

ZOOM JANUARY 5

BUT THEY SAID

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.

Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts.

For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; **line upon line, line upon line**; here a little, and there a little:

For with **stammering lips** and another tongue will he speak to this people. To whom he said, **This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing**; yet they would not hear.

But the word of the Lord was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; **line upon line, line upon line**; here a little, and there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken. Isaiah 28:9–13.

“The great work of the gospel is not to close with less manifestation of the power of God than marked its opening. The prophecies which were fulfilled in the outpouring of the former rain at the opening of the gospel **are again to be fulfilled** in the latter rain at its close. Here are ‘**the times of refreshing**’ to which the apostle Peter looked forward when he said: ‘Repent ye therefore, and be converted, **that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come** from the presence of the Lord; and He shall send Jesus.’ Acts 3:19, 20.” *The Great Controversy*, 611, 612.

“It is with an earnest longing that I look forward to the time when **the events of the day of Pentecost** shall be repeated with even greater power than on that occasion. John says, ‘I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.’ **Then**, as at the Pentecostal season, the people will hear the truth spoken to them, every man in his own tongue.

“God can **breathe** new life into every soul that sincerely desires to serve Him, and can touch the lips with a live coal from off the altar, and cause them to become eloquent with His praise. Thousands of voices will be imbued with the power to speak forth the wonderful truths of God’s Word. **The stammering tongue will be unloosed**, and the timid will be made strong to bear courageous testimony to the truth. May the Lord help His people to cleanse the soul temple from every defilement, and to maintain such a close connection with Him that they may be partakers of the latter rain when it shall be poured out.” *Review and Herald*, July 20, 1886.

“The act of Christ in breathing upon his disciples the Holy Ghost, and in imparting his peace to them, was as **a few drops** before the plentiful shower to be given on the day of Pentecost.” *Spirit of Prophecy*, volume 3, 243.

“The latter rain is to fall upon the people of God. A mighty angel is to come down from heaven, and the whole earth is to be lighted with his glory.” *Review and Herald*, April 21, 1891.

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. Revelation 18:1–4.

“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.’ And in the loud cry of the third angel’s message a voice is heard from heaven saying, ‘**Come out of her, my people.**’” *Review and Herald*, December 6, 1892.

“**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].

“**Take each verse of this chapter**, and read it carefully, **especially the last two**: [verse 23, 24 quoted.]

“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**. We are represented either by the wise or the foolish virgins. We cannot now distinguish, nor have we authority to say, who are wise and who foolish. There are those who hold the truth in unrighteousness, and these appear outwardly like the wise. . . .

“**This is the test**. Those who are counted among the wise virgins will let their light burn in good works. There are many who will not remain at the feet of Jesus, and learn of Him. They have not a knowledge of His ways. Let none rest in the idea that baptism has saved them, while they give no evidence that they are conformed to the image of Christ, while they cling to their old habits, while they exert their influence on the side of the world, and weave their fabric with the threads of worldly ideas and customs. These have not kept the oil in the vessels with their lamps. They are not ready for the Bridegroom. The oil is the holy grace that is sent from heaven, and there must be

an inward adorning with that grace, that they may be enabled to stand when He appeareth.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 16, 269, 270.

“There was a **shut door in Noah’s day**. There was at that time a withdrawal of the Spirit of God from the sinful race that perished in the waters of the Flood. God Himself gave **the shut-door message** to Noah: ‘My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years’ (Genesis 6:3).

“There was a **shut door in the days of Abraham**. Mercy ceased to plead with the inhabitants of Sodom, and all but Lot, with his wife and two daughters, were consumed by the fire sent down from heaven.

“There was a **shut door in Christ’s day**. The Son of God declared to the unbelieving Jews of that generation, ‘Your house is left unto you desolate’ (Matthew 23:38).

“Looking down the stream of time to the last days, the same infinite power proclaimed through John: ‘These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth’ (Revelation 3:7).

