

ZOOM 9-20-25

VALLEYS

SINCE APOSTOLIC TIMES

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.

BEFORE THE TIME FOR SUCH A MOVEMENT SHALL COME

“Notwithstanding the widespread declension of faith and piety, there are true followers of Christ in these churches. **Before** the final visitation of God's judgments upon the earth there will be among the people of the Lord such **a revival of primitive godliness** as has not been witnessed **since apostolic times**. **The Spirit and power of God will be poured out upon His children**. At that time many will separate themselves from those churches in which the love of this world has supplanted love for God and His word. Many, both of ministers and people, will gladly accept those great truths which God has caused to be proclaimed at this time to prepare a people for the Lord's second coming. The enemy of souls desires to hinder this work; and **before the time for such a movement shall come**, he will endeavor to prevent it by introducing **a counterfeit**. In those churches which he can bring under his deceptive power he will make it appear that God's special blessing is poured out; there will be manifest what is **thought to be great religious interest**. Multitudes will exult that God is working marvelously for them, when the work is that of another spirit. Under a religious guise, Satan will seek to extend his influence over the Christian world.” *The Great Controversy*, 464.

MALACHI 3:1–4

Then said the Lord unto Isaiah, Go forth now to meet Ahaz, thou, and **Shearjashub** thy son, at the end of **the conduit of the upper pool in the highway of the fuller's field**. Isaiah 7:3.

“God is dishonored when we do not receive **the communications** which he sends us. **Thus we refuse the golden oil** which he would pour into our souls **to be communicated to those in darkness**. When the call shall come, ‘Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him,’ those who have not received the holy oil, who have not cherished the grace of Christ in their hearts, will find, like the foolish virgins, that they are not ready to meet their Lord. They have not, in themselves, the power to obtain the oil, and their lives are wrecked. But if God's Holy Spirit is asked for, if we plead, as did Moses, ‘Show me thy glory,’ the love of God will be shed abroad in our hearts. **Through the golden pipes, the golden oil will be communicated to us**. ‘Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts.’ By receiving the bright beams of the Sun of Righteousness, God's children shine as lights in the world.” *Review and Herald*, July 20, 1897.

“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.

EVERY VALLEY

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. **Speak ye comfortably** to Jerusalem, and **cry** unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that **her iniquity is pardoned**: for she hath received of the Lord’s hand double for all her sins. The voice of him that crieth in the **wilderness**, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. **Every valley shall be exalted**, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain. Isaiah 40:1–4.

Hear this, ye **old men**, and give ear, all ye inhabitants of the land. Hath this been **in your days, or even in the days of your fathers?** Tell ye your **children** of it, and *let* your children *tell their children*, and their children **another generation**. That which the **palmerworm** hath left hath the **locust** eaten; and that which the locust hath left hath the **cankerworm** eaten; and that which the cankerworm hath left hath the **caterpillar** eaten. **Awake, ye drunkards**, and weep; and howl, all ye drinkers of wine, because of **the new wine; for it is cut off from your mouth**. Joel 1:1–5.

Woe to the crown of pride, to **the drunkards of Ephraim**, whose glorious beauty *is* a fading flower, which *are* on the head of the fat valleys of them that are overcome with wine! ... Wherefore hear the word of the Lord, **ye scornful men, that rule this people which is in Jerusalem**. Isaiah 28:1, 14.

The burden of **the valley of vision**. What aileth thee now, that thou art wholly gone up to the housetops? And **in that day** did the Lord God of hosts call to weeping, and to mourning, and to baldness, and to girding with sackcloth: And behold joy and gladness, slaying oxen, and killing sheep, eating flesh, and drinking wine: let us eat and drink; for tomorrow we shall die. And it was revealed in mine ears by the Lord of hosts, Surely this iniquity shall not be **purged** from you till ye die, saith the Lord God of hosts. Isaiah 22:1, 12–14.

“Both the parable of the tares and that of the net plainly teach that there is no time when all the wicked will turn to God. The wheat and the tares grow together until the harvest. The good and the bad fish are together drawn ashore for **a final separation**.

“Again, these parables teach that there is to be **no probation after the judgment**. When the work of the gospel is completed, there immediately follows the separation between the good and the evil, and the destiny of each class is forever fixed.” *Christ’s Object Lessons*, 123.

