revealing comment regarding the three angels' messages and their time location in the book of Daniel. Many of modern Israel will fail in following their High Priest's movements in the Heavenly Sanctuary and the giving of these messages at the proper time here on earth.

Let all who would understand the meaning of these things [working in the cities] read the eleventh chapter of Revelation. Read every verse, and learn the things that are yet to take place in the cities. Read also the scenes portrayed in the eighteenth chapter of the same book. (MR 1518, May 10, 1906) {LDE 95.4}

The prophecies in the eighteenth of Revelation will soon be fulfilled. During the proclamation of the third angel's message, "another angel" is to "come down from heaven, having great power," and the earth is to be "lighted with his glory." The Spirit of the Lord will so graciously bless consecrated human instrumentalities that men, women, and children will open their lips in praise and thanksgiving, filling the earth with the knowledge of God, and with his unsurpassed glory, as the waters cover the sea. {RH October 13, 1904 par. 3}

Revelation 18 points to the time when, as the result of rejecting the threefold warning of Revelation 14:6-12, the church will have fully reached the condition foretold by the second angel, and the people of God still in Babylon will be called upon to separate from her communion. This message is the last that will ever be given to the world; and it will accomplish its work. When those that "believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness" (2Thess. 2:12), shall be left to receive strong delusion and to believe a lie, then the light of truth will shine upon all whose hearts are open to receive it, and all the children of the Lord that remain in Babylon will heed the call: "Come out of her, My people." (Revelation 18:4) {GC 390.2}

A revival of true godliness among us is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs. To seek this should be our first work. There must be earnest effort to obtain the blessing of the Lord, not because God is not willing to bestow His blessing upon us, but because we are unprepared to receive it. Our heavenly Father is more willing to give His Holy Spirit to them that ask Him, than are earthly parents to give good gifts to their children. **But it is our work, by confession, humiliation, repentance, and earnest prayer, to fulfill the conditions upon which God has promised to grant us His blessing.** A revival need be expected only in answer to prayer. While the people are so destitute of God's Holy Spirit, they cannot appreciate the preaching of the Word; but when the Spirit's power touches their hearts, then the discourses given will not be without effect. Guided by the teachings of God's Word, with the manifestation of His Spirit, in the exercise of sound discretion, those who attend our meetings will gain a precious experience, and returning home, will be prepared to exert a healthful influence. {1SM 121.1}

The work will be similar to that of the Day of Pentecost. **As** the "**former rain**" was given, in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at the opening of the gospel, to cause the upspringing of the precious seed, **so** the "**latter rain**" will be given at its close for the ripening of the harvest. "Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord: His going forth is prepared as the morning; and He shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth." Hosea 6:3. "Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God: for He hath given you the former rain moderately, and He will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain." Joel 2:23. "In the last days, saith God, I will pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh." "And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved." Acts 2:17, 21.

The great work of the gospel is not to close with less manifestation of the power of God than marked its opening. **The prophecies which were fulfilled in the outpouring of the former rain at the opening of the gospel are again to be fulfilled in the latter rain at its close.** Here are "the times of refreshing" to which the apostle Peter looked forward when he said: "Repent ye therefore, and be converted,

that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; and He shall send Jesus." Acts 3:19, 20.

Servants of God, with their faces lighted up and shining with holy consecration, will hasten from place to place to proclaim the message from heaven. By thousands of voices, all over the earth, the warning will be given. Miracles will be wrought, the sick will be healed, and signs and wonders will follow the believers. Satan also works, with lying wonders, even bringing down fire from heaven in the sight of men. Revelation 13:13. Thus the inhabitants of the earth will be brought to take their stand. {GC 611.2-612.1}

–Conclusion–

It is no time to be ashamed of our faith. We are a spectacle to the world, to angels, and to men. The whole universe is looking with inexpressible interest to see the closing work of the great controversy between Christ and Satan. **At such a time as this, just as the great work of judging the living is to begin, shall we allow unsanctified ambition to take possession of the heart?** What can be of any worth to us now except to be found loyal and true to the God of heaven? What is there of any real value in this world when we are on the very borders of the eternal world? What education can we give to the students in our schools that is so necessary as a knowledge of **"What saith the Scripture"**? {5T 526.1}

Increased light will shine upon all the grand truths of prophecy, and they will be seen in freshness and brilliancy, because the bright beams of the Sun of Righteousness will illuminate the whole. . . .

