

Nebuchadnezzar's Warning Message

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William Millers Fourteenth Rule

The most important rule of all is, that you must have faith. It must be a faith that requires a sacrifice, and, if tried, would give up the dearest object on earth, the world and all its desires, character, living, occupation, friends, horns, comforts, and worldly honors. If any of these should hinder our believing any part of God's word, it would show our faith to be vain. Nor can we ever believe so long as one of these motives lies lurking in our hearts. We must believe that God will never forfeit his word. And we can have confidence that he that takes notice of the sparrow, and numbers the hairs of our head, will guard the translation of his own word, and throw a barrier around it, and prevent those who sincerely trust in God, and put implicit confidence in his word, from erring far from the truth, though they may not understand Hebrew or Greek.

These are some of the most important rules which I find the word of God warrants me to adopt and follow, in order for system and regularity. And if I am not greatly deceived, in so doing, I have found the Bible, as a whole, one of the most simple, plain, and intelligible books ever written, containing proof in itself of its divine origin and full of all knowledge that our hearts could wish to know or enjoy. I have found it a treasure which the world cannot purchase. It gives a calm peace in believing, and a firm hope in the future. It sustains the mind in adversity, and teaches us to be humble in prosperity. It prepares us to love and do good to others, and to realize the value of the soul. It makes us bold and valiant for the truth, and nerves the arm to oppose error. It gives us a powerful weapon to break down infidelity, and makes known the only antidote for sin. It instructs us how death will be conquered, and how the bonds of the tomb must be broken. It tells us of future events, and shows the preparation necessary to meet them. It gives us an opportunity to hold conversation with the King of kings, and reveals the best code of laws ever enacted. This is but a faint view of its value; yet how many perishing souls treat it with neglect, or, what is equally as bad, treat it as a hidden mystery which cannot be known.

Oh my dear reader, make it your chief study. Try it well, and you will find it to be all I have said. Yes, like the Queen of Sheba, you will say the half was not told you. **The divinity taught in our schools is always founded on some sectarian creed. It may do to take a blank mind and impress it with this kind, but it will always end in bigotry. A free mind will never be satisfied with the views of others. Were I a teacher of youth in divinity, I would first learn their capacity and mind. If these were good, I would make them study the Bible for themselves, and send them out free to do the world good. But if they had no mind, I would stamp them with another's mind, write bigot on their forehead, and send them out as slaves.** *Miller's Works.* Volume I, Edited By Joshua V. Himes, 1842, 20–24.

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Part One

"Those who are engaged in proclaiming the third angel's message are searching the Scriptures upon the same plan that Father Miller adopted. In the little book entitled *Views of the*

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Prophecies and Prophetic Chronology, Father Miller gives the following simple but intelligent and important rules for Bible study and interpretation:

“1. **Every word must have its proper bearing** on the subject presented in the Bible; 2. All Scripture is necessary, and may be understood by diligent application and study; 3. Nothing revealed in Scripture can or will be hid from those who ask in faith, not wavering; 4. To understand doctrine, **bring all the scriptures together on the subject you wish to know, then let every word have its proper influence**; and if you can form your theory **without a contradiction**, you cannot be in error; 5. Scripture must be its own expositor, since it is a rule of itself. If I depend on a teacher to expound to me, and he should guess at its meaning, or desire to have it so on account of his sectarian creed, or to be thought wise, then his guessing, desire, creed, or wisdom is my rule, and not the Bible.’

“The above is a portion of these rules; and in our study of the Bible we shall all do well to heed the principles set forth.

“Genuine faith is founded on the Scriptures; but Satan uses so many devices to wrest the Scriptures and bring in error, that great care is needed if one would know what they really do teach. It is one of the great delusions of this time to dwell much upon feeling, and to claim honesty while ignoring the plain utterances of the word of God because that word does not coincide with feeling. Many have no foundation for their faith but emotion. Their religion consists in excitement; when that ceases, their faith is gone. Feeling may be chaff, but the word of God is the wheat. And ‘what,’ says the prophet, ‘is the chaff to the wheat?’

“None will be condemned for not heeding light and knowledge that they never had, and they could not obtain. But many refuse to obey the truth that is presented to them by Christ’s ambassadors, because they wish to conform to the world’s standard; and the truth that has reached their understanding, the light that has shone in the soul, will condemn them in the Judgment. In these last days we have the accumulated light that has been shining through all the ages, and we shall be held correspondingly responsible. The path of holiness is not on a level with the world; it is a way cast up. If we walk in this way, if we run in the way of the Lord’s commandments, we shall find that the ‘path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.’” *Review and Herald*, November 25, 1884.

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

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. Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. 1 Corinthians 10:11–12.

Ensamples: tuπος: a *die* (as *struck*), that is, (by implication) a **stamp** or **scar**; by analogy a **shape**, that is, a **statue**, (figuratively) **style** or **resemblance**; specifically a **sampler** (“**type**”), that is, a **model (for imitation)** or **instance** (for warning): - en- (ex-) ample, **fashion, figure, form, manner, pattern, print.**

RULE VIII- Figures always have a figurative meaning, and are used much in prophecy, to represent future things, times and events; such as mountains, meaning governments; beasts meaning kingdoms. Waters, meaning people. Lamp, meaning Word of God. Day, meaning year.

RULE IX- Parables are used as companions to illustrate subjects, and must be explained in the same way as figures by the subject and Bible. Mark 4:13.

RULE X- **Figures sometimes have two or more different significations**, as day is used in a figurative sense to represent three different periods of time.

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RULE XI- How to know when a word is used figuratively. If it makes good sense as it stands, and does no violence to the simple laws of nature, then it must be understood literally, if not, figuratively

RULE XII- To learn the true meaning of figures, trace your figurative word through your Bible, and where you find it explained, put it on your figure, and **if it makes good sense you need look no further, if not, look again.**

RULE XIII- To know whether we have the true historical event for the fulfillment of a prophecy. If you find every word of the prophecy (after the figures are understood) is literally fulfilled, then you may know that your history is the true event. But if one word lacks a fulfillment, then you must look for another event, or wait its future development. **For God takes care that history and prophecy doth agree**, so that the true believing children of God may never be ashamed.

“To William Miller and his co-laborers it was given to preach the message in America, and the light kindled by their labors shone out to distant lands. God sent His angel to move upon the heart of a farmer who had not believed the Bible, to lead him to search the prophecies. **Angels of God repeatedly visited that chosen one, to guide his mind and open to his understanding prophecies which had ever been dark to God's people. The commencement of the chain of truth was given to him, and he was led on to search for link after link, until he looked with wonder and admiration upon the Word of God. He saw there a perfect chain of truth.** That Word, which he had regarded as uninspired, now opened before his vision in its beauty and glory. He saw that one portion of Scripture explains another, and when one passage was closed to his understanding, he found in another part of the Word that which explained it. He regarded the sacred Word of God with joy, and with the deepest respect and awe.” *The Story of Redemption*, 356.

For I *am* the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed. Malachi 3:6.

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever. Hebrews 13:8.

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. James 1:17.

“The work of God in the earth presents, from age to age, a striking similarity in every great reformation or religious movement. **The principles of God's dealing with men are ever the same.** The important movements of the present have their parallel in those of the past, and the experience of the church in former ages has lessons of great value for our own time.” *The Great Controversy*, 343.

And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having **the everlasting gospel** to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, Saying with a loud voice, **Fear God**, and give **glory** to him; for the hour of his **judgment** is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters. Revelation 14:6–7.

“The message proclaimed by the angel flying in the midst of heaven is the everlasting gospel, **the same gospel that was declared in Eden** when God said to the serpent, ‘I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel’ (Genesis 3:15).” *Selected Messages*, book 2, 106.

“A great religious awakening under the proclamation of Christ's soon coming is foretold in the prophecy of the first angel's message of Revelation 14. An angel is seen flying ‘in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every

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nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people.' 'With a loud voice' he proclaims the message: 'Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come: and worship Him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.' Verses 6, 7. . . .

"The message itself sheds light as to the time when this movement is to take place. It is declared to be a part of the 'everlasting gospel;' and **it announces the opening of the judgment.** The message of salvation has been preached in all ages; but this message is a part of the gospel which could be proclaimed only in the last days, for only then would it be true that the hour of judgment had come. The prophecies present a succession of events leading down to the opening of the judgment. This is especially true of the book of Daniel. But **that part of his prophecy which related to the last days, Daniel was bidden to close up and seal 'to the time of the end.'** Not till we reach this time could a message concerning the judgment be proclaimed, based on the fulfillment of these prophecies. But at the time of the end, says the prophet, 'many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.' Daniel 12:4.

"The apostle Paul warned the church not to look for the coming of Christ in his day. 'That day shall not come,' he says, 'except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed.' 2 Thessalonians 2:3. Not till after the great apostasy, and the long period of the reign of the 'man of sin,' can we look for the advent of our Lord. The 'man of sin,' which is also styled 'the mystery of iniquity,' 'the son of perdition,' and 'that wicked,' represents the papacy, which, as foretold in prophecy, was to maintain its supremacy for 1260 years. This period ended in 1798. The coming of Christ could not take place before that time. Paul covers with his caution the whole of the Christian dispensation down to the year 1798. It is this side of that time that the message of Christ's second coming is to be proclaimed.

"No such message has ever been given in past ages. Paul, as we have seen, did not preach it; he pointed his brethren into the then far-distant future for the coming of the Lord. The Reformers did not proclaim it. Martin Luther placed the judgment about three hundred years in the future from his day. But **since 1798 the book of Daniel has been unsealed, knowledge of the prophecies has increased, and many have proclaimed the solemn message of the judgment near.**" *The Great Controversy*, 355–356.

"Of the Spirit Jesus said, 'He shall glorify Me.' The Saviour came to glorify the Father by the demonstration of His love; so the Spirit was to glorify Christ by revealing His grace to the world. The very image of God is to be reproduced in humanity. The honor of God, the honor of Christ, is involved in the perfection of the character of His people.

"When He [the Spirit of truth] is come, He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment.'" *The Desire of Ages*, 671–672.

"A **transforming power attended the proclamation of the first and second angels'** messages, as it attends the message of the third angel. Lasting convictions were made upon human minds. The power of the Holy Spirit was manifested. There was diligent study of the Scriptures, point by point. Almost entire nights were devoted to earnest searching of the Word. We searched for the truth as for hidden treasures. The Lord revealed Himself to us. Light was shed on the prophecies, and we knew that we received divine instruction." *Selected Messages*, book 2, 109.

Thy way, O God, *is* in the sanctuary: who *is* so great a God as *our* God? Psalm 77:13.

"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

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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." *Life Sketches*, 429.

"The chronology of the events of Revelation ten is further ascertained from the fact that **this angel is identical with the first angel of Revelation fourteen**. The points of identity between them are easily seen:

- (1) They both have a special message to proclaim;
- (2) they both utter their proclamation with a loud voice;
- (3) they both use similar language, referring to the great Creator as the maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and the things that are therein; and
- (4) they both proclaim time, one swearing that time should be no more, and the other proclaiming that the hour of God's judgment has come.

"But the message of Revelation 14:6 is located this side of the commencement of the time of the end. It is a proclamation of the hour of God's judgment come, and hence must have its application in the last generation. Paul did not preach the hour of judgment come. Luther and his coadjutors did not preach it. Paul reasoned of a judgment to come, indefinitely future; and Luther placed it at least three hundred years off from his day. Moreover, Paul warns the church against any such preaching as that the hour of God's judgment has come, until a certain time. In 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3, he says: 'Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, that ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. Let no man deceive you by any means; for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition,' etc. Here Paul introduces to our view the man of sin, the little horn, the papacy, and covers with a caution the whole period of his supremacy, which, as already noticed, continued 1260 years, ending in 1798. In 1798, therefore, the restriction against proclaiming the day of Christ at hand ceased; in 1798, the time of the end commenced, and the seal was taken from the little book. Since that period, therefore, the angel of Revelation fourteen has gone forth proclaiming the hour of God's judgment come; and it is since that time, too, that the angel of chapter ten has taken his stand on sea and land, and sworn that time shall be no more.

