

I received the following “open letter” from an old friend:

August 26, 2025

To: Jeff Pippenger — open letter

Don’t!!! Give up on Jesus!!!

Maintaining friendship over maintaining love springs to life “dumb dogs that don’t bark” which is one of the worst types of unkindnesses!!!

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. And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth. 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. Revelation 17:17–18:3.

“Under date of August 9, 1903, I further wrote regarding this sensational report:

“How 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 cannot imagine.” *Review and Herald*, July 5, 1906.

Yes, great buildings were destroyed in New York on 9-11-2001 by Islam. But, “Then the words of Revelation 18:1–3 will be fulfilled”, were not fulfilled then. Did all the kings worship the papacy at 9-11-2001 fulfilling the “mark of the beast” then?! That was not the time when “the Lord shall arise to shake terribly the earth”? It is when the seventh vile is poured out when the Lord says, “It is done”. His voice shakes terribly the earth! (See Revelation 16:17—18). All the great buildings of New York will definitely be thrown down then.

Don’t!!! Undermine “Then the words of Revelation 18:1–3 will be fulfilled” by associating it with what happened on 9-11-2001 in New York for it is error that needs to be repented of!

The Brother and Sister who penned this open letter have been associated with this movement for years, and up until recently would attend the Sabbath zoom meetings. His critique of the message I share is direct upon some points, and there are a few indirect points, which require my making some inferences that are not directly stated.

There are several points we have shared through the years which should be considered before making such an application as is inferred in the open letter. A problem I see in this critique is assuming that the events represented in chapter seventeen end in chapter seventeen or continue on into chapter eighteen. I contend that chapter eighteen is repeating and enlarging upon the events set forth in chapter seventeen. The events of chapter eighteen occur long before the conclusion of chapter seventeen.

Through the years we have shown three lines of prophecy in the books of Daniel and Revelation that each possess the identical prophetic waymarks. Each line either represents the dragon, the beast or the false prophet. Daniel 11:40–45 represents the papal beast. Revelation 13 and 14 represent the false prophet. Revelation 17 and 18 represent the dragon.

All three lines begin in 1798. Daniel 11:40 begins with the words, “And at the time of the end,” Revelation 13 begins with John on the seashore when the papacy was, “robbed of its strength” as Sister White states. The papacy was robbed of its strength at the time of the end in 1798. John is carried to the conclusion of the wilderness period of 1260 years in Revelation 17. The beast’s line in Daniel begins in 1798, the false prophet’s line begins at the seashore of 1798 in Revelation 13 and the dragon’s line of Revelation 17 begins with John being conveyed to 1798.

From that point the events of all three lines tell the story of how the deadly wound of the papacy is healed. That story in Daniel identifies and emphasizes the three obstacles the king of the north must overcome to be restored to power. Revelation 13 identifies the role of the false prophet in healing the king of the north’s deadly wound. Revelation 17 identifies the role of the dragon power as the ten kings agree to give their kingdom over to the king of the north due to the force exercised by the earth beast of chapter 13. All three lines begin in 1798, and then set forth the events connected with the healing of the papacies’ deadly wound.

They each then identify the message of the hour. Verse 44 of Daniel 11 identifies the “tidings” of the east and north. In verse 43 the papacy has just conquered Egypt the last of its three obstacles. The first obstacle was the king of the south and the word translated as south in Daniel is *negev* and is sometimes translated as Egypt. The first obstacle and the last of the three obstacles are Egyptian, while the middle obstacle, the United States represented as the glorious land in verse 41 is the symbol of rebellion represented in the middle waymark of truth. It is at the Sunday law in the United States that the third angel message becomes the loud cry. That message is marked at the Sunday law, but the “tidings” of verse 44 are located sequentially well after the Sunday law in the United States as set forth in verse 41.

Daniel’s and John’s (in fact all prophets) writings operate upon the principles repeat and enlarge. The loud cry of the third angel that arrives at the Sunday law in the United States is the tidings out of the east and north in verse 44. Daniel’s tidings of verse 44 arrived in history in verse forty-one, well before verses 42 and 43. First Daniel identifies the conquering of Rome’s three obstacles, and then he drops back into that very history and identifies the message which leads to the close of probation.

