

Chapter 24

THE TRIUMPH OF THE THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE

(2000-?)

The third angel's message will triumph,
and we must hold fast to the truth
and triumph with it.

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On the subject of prophecies and their fulfillment, we have a tremendous advantage over pioneer Seventh-day Adventists. Why is this? It is not because we are wiser, more intelligent, or have higher degrees of worldly education. No, it is because we are now looking to the future with many years of Seventh-day Adventist history to guide us. “We have nothing to fear for the future except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and his teaching in our past history,” Ellen White counseled. (*Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, November 12, 1905, emphasis supplied). The triumph of the third angel's message begins with the shaking time and ends at the close of human probation.

The Shaking Time

When studying end-time events, or any prophecy past or future, it is wise to consider each past or future event in chronological order. Inspiration tells us that these events do not occur simultaneously, but take place “separate and distinct, one following the other.”

“I saw that the anger of the nations, the wrath of God, and the time to judge the dead were separate and distinct, one following the other. . .” Ellen White wrote. (*Early Writings*, page 36, emphasis supplied).

So with this premise in mind, we will consider last-day events in light of, (1) the shaking time and the sealing of the saints, (2) the corporate Church in the time of shaking and the sealing, (3) the latter rain (loud cry) and the finishing of the work, (4) the Sunday Law and the mark of the beast.

Again, we are only interested in Bible and Spirit of Prophecy descriptions of these final events. We will present first, Scripture, second, Spirit of Prophecy comment on that Scripture, and thirdly, our simple and non-dogmatic observations and comment.

The Straight Testimony in the Shaking Time

“When thus it shall be in the midst of the land among the people,” Isaiah prophesied, “*there shall be as the shaking of an olive tree*, and as the gleaning grapes when the vintage is done.” (Isaiah 24:13, emphasis supplied).

“I asked the meaning of the shaking I had seen, and was shown that it would be caused by the straight testimony called forth by the counsel of the True Witness to the Laodiceans,” Ellen White stated. “This will have its effect upon the heart of the receiver, and will lead him to exalt the standard and pour forth the straight truth. . .” (*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 1, page 181, (1857), emphasis supplied).

Here we see that the “straight testimony,” the “counsel of the True Witness to the Laodiceans” (corporate SDA Church), is “the standard” and the “straight truth.” This will not be a watered-down message but the straight truth! Exalting the standard of historic Adventism, thus pouring forth the straight truth “will have its effect upon the heart of the receiver.” Then what will the honest “receiver” do with this straight truth? The straight truth will lead this individual “to exalt the standard and pour forth the straight truth” himself, and thus the Lord will finish the work. The Holy Spirit will lead. Is not the Holy Spirit called “the Spirit of truth?” (John 14:17; 15:26; 16:13).

What Will Cause the Shaking?

“Some will not bear this straight testimony,” Ellen White concluded. “They will rise up against it, and this will cause a shaking among God’s people.” (*ibid.*, *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 1, page 181, emphasis supplied).

So that is it! The straight testimony, the straight truth and exalting the standard does not and will not cause the shaking. It is those in the Seventh-day Adventist Church who “will not bear this straight testimony.” What will they do? “They will rise up against it, and this will cause a shaking among God’s people.” (*ibid.*).

It has been nearly One hundred and fifty years since this statement was penned by inspiration. We can clearly see the fulfillment of this prophecy in today. The corporate Seventh-day Adventist Church is the Laodicean Church. The straight testimony is the “historic” Advent message that is now being given to the Laodicean Church by the “historic” Adventists of independent ministries.

Today we see that those who “will not bear this straight testimony” are rising up “against it.” And what is the result of those rising up against the standard and straight truth? “This will cause a shaking among God’s people.” Over fifteen years ago an outsider, Geoffery Paxton, an Anglican minister in Australia, wrote a book titled, *The Shaking of Adventism*. Why is it that even outsiders can see the shaking of Adventism and yet leadership remains blind to this fact?

“Because thou sayest, ‘I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing;’ and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked,” Jesus replies, “so then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.” (Revelation 3:16, 17).

When Will the Shaking End?

One major independent minister stated in a tape sermon that the “shaking” would continue “until the time when the saints hear the Voice of God announcing the day and hour of His coming.” However, the Voice of God announcing the day and hour of His coming, here referred to, occurs toward the end of 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. A decree went forth to slay the saints, which caused them to cry day and night for deliverance. This was the time of Jacob’s trouble. Then all the saints cried out with anguish of spirit, and were delivered by the voice of God. . . . (Ellen G. White, *Early Writings*, pages 36, 37, emphasis supplied).

“Soon we heard the voice of God like many waters, which gave us the day and hour of Jesus’ coming,” Ellen White stated. “*The living saints, 144,000 in number*, knew and understood the voice, while the wicked thought it was thunder and an earthquake.” (*Early Writings*, page 15, emphasis supplied).

As was shown above, the shaking is caused by those in the Laodicean Seventh-day Adventist Church rising up against the “straight testimony.” *There is no need for a straight testimony after the close of probation!* There is no need for a shaking after the close of probation. *Every case is then already decided!* No, friend, the shaking ends with the close of human probation. Jesus arises from His place in the Most Holy and declares, “He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.” (Revelation 22:11a).

The Shaking Before or After the Sealing?

In 1902 Ellen White stated that the sealing would come before the shaking. “Just as soon as God’s people are sealed and prepared for the shaking, it will come.” (*Manuscript Releases*, Vol. 1, page 249; also Ms 173, 1902, pp. 3-6). Again note the date, 1902. What happened one year later in 1903. The General Conference threw out what they had voted in 1901 and reestablished the office of President of the General Conference, thus establishing an image to the Papacy. Ten days later Ellen White wrote the following testimony:

Our position in the world is not what it should be. We are far from where we should have been had our Christian experience been in harmony with the light and the opportunities given us, had we from the beginning constantly pressed on ward and upward. Had we walked in the light that has been given us, had we followed on to know the Lord, our path would have grown brighter and brighter. But many of those who have had special light are so conformed to the world that they can scarcely be distinguished from worldlings. They do not stand forth as God’s peculiar people, chosen and precious. It is difficult to discern between him that serveth God and him that serveth Him not.

In the balances of the sanctuary the Seventh-day Adventist church is to be weighed. She will be judged by the privileges and advantages that she has had. If her spiritual experience does not correspond to the advantages that Christ, at infinite cost, has bestowed on her, if the blessings conferred have not qualified her to do the work entrusted to her, on her will be pronounced the sentence: “Found wanting.” By the light bestowed, the opportunities given, will she be judged. (Ellen G. White, “Shall We Be Found Wanting?” *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 8, page 247, St. Helena, California, April 21, 1903, emphasis supplied).

In 1901 Ellen White had stated, “We may have to remain here in this world because of insubordination many more years, as did the children of Israel, but for Christ’s sake, His people should not add sin to sin by charging God with the consequence of their own wrong course of action.” (*Evangelism*, page 696; *Letter* 184, 1901, emphasis supplied).

Now, because of our insubordination, because of the altering of God’s divine purpose, the shaking comes before the sealing. Why is this? Because only the sealed ones will receive the Holy Spirit in latter rain power.

Not one of us will ever receive the seal of God while our characters have one spot or stain upon them. It is left with us to remedy the defects in our characters, to cleanse the soul temple of every defilement. Then the latter rain will fall upon us as the early rain fell upon the disciples on the

Day of Pentecost. (Ellen G. White, *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 5, page 214, emphasis supplied).

Here Ellen White is talking about the seal of God. And when, with the help of God, the soul temple is cleansed of every defilement we will receive the seal of God. “Then the latter rain will fall upon us as the early rain fell upon the disciples on the Day of Pentecost.” (*ibid.*).

The Seventh-day Adventist Church In the Shaking Time

“I asked the meaning of the shaking I had seen and was shown that it would be caused by the straight testimony called forth by the counsel of the True Witness to the Laodiceans. . .,” Ellen White wrote. (*Early Writings*, page 270, emphasis supplied).

Who are the Laodiceans? The Seventh-day Adventist Church of course! “The message to the Laodicean church is highly applicable to us as a people. . .” (*Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, Vol. 7, page 961; *Manuscript* 33. 1894).

“The Laodicean message is applicable to the church at this time,” Ellen White wrote. “*Do you believe this message?*” (*Selected Messages*, Bk. 1, page 92).

Yes, we believe this message. How will the Church respond to the straight testimony to the Laodiceans -- the straight message to the Seventh-day Adventist Church?