"Of their identity there can be no question; and all the arguments which go to locate the one, are equally effective in the case of the other." Uriah Smith, *Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation*, 522.

"The first, second, and third angels' messages **are all linked together**." *Selected Messages*, book 2, 118.

"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. . . . **There cannot be a third without the first and second**." *Selected Messages*, book 2, 104.

And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and **the earth was lightened with his glory**. Revelation 18:1.

"I was shown the interest which all heaven had taken in the work going on upon the earth. Jesus commissioned a mighty angel to descend and warn the inhabitants of the earth to prepare for His second appearing. As the angel left the presence of Jesus in heaven, an exceedingly bright and glorious light went before him. I was told that **his mission was to lighten the earth with his**

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glory and warn man of the coming wrath of God. Multitudes received the light. Some of these seemed to be very solemn, while others were joyful and enraptured. All who received the light turned their faces toward heaven and glorified God. Though it was shed upon all, some merely came under its influence, but did not heartily receive it. Many were filled with great wrath. Ministers and people united with the vile and stoutly resisted the light shed by the mighty angel. But all who received it withdrew from the world and were closely united with one another." *Early Writings*, 245.

And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. Revelation 14:8.

"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.' 2 Thessalonians 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.**" *The Great Controversy*, 389.

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"But at what a loss to those who had set themselves against God! It was His purpose that as men should go forth to found nations in different parts of the earth they should carry with them a knowledge of His will, that the light of truth might shine undimmed to succeeding generations. Noah, the faithful preacher of righteousness, lived for three hundred and fifty years after the Flood, Shem for five hundred years, and thus **their descendants had an opportunity to become acquainted with the requirements of God and the history of His dealings with their fathers. But they were unwilling to listen to these unpalatable truths; they had no desire to retain God in their knowledge;** and by the confusion of tongues they were, in a great measure, shut out from intercourse with those who might have given them light." *Patriarchs and Prophets*, 120.

And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. And the Lord said, Behold, the people *is* one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and **now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.** Genesis 11:5-6.

And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they *were* fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. And the Lord said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also *is* flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare *children* to them, the same *became* mighty men which *were* of old, men of renown. And God saw **that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.** And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them. Genesis 6:1-7.

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Go to, let us go down, and there **confound their language**, that they may not understand one another's speech. So **the Lord scattered them abroad** from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city. Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the Lord did there confound the language of all the earth: and **from thence did the Lord scatter them abroad** upon the face of all the earth. Genesis 11:7–9.

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In the same hour came forth fingers of a man's hand, and wrote over against the candlestick upon the plaster of the wall of the king's palace: and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote. Then the king's countenance was changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his loins were loosed, and his knees smote one against another. Daniel 5:5–6.

O thou king, the most high God gave Nebuchadnezzar thy father a kingdom, and majesty, and glory, and honour: And for the majesty that he gave him, all people, nations, and languages, trembled and feared before him: whom he would he slew; and whom he would he kept alive; and whom he would he set up; and whom he would he put down. But when his heart was lifted up, and his mind hardened in pride, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and they took his glory from him: And he was driven from the sons of men; and his heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling *was* with the wild asses: they fed him with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven; till he knew that the most high God ruled in the kingdom of men, and *that* he appointeth over it whomsoever he will. And thou his son, O Belshazzar, hast not humbled thine heart, **though thou knewest all this**; But hast lifted up thyself against the Lord of heaven; and they have brought the vessels of his house before thee, and thou, and thy lords, thy wives, and thy concubines, have drunk wine in them; and thou hast praised the gods of silver, and gold, of brass, iron, wood, and stone, which see not, nor hear, nor know: and the God in whose hand thy breath *is*, and whose *are* all thy ways, hast thou not glorified: Then was the part of the hand sent from him; and this writing was written. Daniel 5:18–24.

“Belshazzar had been given many opportunities for knowing and doing the will of God. **He had seen his grandfather Nebuchadnezzar banished from the society of men.** He had seen the intellect in which the proud monarch gloried taken away by the One who gave it. He had seen the king driven from his kingdom, and made the companion of the beasts of the field. But Belshazzar's love of amusement and self-glorification effaced the lessons he should never have forgotten; and he committed sins similar to those that brought signal judgments on Nebuchadnezzar. He wasted the opportunities graciously granted him, neglecting to use the opportunities within his reach for becoming acquainted with truth. ‘What must I do to be saved?’ was a question that the great but foolish king passed by indifferently.” *Bible Echo*, April 25, 1898.

And this *is* the writing that was written, MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN.

This *is* the interpretation of the thing: MENE; God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it. TEKEL; Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting. PERES; Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians. Daniel 5:25–28.

In that night was Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans slain. Daniel 5:30.

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I saw a dream which made me afraid, and the thoughts upon my bed and the visions of my head troubled me. Daniel 4:5.

Then Daniel, whose name *was* Belteshazzar, was astonished for one hour, and his thoughts troubled him. The king spake, and said, Belteshazzar, let not the dream, or the interpretation thereof, trouble thee. Belteshazzar answered and said, My lord, the dream *be* to them that hate thee, and the interpretation thereof to thine enemies.

The tree that thou sawest, which grew, and was strong, whose height reached unto the heaven, and the sight thereof to all the earth; Whose leaves *were* fair, and the fruit thereof much, and in it *was* meat for all; under which the beasts of the field dwelt, and upon whose branches the fowls of the heaven had their habitation: **It is thou, O king**, that art grown and become strong: for thy greatness is grown, and reacheth unto heaven, and thy dominion to the end of the earth. And whereas the king saw **a watcher and an holy one coming down from heaven, and saying, Hew the tree down, and destroy it;** yet leave the stump of the roots thereof in the earth, even with **a band of iron and brass**, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and *let* his portion *be* with the beasts of the field, **till seven times pass over him;** This *is* the interpretation, O king, and this *is* the decree of the most High, which is come upon my lord the king: That they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with **the beasts of the field**, and they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and they shall wet thee with the dew of heaven, and **seven times shall pass over thee**, till thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will. And whereas they commanded to leave the stump of the tree roots; thy kingdom shall be sure unto thee, after that thou shalt have known that the heavens do rule.

Wherefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable unto thee, and **break off thy sins by righteousness**, and thine iniquities by showing mercy to the poor; if it may be a lengthening of thy tranquillity. Daniel 4:19–27.

At **the end of twelve months** he walked in the palace of the kingdom of Babylon. The king spake, and said, Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honour of my majesty? While the word *was* in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, *saying*, O king Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken; **The kingdom is departed from thee.** Daniel 4:29–31.

"What is justification by faith? It is the work of God in laying the glory of man in the dust, and doing for man that which it is not in his power to do for himself. When men see their own nothingness, they are prepared to be clothed with the righteousness of Christ. When they begin to praise and exalt God all the day long, then by beholding they are becoming changed into the same image. What is regeneration? It is revealing to man what is his own real nature, that in himself he is worthless." *Manuscript Releases*, volume 20, 117.

And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, whose dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom *is* from generation to generation: And all the inhabitants of the earth *are* reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and *among* the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou? At the same time my reason returned unto me; and for the glory of my kingdom, mine honour and brightness returned unto me; and my counsellors and my lords sought unto me; and I was established in my kingdom, and excellent majesty was added unto me.

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Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, all whose works *are* truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase. Daniel 4:34–37.

“Belshazzar, awed by this representation of God’s power, showing that they had a witness, though they knew it not, had had great opportunities of knowing the works of the living God, and His power, and of doing His will. **He had been privileged with much light. His grandfather, Nebuchadnezzar, had been warned of his danger in forgetting God and glorifying himself.** Belshazzar **had a knowledge** of his banishment from the society of men, and his association with the beasts of the field; and these facts, **which ought to have been a lesson to him**, he disregarded, as if they had never occurred; and he went on repeating the sins of his grandfather. He dared to commit the crimes which brought God’s judgments upon Nebuchadnezzar. He was condemned, **not alone** that he himself was doing wickedly, but that **he had not availed himself of opportunities and capabilities, if cultivated, of being right.**” *Testimonies to Ministers*, 436.

In that night was Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans slain. And Darius the Median took the kingdom, *being* about threescore and two years old. Daniel 5:30–31.

“It was not long before reverses came. **Babylon was besieged by Cyrus**, nephew of Darius the Mede, and commanding general of the combined armies of the Medes and Persians. But within the seemingly impregnable fortress, with its massive walls and its gates of brass, protected by the river Euphrates, and stocked with provision in abundance, the voluptuous monarch felt safe and passed his time in mirth and revelry.” *Prophets and Kings*, 523.

That saith of Cyrus, *He is my shepherd*, and shall perform all my pleasure: even **saying to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be built; and to the temple**, Thy foundation shall be laid. Thus saith the Lord **to his anointed, to Cyrus**, whose right hand I have holden, to subdue nations before him; and **I will loose the loins of kings**, to open **before him the two leaved gates; and the gates shall not be shut.** Isaiah 44:28; 45:1.

“**To the last ruler of Babylon, as in type to its first**, had come the sentence of the divine Watcher: ‘O king, . . . to thee it is spoken; The kingdom is departed from thee.’ Daniel 4:31.” *Prophets and Kings*, 533.

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Part Two

“**In the history of Nebuchadnezzar and Belshazzar, God speaks to the people of today.** The condemnation that will fall upon the inhabitants of the earth in this day will be because of their **rejection of light.** Our condemnation in the judgment **will not** result from the fact that we have lived in error, but from the fact that **we have neglected Heaven-sent opportunities for discovering truth.** The means of becoming conversant with the truth are within the reach of all; but, like the indulgent, selfish king, we give more attention to the things that charm the ear, and please the eye, and gratify the palate, than to the things that enrich the mind, the divine treasures of truth. It is through the truth that we may answer the great question, ‘What must I do to be saved?’” *Bible Echo*, September 17, 1894.

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. Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. 1 Corinthians 10:11–12.

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"The Bible contains all the principles that men need to understand in order to be fitted either for this life or for the life to come. And these principles may be understood by all. No one with a spirit to appreciate its teaching can read a single passage from the Bible without gaining from it some helpful thought. But the most valuable teaching of the Bible is not to be gained by occasional or disconnected study. Its great system of truth is not so presented as to be discerned by the hasty or careless reader. **Many of its treasures lie far beneath the surface, and can be obtained only by diligent research and continuous effort.** The truths that go to make up the great whole **must be searched out and gathered up**, 'here a little, and there a little.' Isaiah 28:10.

"When thus searched out and brought together, they will be found **to be perfectly fitted to one another.** Each Gospel is a supplement to the others, **every prophecy an explanation of another, every truth a development of some other truth.** The types of the Jewish economy are made plain by the gospel. Every principle in the word of God has its place, **every fact its bearing.** And the complete structure, in design and execution, bears testimony to its Author. Such a structure no mind but that of the Infinite could conceive or fashion." *Education*, 123.

"After His resurrection Jesus appeared to His disciples on the way to Emmaus, and, 'beginning at Moses and all the prophets, He expounded unto them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.' Luke 24:27. The hearts of the disciples were stirred. Faith was kindled. They were 'begotten again into a lively hope' even before Jesus revealed Himself to them. **It was His purpose to enlighten their understanding and to fasten their faith upon the 'sure word of prophecy.'** He wished the truth to take firm root in their minds, not merely because it was supported by His personal testimony, but because of **the unquestionable evidence presented by the symbols and shadows of the typical law, and by the prophecies of the Old Testament.** It was needful for the followers of Christ to have **an intelligent faith**, not only in their own behalf, but that they might carry the knowledge of Christ to the world. And as **the very first step in imparting this knowledge, Jesus directed the disciples to 'Moses and all the prophets.'** Such was the testimony given by the risen Saviour to the value and importance of the Old Testament Scriptures." *The Great Controversy*, 349.