When the angel was about to unfold to Daniel the **intensely interesting prophecies to be recorded for us who are to witness their fulfillment**, the angel said, **"Be strong, yea, be strong."** (Dan. 10:19) **We are to receive the very same glory that was revealed to Daniel**, because it is for God's people in these last days, that they may give the trumpet a certain sound. (Manuscript 18, 1888) {3SM 390.4,5}

Do we believe that we are coming to the crisis, that we are living in the very last scenes of the earth's history? **Will we now awaken** and do the work which this time calls for, **or will we wait** till the things which I have presented come upon us? (Manuscript 18, 1888) {Ev 198.4}

As a people we need to study this portion of sacred history [at the time of Jeremiah]: for these experiences are being brought into the lives of the people of God in these last days. A people who have had great light and every evidence of truth are turning away from the light, and following their own impulses. The instruction God has given in the record of His people in early days is not regarded. The mistakes and sins of His early people are being repeated in His people today: warnings and

admonitions given in that day are not being heeded in this. Notwithstanding all the warnings that have been given, **they see not their danger, but join the ranks of the enemy, and fight on his side.** They choose to entertain their own ideas and to follow the suggestions of their own minds. The Lord is greatly dishonored by their course, and he is removing His Spirit from them. **"Shall I not judge them for these things," saith the Lord, "unless they repent?"** {PC 78.6}

Our people need to understand the reasons of our faith and our past experiences. How sad it is that so many of them apparently place unlimited confidence in men who present theories tending to uproot our past experiences and to remove the old landmarks! Those who can so easily be led by a false spirit show that they have been following the wrong captain for some time —so long that they do not discern that they are departing from the faith, or that they are not building upon the true foundation. We need to urge all to put on their spiritual eyeglasses, to have their eyes anointed that they may see clearly and discern the true pillars of the faith. Then they will know that "the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his." (2Timothy 2:19) **We need to revive the old evidences of the faith once delivered to the saints.** {2SM 25.1}

Faithful men, who were obedient to the promptings of God's Spirit and the teachings of His word, were to proclaim this warning to the world. They were those who had taken heed to the "sure word of prophecy," the "light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the daystar arise." 2 Peter 1:19. They had been seeking the knowledge of God more than all hid treasures, counting it "better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold." Proverbs 3:14. And the Lord revealed to them the great things of the kingdom. **"The secret of the Lord is with them that fear Him; and He will show them His covenant."** Psalms 25:14

It was not the scholarly theologians who had an understanding of this truth, and engaged in its proclamation. Had these been faithful watchmen, diligently and prayerfully searching the Scriptures, they would have known the time of night; the prophecies would have opened to them the events about to take place. But they did not occupy this position, and the message was given by humbler men. Said Jesus: "Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you." John 12:35. Those who turn away from the light which God has given, or who neglect to seek it when it is within their reach, are left in darkness. But the Saviour declares: "He that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." John 8:12. **Whoever is with singleness of purpose seeking to do God's will, earnestly heeding the light already given, will receive greater light; to that soul some star of heavenly radiance will be sent to guide him into all truth.** {GC 312.2,3}

God calls upon us to awake, for the end is near. Every passing hour is one of activity in the heavenly courts to make ready a people upon the earth to act a part in the great scenes that are soon to open upon us. **These passing moments, that seem of so little value to us, are weighty with eternal interests.** They are molding the destiny of souls for everlasting life or eternal death. The words we utter today in the ears of the people, the works we are doing, the spirit of the message we are bearing, will be a savor of life unto life or of death unto death. {5T 716.3}

1 Corinthians 13,14

13:1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

13:2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

13:12 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

13:13 And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; **but the greatest of these is charity.**

14:1 Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy.