“Some will not bear this straight testimony,” Ellen White replies. “They will rise up against it, *and this is what will cause a shaking among God’s people.*” (*ibid.*, *Early Writings*, page 270, emphasis supplied).

“They will rise up against it!” Why will the leadership rise up against the straight testimony? Because in the past fifty years an image of the Papacy has been established in the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and leadership has reached across the gulf to clasp hands with the harlot daughters of Babylon in the great Ecumenical Movement. (See above, Chapter 13, “The Ultimate Betrayal,” see also above, Chapter 19, “The Invaders”). The leadership of the Seventh-day Adventist Church cannot “bear this straight testimony” because it would interfere with their relationship and doctrines held *So Much In Common*, “Between the Seventh-day Adventist Church and the World Council of Churches.” (B. B. Beach and Lukas Vischur, World Council of Churches, Geneva, 1973).

Over one hundred years ago a clear picture of the apostasy that would develop in the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the time of shaking was given Ellen White. Carefully note each detail of the ten (10) points of apostasy and how these ten points correspond perfectly to the condition of the corporate Seventh-day Adventist Church today:

The enemy of souls [Satan] has sought to bring in the supposition that a great [Ecumenism] reformation was to take place among Seventh-day Adventists, and that this [Ecumenism] reformation would consist in (1) giving up the doctrines which stand as the pillars of our faith, and engaging in a process of reorganization [Ecumenism]. Were this reformation [Ecumenism] to take place, what would result? (2) The principles of truth that God in His wisdom has given to the remnant church, would be discarded. Our religion would be changed. (3) The fundamental principles that have sustained the work for the last fifty years [historic Adventism] would be accounted as error. (4) A new [theology] organization would be established. (5) Books of a new [theology] order would be written. (5) A system of intellectual [higher education] philosophy

would be introduced. (6) The founders of this [apostate] system would go into the cities, and do a wonderful work [1000 Days of Reaping]. (7) The Sabbath of course, would be lightly regarded, as also the God who created it. (8) Nothing would be allowed to stand in the way of the new [theology] movement [dissenters will be disfellowshipped]. (9) The leaders would teach that virtue is better than vice, but God being removed, they would place their dependence on human power [leadership], which, without God, is worthless. (10) Their foundation would be built on the sand, and storm and tempest would sweep away the structure. (Ellen G. White, *Selected Messages*, Bk. 1, pages 204, 205, emphasis supplied).

Point #1: “This reformation would consist in giving up the doctrines which stand as the pillars of our faith.”

This “reformation” by Seventh-day Adventist leadership came in the form of ecumenism. The first step toward this goal was taken in 1926 when the General Conference established their first official policy on ecumenism.

“In the desire to avoid occasion for misunderstanding or friction in the matter of relationship to the work of other societies, the following statement of principles are set forth as a guidance to our workers in mission fields in their contacts with other religious organizations,” the General Conference voted in 1926. (General Conference Executive Committee, 1926).

#1. We recognize every agency that lifts up Christ before man as a part of the divine plan for the evangelization of the world, and we hold in high esteem the Christian men and women in other communions who are engaged in winning souls to Christ. (ibid., “Relationship To Other Societies,” General Conference Executive Committee, 1926, emphasis supplied).

Notice that the leadership of the Seventh-day Adventist Church “recognize every agency that lifts up Christ.” This would include the Roman Catholic and apostate Protestant churches, evil spirit-filled Pentecostal churches. Seventh-day Adventist leadership also recognizes these fallen churches of Babylon as “part of the divine plan for the evangelization of the world.” Not what my Bible says! Neither can this premise be found in the Spirit of Prophecy. Indeed, the opposite is true:

“There is as great a difference in our faith and that of nominal professors, *as the heavens are higher than the earth*,” Ellen White stated. (*Spiritual Gifts*, Vol. 2, page 300, emphasis supplied).

Point #2: “The principles of truth that God in His wisdom has given to the remnant church, would be discarded. Our religion would be changed.”

“The principles of truth” have indeed been discarded. The truth on the human nature of Jesus Christ has been changed. The truth on the “final atonement” in the Heavenly Sanctuary has been changed. (See above, Chapters 12, “The Final Atonement, and 12, “The Ultimate Betrayal”). The truth on the “man of sin” in the original *Fundamental Principles* written by James White and Uriah Smith 1872-74, has been discarded in the new *27 Statements of Belief*! (See above, Chapter 8, “A Creed and A Church Manual,” and, Chapter 8, “Statements Compared”). Our religion is now changed. Wedding rings are now permitted, and even permitted in the wedding ceremony! Pentecostal music is now performed in many worship services. A religion of “free grace”(salvation without obedience to God’s Holy Law) is now boldly preached from nearly all denominational pulpits.

Point #3: “The fundamental principles that have sustained the work for the last fifty years would be accounted as error.”

Historic Adventism that “sustained the work for the last fifty years” (1844-1900) is now considered to be error. Many independent ministries, even some approved by the denomination (Amazing Facts and others), are now in existence because the denomination has given up the “straight testimony” in evangelism.

Point #4: “A new organization would be established.”

A new organization emphasizing Church authority is now established. “The General Conference, while in session, is the voice of God to Seventh-day Adventists.” (William G. Johnsson, Editor in Chief, *Adventist Review*; statement to Dr. Walter R. Martin on the John Ankerberg television program). An image of the Papacy has now been established in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. (See above, Chapter 19, “The Invaders”).

Point #5: “A system of intellectual philosophy would be introduced.”

A system of “intellectual philosophy” has been introduced. Note carefully the following article published in the *Los Angeles Times*:

Contrary to evolutionary theory, a literal reading of the Creation in the Bible makes animals and humans unrelated. But the creationist tradition seemed to present no religious basis for objection, and in fact, *Adventist scholars who were interviewed said that evolutionary theory today is winning more adherents among church members-- particularly scientists and intellectuals.*” (*Los Angeles Times*, November 10, 1984, emphasis supplied).

Higher education and intellectualism is now worshiped by the denomination. One need only to attend a few classes at any Seventh-day Adventist College or University to see that this statement is true.

Point #6: “The founders of this system would go into the cities, and do a wonderful work.”

“One Thousand Days of Reaping” and other contemporary methods of large city evangelism are now used. But with a false doctrine the evangelism is worthless.

“Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!” Jesus said, “for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.” (Matthew 23:15).

Point #7: “The Sabbath of course, would be lightly regarded, as also the God who created it.”

“The Lord has a controversy with his professed people. . . . They [SDA leadership] will not only ignore and despise the Sabbath themselves, but they [SDA leadership] will try to keep it from others by burying it beneath the rubbish of custom and tradition.” Ellen White stated. “In churches and in large gatherings in the open air, [SDA] ministers will urge upon the people the necessity of keeping the first day of the week.” (*ibid.*, *Review and Herald*, March 18, 1884, emphasis supplied).

Point #8: “Nothing would be allowed to stand in the way of the new movement.”

Nothing would be allowed to stand in the way of the new theology. Dissenters have been disfellowshipped (excommunicated). When the “new movement” began in earnest in 1955-56, M. L. Andreasen protested and his ministerial credentials were revoked. (See above, Chapter 14, “A Champion Stands Alone”); M. L. Andreasen, *Letters to the Churches*; also, Virginia Steinweg, “Clouds on the

Evening Horizon,” *Without Fear or Favor*). In the forty years since Andreasen stood alone, many ministerial credentials have been revoked for the same protest against the new theology.

Point #9: “The leaders would teach that virtue is better than vice, but God being removed, they would place their dependence on human power, which, without God, is worthless.”

“Now it has been Satan’s determined purpose to eclipse the view of Jesus, and lead men to look to man, and trust to man, and be educated to expect help from man,” Ellen White stated. (*Letter 57*, 1895; also, *Testimonies to Ministers*, pages 93, 94, emphasis supplied).

“For years the church has been looking to man and expecting much from man, but not looking to Jesus, in whom our hopes of eternal life are centered,” Ellen White concluded. “Therefore [for that reason] God gave to His servants [Jones and Waggoner--1888] a testimony that presented the truth as it is in Jesus, which is the third angel’s message, in clear, distinct lines.” (*ibid.*, *Testimonies to Ministers*, pages 93, 94, emphasis supplied).

In this time of shaking the contemporary Seventh-day Adventist Church, like the Roman Catholic Church, places their total “dependence on human power.” Ellen White observed that this policy is “without God” and “is worthless.”

Point #10: “Their foundation would be built on the sand, and storm and tempest would sweep away the structure.”