The earth beast, who is the United States and also the false prophet forcing the healing of the deadly wound in chapter 13 after it speaks as a dragon in verse 11. Chapter fourteen then sets forth Daniel “tidings” out of the east and north as three angels. The message represented by those

three angels concludes with the close of probation for all mankind. That message began in the history when the USA spoke as a dragon in verse 11.

John in chapters 13 and 14 employs the principle of repeat and enlarge just as did Daniel. The line begins in 1798, then tells how the deadly wound is healed, and it then identifies the message of the hour which leads to the close of probation. But the message arrives at the Sunday law in the United States, well before human probation closes.

John is conveyed to 1798 in chapter 17, which identifies how the threefold union comes together and heals the king of the north's deadly wound. Then chapter eighteen repeats and enlarges upon that history and marks the arrival of the message at the Sunday law in the United States.

The inference in the open letter is that chapter 18 continues the sequence of events that ended in chapter 17. From that approach the open letter then raises the question, "Did all the kings worship the papacy at 9-11-2001 fulfilling the 'mark of the beast' then?!"

### SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

"Some of those who are newly come to the faith claim to have special light from God in regard to these messages; but their new light leads them to set aside the established truths that are the pillars of our faith. They misinterpret and misapply the Scriptures. They misplace the messages of Revelation 14, and set aside the work which these messages have accomplished. Thus they reject the great waymarks which God Himself has established. Since their new light leads them to tear down the structure which the Lord has built up, we may know that He is not guiding them.

"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.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> angel arrived on October 22, 1844 and they are to be **combined** and **proclaimed** since that date.

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.

This is the first angel of Revelation 18:1–4, but is this speaking of after the close of probation?

## ISAIAH 6

In the year that **king Uzziah** (church/state) died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, *is* the Lord of hosts: **the whole earth is full of his glory.** (this is prior to the close of probation for Isaiah was not yet righteous/sealed). And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke. Then said I, Woe *is* me! **for I am undone;** because **I am a man of unclean lips,** and **I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips:** for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts. Isaiah 6:1–5.

Sister White comments:

“In the year that **King Uzziah** (church/state) died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphim: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another, and said, ‘Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of Hosts: **the whole earth is full of his glory.**’ And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.

“As the **prophet Isaiah** beheld the glory of the Lord, he was amazed, and, overwhelmed with a sense of his own weakness and unworthiness, he cried, “Woe is me! **for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips:** for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of Hosts.

“Isaiah had denounced the sin of others; but **now he sees himself exposed** to the same condemnation he had pronounced upon them. He had been satisfied with a cold, lifeless ceremony in his worship of God. He had not known this until the vision was given him of the Lord. How little now appeared his wisdom and talents as he looked upon the sacredness and majesty of the sanctuary. **How unworthy** he was! **how unfitted** for sacred service! His view of himself might be expressed in the language of the apostle Paul, ‘**O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?**’

“**But relief was sent** to Isaiah in his distress. He says: “Then flew one of the seraphim unto me, having a **live coal** in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: and he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.” *Review and Herald*, December 22, 1896.

Whole earth lightened with His glory——The latter rain!

“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. Are we ready to take part in the glorious work of the third angel? Are our vessels ready to receive the heavenly dew? Have we defilement and sin in the heart? If so, let us cleanse the soul temple, and prepare for the showers of the latter rain. The refreshing (Isa 28:12) from the presence of the Lord will never come to hearts filled with impurity. May God help us to die to self, that Christ, the hope of glory, may be formed within! I must have the Spirit of God in my heart. ...The day of judgment is upon us. O that we may wash

our robes of character, and make them white in the blood of the Lamb!” *Review and Herald*, April 21, 1891.