"Whenever the study of the Scriptures is entered upon without a prayerful, humble, teachable spirit, the plainest and simplest as well as **the most difficult passages will be wrested from their true meaning.** The papal leaders select such portions of Scripture as best serve their purpose, interpret to suit themselves, and then present these to the people, while they deny them the privilege of studying the Bible and understanding its sacred truths for themselves. **The whole Bible should be given to the people just as it reads.** It would be better for them not to have Bible instruction at all than to have the teaching of the Scriptures thus grossly misrepresented.

"The Bible was designed to be a guide to all who wish to become acquainted with the will of their Maker. **God gave to men the sure word of prophecy;** angels and even Christ Himself came to make known to Daniel and John the things that must shortly come to pass. Those important matters that concern our salvation were not left involved in mystery. They were not revealed in such a way as to perplex and mislead the honest seeker after truth. Said the Lord by the prophet Habakkuk: 'Write the vision, and make it plain, . . . that he may run that readeth it.' Habakkuk 2:2. The word of God is plain to all who study it with a prayerful heart. Every truly honest soul will come to the light of truth. 'Light is sown for the righteous.' Psalm 97:11. And **no church can advance in holiness unless its members are earnestly seeking for truth as for hid treasure.**" *The Great Controversy*, 521.

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"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.** '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' (1 Corinthians 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' (1 Peter 1:12)." *Selected Messages*, book 3, 338.

"History is repeating. With the open Bible before them, and professing to reverence its teachings, many of the religious leaders of our time are destroying faith in it as the word of God. They busy themselves with dissecting the word, and set their own opinions above its plainest statements. In their hands God's word loses its regenerating power. This is why infidelity runs riot, and iniquity is rife." *The Desire of Ages*, 258.

"In the days of the apostles **the most foolish heresies** were presented as truth. **History has been and will be repeated.** There will always be those who, though **apparently conscientious**, will grasp at the shadow, preferring it to the substance. They take error in the place of truth, because error is clothed with a new garment, which they think covers something wonderful. But let the covering be removed, and nothingness appears." *Selected Messages*, book 1, 162.

"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.**" *Selected Messages*, book 2, 109.

The **thing that hath been, it is that which shall be**; and that which is done *is* that which shall be done: and *there is* no new *thing* under the sun. Is there *any* thing whereof it may be said, See, this *is* new? **it hath been already of old time, which was before us.** Ecclesiastes 1:9–10.

I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God doeth *it*, that *men* should fear before him. **That which hath been is now; and that which is to be hath already been**; and God requireth that which is past. Ecclesiastes 3:14–15.

"In reviewing **our past history**, having traveled over every step of advance to our present standing, I can say, Praise God! As I see what God has wrought, I am filled with astonishment, and with confidence in Christ as leader. **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.**" *Testimonies to Ministers*, 31.

"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. There is Moses still speaking, teaching self-renunciation by wishing himself blotted from the Book of Life for his fellow men, that they might be saved. David is leading the intercession of the church for the salvation of souls to the ends of the earth. The prophets are still testifying of the sufferings of Christ and the glory that should follow. There 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. Their faith will increase, and be brought into exercise at the present time,

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awakening an energy and an intensely increased earnestness, and through dependence upon God for His power to replenish the world and send the light of the Sun of Righteousness to the ends of the earth." *Selected Messages*, book 3, 339.

"The parable of the ten virgins of Matthew 25 also **illustrates the experience of the Adventist people**. In Matthew 24, in answer to the question of His disciples concerning the sign of His coming and of the end of the world, Christ had pointed out some of the most important events in the history of the world and of the church from His first to His second advent; namely, the destruction of Jerusalem, the great tribulation of the church under the pagan and papal persecutions, the darkening of the sun and moon, and the falling of the stars. After this He spoke of His coming in His kingdom, and related the parable describing the two classes of servants who look for His appearing. 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. In this parable their experience is illustrated by the incidents of an Eastern marriage.

"Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.'

"The coming of Christ, as announced by the first angel's message, was understood to be represented by the coming of the bridegroom. The widespread reformation under the proclamation of His soon coming, answered to the going forth of the virgins. In this parable, as in that of Matthew 24, **two classes are represented**. All had taken their lamps, the Bible, and by its light had gone forth to meet the Bridegroom. But while 'they that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them,' 'the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.' The latter class had received the grace of God, the regenerating, enlightening power of the Holy Spirit, which renders His word a lamp to the feet and a light to the path. In the fear of God they had studied the Scriptures to learn the truth, and had earnestly sought for purity of heart and life. These had a personal experience, a faith in God and in His word, which could not be overthrown by disappointment and delay. Others 'took their lamps, and took no oil with them.' They had moved from impulse. Their fears had been excited by the solemn message, but they had depended upon the faith of their brethren, satisfied with the flickering light of good emotions, without a thorough understanding of the truth or a genuine work of grace in the heart. These had gone forth to meet the Lord, full of hope in the prospect of immediate reward; but they were not prepared for delay and disappointment. When trials came, their faith failed, and their lights burned dim." *The Great Controversy*, 393.

"When the third angel's message is preached as it should be, power attends its proclamation, and it becomes an abiding influence. It must be attended with divine power, or it will accomplish nothing. **I am often referred to the parable of the ten virgins, five of whom were wise, and five foolish. This parable has been and will be fulfilled to the very letter, for it has a special application to this time, and, like the third angel's message, has been fulfilled and will continue to be present truth till the close of time.** In the parable, the ten virgins had lamps, but only five of them had the saving oil with which to keep their lamps burning. This represents the condition of the Church. The wise and the foolish have their Bibles, and are provided with all the means of grace; but many do not appreciate the fact that they must have the heavenly unction.

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They do not heed the invitation, 'Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

"Jesus desires to efface the image of the earthly from the minds of his followers, and to impress upon them the image of the heavenly, that they may become one with himself, reflecting his character, and showing forth the praises of him who hath called them out of darkness into his marvelous light. If you have been permitted to stand in the presence of the Sun of Righteousness, it is not that you may absorb and conceal the bright beams of Christ's righteousness, but that you may become a light to others. The enemy has men in our ranks through whom he works, that the light which God has permitted to shine upon the heart and illuminate the chambers of the mind may be darkened. There are persons who have received the precious light of the righteousness of Christ, but they do not act upon it; they are foolish virgins. **They prefer the sophistry of the enemy rather than the plain 'Thus saith the Lord.'** **When the blessing of God rested upon them in order that they might become channels of light, they did not go forward from light to a greater light; they permitted doubt and unbelief to come in, so that the truth which they had seen, became an uncertainty to them."** *Review and Herald*, August 19, 1890.

"The first, second, and third angels' messages are to be repeated. . . .

"Many who went forth to meet the Bridegroom under the messages of the first and second angels, refused the third, the last testing message to be given to the world, and a similar position will be taken when the last call is made.

"Every specification of this parable should be carefully studied. We are represented either by the wise or by the foolish virgins." *Review and Herald*, October 31, 1899.

"Many who heard the first and second angels' messages thought they would live to see Christ coming in the clouds of heaven. Had all who claimed to believe the truth acted their part as wise virgins, the message would ere this have been proclaimed to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. But five were wise and five were foolish. The truth should have been proclaimed by the ten virgins, but only five had made the provision essential to join that company who walked in the light that had come to them. The third angel's message was needed. This proclamation was to be made. Many who went forth to meet the Bridegroom under the messages of the first and second angels, refused the third angel's message, the last testing message to be given to the world.

"A similar work will be accomplished when that other angel, represented in **Revelation 18**, gives his message. **The first, second, and third angels' messages will need to be repeated.** The call will be given to the church, [Revelation 18:2-5 quoted]." *Manuscript Releases*, volume 16, 269-270.

Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and **ask for the old paths**, where *is* **the good way**, and **walk therein**, and **ye shall find rest for your souls**. But they said, **We will not walk therein**. Also I set watchmen over you, *saying*, **Hearken to the sound of the trumpet**. But they said, **We will not hearken**. Jeremiah 6:16-17.

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Because my people hath forgotten me, they have burned incense to vanity, and they have caused them to stumble in their ways *from* the ancient paths, to walk in paths, *in* a way not cast up; To make their land desolate, *and* a perpetual hissing; every one that passeth thereby shall be astonished, and wag his head. **I will scatter them** as with an east wind before the enemy; I will show them the back, and not the face, in the day of their calamity. Jeremiah 18:15–17.

The Lord shall go forth as a mighty man, he shall stir up jealousy like a man of war: he shall cry, yea, roar; he shall prevail against his enemies. I have long time holden my peace; I have been still, *and* refrained myself: *now* will I cry like a travailing woman; I will destroy and devour at once. I will make waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their herbs; and I will make the rivers islands, and I will dry up the pools.

And I will bring the blind by a way *that* they knew not; I will lead them in paths *that* they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them. Isaiah 42:13–16.

Say ye to the righteous, that *it shall be well with him*: for they shall eat the fruit of their doings. Woe unto the wicked! *it shall be ill with him*: for the reward of his hands shall be given him. *As for* my people, children *are* their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, **they which lead thee cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths.** Isaiah 3:10–12.

Now go, write it before them in a table, and note it in a book, that it may be for the time to come for ever and ever: That this *is* a rebellious people, lying children, children *that* will not hear the law of the Lord: **Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophecy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits: Get you out of the way, turn aside out of the path,** cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us. Isaiah 30:8–11.

And **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 58:12.

And **they** shall **build** the old waste places, **raise up** the foundations of many generations and **be called** The **repairer** of the breach and The **restorer of paths** to dwell in.

“It was not long after the passing of the time in 1844 that **my first vision** was given me. I was visiting a dear sister in Christ, whose heart was knit with mine; five of us, all women, were kneeling quietly at the family altar. While we were praying, the power of God came upon me as I had never felt it before. I seemed to be surrounded with light, and to be rising higher and higher from the earth. 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** toward the city. **Behind them, at the beginning of the path, was a bright light which an angel told me was the midnight cry.** This light shone all along **the path**, that their feet might not stumble. Jesus Himself went just before His people to lead them forward, and as long as they kept their eyes fixed on Him, 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, from which came a light that waved over the advent band; and they shouted: ‘Alleluia!’ **Others rashly denied the light behind them**, and said 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.**” *Testimonies*, volume 1, 58.

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"The enemy is seeking to divert the minds of our brethren and sisters from the work of preparing a people to stand in these last days. His sophistries are designed to lead minds away from the perils and duties of the hour. They estimate as of little value the light that Christ came from heaven to give to John for His people. They teach that the scenes just before us are not of sufficient importance to receive special attention. They make of no effect the truth of heavenly origin, and **rob the people of God of their past experience, giving them instead a false science.** **'Thus saith the Lord: Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein.'** [Jeremiah 6:16.]

"Let none seek to tear away **the foundations of our faith**,—the **foundations that were laid at the beginning of our work**, by prayerful study of the Word and by revelation. Upon these **foundations** we have been building for more than fifty years. Men may suppose that they have found a new way, that they can lay a stronger foundation than that which has been laid; but this is a great deception. 'Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid.' [1 Corinthians 3:11.] In the past, many have undertaken to build a new faith, to establish new principles; but how long did their building stand? It soon fell; for it was not founded upon the Rock.

"Did not the first disciples have to meet the sayings of men? did they not have to listen to false theories; and then, having done all, to stand firm, saying, 'Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid'? So we are to hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end." *Testimonies*, volume 8, 296–297.

"**May God help you to receive the words that I have spoken.** Let those who stand as God's watchmen on the walls of Zion be men who can see the dangers before the people,—men who can distinguish between truth and error, righteousness and unrighteousness.

"The warning has come: Nothing is to be allowed to come in that will disturb **the foundation of the faith upon which we have been building ever since the message came in 1842, 1843, and 1844.** I was in this message, and ever since I have been standing before the world, true to the light that God has given us. We do not propose to take our feet off **the platform** on which they were placed as day by day we sought the Lord with earnest prayer, seeking for light. Do you think that I could give up the light that God has given me? It is to be as the Rock of Ages. It has been guiding me ever since it was given. Brethren and sisters, God lives and reigns and works today. His hand is on the wheel, and in his providence he is turning the wheel in accordance with his own will. Let not men fasten themselves to documents, saying what they will do, and what they will not do. Let them fasten themselves to the Lord God of heaven. Then the light of heaven will shine into the soul-temple, and we shall see the salvation of God." *Review and Herald*, April 14, 1903.