With this policy of looking to man and human power, the Seventh-day Adventist Church is now built on a “foundation of sand.” Will “storm and tempest” sweep away the structure?

“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,” Ellen White continued. “Instead of being strengthened and confirmed by opposition, threats, and abuse, they will cowardly take the side of the opposers.” (*ibid.*, *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 5, page 136, emphasis supplied).

Notice that the “great proportion of those who now appear to be genuine and true will prove to be base metal.” Will leadership actually “take the side of the opposers?”

“No superiority of rank, dignity, or worldly wisdom, no position in sacred office, will preserve men from sacrificing principle when left to their own deceitful hearts,” Ellen White replies. “Those who have been regarded as worthy and righteous prove to be ring-leaders in apostasy and examples in indifference and in the abuse of God’s mercies.” (“The Seal of God,” *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 5, page 212, emphasis supplied).

God’s Final-Hour Witness to an Apostate Church

The true people of God, who have the spirit of the work of the Lord and the salvation of souls at heart, will ever view sin in its real, sinful character. They will always be on the side of faithful and plain dealing with sins which easily beset the people of God. Especially in the closing work for the church, in the sealing time of the one hundred and forty-four thousand, who are to stand without fault before the throne of God, will they feel most deeply the wrongs of God’s professed people. This is forcibly set forth by the prophet’s illustration of the last work under the figure of the men, each having a slaughter weapon in his hand. One man among them was clothed with linen, with a writer’s inkhorn by his side. “And the Lord said unto him, Go through the midst of the city

[Church], through the midst of Jerusalem [Church], and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for the abominations that be done in the midst thereof.” (Ellen G. White, *Second Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, September 23, 1873; also June 8, 1886, emphasis supplied).

Only those who stand for truth and give a straight testimony will be sealed. Only those who “sigh and cry” over the abominations in the Church will be sealed

“These sighing, crying ones had been holding forth the words of life; they had reproved, counseled, and entreated,” Ellen White commented. “Some who had been dishonoring God repented and humbled their hearts before Him. But the glory of the Lord had departed from Israel [SDA Church]; *although many still continued the forms of religion, His power and presence were lacking.*” (*ibid.*, *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 5, page 210, emphasis supplied).

Some Questions and Answers

(1) What was the result of the witness of the “sighing and crying ones” to the world-loving Seventh-day Adventists?

Answer

“Some who had been dishonoring God repented and humbled their hearts before Him,” Ellen White replies. (*ibid.*, “The Seal of God,” *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 5, page 210, emphasis supplied).

(2) What does the Lord say about the Seventh-day Adventist denomination at this time “just prior to the close of probation?”

Answer

“*But the glory of the Lord had departed from Israel* [Church],” Ellen White replies again, “although many still continued the forms of religion, His power and presence were lacking.” (*ibid.*, “The Seal of God,” *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 5, page 210, emphasis supplied).

The “Some” and the “Many”

Notice that there are two classes of people in the Seventh-day Adventist Church near the close of probation. There are the “few” and the “many.” (1) “Some who had been dishonoring God repented and humbled their hearts before Him.” (2) “. . . although many still continued the forms of religion. . .” (*ibid.*).

Here we see a sad picture of the end-time corporate Seventh-day Adventist Church -- the “some” who repented, and the “many” who still continued the “forms of religion.” But while the “many” in the Church continued in a form of godliness “the glory of the Lord had departed from Israel [Church]” and “His power and presence were lacking.” (*ibid.*, “The Seal of God,” *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 5, page 210, emphasis supplied).

Questions and Bible Answers

(1) What did the apostle Paul predict about the end-time Church?

Answer

“Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof.” (2 Timothy 3:5).

(2) What was Paul’s advice?

Answer

“From such turn away.” (*ibid.*).

Of course, Seventh-day Adventists have always applied these texts to the Sunday-keeping Churches of Babylon. However, the Spirit of Prophecy applies these Scriptures to the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

“My Father’s house is made a house of merchandise, *a place whence the divine presence and glory have departed!*” the Heavenly Being said to Ellen White. “For this cause there is weakness, and strength is lacking.” (*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 8, page 250, emphasis supplied).

Then the Heavenly Being makes an astounding exclamation regarding the Seventh-day Adventist Church:

“How is the faithful city [SDA Church] become an harlot!” (*ibid.*, *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 8, page 250, emphasis supplied).

It is not only possible that the SDA Church has become “an harlot,” but has indeed come to pass, dear reader. Leadership has apostatized. “Those who have been regarded as worthy and righteous prove to be ring-leaders in apostasy.” (*Ibid.*, 5T, p. 212). What then is our duty in this time of shaking?

“To stand in defense of truth and righteousness when the majority forsake us, to fight the battles of the Lord when champions are few -- this will be our test,” Ellen White counseled. “At this time we must gather warmth from the coldness of others, courage from their cowardice, and loyalty from their treason.” (*ibid.*, *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 5, page 136, emphasis supplied).

The Sealing of the 144,000

“And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth,” the apostle John wrote, “holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.” (Revelation 7:1, emphasis supplied).

“And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,” John continued, then quoted the words of the angel, “Saying, `Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.” (Revelation 7:2, 3, emphasis supplied).

“The great day of God is hastening greatly,” Ellen White commented on the above Scripture. “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.” (*Review and Herald*, January 28, 1909, emphasis supplied).

Notice that this testimony was written (1909) just five years prior to the beginning of World War I, which began in 1914. At that hour in 1909 it was true that “the nations are mustering their forces for war and bloodshed.” World War II would soon follow. Then the Korean and Vietnam wars. Yet the angels are still holding “the four winds until the servants of God are sealed in their foreheads.” On September 11, 2001, Moslems on a deadly suicide mission completely destroyed the Trade Center Building in New York City and a portion of the Pentagon building in Washington, D. C. A condition of war exists between the United States and the terrorists. Still the angels hold the four winds until the saints are sealed.

“I saw that the anger of the nations, the wrath of God, and the time to judge the dead were separate and distinct, one following the other,” Ellen White wrote, “also that Michael had not stood up, and that the time of trouble, such as never was, had not yet commenced.” (*Early Writings*, page 36, emphasis supplied).

We are living, dear reader, in the time of the sealing, just prior to the close of human probation. (Dan. 12:1). The shaking time has already begun in the straight testimony of the message. From the clear statements in Scripture and the Spirit of Prophecy, and observing the signs in the world and in the Church, beyond question, we are now living in the time of the sealing.

“Jesus is about to leave the mercy seat of the heavenly sanctuary,” Ellen White commented, “to put on garments of vengeance and pour out His wrath [seven last plagues] in judgments upon those who have not responded to the light God has given them.” (“The Seal of God,” *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 5, pages 207, 208, emphasis supplied).

First note that the above quotation is taken from a Testimony titled, “The Seal of God.” After quoting Ezekiel 9:1, 3b-6, Ellen White identified the time for the fulfillment of the sealing. Notice that the time-frame of this prophecy is just prior to the close of human probation, after which the “wrath of God,” the seven last plagues are poured out. Jesus will then “put on garments of vengeance and pour out His wrath in judgments upon those who have not responded to the light God has given them.” The seven last plagues are the wrath of God.

“And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous,” the apostle John wrote, “seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God.” (Revelation 15:1, emphasis supplied).

What Is the Seal of God?

“Those who would have the seal of God in their foreheads must keep the Sabbath of the fourth commandment,” Ellen White stated. “This is what distinguishes them from the disloyal, who have accepted a man-made institution [Sunday] in the place of the true Sabbath.” (*Manuscript 27*, 1899, emphasis supplied).

“Oh, that is easy,” you say. “We have always faithfully kept the Sabbath by attending Sabbath School and Church services.” But will you keep the Sabbath, dear reader, when it is forbidden? When you can no longer “buy or sell” if you do not accept Sunday? (Rev. 13:17). If faithful, you will lose all your toys, dear Adventist friend! You will lose your motor homes, boats, motor bikes, wave-runners, snowmobiles, and other devices of pleasure. You will undoubtedly lose your fine job, your beautiful home, with all its modern conveniences and comfortable lifestyle. You must be sealed, dear reader, so that you will be faithful to the Sabbath, *even under the threat of death!* (Revelation 13:15).

“The observance of God’s rest day,” Ellen White concluded, “is the mark of distinction between him that serveth God and him that serveth Him not.” (*ibid. Manuscript 27*, 1899, emphasis supplied).