14:2 For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.

14:3 But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort.

14:8 For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?

Revelation

12:17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

19:10 . . . worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

*God help us to work unitedly
and as we never have worked before,
is my prayer.*

{RH Dec. 24, 1889 par. 13}

It is appropriate to repeat the first statement used on page four, and include its last two sentences of warning.

In every age there is a new development of truth, a message of God to the people of that generation. The old truths are all essential; new truth is not independent of the old, but an unfolding of it. It is only as the old truths are understood that we can comprehend the new . . . But it is the light which shines in the fresh unfolding of truth that glorifies the old. **He who rejects or neglects the new does not really possess the old. For him it loses its vital power and becomes but a lifeless form.** {COL 127.4}

The Prophetic History of Daniel

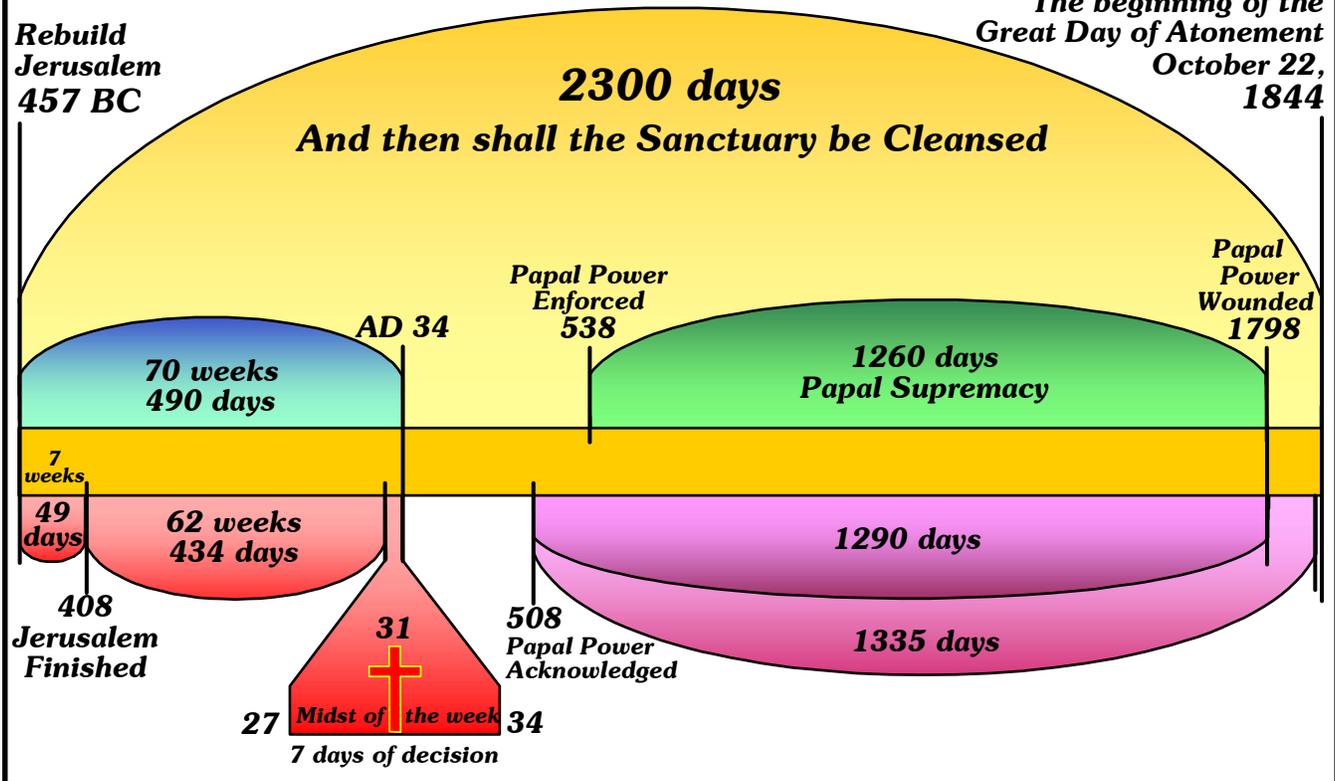
Prophetic Time
A day for a year
Num. 14:33,34