"I saw a company who stood well guarded and firm, giving no countenance to those who would unsettle **the established faith of the body.** God looked upon them with approbation. I was shown three steps—the first, second, and third angels' messages. Said my accompanying angel, 'Woe to him who shall move a block or stir a pin of these messages. The true understanding of these messages is of vital importance. The destiny of souls hangs upon the manner in which they are received.' I was again brought down through these messages, and saw how dearly the people of God had purchased their experience. It had been obtained through much suffering and severe conflict. God had led them along step by step, until He had placed them upon **a solid, immovable platform.** I saw individuals approach **the platform** and examine **the foundation.** Some with rejoicing immediately stepped upon it. Others commenced to find fault with the foundation. They wished improvements made, and then **the platform** would be more perfect, and the people much happier. Some stepped off **the platform** to examine it and declared it to

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be laid wrong. But I saw that nearly all stood firm upon **the platform** and exhorted those who had stepped off to cease their complaints; for God was the Master Builder, and they were fighting against Him. They recounted the wonderful work of God, which had led them to **the firm platform**, and in union raised their eyes to heaven and with a loud voice glorified God. This affected some of those who had complained and left **the platform**, and they with humble look again stepped upon it." *Early Writings*, 258.

"Have perfect faith in the promises of Christ. 'Teach them,' He said, 'all that I have commanded you.' The Lord has many precious souls in Battle Creek, and they need the very words of instruction that Christ has given for them. The gospel of Christ is full of love, rich in assurance and comfort. **Every soul needs now to understand the foundation of his faith.** In simple language and under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, present the truth. We have the Word, that wonderful Book, which contains the very instruction needed at this time.

"The testing time is right upon us. We must build upon the Rock that will stand the storm of test and trial. As we see the fulfillment of prophecy, we know that the end of all things is at hand. Present the eternal principles of truth. Show what the Word of God declares is to take place on this earth. The God who gave Daniel instruction regarding the closing scenes of this earth's history will certainly confirm the testimony of His servants as at the appointed time they give the loud cry.

"**All the messages given from 1840–1844 are to be made forcible now**, for there are many people who have lost their bearings. The messages are to go to all the churches.

"Christ said, 'Blessed are your eyes, for they see; and your ears, for they hear. For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them' [Matthew 13:16, 17]. 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**, 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." *Manuscript Releases*, volume 21, 436–437.

"I saw that **God was in the publication of the chart by Brother Nichols**. I saw that **there was a prophecy of this chart in the Bible**, and if this chart is designed for God's people, if it [is] sufficient for one it is for another, and if one needed a new chart painted on a larger scale, all need it just as much.

"I saw that it was a restless, uneasy, unsatisfied, ungrateful feeling in Brother Case that desired another chart. I saw that these painted charts had a bad effect upon the congregation. It caused a light, chaffy spirit of ridicule to be in the meeting.

"I saw that **the charts ordered by God** struck the mind favorably, even without an explanation. There is something light, lovely, and heavenly in the representation of the angels on the charts. The mind is almost imperceptibly led to God and heaven. But the other charts that have been gotten up disgust the mind, and cause the mind to dwell more on earth than heaven. Images representing angels look more like fiends than beings of heaven. I saw that the charts had for days and weeks occupied Brother Case's mind when he should have been seeking heavenly wisdom from God, and should have been growing in graces of the Spirit and the knowledge of the truth." *Manuscript Releases*, volume 13, 359.

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"I have seen that the 1843 chart was directed by the hand of the Lord, and that it should not be altered; that the figures were as He wanted them; that His hand was over and hid a mistake in some of the figures, so that none could see it, until His hand was removed." *Early Writings*, 74.

"I saw that the truth should be made plain upon tables, that the earth and the fullness thereof is the Lord's, and that necessary means should not be spared to make it plain. I saw that the old chart was directed by the Lord, and that not a figure of it should be altered **except by inspiration**. I saw that the figures of the chart were as God would have them, and that His hand was over and hid a mistake in some of the figures, so that none should see it till His hand was removed." *Spalding and Magan*, 1.

"Jesus and all the heavenly host looked with sympathy and love upon those who had with sweet expectation longed to see Him whom their souls loved. Angels were hovering around them, to sustain them in the hour of their trial. Those who had neglected to receive the heavenly message were left in darkness, and God's anger was kindled against them, because they would not receive the light which He had sent them from heaven. Those faithful, disappointed ones, who could not understand why their Lord did not come, were not left in darkness. Again they were led to their Bibles to search the prophetic periods. **The hand of the Lord was removed from the figures, and the mistake was explained.** They saw that the prophetic periods reached to 1844, and that the same evidence which they had presented to show that the prophetic periods closed in 1843, proved that they would terminate in 1844. Light from the Word of God shone upon their position, and they discovered a tarrying time—'Though it [the vision] tarry, wait for it.' In their love for Christ's immediate coming, they had overlooked the tarrying of the vision, which was calculated to manifest the true waiting ones. Again they had a point of time. Yet I saw that many of them could not rise above their severe disappointment to possess that degree of zeal and energy which had marked their faith in 1843." *Early Writings*, 236.

"I do not wish to ignore or drop one link in the chain of evidence that was formed as, **after the passing of the time in 1844**, little companies of seekers after truth met together to study the Bible and to ask God for light and guidance. . . . The truth, point by point, was fastened in our minds so firmly that we could not doubt. . . . The evidence given in our early experience has the same force that it had then. The truth is the same as it ever has been, and not a pin or a pillar can be moved from the structure of truth. That which was sought for out of the Word in **1844, 1845, and 1846** remains the truth in every particular." *Manuscript Releases*, volume 1, 52.

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"Our next conference was in Fairhaven. Brother Bates and wife were present. It was quite a good meeting. On our return to Brother Nichols', the Lord gave me a vision and showed me that the truth must be made plain upon tables, and it would cause many to decide for the truth by

the three angels' messages, with the two former being made plain upon tables." *Manuscript Releases*, volume 16, 207.

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Part Three

"To the last ruler of Babylon, as in type to its first, had come the sentence of the divine Watcher: 'O king, . . . to thee it is spoken; The kingdom is departed from thee.' Daniel 4:31." *Prophets and Kings*, 533.

A "mene" was a coin that represented fifty shekels. (A "tekel" is the Babylonian expression for shekel.) "Upharsin" represents half a "mene." The Bible tells us a shekel is 20 gerahs.

This they shall give, every one that passeth among them that are numbered, half a shekel after the shekel of the sanctuary: (a shekel *is* twenty gerahs:) an half shekel *shall be* the offering of the Lord. Exodus 30:13.

A "mene" therefore is fifty shekels, or 1,000 gerahs. "Mene, mene" therefore equates to two thousand gerahs.

A "tekel" is a shekel and therefore equates to twenty gerahs.

Therefore "mene, mene, tekel" equates to 2020 gerahs.

A "upharsin" is understood as one half of a "mene," so a "upharisn" represents 500 gerahs. When we therefore calculate the sum of "mene" (1,000), "mene" (1,000), "tekel" (20) "upharsin" (500) the total equates to 2,520 gerahs.

Thus saith the Lord God, It shall not stand, neither shall it come to pass.

For the head of Syria *is* Damascus, and the head of Damascus *is* Rezin; and within threescore and five years shall Ephraim be broken, that it be not a people. And the head of Ephraim *is* Samaria, and the head of Samaria *is* Remaliah's son. **If ye will not believe, surely ye shall not be established.** Isaiah 7:7-9.

And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; **Believe** in the Lord your God, so shall ye be **established**; **believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.** 2 Chronicles 20:20.

Manasseh

"Faithfully the prophets continued their warnings and their exhortations; fearlessly they spoke to Manasseh and to his people; but the messages were scorned; backsliding Judah would not heed. **As an earnest of what would befall the people** should they continue impenitent, the Lord permitted their king to be captured by a band of Assyrian soldiers, who 'bound him with fetters, and carried him to Babylon,' their temporary capital." *Prophets and Kings*, 382.

EARNEST, n. ern'est. 1. First fruits; that which is in advance, and gives promise of something to come. Early fruit may be an earnest of fruit to follow. The first success in arms may be an earnest of future success. The christian's peace of mind in this life is an earnest of future peace

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and happiness. Hence earnest or earnest-money is a first payment or deposit giving promise or assurance of full payment. Hence the practice of giving an earnest to ratify a bargain.

This sense of the word is primary, denoting that which goes before, or in advance. Thus the earnest of the spirit is given to saints, as a pledge or assurance of their future enjoyment of God's presence and favor. *Webster's 1828 Dictionary*.

"In the history of Nebuchadnezzar and Belshazzar, God speaks to nations of today. We are to take to heart the lessons he sought to teach these rebellious kings; for if Belshazzar had pursued a course in harmony with the instruction given to his grandfather, he would have retained not only his kingdom but his life. He disregarded the lessons, and went on in rebellion against God, committing the very sins for which his grandfather had been reprov'd and punished. He, too, lifted himself up in pride and exaltation, and the final judgment of God fell upon him and his house. His great sin was that, notwithstanding God had given him light, he refused to walk in the paths of righteousness." *Signs of the Times*, July 20, 1891.

"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. . . . **There cannot be a third without the first and second.**" *Selected Messages*, book 2, 104.

And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and **the earth was lightened with his glory**. Revelation 18:1.

"I was shown the interest which all heaven had taken in the work going on upon the earth. Jesus commissioned a mighty angel to descend and warn the inhabitants of the earth to prepare for His second appearing. As the angel left the presence of Jesus in heaven, an exceedingly bright and glorious light went before him. I was told that **his mission was to lighten the earth with his glory** and warn man of the coming wrath of God. Multitudes received the light. Some of these seemed to be very solemn, while others were joyful and enraptured. All who received the light turned their faces toward heaven and glorified God. Though it was shed upon all, some merely came under its influence, but did not heartily receive it. Many were filled with great wrath. Ministers and people united with the vile and stoutly resisted the light shed by the mighty angel. But all who received it withdrew from the world and were closely united with one another." *Early Writings*, 245.

And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. Revelation 14:8.

"The change is a progressive one, and the perfect fulfillment of Revelation 14:8 is yet future." *The Great Controversy*, 389.

The Inperfect Fulfillment

And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, Saying with a loud voice, **Fear God**, and give **glory** to him; for the hour of his **judgment** is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters. Revelation 14:6-7.

"The third angel is represented as flying in the midst of heaven, **symbolizing the work of those who proclaim the first, second, and third angel's messages**; all are linked together." *Selected Messages*, book 3, 405.

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"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,** 'Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies' [Revelation 18:2, 3]." *Manuscript Releases*, volume 16, 40.

"Many who went forth to meet the Bridegroom under the messages of the first and second angels, refused the third angel's message, the last testing message to be given to the world.

"A similar work will be accomplished when that other angel, represented in Revelation 18, gives his message. **The first, second, and third angels' messages will need to be repeated.** The call will be given to the church, [Revelation 18:2-5 quoted].

"Take each verse of this chapter, and read it carefully, **especially the last two . . .**

"The parable of the ten virgins was given by Christ Himself, and every specification should be carefully studied. **A time will come when the door will be shut.**" *Manuscript Releases*, volume 16, 269–270.

Verse Twenty-one

And Jeremiah said to Seraiah, When thou comest to Babylon, and shalt see, and shalt read all these words; Then shalt thou say, O Lord, thou hast spoken against this place, to cut it off, that none shall remain in it, neither man nor beast, but that it shall be desolate for ever. And it shall be, when thou hast made an end of reading this book, *that* thou shalt bind a stone to it, and cast it into the midst of Euphrates: And thou shalt say, Thus shall Babylon sink, and shall not rise from the evil that I will bring upon her: and they shall be weary. Thus far *are* the words of Jeremiah. Jeremiah 51:61–64.