The latter rain comes in two parts:

“**Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain** [how are you going to know the time of the latter rain if you reject the latter rain message?]; so the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain.’ ‘He will cause to come down for you the rain, the **former rain**, and the **latter rain**.’ In the East the former rain falls at the sowing time. It is necessary in order that the seed may germinate. Under the influence of the fertilizing showers, the tender shoot springs up. The latter rain, falling near the close of the season, ripens the grain and prepares it for the sickle. The Lord employs these operations of nature to represent the work of the Holy Spirit. As the dew and the rain are given first to cause the seed to germinate, and then to ripen the harvest, so the **Holy Spirit is given to carry forward, from one stage to another**, the process of spiritual growth. The ripening of the grain represents the completion of the work of God’s grace in the soul. By the power of the Holy Spirit the moral image of God is to be perfected in the character. We are to be wholly transformed into the likeness of Christ.

“The latter rain, ripening earth’s harvest, represents the spiritual grace that prepares the church for the coming of the Son of man. But unless the former rain has fallen, there will be no life; the green blade will not spring up. Unless the early showers have done their work, the latter rain can bring no seed to perfection. There is to be ‘first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear.’ There must be a constant development of Christian virtue, a constant advancement in Christian experience.” *Testimonies to Ministers*, 506.

“The **act of Christ in breathing** upon his disciples (50 days earlier) 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.

Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God: for he hath given you the **former rain moderately**, and **he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month**. Joel 2:23.

This process begins when the divine symbol descends:

Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and *that* he had spoken these things unto her. Then the **same day at evening**, being the first *day* of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace *be* unto you. And when he had so said, he **showed unto them his hands and his side**. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord. Then said Jesus to them again, Peace *be* unto you: as *my* Father hath sent me, even so send I you. And **when he had said this, he breathed on them**, and saith unto them, **Receive ye the Holy Ghost**. John 20:18–22.

Shortly thereafter, Peter said, “I go fishing” (Jn 21:3) and they all went fishing. **Notice verse 17:**

Jesus saith unto her, **Touch me not**; for **I am not yet ascended to my Father**: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and *to* my God, and your God.

Also notice these verses:

And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: *then* came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace *be* unto you. Then saith he to Thomas, **Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side**: and be not faithless, but believing. John 20:26, 27.

Why could Mary not touch Him but later that evening the disciples could? He had descended! Luke 24 adds another dimension— —Book to be eaten/testing process begins:

And when he had thus spoken, he showed them *his* hands and *his* feet. And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, **Have ye here any meat?** And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb. And he took *it*, and **did eat** before them. And he said unto them, These *are* the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and *in* the prophets, and *in* the psalms, concerning me. Then **opened he their understanding**, that they might understand the scriptures. Luke 24:40–45.

John prefigures August 11, 1840:

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**. And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings. Revelation 10:8–11.

The sweetness came on August 11, 1840 at the submission of Turkey (Islam) to the European kings in fulfillment of the prophecy of Revelation 9:15, which confirmed the year/day prophecy predicted by Josiah Litch. The bitterness came at the disappointment on October 22, 1844.

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 18:2.

Verse 2 is addressing Babylon (all false religions); not simply the papacy.

**BABYLON:**

And the **great city** was divided into **three parts**, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath. Revelation 16:19.

And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs *come* out of the mouth of the **dragon**, and out of the mouth of the **beast**, and out of the mouth of the **false prophet**. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, *which* go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. Revelation 16:13, 14.

Sister White comments on Revelation 18:1, 2:

“The prophet says, ‘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’ (Revelation 18:1, 2). **This is the same message that was given by the second angel.** Babylon is fallen, ‘because **she made all nations** drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication’ (Revelation 14:8). What is that wine?—Her false doctrines. She has given to the world a false sabbath instead of the Sabbath of the fourth commandment, and has repeated the falsehood that Satan first told Eve in Eden—the natural immortality of the soul. Many kindred errors she has spread far and wide, ‘teaching for doctrines the commandments of men’ (Matthew 15:9).” *Selected Messages*, book 2, 118.

Now, notice what she does:

“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).” *Ibid.*

Sister White has just compared the two temple cleansings to the two distinct calls out of Babylon to the churches found in Rev 18:1-4 and has separated the third angel in verse 4 from the 2<sup>nd</sup> angel of verses 1-3. Again, two distinct calls. **Verse 3 continues addressing the 2<sup>nd</sup> angel:**

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 18:3.