Undoubtedly, all Seventh-day Adventists want the Seal of God placed in their forehead. We have learned that the Sabbath is the Seal of God. Further, the sealed ones are identified as those who “keep the commandments of God, and have the faith of Jesus.” (Revelation 14:12).

God’s Final-Hour Sealed Ones Identified

“And he (the angel) said to me, ‘These [144,000] are they which came out of great tribulation,’” John quoted the angel, “and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.” (Revelation 7:14, emphasis supplied).

The benediction pronounced upon those who keep God’s law is, “Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.” (Rev.22:14). “And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the Mount Zion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father’s name written in their foreheads.” (Rev. 14:1). “Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.” (Rev. 14:12). (Ellen G. White, *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, August 31, 1897).

There are many Bible and Spirit of Prophecy descriptions of the character required to be numbered among the 144,000. The above Scriptures state that they (1) “keep the commandments of God,” (2) they have “the faith of Jesus,” (3) they “have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb,” (4) they will be those who have “gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name.” (Rev. 15:2). To get the victory over the beast and over his mark *they must be living at the time the mark of the beast is enforced!*

Ellen White stated about the sealing “of the one hundred and forty-four thousand,” that they would be those “who are to stand without fault before the throne of God.” (Review and Herald, September 23, 1873; also, June 8, 1886). “The hundred and forty and four thousand. . .were redeemed from among men.” (*The Great Controversy*, page 648).

Enoch and the 144,000

“In the midst of a world by its iniquity doomed to destruction, Enoch lived a life of such close communion with God that he was not permitted to fall under the power of death,” Ellen White wrote. “*The godly character of this prophet represents the state of holiness which must be attained by those who shall be ‘redeemed from the earth’ (Revelation 14:3) at the time of Christ’s second advent.*” (*Patriarchs and Prophets*, pages 88, 89, emphasis supplied).

“Then, as in the world before the Flood, iniquity will prevail,” Ellen White continued. “Following the promptings of their corrupt hearts and the teachings of a deceptive philosophy, men will rebel against the authority of Heaven.” (*ibid.*, *Patriarchs and Prophets*, pages 88, 89, emphasis supplied).

“But like Enoch, God’s people will seek for purity of heart and conformity to His will, until they shall reflect the likeness of Christ.” Ellen White stated. “Like Enoch, they will warn the world of the Lord’s second coming and of the judgments to be visited upon transgression, and by their holy conversation and example they will condemn the sins of the ungodly.” (*ibid.*, *Patriarchs and Prophets*, pages 88, 89, emphasis supplied).

“As Enoch was translated to heaven before the destruction of the world by water,” Ellen White stated, “so the living righteous will be translated from the earth before its destruction by fire. . .” (*ibid.*, *Patriarchs and Prophets*, pages 88, 89, emphasis supplied).

The 144,000 who “having been translated from the earth, *from among the living*, are counted as ‘the first fruits unto God and to the Lamb.’ Revelation 15:2, 3; 14:1-5.” (*ibid.*, *The Great Controversy*, page 648, emphasis supplied).

Who Will Compose the 144,000?

“I have no light on the subject [as to just who would constitute the 144,000],” Ellen White stated. “Please tell my brethren that I have nothing presented before me regarding the circumstances concerning which they write, and I can set before them only that which has been presented to me.” (Quoted in a letter by C. C. Crisler to E. E. Andross, Dec. 8, 1914. (In White Estate Document File, Number 164; See also, *Selected Messages*, Bk. 3, page 51, emphasis supplied).

Notice that Ellen White states “I can set before them only that which has been presented to me.” Thus she was faithful to the gift of prophecy. We also cannot comment or speculate on that which is not revealed in Scripture or the Spirit of Prophecy. The question, Who, what individuals, will be numbered among the 144,000, is not revealed. Such questions as this is a side issue. Ellen White gave good counsel on this subject in relation to “Who is to compose the hundred and forty-four thousand.”

Christ says that there will be those in the church who will present fables and suppositions, when God has given grand, elevating, ennobling truths, which should ever be kept in the treasure house of the mind. When men pick up this theory and that theory, when they are curious to know something it is not necessary for them to know, God is not leading them. *It is not His plan that His people shall present something which they have to suppose, which is not taught in the Word.* It is not His will that they shall get into controversy over questions which will not help them spiritually, such as, Who is to compose the hundred and forty-four thousand. *This those who are the elect of God will in a short time know without question.* (Ellen G. White, *Selected Messages*, Bk. 1, page 174; See also, *Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, Vol. 7, page 978, emphasis supplied).

Notice the sage advice “This those who are the elect of God will in a short time know without question.” We would do well to heed this sound advice, not only on the question of, “Who will be numbered among the 144,000,” but also other obscura questions that do not involve our preparation for the final crisis. This does not mean, however, that we cannot study that which is revealed.

“The secret things belong unto the Lord our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.” (Deuteronomy 29:29, emphasis supplied).

Beware of False Teaching On the Subject of the 144,000

“One brother held that the one thousand years of the twentieth chapter of Revelation were in the past,” Ellen White wrote, “and that the one hundred and forty-four thousand mentioned in the seventh and fourteenth chapters of Revelation, were those raised at Christ’s resurrection.” (*Life Sketches*, page 110, emphasis supplied).

There have been many theories presented on the subject of the 144,000. However, as stated before, we are only interested in Bible and Spirit of Prophecy interpretation of these last day events.

False Concept That the Dead Are Counted Among the 144,000

Some pioneer Adventist presented the concept that those who died under the third angel's message would be counted "among" the 144,000. (Uriah Smith, Review and Herald, August 10, 1897). Today we can understand how pioneer Adventists could believe this erroneous concept because one hundred and fifty years ago there were only 3, 500 Adventists. At that time the pioneers wondered, "Where would the Lord find 144,000?"

"From the light given her in 1844 in her first vision, there were 144,000 'living saints' who would greet their Lord at His second coming (EW, p. 15)," Arthur L. White wrote. "The records indicate only 50,000 to 100,000 were awaiting His coming in 1844." (EGW: *The Early Years*, page 261).

Although there were fifty to one hundred thousand who were awaiting the Lord's coming in 1844, almost all left the movement after the Great Disappointment of October 22, 1844. Nineteen years later (1863) there were only 3,500 Adventists worldwide.

"Expansion into the Midwest swelled church membership to 3,500 by 1863." (*Seventh-day Adventist Dictionary*, Art. SDA Church "History"). "Where would the Lord find 144,000 to be sealed unless it included those who had fallen asleep under the third angel's message?" pioneer Adventists reasoned. Not only that, but seven years before the turn of the century Ellen White made the "solemn" observation that "Not one in twenty" were ready to meet the Lord -- that nineteen out of twenty of those who were registered upon the church books in 1893 were "without God and without hope in the world as the common sinner."

"It is a solemn statement that I make to the church," Ellen White stated in 1893, "that not one in twenty whose names are registered upon the church books are prepared to close their earthly history, and would be as verily without God and without hope in the world as the common sinner." (*General Conference Daily Bulletin*, February 4, 1893, page 133; *Christian Service*, page 41, emphasis supplied).

If the 1893 North America membership of 803,015 members were divided by "not one in twenty," the number left for sealing would be only around forty (40) thousand souls! Again, where would the Lord find 144,000?

Are Those Who Have Fallen Asleep Numbered With the 144,000?

Ellen White WITH Not AMONG the 144,000

I begged of my attending angel to let me remain in that place. I could not bear the thought of coming back to this dark world again. Then the angel said, "You must go back, and if you are faithful, you, with the 144,000, shall have the privilege of visiting all the worlds and viewing the handiwork of God." (Ellen G. White, *Early Writings*, page 40, emphasis supplied).

"The wording is 'You with the 144,000,' not 'You as one of the 144,000,'" Arthur L. White noted. (*Ellen G. White -- The Early Years*, Vol.1, 1827-1862, page 157).

In a subtitle, "Death Invades the Camp," Arthur White related the story of a faithful Seventh-day Adventist woman who had died suddenly. Ellen White stated that the Lord had shown her that this faithful woman would be raised in the special resurrection and be numbered "with" not "among" the 144,000.

“While residing at Oswego, James and Ellen White received word of the sudden death of Mrs. Elvira Hastings, wife of Leonard Hastings, of New Ipswich, New Hampshire, on February 28,” Arthur White wrote. “She was 42, the mother of four children, and a very devoted believer in the Sabbath and the Second Advent.” (*ibid.*, *EGW, The Early Years*, Vol. 1 -- 1827-1862, page 173).