Verse twenty-three

Behold, I will send and take all the families of the north, saith the Lord, and Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and will bring them against this land, and against the inhabitants thereof, and against all these nations round about, and will utterly destroy them, and make them an astonishment, and an hissing, and perpetual desolations. Moreover I will take from them the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the sound of the millstones, and the light of the candle. And this whole land shall be a desolation, *and* an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years. And it shall come to pass, when seventy years are accomplished, *that* I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, saith the Lord, for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans, and will make it perpetual desolations. Jeremiah 25:9–12.

"John saw 'Another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the whole earth was lightened with his glory.' Revelation 19:1. **That work is the voice of the people of God proclaiming a message of warning to the world.**" *The 1888 Materials*, 926.

Two Angels

And after these things **I saw another angel come down from heaven**, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. And **he cried mightily** with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

And **I heard another voice from heaven**, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities. Revelation 18:1-5.

Two Distinct Calls

"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' (Revelation 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' (Revelation 18:4, 5)." *Selected Messages*, book 2, 118.

"Again the piercing look of Jesus swept over the desecrated court of the temple. All eyes were turned toward Him. Priest and ruler, Pharisee and Gentile, looked with astonishment and awe upon Him who stood before them with the majesty of heaven's King. **Divinity flashed through humanity**, investing Christ with a dignity and glory He had never manifested before. Those standing nearest Him drew as far away as the crowd would permit. Except for a few of His disciples, the Saviour stood alone. Every sound was hushed. The deep silence seemed unbearable. Christ spoke with a power that swayed the people like a mighty tempest: 'It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.' His voice sounded like a trumpet through the temple. The displeasure of His countenance seemed like consuming fire. With authority He commanded, 'Take these things hence.' John 2:16." *The Desire of Ages*, 590.

"Christ had just cleansed the temple of those who defiled it with forbidden traffic. Divinity had flashed through humanity, and men had seen the glory and power of God manifested before them." *Review and Herald*, April 9, 1889.

"The angel who unites in the proclamation of the third angel's message is to lighten the whole earth with his glory. A work of world-wide extent and unwonted power is here foretold. The advent movement of 1840-44 was **a glorious manifestation of the power of God**; the first angel's message was carried to every missionary station in the world, and in some countries there was the greatest religious interest which has been witnessed in any land since the Reformation of the sixteenth century; but these are to be exceeded by the mighty movement under the last warning of the third angel." *The Great Controversy*, 611.

Revelation Eighteen Verse One

And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.

Verse Two

And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

Verse Three

For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

Verses Four Through Six

And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities. Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: **in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double.**

The Perfect Fulfillment

And **the third angel** followed them, saying with a loud voice, **If any man** worship the beast and his image, and receive *his* mark in his forehead, or in his hand, **The same** shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name. Revelation 14:9–11.

The Cup

“But Christ declared that not one jot or tittle of the law should fail until heaven and earth should pass away. The very work that he came to do was to exalt the law, and show to the created worlds and to heaven that God is just, and that his law need not be changed. But here is **Satan's right-hand man ready to carry on the work that Satan commenced in heaven**, that of trying to amend the law of God. And the Christian world has sanctioned his efforts by adopting this child of the papacy,—the Sunday institution. They have nourished it, and will continue to nourish it, **until Protestantism shall give the hand of fellowship to the Roman power. Then** there will be a law against the Sabbath of God's creation, and **then** it is that God 'will do a strange work in the earth.' He has borne long with the perversity of the race; he has tried to win them to himself. **But the time will come when they shall have filled their measure of iniquity; and then** it is that God will work. This time is almost reached. God keeps a record with the nations: the figures are swelling against them in the books of heaven; and **when** it shall have become **a law that the transgression of the first day of the week shall be met with punishment, then their cup will be full.**” *Review and Herald*, March 9, 1886.

Reached Unto Heaven

"God instituted the Sabbath as a sign of his authority and power, and the Papacy, acting for the prince of evil, points to the Sunday as a sign of her power and jurisdiction. The day of the sun, Sunday, was a day devoted to the most vile of the heathen worship, for it was celebrated in connection with sun-worship. This Sunday-sabbath has been accepted by many who know it to be the foundling of heathenism, which has been cherished and nourished by the Church of Rome, and by her clothed in the garments of sanctity. But while many are now aware of its origin, there are true Christians in every church who do not know the origin of the Sunday-sabbath, and believe that they are keeping the day which God sanctified and blest. This is true of worshipers even in the Catholic Church; and while this ignorance and integrity remain, God accepts of their sincerity; but when light shall fall upon their pathway, God requires them to come into harmony with his law, and to observe the Sabbath of his appointing. The time has come when the glory of the Lord is to fill the earth, and when the whole earth shall be lightened with his glory. The cry is sounding to the honest in heart to 'come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.' 'And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.' 'Here is the patience of the saints; here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.'" *Signs of the Times*, November 19, 1894.

"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' (2 Thessalonians 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)."** *The Great Controversy*, 390.

"There are diligent students of the word of prophecy in all parts of the world, who are obtaining light and still greater light from searching the Scriptures. This is true of all nations, of all tribes, and of all peoples. These will come from the grossest error, and will take the place of those who have had opportunities and privileges and have not prized them. These have worked out their own salvation with fear and trembling, lest they should become deficient in doing the ways and will of God, while those who have had great light, through the perversity of their own natural heart, turned away from Christ because they were displeased with his requirements. But God will not be left without witnesses. The one-hour laborers will be brought in at the eleventh hour, and will consecrate their ability and all their entrusted means to advance the work. These will receive the reward for their faithfulness, because they are true to principle, and shun not their duty to declare the whole counsel of God. **When those who have had abundance of light throw off the restraint which the word of God imposes, and make void his law, others will come in to fill their places and take their crown."** *Review and Herald*, June 15, 1897.

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And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.

"Now comes the word that I have declared that New York is to be swept away by a tidal wave? This I have never said. I have said, as I looked at the great buildings going up there, story after story, 'What terrible scenes will take place when the Lord shall arise to shake terribly the earth! **Then the words of Revelation 18:1-3 will be fulfilled.**' The whole of the eighteenth chapter of Revelation is a warning of what is coming on the earth. But I have no light in particular in regard to what is coming on New York, only that I know that one day the great buildings there will be thrown down by the turning and overturning of God's power. From the light given me, I know that destruction is in the world. One word from the Lord, one touch of his mighty power, and these massive structures will fall. Scenes will take place the fearfulness of which we can not imagine." *Review and Herald*, July 5, 1906.

Light is Given

"There are lessons to be learned from the history of the past; and attention is called to these, that all may understand that God works on the same lines now that He ever has done. His hand is seen in His work and among the nations now, just the same as it has been ever since the gospel was first proclaimed to Adam in Eden.

"There are periods which are **turning points** in the history of nations and of the church. In the providence of God, when these different crises arrive, **the light for that time is given. If it is received, there is spiritual progress; if it is rejected, spiritual declension and shipwreck follow.** The Lord in His word has opened up the aggressive work of the gospel as it has been carried on in the past, and will be in the future, even to the closing conflict, when Satanic agencies will make their last wonderful movement. From that word we understand that the forces are now at work that will usher in the last great conflict between good and evil--between Satan, the prince of darkness, and Christ, the Prince of life. But the coming triumph for the men who love and fear God is as sure as that His throne is established in the heavens." *Bible Echo*, August 26, 1895.

And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow *was* upon his head, and his face *was* as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire: And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and *his* left *foot* on the earth. . . .And the voice which I heard from heaven spake unto me again, and said, Go *and* take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel which standeth upon the sea and upon the earth. And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, Give me the little book. And he said unto me, Take *it*, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey. And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter. Revelation 10:1-2, 8-10.

"I was shown the interest which all heaven had taken in the work going on upon the earth. Jesus commissioned a mighty angel to descend and warn the inhabitants of the earth to prepare for His second appearing. As the angel left the presence of Jesus in heaven, an exceedingly bright and glorious light went before him. I was told that **his mission was to lighten the earth with his glory** and warn man of the coming wrath of God. Multitudes received the light. Some of these seemed to be very solemn, while others were joyful and enraptured. All who received the light turned their faces toward heaven and glorified God. Though it was shed upon all, some merely came under its influence, but did not heartily receive it. Many were filled with great wrath. Ministers and people united with the vile and stoutly resisted the light shed by the mighty angel.

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But all who received it withdrew from the world and were closely united with one another." *Early Writings*, 245.

Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O Lord God of hosts.

I sat not in the assembly of the mockers, nor rejoiced; I sat alone because of thy hand: for thou hast filled me with indignation. Why is my pain perpetual, and my wound incurable, *which* refuseth to be healed? wilt thou be altogether unto me as a liar, *and as waters that* fail?

Therefore thus saith the Lord, If thou return, then will I bring thee again, *and* thou shalt stand before me: and if thou take forth the precious from the vile, **thou shalt be as my mouth:** let them return unto thee; but return not thou unto them. And **I will make thee unto this people a fenced brazen wall: and they shall fight against thee, but they shall not prevail against thee:** for I *am* with thee to save thee and to deliver thee, saith the Lord. And I will deliver thee out of the hand of the wicked, and I will redeem thee out of the hand of the terrible. Jeremiah 15:16–21.

Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, eat that thou findest; eat this roll, and go speak unto the house of Israel. So I opened my mouth, and he caused me to eat that roll. And he said unto me, Son of man, cause thy belly to eat, and fill thy bowels with this roll that I give thee. Then did I eat *it*; and it was **in my mouth as honey for sweetness.**

And he said unto me, Son of man, go, get thee unto the house of Israel, and speak with my words unto them. For thou *art* not sent to a people of a strange speech and of an hard language, *but* to the house of Israel; Not to many people of a strange speech and of an hard language, whose words thou canst not understand. Surely, had I sent thee to them, they would have hearkened unto thee. But the house of Israel will not hearken unto thee; for they will not hearken unto me: for all the house of Israel *are* impudent and hardhearted. Behold, I have made thy face strong against their faces, and thy forehead strong against their foreheads. Ezekiel 3:1–8.

And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. Matthew 3:16–17; 4:1.

"Christ began the work of redemption just where the ruin began. His first test was on the same point where Adam failed. It was through temptations addressed to the appetite that Satan had overcome a large proportion of the human race, and his success had made him feel that the control of this fallen planet was in his hands." *This Day With God*, 153.

"I was pointed back to the proclamation of the first advent of Christ. John was sent in the spirit and power of Elijah to prepare the way of Jesus. Those who rejected the testimony of John were not benefited by the teachings of Jesus. Their opposition to the message that foretold His coming placed them where they could not readily receive the strongest evidence that He was the Messiah. Satan led on those who rejected the message of John to go still farther, to reject and crucify Christ. In doing this they placed themselves where they could not receive the blessing on the day of Pentecost, which would have taught them the way into the heavenly sanctuary. The rending of the veil of the temple showed that the Jewish sacrifices and ordinances would no longer be received. The great Sacrifice had been offered and had been accepted, and the Holy Spirit which descended on the day of Pentecost carried the minds of the

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disciples from the earthly sanctuary to the heavenly, where Jesus had entered by His own blood, to shed upon His disciples the benefits of His atonement. But the Jews were left in total darkness. They lost all the light which they might have had upon the plan of salvation, and still trusted in their useless sacrifices and offerings. The heavenly sanctuary had taken the place of the earthly, yet they had no knowledge of the change. Therefore they could not be benefited by the mediation of Christ in the holy place.

"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." *Early Writings*, 259–260.

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Part Four

The First Test

And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.

"Now comes the word that I have declared that New York is to be swept away by a tidal wave? This I have never said. I have said, as I looked at the great buildings going up there, story after story, 'What terrible scenes will take place when the Lord shall arise to shake terribly the earth! **Then the words of Revelation 18:1–3 will be fulfilled.**' The whole of the eighteenth chapter of Revelation is a warning of what is coming on the earth. But I have no light in particular in regard to what is coming on New York, only that I know that one day the great buildings there will be

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thrown down by the turning and overturning of God's power. From the light given me, I know that destruction is in the world. One word from the Lord, one touch of his mighty power, and these massive structures will fall. Scenes will take place the fearfulness of which we can not imagine." *Review and Herald*, July 5, 1906.