This again, is the 2<sup>nd</sup> angel’s message. Notice:

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.

Not until verse 4 do you arrive at the 3<sup>rd</sup> angel, according to the above quote by sister White, and it is the 2<sup>nd</sup> angel of the two calls out of Babylon in the passage:

And I heard **another** voice [second angel of Revelation 18:1–4—two distinct calls] 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 18:4.

So let's address sister White's statement on those great buildings:

“How 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.

#### **THEN THE WORDS OF REVELATION 1-3 WILL BE FULFILLED:**

Carefully consider the above statement! It is very significant. She did **not** say, “then the words of Revelation 18:1-4 will be fulfilled”. **Why?** Because as explained above, she is addressing the 2<sup>nd</sup> angel's message, **not** the 3<sup>rd</sup>. It is also the 1<sup>st</sup> call out of Babylon, and **not** the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Therefore it cannot be speaking of any time after the close of probation.** On 9/11/2001 the testing process which began once the divine symbol of Revelation 18 descended and empowered the message of Islam (the 3<sup>rd</sup> “woe” arrived at the restraint of Islam). This was prefigured in Millerite history on August 11, 1840, also, at the restraint of Islam.

“At the very time specified, **Turkey**, through her ambassadors, accepted the protection of the allied powers of Europe, and thus **placed herself under the control of Christian nations.** The **event exactly fulfilled the prediction.** (See Appendix.) When it became known, multitudes were convinced of the correctness of the principles of prophetic interpretation adopted by Miller and his associates, and a wonderful impetus was given to the advent movement. Men of learning and position united with Miller, both in preaching and in publishing his views, and from 1840 to 1844 the work rapidly extended.” *The Great Controversy*, 335.

#### **WHEN THE LORD SHALL ARISE TO SHAKE TERRIBLY THE EARTH:**

The financial impact (ships of Dan 11:40b) and military (chariots and horsemen of Dan 11:40b) impact of 9/11 lasted for years and not just in the US (when the US sneezes, the world gets a cold), but throughout the world. The final plane struck the earth of the earth beast of Revelation 12:16 and Rev 13:11-17. Immediately, the **Patriot Act** was initiated and impacted law (English to Roman), and will continue until the close of probation. In the very same month, the Adventist church forced Ignatius Layola's “spiritual formation” on all who desired to enter

ministry. That directive shook the entire denominational world. 9/11 symbolically “shook terribly the earth”.

#### **GREAT BUILDINGS:**

Any glance at New York’s skyline prior to 9/11 clearly shows that the twin towers dwarf all other buildings. Those massive structures did fall. Was 9/11 a fulfillment of Bible Echo?

“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.

The US went from English law (innocent until proven guilty) to Roman law (guilty until proven innocent) with the implementation of the Patriot Act on 9/11. The economic impact lasted years. At the same time the Adventist church forced “spiritual formation” on all desiring to enter ministry. In contrast, the sealing of the 144,000 had arrived.

#### **TURNING POINT:**

Patriot Act (state)/spiritual formation (church).

#### **LIGHT FOR THAT TIME:**

History was repeating. Third “Woe” had arrived. God’s elect were to return to the old paths and eat the little book that was in the Angel’s hand. Sealing/testing process had begun for this final generation. All were rejected by Adventism!

#### **RESULTS:**

Spiritual declension and shipwreck. 9/11 was a fulfillment of Revelation 7:

And after these things I saw **four angels** standing on the four corners of the earth, **holding the four winds** of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, Saying, **Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.** Revelation 7:1–3.

Those four winds were held in check on 9/11. The contextual connecting can be seen with Islam.

And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the **grass of the earth**, neither any green thing, neither **any tree**; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads. Revelation 9:4.

Parallel passage; another link to Islam:

“The Lord is full of resources. He has no lack of facilities. It is because of our lack of faith, our earthliness, our cheap talk, our unbelief, manifested in our conversation, that dark shadows gather about us. Christ is not revealed in word or character as the One altogether lovely, and the chiefest among ten thousand. When the soul is content to lift itself up unto vanity, the Spirit of the Lord can do little for it. Our shortsighted vision beholds the shadow, but cannot see the glory beyond. **Angels are holding the four winds**, (Rev 7:1, Ezk 37:9) represented as an **angry horse** (Rev 9:7) seeking to break loose and rush over the face of the whole earth, **bearing destruction** (Rev 9:11) **and death** (Rev 9:11) in its path.