“Her death, caused by a ruptured appendix, called from James and Ellen letters of sympathy, written on March 18,” Arthur White continued. “Ellen opened her letter to the bereaved husband and father [second paragraph]:” (*ibid.*, *EGW, The Early Years*, Vol. 1 -- 1827-1862, page 173).

I saw that she was sealed and would come up at the voice of God and stand upon the earth, and would be with the 144,000. I saw we need not mourn for her; she would rest in the time of trouble, and all that we could mourn for was our loss in being deprived of her company. I saw her death would result in good.--*Letter 10*, 1850. (Ellen G. White, *The Faith I Live By*, page 173, emphasis supplied).

“The wording was similar to that spoken by the angel to Ellen White in the vision in which she seemed to be visiting another planet,” Arthur White again noted. “She was reluctant to return to the earth and the angel said to her, ‘You must go back, and if you are faithful, you, with the 144,000, shall have the privilege of visiting all the worlds.’ *Early Writings*, page 40.” (*ibid.*, *EGW, The Early Years*, Vol. 1 -- 1827-1862, page 173).

Uriah Smith and other pioneer Seventh-day Adventists who believed that, those who died under the third angel’s message will be numbered “among” the 144,000, drew their conclusion from two observations. (1) The statement in Revelation 14:13b; “Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.” (2) The fact that the total number of Seventh-day Adventists alive at that time was far less than 144,000.

However, from these Spirit of Prophecy statements it is clear that those faithful who rest in the grave under the third angel’s message, i.e., “from henceforth,” along, “with the 144,000, shall have the privilege of visiting all the worlds and viewing the handiwork of God.” (*Early Writings*, page 40). What a wonderful reward the Lord has planned for those faithful Seventh-day Adventists who have labored to present the straight testimony of the three angel’s messages to a perishing world. Think of it, dear reader, to travel throughout the vast universe with Jesus, either as one of the 144,000, or as one of the faithful who sleep under the blessing of the three angel’s messages!

“There is no tension between this and Ellen White’s clear statement in the *Great Controversy*,” Arthur White concluded, “that this special company [144,000] were those translated without seeing death (See GC, PP. 648, 649).” (*ibid.*, *EGW, The Early Years*, Vol. 1 -- 1827-1862, page 173).

How Many Will Be Sealed?

“And I heard the number of them which were sealed:” John wrote, “and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of [Spiritual] Israel.” (Revelation 7:4, emphasis supplied).

“The 144,000 were all sealed and perfectly united,” Ellen White wrote. “On their foreheads was written, God, New Jerusalem, and a glorious star containing Jesus’ new name.” (*Early Writings*, page 15, emphasis supplied).

“The living saints, 144,000 in number, knew and understood the voice,” Ellen White wrote, “while the wicked thought it was thunder and an earthquake.” (*ibid.*, *Early Writings*, pages 15, emphasis supplied).

“The 144,000 triumphed,” Ellen White stated. “Their faces were lighted up with the glory of God.” (*ibid.*, *Early Writings*, page 36, emphasis supplied).

“The 144,000 shouted, ‘Alleluia!’ as they recognized their friends who had been torn from them by death. . . .” (*ibid.*, *Early Writings*, page 16), emphasis supplied.

“Here on the sea of glass the 144,000 stood in a perfect square. . . .” (*ibid.*, *Early Writings*, page 16, emphasis supplied).

“And as we were about to enter the holy temple, Jesus raised His lovely voice and said, ‘Only the 144,000 enter this place,’ and we shouted, ‘Alleluia.’” (*ibid.*, *Early Writings*, page 19, emphasis supplied).

“I saw there tables of stone in which the names of the 144,000 were engraved in letters of gold.” (*ibid.*, *Early Writings*, pages 19; see also, *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 1, page 69, emphasis supplied).

According to these Bible and Spirit of Prophecy statements, the number sealed is 144,000. Is this a literal number? Evidently so, for there is other testimony to substantiate this conclusion. (See below, “The Living Saints in the Time of Trouble”). This statement by Ellen White refers to the “living saints” during the seven last plagues, or time of trouble. The other Spirit of Prophecy statements on the literal number 144,000 also refer to the time of the seven last plagues and the triumph and reward of the saints. We will quote these clear statements again when we comment on those end-time events.

God’s Closing Work For the Church

The true people of God, who have the spirit of the work of the Lord and the salvation of souls at heart, will ever view sin in its real, sinful character. They will always be on the side of faithful and plain dealing with sins which easily beset the people of God. Especially in the closing work for the church, in the sealing time of the one hundred and forty-four thousand, who are to stand without fault before the throne of God, will they feel most deeply the wrongs of God’s professed people. This is forcibly set forth by the prophet’s illustration of the last work under the figure of the men, each having a slaughter weapon in his hand. One man among them was clothed with linen, with a writer’s inkhorn by his side. “And the Lord said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for the abominations that be done in the midst thereof.” (Ellen G. White, *Second Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, September 23, 1873; also June 8, 1886, emphasis supplied).

What is the time-frame of this prophecy? “Especially in the closing work for the church, in the sealing time of the one hundred and forty-four thousand, who are to stand without fault before the throne of God.” Notice that Ellen White called this “the last work.” What will God’s true people feel at this time? They will “feel most deeply the wrongs of God’s professed people.” The sealing angel will then “set a mark upon the foreheads of the men [and women] that sigh and that cry for the abominations that be done in the midst thereof.” Again, only those, dear reader, who stand for truth and give a straight testimony will be sealed. Only those who “sigh and cry” over the abominations in the Church will be sealed.

“At the time when the danger and depression of the church are greatest, the little company who are standing in the light will be sighing and crying for the abominations that are done in the land,” Ellen White prophesied. “But more especially will their prayers arise in behalf of the church because its members are doing after the manner of the world.” (*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 5, pages 209, 210, emphasis supplied).

“When the danger and depression of the church are greatest.” Without doubt this is the hour in which we now live. Notice that God’s true people at this time are referred to as “the little company.” And what is the little company doing at this time when the danger and depression of the church is greatest? The little company are “standing in the light. . . sighing and crying for the abominations that are done in the land.” It is as simple as that, dear reader. Only the little company who are sighing and crying over the abominations done in the Church will receive the seal of God.

“The seal of God will be placed upon the foreheads of those only who sigh and cry for the abominations done in the land [Church]. . .,” Ellen White stated. “The class who do not feel grieved over their own spiritual declension, nor mourn over the sins of others, will be left without the seal of God. . .” (*ibid.*, *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 5, pages 212, 211, emphasis supplied).

Those left without the seal of God will not then be trusted with the work. Those without the seal of God will not receive the latter rain.

The Latter Rain and the Finishing of the Work

“Repent ye therefore, and be converted,” the apostle Peter prophesied, “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 Christ, which before was preached unto you.” (Acts 3:19, 20, emphasis supplied).

“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,” Ellen White commented on the above Scripture. “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.” (“The Final Warning,” *The Great Controversy*, pages 611, 612, emphasis supplied).

Under the latter rain the “sealed” saints of God will proclaim the third angel’s message with power. (Revelation 18). The fruitage will be great. Like the early rain at Pentecost, many will be converted to the truth in one day.

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. (*ibid.*, Ellen G. White, “The Final Warning,” *The Great Controversy*, page 612, emphasis supplied).

Only the Sealed Ones Receive the Latter Rain

We know that the latter rain follows the sealing. How do we know this? Because only the sealed ones will receive the Holy Spirit in latter rain power. Therefore the latter rain cannot come before the saints are sealed in their foreheads.

The seal of God will never be placed upon the forehead of an impure man or woman. It will never be placed upon the forehead of the ambitious, world-loving man or woman. It will never be placed upon the forehead of men or women of false tongues or deceitful hearts. All who receive the seal must be without spot before God -- candidates for heaven. (Ellen G. White, *Last Day Events*, page 221; See also, *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 5, page 216. (1882), emphasis supplied).

Notice that “all” who receive the seal “must be without spot before God.” Again, note carefully the following testimony of our duty (with the help of Jesus through the Holy Spirit) to perfect our character so we may receive the seal of God and the latter rain:

“Not one of us will ever receive the seal of God while our characters have one spot or stain upon them,” Ellen White warned. “It is left with us to remedy the defects in our characters, to cleanse the soul temple of every defilement.” (*ibid.*, *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 5, page 214).

The sealed ones must, through the power of Christ, overcome sin to receive the seal of God. Then the latter rain will fall upon them, and the sealed ones will finish the work under the power of the Holy Spirit.