The end of Prophetic Time

The beginning of the
Great Day of Atonement
October 22,
1844

Rebuild
Jerusalem
457 BC

Papal
Power
Wounded
1798



After reading these statements, what conclusions have you come to? Do you believe that the historical prophecies have a proper fulfillment in the past? Or have they been thrown out? Or— were they placed in history so that the last generation will have a template, *a type*, by which we understand *the antitype* last-day fulfillment? If they are *a type*, then it is the Mighty Angel who has placed the interpretation of the last-day events in the fulfillment of prophetic history!

Some are aware that the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation are going to be repeated in the last days and are placing their own interpretations on them, adding to the many voices of confusion. They see “holes” in the historical applications, and are abandoning what our forefathers established through the mighty power of our God. Others are teaching that they have a dual application, both past and future, but often choose a portion of a prophecy to teach, leaving out the rest. These people also place their own interpretations on the future prophecy, disregarding the reason for and meaning of the historical fulfillment. Jesus is not leading a church in confusion! Confusion is called Babylon.

I believe, without reservation, that the fulfilled prophecies of Daniel and Revelation (and the whole Bible) are the pillars of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. I believe that they are the foundation upon

which we will build our prophetic house in these last days. I believe that the 2300 years (and all inclusive prophecies) are but a *faint shadow* compared to the “spirit of prophecy” that will be preached in the next few years. The fulfilled prophecies of the past will cast a very special light so that we may safely traverse the last-day path of coming events, take hold of our extended green cord of faith, and swing over to the Heavenly Kingdom. {EW 81.1; 2T 596.2,3-597} I believe that the correct interpretation of the future repeated prophecies lies in understanding how they were fulfilled in their historical setting. **I then conclude: If we are not viewing the last day events in the light shining from behind us of prophetic history, then we will fail in understanding the purpose for all prophecy.**

It is my prayer, that we will now kneel before the Mighty Angel and ask for the meaning of the seven thundering events, which is present truth for this time, so that we will understand the meaning of prophecy, —past, present, and future. When will we ask for the little book, take it, eat it, and make it a part of our daily?

Soon, “God’s people today, having the accumulated light of centuries, [will] shine forth, when the prophecies of the Old Testament shed their veiled glory into the future!” {4BC 1169.4} May we bow low, for the King of Kings is about to show us His Righteousness!

The Study of the Books of Daniel and the Revelation

Included is the following favorite reading
from *Testimonies to Ministers*, pages 112-119

God's Spirit has illuminated every page of Holy Writ, but there are those upon whom it makes little impression, because it is imperfectly understood. When the shaking comes, by the introduction of false theories, these surface readers, anchored nowhere, are like shifting sand. They slide into any position to suit the tenor of their feelings of bitterness. . . . Daniel and Revelation must be studied, as well as the other prophecies of the Old and New Testaments. Let there be light, yes, light, in your dwellings. For this we need to pray. The Holy Spirit, shining upon the sacred page, will open our understanding, that we may know what is truth. . . .

There is need of a much closer study of the word of God; especially should Daniel and the Revelation have attention as never before in the history of our work. We may have less to say in some lines, in regard to the Roman power and the papacy; but we should call attention to what the prophets and apostles have written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit of God. The Holy Spirit has so shaped matters, both in the giving of the prophecy and in the events portrayed, as to teach that the human agent is to be kept out of sight, hid in Christ, and that the Lord God of heaven and His law are to be exalted. Read the book of Daniel. Call up, point by point, the history of the kingdoms there represented. Behold statesmen, councils, powerful armies, and see how God wrought to abase the pride of men, and lay human glory in the dust. . . .