"One thing is certain: Those Seventh-day Adventists who take their stand under Satan's banner **will first give up their faith in the warnings and reproofs contained in the Testimonies of God's Spirit.**" *Selected Messages*, book 3, 84.

"**Those who rejected and opposed the light of the first angel's message, lost the light of the second,** and could not be benefited by the power and glory which attended the message, 'Behold, the Bridegroom cometh.' Jesus turned from them with a frown; for they had slighted and rejected Him. Those who received the message were wrapped in a cloud of glory. They greatly feared to offend God, and waited and watched and prayed to know His will. I saw Satan and his angels seeking to shut this divine light from the people of God; but as long as the waiting ones cherished the light and kept their eyes raised from earth to Jesus, Satan could have no power to deprive them of its precious rays. The message given from heaven enraged Satan and his angels, and led those who professed to love Jesus, but despised His coming, to scorn and deride the faithful, trusting ones. But an angel marked every insult, every slight, every wrong, which the children of God received from their professed brethren." *Early Writings*, 249.

And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

The Second Test

For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

"Already **preparations** are advancing, and **movements** are in progress, which will result in making an image to the beast. Events will be brought about in the earth's history that will fulfill the predictions of prophecy for these last days.

"The Lord has shown me clearly that the image of the beast will be formed **before probation closes**; for it is to be **the great test for the people of God**, by which their eternal destiny will be decided.

"This is **the test that the people of God must have before they are sealed.** All who proved their loyalty to God by observing His law, and refusing to accept a spurious sabbath, will rank under the banner of the Lord God Jehovah, and will receive the seal of the living God. Those who yield the truth of heavenly origin and accept the Sunday sabbath, will receive the mark of the beast" *The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, volume 7, 976.

"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. . . .

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"When the decree goes forth and the stamp is impressed, their character will remain pure and spotless for eternity." *Testimonies*, volume 5, 214–216.

"But **what is the 'image to the beast'?** and how is it to be formed? The image is made by the two-horned beast, and is an image *to* the beast. It is also called an image *of* the beast. Then to learn what the image is like and how it is to be formed we must study the characteristics of the beast itself—the papacy.

"When the early church became corrupted by departing from the simplicity of the gospel and accepting heathen rites and customs, she lost the Spirit and power of God; and **in order to control the consciences of the people, she sought the support of the secular power.** The result was the papacy, **a church that controlled the power of the state and employed it to further her own ends**, especially for the punishment of 'heresy.' In order for the United States to form an image of the beast, **the religious power must so control the civil government that the authority of the state will also be employed by the church to accomplish her own ends.**" *The Great Controversy*, 443.

"The enforcement of Sundaykeeping on the part of Protestant churches is an enforcement of the worship of the papacy—of the beast. Those who, understanding the claims of the fourth commandment, choose to observe the false instead of the true Sabbath are thereby paying homage to that power by which alone it is commanded. **But in the very act of enforcing a religious duty by secular power, the churches would themselves form an image to the beast; hence the enforcement of Sundaykeeping in the United States would be an enforcement of the worship of the beast and his image.**" *The Great Controversy*, 448–449.

"The 'image to the beast' represents that form of apostate Protestantism which will be developed when the Protestant churches shall seek the aid of the civil power for the enforcement of their dogmas. The 'mark of the beast' still remains to be defined." *The Great Controversy*, 445.

The Third Test

"A time is coming when the law of God is, **in a special sense**, to be made void in our land. The rulers of our nation will, by legislative enactments, enforce the Sunday law, and thus God's people be brought into great peril. When our nation, in its legislative councils, shall enact laws **to bind the consciences of men in regard to their religious privileges, enforcing Sunday observance, and bringing oppressive power to bear against those who keep the seventh-day Sabbath**, the law of God will, to all intents and purposes, be made void in our land; and national apostasy will be followed by national ruin." *Review and Herald*, December 18, 1888.

"The Sabbath will be the great test of loyalty; for it is the point of truth especially controverted. **When** the final test shall be brought to bear upon men, **then** the line of distinction will be drawn between those who serve God and those who serve him not. While the observance of the false sabbath in compliance with the law of the state, contrary to the fourth commandment, will be an avowal of an allegiance to a power that is in opposition to God, the keeping of the true Sabbath, in obedience to God's law, is an evidence of loyalty to the Creator. **While one class**, by accepting the sign of submission to earthly powers, **receive the mark of the beast, the other**,

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choosing the token of allegiance to divine authority, **receive the seal of God.**" *The Great Controversy*, 605.

"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.*" *Review and Herald*, April 27, 1911.

Parallel

"God has given the messages of Revelation 14 their place in the line of prophecy, and their work is not to cease till the close of this earth's history. The first and second angel's messages are still truth for this time, and **are to run parallel with this which follows**. The third angel proclaims his warning with a loud voice. 'After these things,' said John, 'I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power, and the earth was lightened with his glory.' In this illumination, **the light of all the three messages is combined.**" *The 1888 Materials*, 804.

"I saw angels hurrying to and fro in heaven, descending to the earth, and again ascending to heaven, preparing for the fulfillment of some important event. Then I saw another mighty angel commissioned to descend to the earth, to unite his voice with **the third angel**, and give power and force to his message. Great power and glory were imparted to the angel, and as he descended, the earth was lightened with his glory. The light which attended this angel penetrated everywhere, as he cried mightily, with a strong voice, 'Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.' **The message of the fall of Babylon, as given by the second angel, is repeated**, with the additional mention of the corruptions which have been entering the churches since 1844. The work of this angel comes in at the right time **to join in the last great work of the third angel's** message as it swells to a loud cry. And the people of God are thus prepared to stand in the hour of temptation, which they are soon to meet. I saw a great light resting upon them, and they united to fearlessly proclaim the third angel's message.

"Angels were sent to aid the mighty angel from heaven, and I heard voices which seemed to sound everywhere, '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.' This message seemed to be an addition to the third message, joining it as the midnight cry joined the second angel's message in 1844. The glory of God rested upon the patient, waiting saints, and they fearlessly gave the last solemn warning, proclaiming the fall of Babylon and calling upon God's people to come out of her that they might escape her fearful doom.

"The light that was shed upon the waiting ones penetrated everywhere, and those in the churches who had any light, who had not heard and rejected the three messages, obeyed the call and left the fallen churches. Many had come to years of accountability since these messages had been given, and the light shone upon them, and they were privileged to choose life or

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death. Some chose life and took their stand with those who were looking for their Lord and keeping all His commandments. **The third message** was to do its work; all were to be tested upon it, and the precious ones were to be called out from the religious bodies." *Early Writings*, 277–278.

VERSE TWO

And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

VERSE THREE

For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will show unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication. . . . For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled. Revelation 17:1, 2, 17.

And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by *the means of* those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. Revelation 13:14, 15.

Daniel One

"At the end of the ten days the result was found to be quite the opposite of Melzar's expectations. Not only in personal appearance, but in physical activity and mental vigor, those who had been temperate in their habits exhibited a marked superiority over their companions who had indulged appetite. As a result of this trial, Daniel and his associates were permitted to continue their simple diet during the whole course of their training for the duties of the kingdom. . . .

"The life of Daniel is an inspired illustration of what constitutes a sanctified character. . . .

"God has said, 'Them that honour me I will honour' (1 Samuel 2:30). While Daniel clung to his God with unwavering trust, the Spirit of prophetic power came upon him. While he was instructed of man in the duties of court life, he was taught of God to read the mysteries of future ages and to present to coming generations, through **figures** and **similitudes**, **the wonderful things that would come to pass in the last days.**" *The Sanctified Life*, 22–23.

SIMILITUDE, n. [L. similitudo.] 1. Likeness; resemblance; likeness in nature, qualities of appearance; as similitude of substance. Let us make man in our image, man in our similitude. *Websters 1823 Dictionary*.

Daniel Two

"We have come to a time when God's sacred work is represented by **the feet of the image** in which the iron was mixed with the miry clay. God has a people, a chosen people, whose discernment must be sanctified, who must not become unholy by laying upon the foundation wood, hay, and stubble. Every soul who is loyal to the commandments of God will see that the distinguishing feature of our faith is the seventh-day Sabbath. If the government would honor the Sabbath as God has commanded, it would stand in the strength of God and in defense of the faith once delivered to the saints. But statesmen will uphold the spurious sabbath, and will mingle their religious faith with the observance of this child of the papacy, placing it above the Sabbath which the Lord has sanctified and blessed, setting it apart for man to keep holy, as a sign between Him and His people to a thousand generations. **The mingling of churchcraft and statecraft is represented by the iron and the clay.** This union is weakening all the power of the churches. This investing the church with the power of the state will bring evil results. Men have almost passed the point of God's forbearance. They have invested their strength in politics, and have united with the papacy. But the time will come when God will punish those who have made void His law, and their evil work will recoil upon themselves." *The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, volume 4, 1168.

"When Nebuchadnezzar's dream of the great image was revealed to Daniel in a night vision, his first act was to thank God for this revelation. 'Blessed be the name of God forever and ever,' he exclaimed; 'for wisdom and might are his: and he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding: he revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him. I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom and might, and hast made known unto me now what we desired of thee: for thou hast now made known unto us the king's matter.'

"In past ages the Lord God of heaven revealed his secrets to his prophets. The present and the future are equally clear to him. **The voice of God echoes down the ages, telling man what is to take place.** Kings and princes take their places at their appointed time. They think they are carrying out their own purposes, but in reality they are fulfilling the word that God has spoken.

"Paul declares that the records of God's dealings with mankind in the past 'are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.' Daniel's history is given us for our admonition. 'The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him.' Daniel's God still lives and reigns. He has not closed heaven against his people. As in the Jewish age, so in this age, God reveals his secrets to his servants the prophets.

"The apostle Peter says: 'We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day-star arise in your hearts: knowing this first, that no prophecy of the Scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.'

"The unbelieving and godless do not discern the importance of the signs of the times, foretold in the prophetic word. In ignorance they may refuse to accept the inspired record. But when professed Christians speak sneeringly of the ways and means employed by the great I AM to make his purposes known, they show themselves to be ignorant both of the Scriptures and of the power of God. The Creator knows just what elements he has to deal with in human nature. He knows what means to employ to obtain the desired results.

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"Man's word fails. He who makes the assertions of men his dependence, may well tremble; for he will some day be as a shipwrecked vessel. God's word is infallible, and endures forever. Christ declares, 'Verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.' God's word will endure throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity." *Youth Instructor*, December 1, 1903.

Daniel Three

"The vainglory and oppression seen in the course pursued by the heathen king, Nebuchadnezzar, is being and will continue to be manifested in our day. **History will repeat itself.** In this age the test will be on the point of Sabbath observance. The heavenly universe behold men trampling upon the law of Jehovah, making the memorial of God, the sign between him and his commandment-keeping people, a thing of naught, something to be despised, while a rival sabbath is exalted as was the great golden image in the plain of Dura. Men claiming to be Christians will call upon the world to observe this spurious sabbath that they have made. All who refuse will be placed under oppressive laws. This is the mystery of iniquity, the devising of satanic agencies, carried into effect by the man of sin." *The Youth Instructor*, July 12, 1904.

"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' [Psalms 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." *Manuscript Releases*, volume 13, 71.

"Satan has taken the world captive. He has introduced **an idol sabbath**, apparently giving to it great importance. He has stolen the homage of the Christian world away from the Sabbath of the Lord for this idol sabbath. The world bows to a tradition, a man-made commandment. As Nebuchadnezzar set up his golden image on the plain of Dura, and so exalted himself, so Satan exalts himself in this false sabbath, for which he has stolen the livery of heaven." *Review and Herald*, March 8, 1898.

"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' [**Isaiah 10:1**]. [Zephaniah 1:14–18; 2:1–3, quoted.]" *Manuscript Releases*, volume 14, 91.