Blow ye **the trumpet** in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the Lord cometh, for *it is nigh* at hand; ... Blow **the trumpet** in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly: ... **Then will the Lord be jealous** for his land, and pity his people. ... And I will **restore** to you the years that the **locust** hath eaten, the **cankerworm**, and the **caterpillar**, and the **palmerworm**, my great army which I sent among you. And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed. And ye shall know that I *am* in the midst of Israel, and *that I am* the Lord your God, and none else: and my people shall

never be ashamed. For, behold, **in those days**, and in **that time**, when I shall **bring again** [TURN BACK} the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem, I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into **the valley of Jehoshaphat**, and will plead with them there for my people and *for* my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land. Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up: Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears: let the weak say, I *am* strong. Assemble yourselves, and come, all ye heathen, and gather yourselves together round about: thither cause thy mighty ones to come down, O Lord. **Let the heathen be wakened**, and **come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat**: for there will I sit to **judge** all the heathen round about. Put ye in the sickle, for **the harvest is ripe**: come, get you down; for the press is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness *is* great. Multitudes, multitudes in **the valley of decision**: for the day of the Lord *is* near in **the valley of decision**. The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining. **The Lord also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem**; and **the heavens and the earth shall shake**: but the Lord *will be* the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel. So shall ye know that I *am* the Lord your God dwelling in Zion, my holy mountain: **then shall Jerusalem be holy, and there shall no strangers pass through her any more**. Joel 2:1, 15, 18, 25–3:2, 9–17.

I WILL RESTORE TO YOU THE YEARS

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 Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive until **the times of restitution** of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began. Acts 3:19–21.

THEN WILL THE LORD BE JEALOUS

And the Jews' passover was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem, And found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting: And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables; And said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence; make not my Father's house an house of merchandise. And his disciples remembered that it was written, **The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up**. John 2:13–17.

The hand of the Lord was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of the Lord, and set me down in the midst of **the valley which was full of bones**, ... 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. Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, O my people, **I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel**. And ye shall know that I *am* the Lord, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves, And shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: **then shall ye know that I the Lord have spoken it, and performed it, saith the Lord**. Ezekiel 37:1, 10–14.

“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.

“A revival and a reformation must take place, under the ministration of the Holy Spirit. Revival and reformation are two different things. **Revival signifies a renewal of spiritual life**, a quickening of the powers of mind and heart, **a resurrection from spiritual death**. Reformation signifies a **reorganization**, a change in ideas and theories, habits and practices. Reformation will not bring forth the good fruit of righteousness unless it is connected with the revival of the Spirit. **Revival and reformation are to do their appointed work, and in doing this work they must blend.**” *Selected Messages*, book 1, 128.

“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.

“I lay down my pen and lift up my soul in prayer, that the Lord would **breathe** upon his **backslidden** people, which are **as dry bones**, that they may live.” *General Conference Bulletin*, February 4, 1893.

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

“**When we** as a people **understand** what this book means to us, there will be seen among us **a great revival.**” *Testimonies to Ministers*, 113.

“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.

911 TO THE SUNDAY LAW

“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.

“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.

“**A straight testimony** must be borne to our churches and institutions, to **arouse the sleeping ones.**”

“When the word of the Lord is believed and obeyed, steady advancement will be made. Let us now see our great need. **The Lord cannot use us until he breathes life into the dry bones.**”

I heard the words spoken: ‘Without the deep moving of the Spirit of God upon the heart, without its life-giving influence, truth becomes a **dead letter**.’” *Review and Herald*, November 18, 1902.

“But not only does this simile of the dry bones **apply to the world**, but also to **those who have been blessed with great light**; for they also are like **the skeletons of the valley**. They have the form of men, the framework of the body; but they have not spiritual life. But the parable does not leave the dry bones merely knit together into the forms of men; for it is not enough that there is symmetry of limb and feature. **The breath of life must vivify the bodies**, that they may stand upright, and spring into activity. **These bones represent the house of Israel, the church of God**, and the hope of the church is the vivifying influence of the Holy Spirit. **The Lord must breathe upon the dry bones**, that they may live.

“The Spirit of God, with its vivifying power, must be in every human agent, that every spiritual muscle and sinew may be in exercise. **Without the Holy Spirit, without the breath of God**, there is torpidity of conscience, loss of spiritual life. Many who are without spiritual life have their names on the church records, but they are not written in the Lamb’s book of life. They may be joined to the church, but they are not united to the Lord. They may be diligent in the performance of a certain set of duties, and may be regarded as living men; but many are among those who have ‘a name that thou livest, and art dead.’