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

“Those who did not see the light, had not the guilt of its rejection. It was only the class who had despised the light from heaven that the Spirit of God could not reach. And this class included, as I have stated, both those who refused to accept the message when it was presented to them, and also those who, **having received it, afterward renounced their faith**. These might have a form of godliness, and profess to be followers of Christ; but having no living connection with God, they would be taken captive by **the delusions** of Satan. These two classes are brought to view in the vision—**those who declared the light which they had followed a delusion**, and the wicked of the world who, having rejected the light, had been rejected of God. No reference is made to those who had not seen the light, and therefore were not guilty of its rejection.” *Selected Messages*, book 1, 62, 63.

“It is a fearful thing to treat lightly the truth which has convinced our understanding and touched our hearts. We cannot with impunity reject the warnings which God in mercy sends us. A message was sent from heaven to the world in Noah’s day, and the salvation of men depended upon the manner in which they treated that message. Because they rejected the warning, the Spirit of God was withdrawn from the sinful race, and they perished in the waters of the flood. In the time of Abraham, mercy ceased to plead with the guilty inhabitants of Sodom, and all but Lot with his wife and two daughters were consumed by the fire sent down from heaven. So in the days of Christ. The Son of God declared to the unbelieving Jews of that generation, ‘Your house is left unto you desolate.’ **Looking down to the last days**, the same infinite power declares, concerning those who ‘received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved,’ ‘For this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: that they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.’ **As they reject the teachings of His Word, God withdraws His Spirit, and leaves them to the deceptions which they love.**” *Early Writings*, 46.

“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*, 803, 804.

“**Before the work is closed up and the sealing of God’s people is finished**, we shall receive **the outpouring of the Spirit of God**. Angels from heaven will be in our midst. The present is a fitting-up time for heaven when we must walk in full obedience to all the commands of God.” *Selected Messages*, book 1, 111.

“This view was given in 1847 when there were but very few of the Advent brethren observing the Sabbath, and of these but few supposed that its observance was of sufficient importance to draw a line between the people of God and unbelievers. Now the fulfillment of that view is beginning to be seen. ‘The **commencement** of that time of trouble,’ here mentioned **does not refer to the time when the plagues shall begin to be poured out**, but to a **short period just before** they are poured out, while Christ is in the sanctuary. **At that time**, while the work of salvation is closing, trouble will be coming on the earth, and **the nations will be angry, yet held in check** so as not to prevent the work of the third angel. **At that time the ‘latter rain,’ or refreshing from the presence of the Lord**, will come, to give power to the loud voice of the third angel, and prepare the saints to stand in the period when the seven last plagues shall be poured out.” *Early Writings*, 85.

And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon **the earth distress of nations**, with **perplexity**; the sea and the waves roaring; Men’s hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. Luke 21:25, 26.

“I saw that **the anger of the nations, the wrath of God, and the time to judge the dead** were **separate and distinct, one following the other**, also that Michael had not stood up, and that the time of trouble, such as never was, had not yet commenced. **The nations are now getting angry**, but when our High Priest has finished His work in the sanctuary, He will stand up, put on the garments of vengeance, and then the seven last plagues will be poured out.

“I saw that the four angels would hold the four winds until Jesus’ work was done in the sanctuary, and then will come the seven last plagues.” *Early Writings*, 36.

“Now, brethren, God wants us to take our position with the man that carries the lantern; we want to take our position where the light is, and **where God has given the trumpet a certain sound. We want to give the trumpet a certain sound**. We have been in perplexity, and we have been in doubt, and the churches are ready to die. But now here we read: ‘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’ [Revelation 18:1–2].

“Well now, how are we going to know anything about that message **if we are not in a position to recognize anything of the light of heaven when it comes to us?** And we will just as soon pick up the darkest deception when it comes to us from somebody that agrees with us, when we have not a particle of evidence that the Spirit of God has sent them. Christ said, ‘I come in the name of my Father, but ye will not receive me’ [see John 5:43]. Now, that is just the work that has been going on here ever since the meeting at Minneapolis. **Because God sends a message in his name that does not agree with your ideas, therefore [you conclude] it cannot be a message from God.**” *Sermons and Talks*, volume 1, 142.