Daniel Six

"As the decree issued by the various rulers of Christendom against commandment keepers shall withdraw the protection of government and abandon them to those who desire their destruction, the people of God will flee from the cities and villages and associate together in companies, dwelling in the most desolate and solitary places. Many will find refuge in the strongholds of the mountains. Like the Christians of the Piedmont valleys, they will make the high places of the earth their sanctuaries and will thank God for 'the munitions of rocks.' Isaiah 33:16. But many of all nations and of all classes, high and low, rich and poor, black and white, will be cast into the most unjust and cruel bondage. The beloved of God pass weary days, bound in chains, shut in by prison bars, sentenced to be slain, some apparently left to die of starvation in dark and loathsome dungeons. No human ear is open to hear their moans; no human hand is ready to lend them help.

"Will the Lord forget His people in this trying hour? Did He forget faithful Noah when judgments were visited upon the antediluvian world? Did He forget Lot when the fire came down from heaven to consume the cities of the plain? Did He forget Joseph surrounded by idolaters in Egypt? Did He forget Elijah when the oath of Jezebel threatened him with the fate of the prophets of Baal? Did He forget Jeremiah in the dark and dismal pit of his prison house? Did He forget the three worthies in the fiery furnace? or **Daniel in the den of lions?**" *The Great Controversy*, 626.

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Part Five

Prophets

"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." *Review and Herald*, December 22, 1896.

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. Revelation 11:19.

And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, **Woe, woe, woe**, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of **the trumpet of the three angels**, which are yet to sound! The **second woe is past**; and, behold, **the third woe cometh** quickly. But **in the days of the voice of the seventh angel**, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets. Revelation 8:13; 11:14; 10:7.

When the seventh angel began to sound on October 22, 1844, the Most Holy Place was opened in the temple in heaven and there was then seen the ark of his testament. We are to have the same vision.

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And the angel that talked with me came again, and **waked me**, as a man that is wakened out of his sleep, And said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a candlestick all *of* gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which *are* upon the top thereof: And two olive trees by it, one upon the right *side* of the bowl, and the other upon the left *side* thereof.

So I answered and spake to the angel that talked with me, saying, **What *are* these, my lord?**

Then the angel that talked with me answered and said unto me, **Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord.** Zechariah 4:1–5.

And **the voice which I heard from heaven** spake unto me again, and said, Go *and* take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel which standeth upon the sea and upon the earth. And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, Give me the little book. And he said unto me, Take *it*, and eat it up; and **it shall make** thy belly bitter, but **it shall be** in thy mouth sweet as honey.

And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter. Revelation 10:8–10.

"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." *The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, volume 7, 971.

To and Fro

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. 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. Daniel 12:4, 10.

At the time of the end many shall run to and fro in God's prophetic word, and the knowledge which will be understood by the wise and misunderstood by the wicked shall be increased.

Behold, **the days come**, saith the Lord God, that I will send a **famine** in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of **hearing the words of the Lord**: And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, **they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord**, and shall not find *it*. Amos 8:11–12.

That we *henceforth* be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with **every wind of doctrine**, by the **sleight of men, and cunning craftiness**, whereby they lie in wait **to deceive**. Ephesians 4:14.

"By **the increase of knowledge** a people is to be prepared **to stand in the latter days.**" *Selected Messages*, book 2, 105.

So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and **stood up upon their feet**, an exceeding great army. Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts. Ezekiel 37:10–11.

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"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." *Selected Messages*, book 1, 121.

Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain; so the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field. Zechariah 10:1.

Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth. **My doctrine shall drop as the rain**, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass: Because I will publish the name of the Lord: ascribe ye greatness unto our God. Deuteronomy 32:1-3.

"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. . . .

"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.' *Testimonies to Ministers*, 113-114.

Two Visions

The Chazown Vision

Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain *saint* which spake, How long *shall be* **the vision concerning** the daily *sacrifice*, and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot?

And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed. Daniel 8:13–14.

The Mareh Vision

And the **vision** of the evening and the morning which was told *is* true: wherefore shut thou up the vision; for it *shall be* for many days. Daniel 8:26.

And it came to pass, when I, *even* I Daniel, had seen the vision, and sought for the meaning, then, behold, there stood before me as **the appearance** of a man. Daniel 8:15.

Repeat and Enlarge

In **the third year** of the reign of king Belshazzar **a vision** appeared unto me, *even unto* me Daniel, **after that which appeared unto me at the first**. Daniel 8:1.

The First Vision, in Belshazzar's First Year

In **the first year** of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel had **a dream and visions** of his head upon his bed: then he wrote the dream, *and* told the sum of the matters. Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold,

the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea. And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another. Daniel 7:1–3.

The Ulai Vision

In **the third year** of the reign of king Belshazzar **a vision appeared** unto me . . . and I was **by the river of Ulai**. Daniel 8:1–2.

The Light of the Ulai and Hiddekel

“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.” *Testimonies to Ministers*, 112.

Daniel Seven through Nine: the Ulai

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the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea. And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another. Daniel 7:1–3.

Daniel had a dream and visions of the four different kingdoms rising up in a history that consisted of ongoing political strife and military conflict.

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And it came to pass, when I, *even* I Daniel, had seen the vision, and sought for the meaning, then, behold, there stood before me as the appearance of a man. And I heard a man's voice between *the banks of Ulai*, which called, and said, Gabriel, make this *man* to understand the vision. So he came near where I stood: and when he came, I was afraid, and fell upon my face: but he said unto me, Understand, O son of man: for at the time of the end *shall be* the vision. Now as he was speaking with me, I was in a deep sleep on my face toward the ground: but he touched me, and set me upright. And he said, Behold, I will make thee know what shall be in the last end of the indignation: for at the time appointed the end *shall be*. Daniel 8:15–19.

When Daniel, had seen the chazon vision and sought for the meaning, Then, behold, there stood the appearance of Christ who said to Gabriel, make this *man* to understand the mareh vision. So Gabriel said, Understand that in 1798, at the time of the end the chazon vision will be fulfilled. And Gabriel also said, Behold, I will make thee know that 1844 is the appointed time for the end of the last of the two 2520 indignations.

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The ram which thou sawest having *two* horns *are* the kings of Media and Persia. And the rough goat *is* the king of Grecia: and the great horn that *is* between his eyes *is* the first king. Now that being broken, whereas four stood up for it, four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation, but not in his power. And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up. And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practice, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people. And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify *himself* in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand. Daniel 8:20–25.

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And the vision of the evening and the morning which was told *is* true: **wherefore shut thou up the vision; for it *shall be* for many days.** And I Daniel fainted, and was sick *certain* days;

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afterward I rose up, and did the king's business; and I was astonished at the vision, but none understood *it*. Daniel 8:26–27.

The mareh vision of 1844 **is true** and the chazon vision *is* shut up for many days. And I was astonished at the 1844 mareh vision, but none understood *it*.

Which is true

For the chazon vision *is* yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and **not lie**: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry. Habakkuk 2:3.

The mareh vision of 1844 is true and the chazon vision *is* shut up for **many days**. And I was astonished at the 1844 mareh vision, but none understood *it*.

Many Days

And they that understand among the people shall instruct many: yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, **many days**. Now when they shall fall, they shall be holpen with a little help: but many shall cleave to them with flatteries. And *some* of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make *them* white, **even to the time of the end**: because *it is* yet for **a time appointed**.

And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and **shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished**: for that that is determined shall be done. Daniel 11:33–36.

The mareh vision of 1844 is true and the chazon vision *is* shut up until the conclusion of the 1260 days.

Daniel had a dream and visions of Babylon, the Medes and Persians, Greece and Rome represented by the chazon vision and he began to study. Christ then appeared and said to Gabriel, make this *man* to understand the mareh vision. So Gabriel said, understand that in 1798, at the time of the end, the chazon vision will be fulfilled and know that 1844 is the appointed time for the end of the last of the two 2520 indignations.

Daniel's began to study the dream and visions of Babylon, the Medes and Persians, Greece and Rome represented by the chazon vision which is sealed until the time of the end in 1798 when the first 2520 indignation is accomplished.

Christ through Gabriel, gives understanding of the mareh vision of 1844 that Daniel was astonished over and did not understand, that speaks at the end and does not lie at the end of the last of the two 2520 indignations and Gabriel gives understanding that the chazon vision *is* shut up until the time of the end in 1798, when the first of the two 2520 indignations is accomplished and the papal power receives its deadly wound.

In the first year of his reign I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem. Daniel 9:2.

Daniel understood by the prophetic books the number of the years, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.

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Daniel understood by the prophetic times in the Bible the 2300 year prophecy.

Daniel's began to study the dream and visions of Babylon, the Medes and Persians, Greece and Rome represented by the chazon vision which is sealed until the time of the end in 1798 when the first 2520 indignation is accomplished.

Christ through Gabriel, gives understanding of the mareh vision of 1844 that Daniel was astonished over and did not understand, that speaks at the end and does not lie at the end of the last of the two 2520 indignations and understanding that the chazon vision *is* shut up until the time of the end in 1798, when the first of the two 2520 indignations is accomplished and the papal power receives its deadly wound.

Daniel's began to study the dream and visions and came to understand the prophetic times in the Bible, the history of Babylon, the Medes and Persians, Greece and Rome represented by the chazon vision which is sealed until the time of the end in 1798 when the first 2520 indignation is accomplished.

Christ gave understanding of the mareh vision of 1844 that Daniel was astonished over and did not understand, that speaks at the end and does not lie and is fulfilled at the end of the 2300 years, which is also the end of the last of the two 2520 indignations. He also gave the understanding that the chazon vision *is* shut up until the time of the end in 1798, when the first of the two 2520 indignations is accomplished and the papal power receives its deadly wound.

Yea, whiles I *was* speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation. And he informed *me*, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding. At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to show *thee*; for thou *art* greatly beloved: therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision. Daniel 9:21–23.

Gabriel, came and gave Daniel skill and understanding:
therefore understand the matter,
and consider the mareh vision.

Consider: biyn: to mentally separate

Matter: dabar: the word

Gabriel gave Daniel skill and understanding to understand the Word and separate the mareh vision.

Daniel's began to study the dream and visions and came to understand the prophetic times in the Bible, the history of Babylon, the Medes and Persians, Greece and Rome represented by the chazon vision which is sealed until the time of the end in 1798 when the first 2520 indignation is accomplished.

Christ through Gabriel, gives understanding of the mareh vision of 1844 that Daniel was astonished over and did not understand, that speaks at the end and does not lie at the end of the last of the two 2520 indignations and understanding that the chazon vision *is* shut up until the time of the end in 1798, when the first of the two 2520 indignations is accomplished and the papal power receives its deadly wound.

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Daniel's began to study the dream and visions and came to understand the prophetic times in the Bible, the history of Babylon, the Medes and Persians, Greece and Rome represented by the chazon vision which is sealed until the time of the end in 1798 when the first 2520 indignation is accomplished.

Christ gave understanding of the mareh vision of 1844 that Daniel was astonished over and did not understand though Gabriel gave Daniel skill to understand to separate the Word and the mareh vision, that speaks at the end and does not lie, when the last of the two 2520 indignations was fulfilled.

The Millerites began to study the visions and came to understand such truths as prophetic time in the Bible; the prophetic histories of the Babylonians, the Medes and Persians, the Greeks and the Romans as represented in the chazon vision, which was sealed until the time of the end in 1798, when the first 2520 scatterings and indignation was accomplished.

Christ gave understanding of the mareh vision of 1844, but the Millerites did not understand the sanctuary and were disappointed—astonished. The Millerites understood to rightly divide the Word and the mareh vision, and when the last of the two 2520 scatterings and indignations was fulfilled in 1844 when also the 2300 year vision that did not lie on March 22, 1844, was fulfilled when it spoke on October 22, 1844.

William Miller

Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts. But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he *is* like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap. Malachi 3:1–2.

"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." *The Great Controversy*, 426.