The light that Daniel received from God was given especially for these last days. The visions he saw by the banks of the Ulai and the Hiddekel, the great rivers of Shinar, are now in process of fulfillment, and all the events foretold will soon come to pass.

Consider the circumstances of the Jewish nation when the prophecies of Daniel were given.

Let us give more time to the study of the Bible. We do not understand the word as we should. The book of Revelation opens with an injunction to us to understand the instruction that it contains. "Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy," God declares, "and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand."

When we as a people understand what this book means to us, there will be seen among us a great revival. We do not understand fully the lessons that it teaches, notwithstanding the injunction given us to search and study it.

In the past teachers have declared Daniel and the Revelation to be sealed books, and the people have turned from them. The veil whose apparent mystery has kept many from lifting it, God's own hand has withdrawn from these portions of His word. The very name "Revelation" contradicts the statement that it is a sealed book. "Revelation" means that something of importance is revealed. The truths of this book are addressed to those living in these last days. We are standing with the veil removed in the holy place of sacred things. We are not to stand without. We are to enter, not with careless, irreverent thoughts, not with impetuous footsteps, but with reverence and godly fear. We are nearing the time when the prophecies of the book of Revelation are to be fulfilled. . . .

We have the commandments of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ, which is the spirit of prophecy. Priceless gems are to be found in the word of God. Those who search this word should keep the mind clear. Never should they indulge perverted appetite in eating or drinking.

If they do this, the brain will be confused; they will be unable to bear the strain of digging deep to find out the meaning of those things which relate to the closing scenes of this earth's history.

When the books of Daniel and Revelation are better understood, believers will have an entirely different religious experience. They will be given such glimpses of the open gates of heaven that heart and mind will be impressed with the character that all must develop in order to realize the blessedness which is to be the reward of the pure in heart.

The Lord will bless all who will seek humbly and meekly to understand that which is revealed in the Revelation. This book contains so much that is large with immortality and full of glory that all who read and search it earnestly receive the blessing to those "that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein."

Result of True Study

One thing will certainly be understood from the study of Revelation—that the connection between God and His people is close and decided.

A wonderful connection is seen between the universe of heaven and this world. The things revealed to Daniel were afterward complemented by the revelation made to John on the Isle of Patmos. These two books should be carefully studied. Twice Daniel inquired, How long shall it be to the end of time?

“And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things? And He said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end. Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand. And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days. Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days. But go thou thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days.”

It was the Lion of the tribe of Judah who unsealed the book and gave to John the revelation of what should be in these last days.

Daniel stood in his lot to bear his testimony which was sealed until the time of the end, when the first angel's message should be proclaimed to our world. These matters are of infinite importance in these last days; but while “many shall be purified, and made white, and tried,” “the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand.” How true this is! Sin is the transgression of the law of God; and those who will not accept the light in regard to the law of God will not understand the proclamation of the first, second, and third angel's messages. The book of Daniel is unsealed in the revelation to John, and carries us forward to the last scenes of this earth's history.

Will our brethren bear in mind that we are living amid the perils of the last days? Read Revelation in connection with Daniel. Teach these things.

Unconquerable Forces Waiting

Those who eat the flesh and drink the blood of the Son of God will bring from the books of Daniel and Revelation truth that is inspired by the Holy Spirit. They will start into action forces that cannot be repressed. The lips of children will be opened to proclaim the mysteries that have been hidden from the minds of men. {TM 116.1}

We are standing on the threshold of great and solemn events. Many of the prophecies are about to be fulfilled in quick succession. Every element of power is about to be set to work. **Past history will be repeated**; old controversies will arouse to new life, and peril will beset God's people on

every side. Intensity is taking hold of the human family. It is permeating everything upon the earth. . . . {TM 116.2}