“Then the latter rain will fall upon us as the early rain fell upon the disciples on the Day of Pentecost,” Ellen White concluded. (*ibid.*, *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 5, page 214, emphasis supplied).

Again, only those who have the seal of God will receive the Holy Spirit in latter rain power. The Holy Spirit will not fall upon an impure man or woman. After the soul temple is cleansed “of every defilement. . . then the latter rain will fall upon us as the early rain fell upon the disciples on the Day of Pentecost.” (*ibid.*).

The Last Solemn Work

“This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come,” the apostle Paul prophesied. “For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, truce breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.” (2 Timothy 3:1-5, emphasis supplied).

The condition of the Christian church during the last solemn work here described by the apostle Paul is very grave indeed. The sins listed here describe perfectly the condition of Church members of our day. Further, these sins permeate the multi-million membership of the Seventh-day Adventist Church of the year A. D. 2,000 -- “lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;” and, “having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof.” Then Paul advises, “from such turn away.” (*ibid.*, 2 Timothy 3:5). Paul concluded that these false last-day Christians would be, “Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.” (2 Timothy 3:7).

The SDA Church to Be Weighed in the Balances of the Sanctuary

The church cannot measure herself by the world nor by the opinion of men nor by what she once was. Her faith and her position in the world as they now are must be compared with what they would have been if her course had been continually onward and upward. *The church will be weighed in the balances of the sanctuary*. If her moral character and spiritual state do not

correspond with the benefits and blessings God has conferred upon her, she will be found wanting. (Ellen G. White, *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 5, pages 83, emphasis supplied).

If the Seventh-day Adventist Church were to be weighed in the balances of the sanctuary today, dear reader, how would she measure up? Indeed, how would we measure up to the Lord's standard? May we now prepare to meet our soon coming Lord.

"The days are fast approaching when there will be great perplexity and confusion," Ellen White stated. "Satan, clothed in angel robes, will deceive, if possible, the very elect." (*ibid.*, *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol., 5, page 80, emphasis supplied).

"There will be gods many and lords many," Ellen White concluded. "*Every wind of doctrine will be blowing*." (*ibid.*, *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol., 5, page 80, emphasis supplied).

The Time and Nature of the True Latter Rain

Before the final visitation of God's judgments upon the earth *there will be among the people of the Lord such a revival of primitive godliness as has not been witnessed since apostolic times*. The Spirit and power of God will be poured out upon His children. At that time many will separate themselves from those churches in which the love of this world has supplanted love for God and His word. Many, both of ministers and people, will gladly accept those great truths which God has caused to be proclaimed at this time to prepare a people for the Lord's second coming. (Ellen G. White, "The False Revival," *Maranatha*, page 168, emphasis supplied).

Please note the following five (5) important points of this Spirit of Prophecy statement:

- (1) The time is "before" God's final judgements are poured out. Before the seven last plagues or time of trouble.
- (2) There will be a revival of primitive godliness "as has not been witnessed since apostolic times."
- (3) At that time "many will separate themselves from those churches in which the love of this world has supplanted love for God and His word."
- (4) Many "will gladly accept those great truths which God has caused to be proclaimed at this time."
- (5) And what will this 'latter rain' of truth do for the people? It will "prepare a people for the Lord's second coming."

The Time and Nature of the False Latter Rain

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*. (Ellen G. White, *Early Writings*, page 261. emphasis supplied).

Notice that here in the end of time Satan comes as an angel of light. "And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light." (2 Corinthians 11:14). How does Satan come? He comes through the medium of "Spiritualism." How is Satan, as "an angel of light," accepted by the churches? "The churches are elated, and consider that God is working marvelously for them." But is God working

marvelously for the Church? No, indeed, “it is the work of another spirit.” What will be the result of such false revivals and false reformations?

“The excitement will die away,” Ellen White replies, “and leave the world and the church in a worse condition than before.” (*ibid.*, *Early Writings*, page 261).

Now I ask, dear reader, is the Seventh-day Adventist Church excluded from these warnings from Scripture and the Spirit of Prophecy? No! A thousand times no!

The enemy of souls desires to hinder this work [of true revival;] and before the time for such a movement shall come, he will endeavor to prevent it by introducing a counterfeit. In those churches which he can bring under his deceptive power he will make it appear that God’s special blessing is poured out; there will be manifest what is thought to be great religious interest. Multitudes will exult that God is working marvelously for them, when the work is that of another spirit. Under a religious guise, Satan will seek to extend his influence over the Christian world. (*ibid.*, Ellen G. White, “The False Revival,” *Maranatha*, page 168, emphasis supplied).

Please note the following five (5) important points in this vivid description of the false revival or false latter rain:

- (1) Before the true latter rain -- before the true revival, Satan will introduce “a counterfeit” revival.
- (2) “In those [SDA] churches which he can bring under his deceptive power he will make it appear that God’s special blessing is poured out. . .” Of course, leadership would say that Ellen White was referring to Sunday-keeping churches, “certainly not the Seventh-day Adventist Church!” But this is a false perception of the times in which we live.
- (3) In the Seventh-day Adventist Church “there will be manifest what is thought to be great religious interest.” This, of course, is precisely what we see today! One thousand days of reaping and other contemporary programs. Continual boasting of Seventh-day Adventist leadership of the 11,000,000 plus members worldwide.
- (4) “Multitudes will exult that God is working marvelously for them, when the work is that of another spirit.” What is thought to be the working of the Holy Spirit will be the false revival, the false latter rain, *the working of Satan!* We are in the very hour, dear reader.

For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; *because they received not the love of the truth*, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: that they all might be damned who believed not the truth, *but had pleasure in unrighteousness.* (2 Thessalonians 2:7-12, emphasis supplied).

- (5) “Under a religious guise, Satan will seek to extend his influence over the [entire] Christian world.” (*ibid.*)

Apostate Seventh-day Adventist Leadership During the Last Solemn Work

“No superiority of rank, dignity, or worldly wisdom, no position in sacred office, will preserve men from sacrificing principle when left to their own deceitful hearts,” Ellen White warned. “Those who have been regarded as worthy and righteous prove to be ring-leaders in apostasy and examples in indifference and in the abuse of God’s mercies.” (*ibid.*, “The Seal of God,” *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 5, page 212, emphasis supplied).

During the last solemn work false teachers will lead the corporate Seventh-day Adventist Church into deeper and deeper apostasy. There will be “gods many and lords many.” Laodicean Adventists will worship talent and higher education. They will worship the false leadership of the Seventh-day Adventist Church as did the laity of the Roman Catholic Church during the dark ages.

“Those who have rendered supreme homage to ‘science falsely so called’ will not be the leaders then,” Ellen White observed. “Those who have trusted to intellect, genius, or talent will not then stand at the head of rank and file.” (*ibid.*, *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol., 5, page 80, emphasis supplied).

“In the last solemn work few great men will be engaged,” Ellen White stated. “They are self-sufficient, independent of God, and He cannot use them.” (*ibid.*, *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol., 5, page 80, emphasis supplied).

How did Seventh-day Adventist leadership come to such a dreadful condition? What in the world has happened to our once faithful leaders?

“They did not keep pace with the light,” Ellen White replies. “Those who have proved themselves unfaithful will not then be entrusted with the flock.” (*ibid.*, *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol., 5, page 80, emphasis supplied).

Who Will Finish the Last Solemn Work?

If the highly educated leadership will not be the leaders in the “last solemn work,” who then will God use? The sealed ones, of course!

“The Lord has faithful servants, who in the shaking, testing time will be disclosed to view,” Ellen White prophesied. “There are precious ones now hidden who have not bowed the knee to Baal.” (*ibid.*, *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol., 5, page 81).

“They have not had the light which has been shining in a concentrated blaze upon you,” Ellen White observed. “But it may be under a rough and uninviting exterior the pure brightness of a genuine Christian character will be revealed. . .” (*ibid.*, *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol., 5, page 81, emphasis supplied).

“In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea,” Matthew wrote. “And the same John had his raiment of camel’s hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his meat was locusts and wild honey.” (Matthew 3:1, 4).

John the Baptist was not educated at the schools of higher learning of the corporate Church in his day. Yet the Lord chose him to proclaim the first advent. And what did John the Baptist say to the corporate Church leaders of his day when they came to his baptism?

“O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?” John rebuked the Church leadership. “Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance: and think not to say within yourselves, ‘We have Abraham to our father:’ for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.” (Matthew 3:7-9, emphasis supplied)

John called for their repentance. But they were proud of their position in Church leadership. But God is able to raise up children outside of an apostate Church. To believe and teach that one must belong to a corporate Church in order to be a child of God is totally Roman Catholic, *and an image of the Papacy!*

“And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees,” John concluded, “therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, *and cast into the fire.*” (Matthew 3:10, emphasis supplied).