“‘A new heart will I give you and a new spirit will I put within you.’ I believe with all my heart that the Spirit of God is being withdrawn from the world, and **those who have had great light and opportunities and have not improved them, will be the first to be left.** They have grieved away the Spirit of God. The present activity of Satan in working upon hearts, and upon churches and nations should startle every student of prophecy. The end is near. Let our churches arise. Let the converting power of God be experienced in the heart of the individual members, and then we shall see the deep moving of the Spirit of God. Mere forgiveness of sin is not the sole result of the death of Jesus. He made the infinite sacrifice not only that sin might be removed, but that human nature might be restored, rebeautified, reconstructed from its ruins, and made fit for the presence of God.” *Selected Messages*, book 3, 154.

“One who sees beneath the surface, who reads the hearts of all men, says of **those who have had great light:** ‘They are not afflicted and astonished because of their moral and spiritual condition.’ Yea, they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delighteth in their abominations. **I also will choose their delusions,** and will bring their fears upon them; because when I called, none did answer; when I spake, they did not hear: but they did evil before Mine eyes, and chose that in which I delighted not.’ **‘God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie,’ because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved,’ ‘but had pleasure in unrighteousness.’** Isaiah 66:3, 4; 2 Thessalonians 2:11, 10, 12.

“The heavenly Teacher inquired: ‘What stronger delusion can beguile the mind than the pretense that **you are building on the right foundation** and that God accepts your works, when in reality you are working out many things according to worldly policy and are sinning against Jehovah? Oh, it is a great deception, a fascinating delusion, that takes possession of minds when **men who have once known the truth,** mistake the form of godliness for the spirit and power thereof; when they suppose that they are rich and increased with goods and in need of nothing, while in reality they are in need of everything.’

“God has not changed toward His faithful servants who are keeping their garments spotless. **But many are crying, ‘Peace and safety,’ while sudden destruction is coming upon them.** Unless there is thorough repentance, unless men humble their hearts by confession and receive the truth as it is in Jesus, they will never enter heaven. When purification shall take place in our ranks, we shall no longer rest at ease, boasting of being rich and increased with goods, in need of nothing.

“Who can truthfully say: ‘Our gold is tried in the fire; our garments are unspotted by the world’? I saw our Instructor pointing to the garments of so-called righteousness. Stripping them off, He laid bare the defilement beneath. Then He said to me: ‘Can you not see how they have pretentiously covered up their defilement and rottenness of character? **‘How is the faithful city become an harlot!’** My Father’s house is made a house of merchandise, a place whence the divine

presence and glory have departed! For this cause there is weakness, and strength is lacking.” *Testimonies*, volume 8, 249, 250.

“The great issue near at hand will weed out those whom God has not appointed and He will have a pure, true, sanctified ministry prepared for the latter rain.” *Selected Messages*, book 3, 385.

“In these times of special interest, the guardians of the flock of God should teach the people that **the spiritual powers are in controversy**. It is not human beings that are creating such intensity of feeling as now exists in the religious world. **A power from Satan’s spiritual synagogue** is infusing the religious elements of the world, arousing men to decided action to press the advantages Satan has gained, by leading the religious world in determined warfare against those who make the word of God their guide and the sole foundation of doctrine. Satan’s masterly efforts are now put forth to gather in every principle and every power that he can employ to controvert the binding claims of the law of Jehovah, especially the fourth commandment, that defines who is the Creator of the heavens and the earth.

“The man of sin has thought to change times and laws; but has he done it? **This is the great issue**. Rome and all the churches that have drunk of her cup of iniquity, in thinking to change times and laws, have exalted themselves above God, and torn down God’s great memorial, the seventh-day Sabbath. The Sabbath was to stand representing God’s power in his creation of the world in six days, and his resting upon the seventh day. ‘Wherefore he blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it,’ because that in it he had rested from all his works which God created and made. The object of the masterly working of the great deceiver has been to supersede God. In his efforts to change times and laws, he has been working to maintain a power in opposition to God, and above him.