“Unless there is genuine conversion of the soul to God; unless **the vital breath of God** quickens the soul to spiritual life; unless the professors of truth are actuated by heaven-born principle, they are not born of the incorruptible seed which liveth and abideth forever. Unless they trust in the righteousness of Christ as their only security; unless they copy His character, labor in His spirit, they are naked, they have not on the robe of His righteousness. The dead are often made to pass for the living; for those who are working out what they term salvation after their own ideas, have not God working in them to will and to do of His good pleasure.

“**This class is well represented by the valley of dry bones Ezekiel saw in vision.**” *Review and Herald*, January 17, 1893.

“**Before** the final visitation of God’s judgments upon the earth there will be among the people of the Lord such a **revival of primitive godliness** as has not been witnessed **since apostolic times**. **The Spirit and power of God will be poured out upon His children**. . . The enemy of souls desires to hinder this work; and **before the time for such a movement shall come**, he will endeavor to prevent it by introducing a **counterfeit**. In those churches which he can bring under his deceptive power he will make it appear that God’s special blessing is poured out; there will be manifest what is **thought to be great religious interest**. Multitudes will exult that God is working marvelously for them, when the work is that of another spirit.” *The Great Controversy*, 464.

“Heretofore those who presented the truths of the third angel’s message have often been regarded as mere alarmists. Their predictions that religious intolerance would gain control in the United States, that church and state would unite to persecute those who keep the commandments of God, have been pronounced groundless and absurd. It has been confidently declared that this land could never become other than what it has been—the defender of religious freedom. But as the question of enforcing Sunday observance is widely agitated, **the event so long doubted and disbelieved is seen to be approaching, and the third message will produce an effect which it could not have had before.**” *The Great Controversy*, 605.

“The peculiar work of the third angel has not been seen in its importance. God meant that His people should be far in advance of the position which they occupy today. But now, when the time has come for them to spring into action, they have the preparation to make. **When the National Reformers began to urge measures to restrict religious liberty**, our leading men should have been alive to the situation and should have labored earnestly to counteract these efforts. It is not in the order of God that light has been kept from our people—**the very present truth which they needed for this time**. Not all our ministers who are giving the third angel’s message really understand what constitutes that message. **The National Reform movement** has been regarded by some as of so little importance that they have not thought it necessary to give much attention to it and have even felt that in so doing they would be giving time to questions distinct from the third angel’s message. **May the Lord forgive our brethren for thus interpreting the very message for this time.**

“The people need to be aroused in regard to the dangers of the present time. The watchmen are asleep. We are years behind. Let the chief watchmen feel the urgent necessity of taking heed to themselves, lest they lose the opportunities given them to see the dangers.

“If the leading men in our conferences do not now accept the message sent them by God, and fall into line for action, the churches will suffer great loss. When the watchman, seeing the sword coming, gives the trumpet a certain sound, the people along the line will echo the warning, and all will have opportunity to make ready for the conflict. But too often the leader has stood hesitating, seeming to say: ‘Let us not be in too great haste. There may be a mistake. We must be careful not to raise a false alarm.’ The very hesitancy and uncertainty on his part is crying: “‘Peace and safety.’” Do not get excited. Be not alarmed. There is a great deal more made of this religious amendment question than is demanded. This agitation will all die down.’ Thus he virtually denies the message sent from God, and **the warning which was designed to stir the churches** fails to do its work. The trumpet of the watchman gives no certain sound, and the people do not prepare for the battle. Let the watchman beware lest, through his hesitancy and delay, souls shall be left to perish, and their blood shall be required at his hand.

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

“While the Protestant world is by her attitude making concessions to Rome, let us arouse to comprehend the situation and view the contest before us in its true bearings. Let the watchmen now lift up their voice and give **the message which is present truth for this time**. Let us show the people **where we are in prophetic history** and seek to arouse the spirit of true Protestantism, **awaking** the world to a sense of the value of the privileges of religious liberty so long enjoyed.

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

“My brethren, do you realize that your own salvation, as well as the destiny of other souls, depends upon the preparation you now make for the trial before us? Have you that intensity of

zeal, that piety and devotion, which will enable you to stand when opposition shall be brought against you? If God has ever spoken by me, the time will come when you will be brought before councils, and every position of truth which you hold will be severely criticized. The time that so many are now allowing to go to waste should be devoted to the charge that God has given us of preparing for the approaching crisis.” *Testimonies*, volume 5, 714–716.



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Isa. 22

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