Like John the Baptist, preparing the way for our Lord’s first advent -- in his rough, uneducated manner -- the Lord will choose His faithful workers to finish the “last solemn work.” Empowered by the Holy Spirit in latter rain strength, the workers will give the last solemn message -- a warning against the beast and his mark.

The Sunday Law

“And he [the United States] had power to give life [law] unto the image of the beast [Sunday observance],” the apostle John prophesied, “that the image of the beast [Sunday] should. . .speak [by law]. . .” (Revelation 13:15, emphasis supplied).

“When our nation shall so abjure the principles of its government as to enact a Sunday law,” Ellen White prophesied, “Protestantism will in this act join hands with popery.” (*ibid.*, *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol., 5, page 712, emphasis supplied).

Our nation will enact a Sunday Law. At that time Protestantism, or Adventism, or any who join in the observance of Sunday, “will in this act join hands with popery,” and receive the mark of the beast.

“The Lord has shown me clearly that the image of the beast [Sunday] will be formed before probation closes,” Ellen White warned, “for it is to be the great test for the people of God, by which their eternal destiny will be decided.” (*Selected Messages*, Bk. 2, page 81, emphasis supplied).

Notice that Sunday observance “is to be the great test for the people of God, by which their eternal destiny will be decided.” At this time all will receive the mark of the beast, either in their forehead or in their hand, in contrast to God’s people, the 144,000, who will have the seal of God in their foreheads. Then probation for all mankind will close! But before the close of probation the Sunday law will be enforced, for all the living must make a choice either for the seal of God or the mark of the beast.

The Sunday Law and the Corporate Seventh-day Adventist Church

The time is not far distant when the test will come to every soul. The mark of the beast will be urged upon us. Those who have step by step yielded to worldly demands and conformed to worldly customs will not find it a hard matter to yield to the powers that be, rather than subject themselves to derision, insult, threatened imprisonment, and death. The contest is between the commandments of God and the commandments of men. In this time the gold will be separated

from the dross in the church. True godliness will be clearly distinguished from the appearance and tinsel of it. Many a star that we have admired for its brilliancy will then go out in darkness. Chaff like a cloud will be borne away on the wind, even from places where we see only floors of rich wheat. All who assume the ornaments of the sanctuary, but are not clothed with Christ's righteousness, will appear in the shame of their own nakedness. (Ellen G. White, *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 5, page 81, emphasis supplied).

This testimony is clearly directed toward the present hour in which we live. We must here note seven (7) distinct points of this powerful testimony:

- (1) "The mark of the beast will be urged upon us."

The mark of the beast will be urged upon us? Obviously this clearly means Seventh-day Adventists!

- (2) "Those who have step by step yielded to worldly demands and conformed to worldly customs will not find it a hard matter to yield to the powers that be, rather than subject themselves to derision, insult, threatened imprisonment, and death."

"The Lord has a controversy with his professed people in these last days. . . . In churches and in large gatherings in the open air," Ellen White prophesied, "ministers will urge upon the people the necessity of keeping the first day of the week." (*ibid.*, *Review and Herald*, March 18, 1884, emphasis supplied).

Notice that Seventh-day Adventist Church leadership "who have step by step yielded to worldly demands and conformed to worldly customs will not find it a hard matter to yield to the powers that be." They cannot sustain the structure of the denomination without the huge funds from the tithe and offerings of the people who can no longer "buy or sell." Therefore, what will leadership do? "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."

Most Seventh-day Adventists realize that the Sabbath is the Seal of God. However, the real test of allegiance to the Sabbath comes when laws against the Sabbath are enforced. Many Adventists work for the denomination and therefore have no conflict with the observance of the Sabbath. Indeed, many denominational workers, ministers, doctors, dentists, and others even have Friday to prepare for the Sabbath. But when the real test is enforced by civil governments, God's true remnant people will be revealed.

- (3) "The contest is between the commandments of God and the commandments of men."

For one hundred years the leadership of the Seventh-day Adventist Church has been conditioning the people to accept "the commandments of men" through hierarchal, ecclesiastical authority. The Commandments of God have been, and are being cast aside.

"For years the church has been looking to man and expecting much from man," Ellen White stated, "but not looking to Jesus, in whom our hopes of eternal life are centered. . . ." (*Letter to O. A. Olsen*, dated at Hobart, Tasmania, May 1, 1895; See also, *The Ellen G. White 1888 Materials*, page 1338).

- (4) "In this time the gold will be separated from the dross in the church."

Notice that the separation is in the church! The gold will be separated from the dross among those claiming to be Seventh-day Adventists.

(5) “True godliness will be clearly distinguished from the appearance and tinsel of it.”

In this sealing time the true Seventh-day Adventists “will be clearly distinguished” from those who obey not the truth. Indeed, separation is taking place at this very hour! “The contest is between the commandments of God, and the commandments of men.” (*The Great Controversy*, page 200).

(6) “Many a star that we have admired for its brilliancy will then go out in darkness,” and, “Chaff like a cloud will be borne away on the wind, *even from places where we see only floors of rich wheat.*” (emphasis supplied).

Many leaders will leave the message. Whole churches will leave the message, “from places where we see only floors of rich wheat.”

“Standard after standard was left to trail in the dust as company after company from the Lord’s army joined the foe,” Ellen White commented, “and tribe after tribe from the ranks of the enemy united with the commandment-keeping people of God.” (*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 8, page 41 (1904); See also, “The Shaking,” *Last Day Events*, page 182, emphasis supplied).

“Company after company from the Lord’s army joined the foe.” Whole churches will leave the truth when the mark of the beast is enforced. The good news is that “tribe after tribe from the ranks of the enemy united with the commandment-keeping people of God.” Notice also that Ellen White does not say that tribe after tribe would join the Church, but that tribe after tribe from the ranks of the enemy would unite “with the commandment-keeping people of God.”

(7) “All who assume the ornaments of the sanctuary, but are not clothed with Christ’s righteousness, will appear in the shame of their own nakedness.”

Those who “assume the ornaments of the sanctuary” are obviously nominal Seventh-day Adventists -- those who are Seventh-day Adventists in name only.

Former Brethren Our Worst Enemies

As the storm approaches, a large class who have professed faith in the third angel’s message, but have not been sanctified through obedience to the truth, abandon their position and join the ranks of the opposition. By uniting with the world and partaking of its spirit, they have come to view matters in nearly the same light; and when the test is brought, they are prepared to choose the easy, popular side. Men of talent and pleasing address, who once rejoiced in the truth, employ their powers to deceive and mislead souls. They become the most bitter enemies of their former brethren. When Sabbath keepers are brought before the courts to answer for their faith, these apostates are the most efficient agents of Satan to misrepresent and accuse them, and by false reports and insinuations to stir up the rulers against them. (Ellen G. White, *The Great Controversy*, page 608, emphasis supplied).

Notice that it is “a large class who have professed faith in the third angel’s message,” who “abandon their position and join the ranks of the opposition.” “By uniting with the world [Council of Churches and other Evangelical groups] and partaking of its spirit, they have come to view matters in nearly the same light, and ”when the test is brought, they are prepared to choose the easy, popular side.”

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Many Will Leave the Message and Many Will Take Their Places

There will be only two classes of professed Seventh-day Adventists in the final “solemn” work. Ellen White saw clearly these two classes of Christians in vision:

“In vision I saw two armies in terrible conflict,” Ellen White wrote. “One army was led by banners bearing the world’s insignia; the other was led by the bloodstained banner of Prince Immanuel.” (*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 8, page 41).

Which banner will we be under, dear reader? We are living in the time of great apostasy. We must now choose truth instead of heresy and apostasy.

“Standard after standard was left to trail in the dust as company after company from the Lord’s army joined the foe,” Ellen White saw, “and tribe after tribe from the ranks of the enemy united with the commandment-keeping people of God.” (*ibid.*, *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 8, page 41).

Notice that in our time “standard after standard” is cast aside. “Company after company” leave the truth. But, praise God, “tribe after tribe from the ranks of the enemy united with the commandment-keeping people of God.” Again, note that they do not unite with the corporate Church, but with “the commandment-keeping people of God.”

Will the Seventh-day Adventist Denomination Go Through?