“**Here is the great issue**. Here are the two great powers confronting each other,—the Prince of God, Jesus Christ; and the prince of darkness, Satan. Here comes the open conflict. There are but two classes in the world, and every human being will range under one of these two banners,—the banner of the prince of darkness, or the banner of Jesus Christ.

“God will inspire his loyal and true children with his Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the representative of God, and will be the mighty working agent in our world to bind the loyal and true into bundles for the Lord’s garner. Satan is also with intense activity gathering together in bundles his tares from among the wheat.” *General Conference Daily Bulletin*, March 4, 1895.}

FOUR WORKS

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.

Repairer: H1443—A primitive root; to *wall* in or around:—close up, fence up, hedge, enclose, make up [a wall], mason, repairer.

Restorer: H7725—A primitive root; to **turn back** (hence, away) transitively or intransitively, literally or figuratively (not necessarily with the idea of *return* to the starting point); generally to **retreat**; often adverbially *again*.

THE OLD WASTE PLACES

The spirit of the Lord God *is* upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to *them that are* bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and **the day of vengeance of our God**; to comfort all that mourn; To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called **trees of righteousness**, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified. And **they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations**, and they shall repair the waste cities, **the desolations of many generations**. Isaiah 61:1–4.

The Spirit of the Lord *is* upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. And he closed the book, and he gave *it* again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him. Luke 4:18–20.

Old: H5769—From H5956; properly *concealed*, that is, the *vanishing* point; generally time *out of mind* (past or future), that is, (practically) *eternity*. **H5956**—A primitive root; to *veil* from sight, that is, *conceal* (literally or figuratively):—X any ways, blind, dissembler, **hide** (self), secret (thing).

Waste: H2723—properly drought, that is, (by implication) a **desolation**: - decayed place, desolate (place, -tion), destruction, (laid) **waste** (place).

Former: H7223—From H7221; **first, in place, time or rank** (as adjective or noun):—**ancestor**, (that were) before (-time), **beginning**, eldest, first, fore [-father] (-most), **former (thing), of old time, past**. **H7221**—a *beginning*: - **beginning**.

THE FOUNDATIONS

“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.” *Testimonies*, volume 8, 296, 297.

“When the power of God testifies as to what is truth, that truth is to stand forever as the truth. No after suppositions contrary to the light God has given are to be entertained. Men will arise with interpretations of Scripture which are to them truth, but which are not truth. **The truth for this time God has given us as a foundation for our faith. He Himself has taught us what is truth.** One will arise, and still another, with new light, which contradicts the light that God has given under the demonstration of His Holy Spirit. A few are still alive who passed through the experience gained in the establishment of this truth. God has graciously spared their lives to repeat, and repeat till the close of their lives, the experience through which they passed even as did John the apostle till the very close of his life. And the standard bearers who have fallen in death are to speak through the reprinting of their writings. I am instructed that thus their voices are to be heard. They are to bear their testimony as to what constitutes the truth for this time.

“We are not to receive the words of those who come with a message that contradicts the special points of our faith. They gather together a mass of Scripture, and pile it as proof around their asserted theories. This has been done over and over again during the past fifty years. And while the Scriptures are God’s word, and are to be respected, the application of them, if such application moves **one pillar** from **the foundation** that God has sustained these fifty years, is a great mistake. He who makes such an application knows not the wonderful demonstration of the Holy Spirit that gave power and force to the past messages that have come to the people of God.

“Elder G’s proofs are not reliable. If received, they would destroy the faith of God’s people in the truth that has made us what we are.

“We must be decided on this subject; for the points that he is trying to prove by Scripture, are not sound. **They do not prove that the past experience of God’s people was a fallacy.** We had the truth; we were directed by the angels of God. It was under the guidance of the Holy Spirit that the presentation of the sanctuary question was given. It is eloquence for everyone to keep silent in regard to the features of our faith in which they acted no part. **God never contradicts Himself.** Scripture proofs are misapplied if forced to testify to that which is not true. Another and still another will arise and bring in supposedly great light, and make their assertions. But we stand by the old landmarks. [1 John 1:1–10 quoted.]