"To William Miller and his co-laborers it was given to preach the message in America, and the light kindled by their labors shone out to distant lands. God sent His angel to move upon the heart of a farmer who had not believed the Bible, to lead him to search the prophecies. **Angels of God repeatedly visited that chosen one, to guide his mind and open to his understanding prophecies which had ever been dark to God's people. The commencement of the chain of truth was given to him, and he was led on to search for link after link, until he looked with wonder and admiration upon the Word of God. He saw there a perfect chain of truth.** That Word, which he had regarded as uninspired, now opened before his vision in its beauty and glory. He saw that one portion of Scripture explains another, and when one passage was closed to his understanding, he found in another part of the Word that which explained it. He regarded the sacred Word of God with joy, and with the deepest respect and awe." *The Story of Redemption*, 356.

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Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts. But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he *is* like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: And he shall sit *as* a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness. Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the Lord, as in the days of old, and as in former years. Malachi 3:1-4.

Behold, I will send John the Baptist, and he shall prepare the way before Jesus, the messenger of the covenant who shall suddenly come and cleanse His temple once, behold, He shall come and cleanse His temple twice, saith the Lord of hosts, meaning: in fulfillment of God's prophetic word.

But who may abide **either** day of His two comings to cleanse His temple?

And Jesus made John the Baptist stand when the Messiah appeared at His Baptism—just before He cleansed the temple the first time?

And John the Revelator stood when the Lamb appeared at His Cross—just after He cleansed His temple the second time?

For He sat in judgment against ancient Israel, as in judgment he sat as a Judge who either destroys (a refiners fire) or cleanses (a fullers' soap), in order to turn ancient Israel into an offering of righteousness unto the Lord.

Then the Church of Ephesus was the pleasant offering unto the Lord, as in the days of old, and as in former years: meaning—as illustrated in the prophecies. Malachi 3:1-4.

Behold, I will send William Miller and he shall prepare the way before the High Priest of the heavenly sanctuary who also is the messenger of the covenant who shall come to his temple twice in fulfillment of God's prophetic word.

But who may abide either cleansings of His temple?

And the Millerites stood when the mighty angel of Revelation ten descended on August 11, 1840 empowering the cry of the first angel.

And the *Spirit of Prophecy* stood when the Holy Spirit was poured out at the Midnight cry of the second angel in 1844.

From 1840 through 1844 the Messenger of the covenant sat first in judgment with Protestantism and then in judgment with Millerism, sitting as Judge who either destroys or cleanses in order to turn His Millerite people into an offering of righteousness unto the Lord on October 22, 1844!

Then shall the Church of Philadelphia was a pleasant offering unto the Lord, **as illustrated in the prophecies**. Malachi 3:1-4.

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Part Six

Daniel Ten Through Twelve: The Hiddekel

In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a **thing** was revealed unto Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar; and the **thing was true**, but the time appointed *was* long: and he understood the **thing**, and had understanding of **the vision**.

In those days I Daniel was mourning three full weeks. I ate no pleasant bread, neither came flesh nor wine in my mouth, neither did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled. And in the four and twentieth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, **which is Hiddekel**. Daniel 10:1–4.

Thing: dabar: word

And the thing was true

At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to show *thee*; for thou *art* greatly beloved: therefore understand the **matter**, and **consider** the **vision**. Daniel 9:21–23.

Matter: dabar: **the word**; Consider: biyn: **to mentally separate**; Vision: **mareh**

Gabriel gave Daniel skill to mentally separate or rightly divide the Word and the mareh vision.

In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a **thing** was revealed unto Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar; and the **thing was true**, but the time appointed *was* long: and he understood the **thing**, and had understanding of **the vision**. Daniel 10:1.

The Word was revealed unto Daniel, and the Word *was* true and he understood the Word, and had understanding of the mareh 1844 vision.

For the chazon vision *is* yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and **not lie**: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry. Habakkuk 2:3.

The mareh 1844 vision was revealed to Daniel and he understood the mareh 1844 vision.

The Day of Atonement

In those days I Daniel was mourning three full weeks. I ate no pleasant bread, neither came flesh nor wine in my mouth, neither did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled. And in the four and twentieth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, which *is* Hiddekel;

Then I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a certain man clothed in linen, whose loins *were* girded with fine gold of Uphaz: His body also *was* like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet like in colour to polished brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude.

And I Daniel alone saw the mareh vision: for the men that were with me saw not the mareh vision; but a great quaking fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves. Therefore I was left alone, and saw this great mareh vision, and there remained no strength in me: for my comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and I retained no strength.

Yet heard I the voice of his words: and when I heard the voice of his words, then was I in **a deep sleep** on my face, and my face toward the ground. And, behold, an hand touched me, which set me upon my knees and *upon* the palms of my hands. And he said unto me, O Daniel, a man

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greatly beloved, **understand the words that I speak unto thee, and stand upright: for unto thee am I now sent.** And when he had spoken this word unto me, I stood trembling.

Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words. But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia. Now **I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days:** for yet the chazon vision *is* for *many* days. Daniel 10:2–14.

And I Daniel alone saw the mareh vision: for the men that were with me saw not the mareh vision; but a great quaking fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves. Therefore I was left alone, and saw this great mareh vision

Daniel slept and was awakened to understand the words that allowed him to stand upright, so he could understand what would befall modern Israel in the latter days, for yet the chazon vision *is* for *many* days.

The mareh 1844 vision was revealed to Daniel and he understood the mareh 1844 vision.

Daniel slept and was awakened to understand the words that allowed him to stand upright, so he could understand what would befall modern Israel in the latter days, for yet the chazon vision *is* for *many* days. Daniel saw and understood the great mareh vision of October 22, 1844 when it was revealed, but the men that were with me saw not the mareh vision for they were shaken out.

But I will show thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth: and *there is* none that holdeth with me in these things, but Michael your prince. Daniel 10:21.

Daniel slept and was awakened to understand the words of the scripture of truth that allowed him to stand upright, so he could understand what would befall modern Israel in the latter days, for yet the chazon vision *is* for *many* days. Daniel saw and understood the great mareh vision of October 22, 1844, but the men that were with him did not see the mareh vision, for they were shaken out.

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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.

Then I Daniel looked, and, behold, there stood other two, the one on this side of the bank of the river, and the other on that side of the bank of the river. And *one* said to the man clothed in linen, which *was* upon the waters of the river, How long *shall it be* to the end of these wonders?

And I heard the man clothed in linen, which *was* upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swore by him that liveth for ever that *it shall be* for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these *things* shall be finished.

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.

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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. Daniel 12:4–13.

Daniel Stands in His Lot

“When God gives a man a special work to do, he is to **stand in his lot** and place as did Daniel, **ready to answer the call of God, ready to fulfill His purpose.**” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 6, 108.

Standing in His Lot at the End of the Days: TODAY

“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.” *The Great Controversy*, 488.

Standing in His Lot at the End of the Days: 1798 # 1844

“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.’” *Testimonies to Ministers*, 115.

Daniel is sealed until to the time of the end when students of prophecy will run to and fro in God's word and prophetic knowledge shall increase and be understood by the wise, though not understood by the wicked.

Daniel heard, but understood not.

The end of these wonders shall be in 1798 at the end of the 1260, 1290 and 2520 time prophecies. And from the time that the paganism shall be subdued in 508, in order to set the papal power on the throne in 538, there shall be 1290 years, followed by a blessing for those who wait and come to 1843, at the end of 1335 years.

But go thou thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days. Daniel 12:4–13.

I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved. And the Lord answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make *it* plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. For the vision *is* yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry. Behold, his soul *which* is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith. Habakkuk 2:1–4.

The Millerite watchmen looked to see what their answer would be in the controversy of their history. And the Lord answered the Millerites and said your answer in the controversy of your history is the truths represented upon the 1843 chart, which you are to publish and wait for.

The Ulai

The Millerites heard the mareh vision, but understood not.

The Millerite history arrived when the book of Daniel was unsealed at the time of the end in 1798, at the end of the prophetic days, and the end of the wonders representing the prophetic fulfillments of Daniel 11:40, the 2520 against the northern kingdom of ancient Israel, the 1260 and 1290 identifying the 30 years preparation for the papacy to be set up in 530 and the papal rule from 508 through 1798, when the book of Daniel fulfilled its purpose as students of prophecy studied God's prophetic word and knowledge increased and was understood by the wise but not the wicked.

The Millerite watchmen looked to see what their answer would be in the controversy of their history. And the Lord answered the Millerites and said your answer in the controversy of your history is the truths represented upon the 1843 chart, which they were to publish in 1842. They were to wait again for the vision of 1844 that did not speak in 1843. And though the vision of 1843 tarried, they were to wait for it again in 1844, and from 508, when paganism was taken away, there would be 1290 years ending in 1798, and a blessing of patience was waiting in the disappointment of 1843, and the fulfillment of the 1335 day prophecy.

"All the messages given from 1840–1844 are to be made forcible now, for there are many people who have lost their bearings. The messages are to go to all the churches.

"Christ said, 'Blessed are your eyes, for they see; and your ears, for they hear. For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them' [Matthew 13:16, 17]. **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, 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.**" *Manuscript Releases*, volume 21, 437.

The Hiddekel

Adventism heard the mareh vision, but understood not.

The book of Daniel was unsealed at the time of the end in 1989, when the book of Daniel fulfilled its purpose as the wonders represented in the prophetic fulfillments of Daniel 11:40 were recognized by students of prophecy studying God's prophetic word and knowledge increased that was understood by the wise but not the wicked.

The Adventist watchmen looked for the answer for the controversy of their history, and the Lord said: "the answer of the controversy of your history is the truths represented upon the 1843 and 1850 charts, which you are to republish, on vinyl and with grommets." And those truths will include the 2520, the 2300, the 1290, the 1335, the 1260, the daily, the trumpets and the woes.

Daniel One

"The gospel of health has able advocates, but their work has been made very hard because so many ministers, presidents of conferences, and others in positions of influence have failed to give the question of health reform its proper attention. They have not recognized it in its relation to the work of the message as the right arm of the body. While very little respect has been shown to this department by many of the people and by some of the ministers, the Lord

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has shown His regard for it by giving it abundant prosperity. When properly conducted, the health work is an entering wedge, making a way for other truths to reach the heart. When **the third angel's message is received in its fullness, health reform will be given its place** in the councils of the conference, in the work of the church, in the home, at the table, and in all the household arrangements. Then **the right arm will serve and protect the body.**" *Testimonies*, volume 6, 327.

Daniel Two

"The mingling of churchcraft and statecraft is represented by the iron and the clay." *The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, volume 4, 1168.

Daniel Three

"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' [**Isaiah 10:1**]. [Zephaniah 1:14–18; 2:1–3, quoted.]" *Manuscript Releases*, volume 14, 91.

Daniel Four

And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters. Revelation 14:6–7.

Daniel Five

"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.

"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.

"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.**" *The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, volume 7, 971.

Daniel Six

"Will the Lord forget His people in this trying hour? Did He forget faithful Noah when judgments were visited upon the antediluvian world? Did He forget Lot when the fire came down from heaven to consume the cities of the plain? Did He forget Joseph surrounded by idolaters in Egypt? Did He forget Elijah when the oath of Jezebel threatened him with the fate of the prophets of Baal? Did He forget Jeremiah in the dark and dismal pit of his prison house? Did He forget the three worthies in the fiery furnace? or **Daniel in the den of lions?**" *The Great Controversy*, 626.

Daniel Seven through Nine: Ulai

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.

And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over. Daniel 12:4; 11:40.

And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters. Revelation 14:6–7.

Daniel 8:14.

And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.

Daniel Ten through Twelve: The Hidekkel

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.

And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over. Daniel 12:4; 11:40.

And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive *his* mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name. Here is the patience of the saints: here *are* they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. Revelation 14:9–12.

Daniel 11:40-45.

Seven Thunders

"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. . . .

"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.**" *The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, volume 7, 971.

And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter. Revelation 10:8-10.

"God has given the messages of Revelation 14 their place in the line of prophecy, and their work is not to cease till the close of this earth's history. The first and second angel's messages are still truth for this time, and **are to run parallel with this which follows.** The third angel proclaims his warning with a loud voice. 'After these things,' said John, 'I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power, and the earth was lightened with his glory.' In this illumination, **the light of all the three messages is combined.**" *The 1888 Materials*, 804.