“The Lord has a controversy with His professed people in these last days.” Ellen White prophesied. “In this controversy men in responsible positions [leadership] will take a course directly opposite to that pursued by Nehemiah.” (*Review and Herald*, March 18, 1884, emphasis supplied).

In answer to this most important question we can only refer the reader to Scripture and the Testimony of Jesus -- the Spirit of Prophecy. It is obvious that when God’s true people can no longer buy or sell (Revelation 13:17), they will no longer have the means to support the corporate Seventh-day Adventist Church (denomination). Will the leadership of the Seventh-day Adventist Church close up shop and join the little flock in the wilderness? Or will the leadership of the Seventh-day Adventist Church (denomination) accept Sunday, the mark of the beast, because it is necessary for the corporate Church to survive? The following testimony gives us a clear and startling answer to these important questions:

“They [SDA leadership] 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.” Ellen White replies to our question. “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.” (*ibid.*, *Review and Herald*, March 18, 1884, emphasis supplied).

Again, how else can it be, dear reader? God’s true people cannot buy or sell. The only way the General Conference and its subsidiaries can exist is to concede to the necessity of keeping Sunday, and therefore accepting the mark of the beast. After all, they are already reaching across the gulf to Rome. (See above, Chapter 19, “The Invaders”).

Some Questions and Answers From the Above Testimony

(1) When does the Lord have a controversy with His professed people?

Answer:

“In these last days,” Ellen White replies.

(2) And in this last-day controversy between God and His professed people, who is responsible for the apostasy?

Answer:

“Men in responsible positions,” Ellen White again replies.

(3) What will these men in responsible positions do?

Answer:

The men in responsible positions “will take a course directly opposite to that pursued by Nehemiah,” Ellen White replies.

(4) How will the men in responsible positions regard the Sabbath, which is the seal of God?

Answer:

The men in responsible positions “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.” Ellen White replies.

(5) What will the leadership of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, “those in responsible positions,” tell the people when the Sabbath becomes a test of loyalty to God, or loyalty to Rome?

Answer:

“In churches and in large gatherings in the open air,” Ellen White replies, “*ministers will urge upon the people the necessity of keeping the first day of the week.*” (*ibid.*, *Review and Herald*, March 18, 1884, emphasis supplied).

The Destroying Angel -- God Deals With the Apostate SDA Church

“He who presides over His church and the destinies of nations is carrying forward the last work to be accomplished for this world,” Ellen White stated. “To His angels He gives the commission to execute His judgments.” (*Testimonies to Ministers*, page 430), emphasis supplied).

“What is the seal of the living God, which is placed in the foreheads of His people?” Ellen White inquires, then replies. “It is a mark which angels, but not human eyes, can read, for the destroying angel must see this mark of redemption. . .” (*Letter 126*, 1898, emphasis supplied).

“The crisis is fast approaching,” Ellen White warned. “The rapidly swelling figures show that the time for God’s visitation has about come. Although loath to punish, nevertheless He will punish, and that speedily.” (*ibid.*, *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 5, page 209, emphasis supplied).

“The rapidly swelling figures” of apostasy in the SDA Church “show that the time for God’s visitation has about come.” The Lord will punish “and that speedily.” But what does the leadership of the Seventh-day Adventist Church say?

“Times have changed,” Ellen White replies. “These words strengthen their unbelief, and they say: ‘The Lord. . .is too merciful to visit His people in judgment.’” (*ibid.*, *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 5, page 211, emphasis supplied).

“Times have changed!” Have you heard these words spoken in Seventh-day Adventist circles lately, dear reader? “The Lord is too merciful to punish His Church or His people!” But how does Inspiration comment on this erroneous position?

“Thus ‘Peace and safety’ is the cry from men who will never again lift up their voice like a trumpet,” Ellen White replies, “to show God’s people their transgressions and the house of Jacob their sins.” (*ibid.*, *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 5, page 211, emphasis supplied).

“For they have healed the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly,” Jeremiah wrote, “saying, ‘Peace, peace;’ when there is no peace.” (Jeremiah 8:11).

What does the pen of Inspiration call these Seventh-day Adventist Church leaders who give the people a false security in a “peace and safety” message?

“These dumb dogs that would not bark are the ones who feel the just vengeance of an offended God,” Ellen White replies. “Men, maidens, and little children all perish together.” (*ibid.*, *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 5, page 211, emphasis supplied).

Why will the Lord deal so harshly with the Seventh-day Adventist Church? Because the leadership of the Church has for the past fifty years been reaching out to Babylon, and the members are following after the ways of the world.

“Let the ministers awake, let them take in the situation,” Ellen White urged. “The work of judgment begins at the sanctuary [SDA Church].” (*ibid.*, *Testimonies to Ministers*, page 430), emphasis supplied).

“Here we see that the church--the Lord’s sanctuary--was the first to feel the stroke of the wrath of God,” Ellen White commented on Ezekiel 9:5, 6. “The ancient men, those to whom God had given great light and who had stood as guardians of the spiritual interests of the people, had betrayed their trust.” (*ibid.*, *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 5, page 211, emphasis supplied).

How had the ancient men, the leadership of the Seventh-day Adventist Church betrayed their trust? By preaching a “peace and safety” message in a time of crisis, and assuring the people that they are saved as long as they remain members of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination. “Stay with the ship” is the cry from denominational pulpits of the day. But the ship is sinking, dear reader. “Stay with the truth” is the earnest call from hundreds, and soon to be thousands, of independent voices around the world.

The Triumph of the Third Angel’s Message

“An angel flying in the midst of heaven put the standard of Immanuel into many hands [independent ministries],” Ellen White wrote. Then she stated, “while a mighty general cried out with a loud voice:” (*ibid.*, *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 8, page 41).

“Come into line,” the angel cried. “Let those who are loyal to the commandments of God and the testimony of Christ now take their position.” (*ibid.*, *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 8, page 41).

“Come out from among them, and be ye separate, and touch not the unclean, and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be My sons and daughters,” Jesus pleads in the last solemn message. “Let all who will come up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty.” (*ibid.*, *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 8, page 41).

We are assured that the third angel’s message will triumph in glory. The “latter rain” will produce more fruitage than did the “early rain” when three thousand souls were baptized in a single day. (Acts 2).

“When trees without fruit are cut down as cumberers of the ground, when multitudes of false brethren are distinguished from the true, then the hidden ones will be revealed to view, and with hosannas range under the banner of Christ,” Ellen White prophesied. “Those who have been timid and self-distrustful will declare themselves openly for Christ and His truth.” (*ibid.*, *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 5, page 81).

Timid and shy men and women will become mighty spokesmen for the truth in the last work, the latter rain. The Holy Spirit will move with the greatest power the earth has ever heretofore known.

“The most weak and hesitating in the church will be as David -- willing to do and dare,” Ellen White continued. “The deeper the night for God’s people, the more brilliant the stars.” (*ibid.*, *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 5, page 81).

“Satan will sorely harass the faithful; but, in the name of Jesus, they will come off more than conquerors,” Ellen White concluded. “Then will the church of Christ appear `fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners.’” (*ibid.*, *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 5, pages 82).

Many Laid to Rest

Scripture and Spirit of Prophecy statements indicate that those eleventh-hour souls who accept the truth under the latter rain will probably be laid to rest. As we will see below, only the 144,000 experience the “seven last plagues” and the “time of Jacob’s trouble.” Only the 144,000 are translated without seeing death.

“Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee,” the Lord counsels through the prophet Isaiah, “hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast.” (Isaiah 26:20, emphasis supplied).

“Many will be laid away to sleep,” Ellen White stated, “before the fiery ordeal of the time of trouble shall come upon our world.” (“Many Laid to Rest Before Time of Trouble,” *Last Day Events*, page 255; see also, *Counsels on Health*, page 375).

There is no great amount of evidence that “many will be laid away to sleep before the fiery ordeal of the time of trouble.” There is only this one statement in the Spirit of Prophecy. However, there is much evidence that only the 144,000 experience the “fiery ordeal of the time of trouble.” If only the 144,000 go through the seven last plagues, then where are the thousands who accept the truth under the latter rain? Obviously they sleep “for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast.” (Isaiah 26:20).

The Last Great Sign of the End

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, 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. (Ellen G. White, “The Coming Crisis,” *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 5, page 451, emphasis supplied).

Here we clearly see that the last great sign of the end will be the enactment of a national Sunday Law. When the Protestant denominations “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, 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 [Sunday observance]. . .,” What will happen then? “Then we may know that the time has come for the marvelous working of Satan and that the end is near.” (*ibid.*).