Study Revelation in connection with Daniel, for history will be repeated. . . . We, with all our religious advantages, ought to know far more today than we do know. {TM 116.3}

Angels desire to look into the truths that are revealed to the people who with contrite hearts are searching the word of God and praying for greater lengths and breadths and depths and heights of the knowledge which He alone can give. {TM 116.4}

As we near the close of this world's history, the prophecies relating to the last days especially demand our study. The last book of the New Testament Scriptures is full of truth that we need to understand. Satan has blinded the minds of many so that they have been glad of any excuse for not making the Revelation their study. But Christ through His servant John has here declared what shall be in the last days; and He says, “Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein.” {TM 116.5}

The books of Daniel and the Revelation should be bound together and published. A few explanations of certain portions might be added, but I am not sure that these would be needed.

This is the suggestion that I made to Elder Haskell which resulted in the book he published. The need is not filled by this book. It was my idea to have the two books bound together, Revelation following Daniel, as giving fuller light on the subjects dealt with in Daniel. The object is to bring these books together, showing that they both relate to the same subjects.

A message that will arouse the churches is to be proclaimed. Every effort is to be made to give the light, not only to our people, but to the world. I have been instructed that the prophecies of Daniel and the Revelation should be printed in small books, with the necessary explanations, and should be sent all over the world. Our own people need to have the light placed before them in clearer lines.

The vision that Christ presented to John, presenting the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, is to be definitely proclaimed to all nations, people, and tongues. The churches, represented by Babylon, are represented as having fallen from their spiritual state to become a persecuting power against those who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. To John this persecuting power is represented as having horns like a lamb, but as speaking like a dragon. . . .

As we near the close of time, there will be greater and still greater external parade of heathen power; heathen deities will manifest their signal power, and will exhibit themselves before the cities of the world; and this delineation has already begun to be fulfilled. By a variety of images the Lord Jesus represented to John the wicked character and seductive influence of those who have been distinguished for their persecution of God's people. All need wisdom carefully to search out the mystery of iniquity that figures so largely in the winding up of this earth's history. . . . In the very time in which we live, the Lord has called His people

and has given them a message to bear. He has called them to expose the wickedness of the man of sin who has made the Sunday law a distinctive power, who has thought to change times and laws, and to oppress the people of God who stand firmly to honor Him by keeping the only true Sabbath, the Sabbath of creation, as holy unto the Lord.

The perils of the last days are upon us, and in our work we are to warn the people of the danger they are in. Let not the solemn scenes which prophecy has revealed be left untouched. If our people were half awake, if they realized the nearness of the events portrayed in the Revelation, a reformation would be wrought in our churches, and many more would believe the message. We have no time to lose; God calls upon us to watch for souls as they that must give an account. Advance new principles, and crowd in the clear-cut truth. It will be as a sword cutting both ways. But be not too ready to take a controversial attitude. There will be times when we must stand still and see the salvation of God. Let Daniel speak, let the Revelation speak, and tell what is truth. But whatever phase of the subject is presented, uplift Jesus as the center of all hope, "the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright and morning Star."

Dig Deeper

We do not go deep enough in our search for truth. Every soul who believes present truth will be brought where he will be required to give a reason of the hope that is in him. The people of God will be called upon to stand before kings, princes, rulers, and great men of the earth, and they must know that they do know what is truth. They must be converted men and women. God can teach you more in one moment by His Holy Spirit than you could learn from the great men of the earth. The universe is looking upon the controversy that is going on upon the earth. At an infinite cost, God has provided for every man an opportunity to know that which will make him wise unto salvation. How eagerly do angels look to see who will avail himself of this opportunity! When a message is presented to God's people, they should not rise up in opposition to it; they should go to the Bible, comparing it with the law and the testimony, and if it does not bear this test, it is not true. God wants our minds to expand. He desires to put His grace upon us. We may have a feast of good things every day, for God can open the whole treasure of heaven to us. [RH, February 18, 1890]