“I am instructed to say that these words we may use as appropriate for this time, for the time has come when sin must be called by its right name. We are hindered in our work by men who are not converted, who seek their own glory. They wish to be thought originators of new theories, which they present claiming that they are truth. But if these theories are received, they will lead to **a denial of the truth that for the past fifty years God has been giving to His people,** substantiating it by the demonstration of the Holy Spirit.” *Selected Messages*, book 1, 161.

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 today, and forever. Hebrews 13:8.

“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.**" *Bible Echo*, August 26, 1895.

"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.

"Of the Amorites the Lord said: '**In the fourth generation** they shall come hither again: for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full.' Although this nation was conspicuous because of its idolatry and corruption, it had not yet filled up the cup of its iniquity, and God would not give command for its utter destruction. The people were to see the divine power manifested in a marked manner, that they might be left without excuse. The compassionate Creator was willing to bear with their iniquity until the fourth generation. Then, if no change was seen for the better, His judgments were to fall upon them.

"With unerring accuracy **the Infinite One still keeps an account with all nations.** While His mercy is tendered with calls to repentance, this account will remain open; but when the figures reach a certain amount which God has fixed, the ministry of His wrath commences. The account is closed. Divine patience ceases. There is no more pleading of mercy in their behalf." *Testimonies*, volume 5, 209.

THE PRESIDENTIAL OATH

"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the Office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States."

The majority of the pirates during the Barbary Coast War, which took place in the early 19th century, were Muslim. They operated from the largely independent Barbary States, which included modern-day Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, and Libya, and were often referred to as Barbary corsairs or Barbary pirates. These pirates were part of the Ottoman Empire's influence in North Africa and were predominantly Muslim.

"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.

"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.

"This is the danger of heedless, reckless youth today. The hand of God will awaken the sinner as it did Belshazzar, but with many it will be too late to repent.

"The ruler of Babylon had riches and honour, and in his haughty self-indulgence he had lifted himself up against the God of heaven and earth. He had trusted in his own arm, not supposing that any would dare to say, 'Why doest thou this?' But as the mysterious hand traced letters on the wall of his palace, Belshazzar was awed and silenced. In a moment he was completely shorn of his strength and humbled as a child. He realized that he was at the mercy of One greater than Belshazzar. He had been making sport of sacred things. Now his conscience was awakened. He realized that he had had the privilege of knowing and doing the will of God. **The history of his grandfather stood out as vividly before him as the writing on the wall.**" *Bible Echo*, April 25, 1898.

SIGNAL: noun—A sign that gives or is intended to give notice; or the notice given. Adjective—Eminent; remarkable; **memorable**; distinguished from what is ordinary. *Webster's 1828 Dictionary*.

THE OLD PATHS

"**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 dry bones need to be **breathed upon by the Holy Spirit of God**, that they may come into action, as by **a resurrection from the dead.**" *Bible Training School*, December 1, 1903.

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

"When the books of Daniel and Revelation are better understood, believers will have an entirely different religious experience." *Testimonies to Ministers*, 112–114.

"To John were opened scenes of deep and thrilling interest in the experience of the church. He saw the position, dangers, conflicts, and final deliverance of the people of God. **He records the closing messages which are to ripen the harvest of the earth, either as sheaves for the heavenly garner or as fagots for the fires of destruction.** Subjects of vast importance were

revealed to him, especially for the last church, that those who should turn from error to truth might be instructed concerning the perils and conflicts before them. None need be in darkness in regard to what is coming upon the earth.” *The Great Controversy*, 341.

A MESSAGE

“What power must we have from God that icy hearts, having only a legal religion, should see the better things provided for them—Christ and His righteousness! **A life-giving message was needed to give life to the dry bones.**” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 12, 205.

- **Political Grievances:** The manifesto criticized the leadership of the United States, calling it "weak and feckless" and accusing leaders of serving only to enrich themselves. It urged service members, veterans, and all Americans to "wake up."
- **National Security Concerns:** Livelsberger claimed that drones seen on the U.S. East Coast were connected to China, employing advanced gravitic propulsion systems, posing a significant threat to national security. He described these as "the most dangerous threat to national security that has ever existed."
- **Personal Issues and PTSD:** The manifesto suggested that Livelsberger was driven by personal struggles, including PTSD, and described the bombing as a "wake-up call" rather than a terrorist attack. He mentioned needing to "cleanse" his mind of the "brothers I've lost" and the "burden of the lives I took."

“Servants of God,
endowed with power from on high, ...
went forth to proclaim the message from heaven.”
Early Writings, 278, 279.

first voice
Revelation 18

second voice
Revelation 18

Pentecost

Pentecost

9/11

SL USA

breath
a few drops

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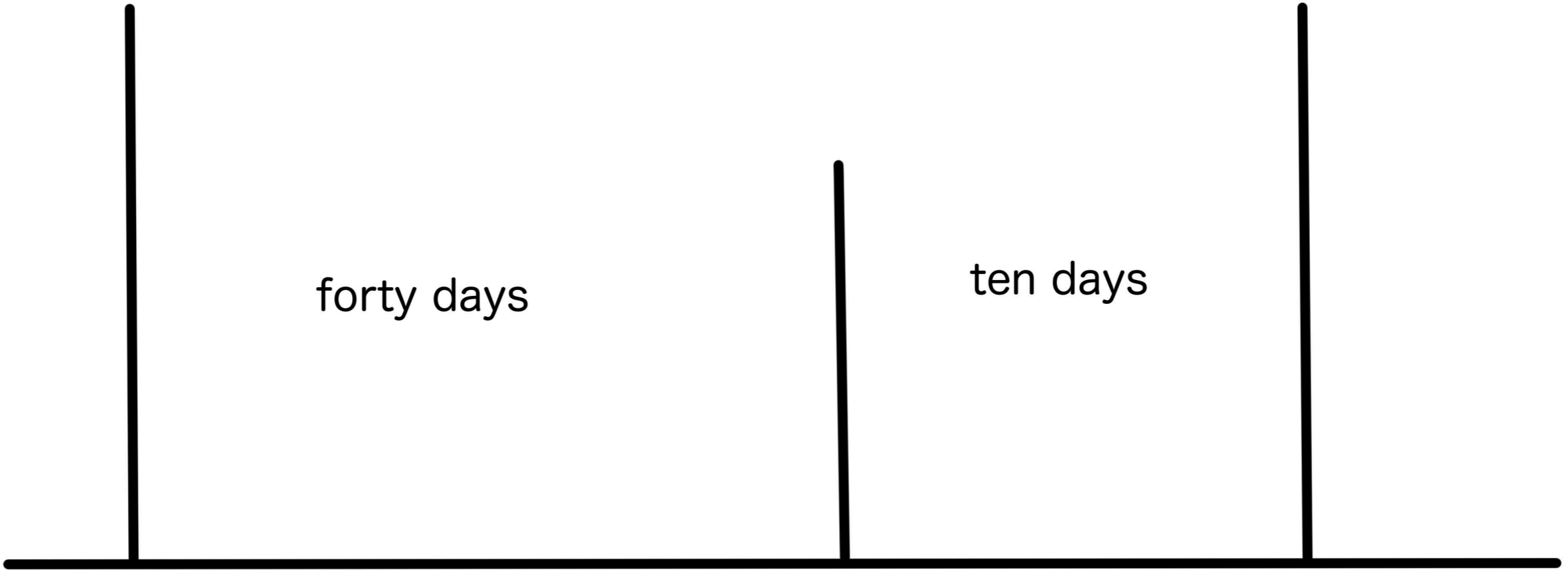
Ascent
ten days

shut door

Breath
without measure

Shut door

A power from beneath
is working to bring about
the last great scenes in the drama,
—Satan coming as Christ, ...”
Review and Herald, September 10, 1903.



forty days

ten days