“Shall we sleep on the very verge of the eternal world? Shall we be dull and cold and dead? Oh, that we might have in our churches the Spirit and **breath of God breathed into His people, that they might stand upon their feet and live** (Ezk 37:9-11). We need to see that the way is narrow, and the gate strait. But as we pass through the strait gate, its wideness is without limit.

“We need **now to arise and shine**, for our light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon us.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 20, 217.

Angels holding the four winds:

### **EZEKIEL 37**

Then said he unto me, Prophecy unto the wind, prophecy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord God; Come from the **four winds**, O breath, and **breathe** upon these slain, that they may live. 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**. Ezekiel 37:9–11.

### **ANGRY HORSE**

And the **shapes of the locusts** were like unto **horses** prepared unto battle; and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of men. Revelation 9:7.

Locusts are also the east wind of Isaiah 27:8.

And Moses stretched forth his rod over the land of Egypt (the world/5t 217), and the LORD brought **an east wind** (Isaiah 27:8) upon the land all that day, and all [that] night; [and] when it was morning, the east wind brought the **locusts** (Rev 9:7). And the locusts went up over all the land of Egypt, and rested in all the coasts of Egypt: very grievous [were they]; before them there were no such locusts as they, neither after them shall be such. For they covered the face of the whole **earth** (Rev 7:1, 2, 3), so that **the land was darkened** (Rev 9:2); and they did eat every herb of the land, and all the fruit of the **trees** (Rev 7:1, 3, Rev 9:4) which the hail had left: and there remained not **any green thing** (Rev 7:1, Rev 9:4) in the **trees**, or in the herbs of the field, through all the land of Egypt. Exodus 10:13–15.

One cannot help but see the connection with Islam and the dead, very dry bones of Ezekiel 37.

## **DESTRUCTION AND DEATH:**

And they had a king over them, *which is* the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue *is* Abaddon (destroyer), but in the Greek tongue hath *his* name Apollyon (destroyer). Revelation **9:11**.

9/11 was a fulfillment of EW page 38:

“I saw **four angels** who had a work to do on the earth, and were on their way to accomplish it. Jesus was clothed with **priestly garments**. He gazed in pity on the remnant, then raised His hands, and with a voice of deep pity cried, ‘**My blood, Father, My blood, My blood, My blood!**’ Then I saw an **exceeding bright light** come from God, who sat upon the great white throne, and was shed all about Jesus. Then I saw an angel with a commission from Jesus, swiftly flying to the four angels (Rev 7:1) who had a work to do on the earth, and waving something up and down in his hand, and crying with a loud voice, ‘**Hold! Hold! Hold! Hold! until the servants of God are sealed** (Rev 7:3) in their foreheads.’

“I asked my accompanying angel the meaning of what I heard, and what the four angels were about to do. He said to me that it was **God that restrained the powers** (9/11), and that He gave His angels charge over things on the earth; that the four angels had power from God to **hold the four winds** (Rev 7:1), and that they were about to let them go; but while their hands were loosening, and the four winds were about to blow, the **merciful eye of Jesus** gazed on the **remnant** that were **not sealed**, and He raised His hands to the Father and pleaded with Him that He had spilled His blood for them. Then another angel was commissioned to fly swiftly to the four angels and bid them **hold, until the servants of God were sealed** (Rev 7:3, Rev 9:4) with the seal of the living God in their foreheads.” *Early Writings*, 38.

The Judgment of the living began on 9/11. **9/11 was a fulfillment of Isaiah 27:8:**

**In measure**, when it **shooteth forth**, thou wilt **debate** with it: he stayeth his **rough wind** in the day of the **east wind**. Isaiah 27:8.

## **IN MEASURE:**

“To Jesus, who emptied Himself for the salvation of lost humanity, the Holy Spirit was given **without measure**. So it will be given to every follower of Christ when the whole heart is surrendered for His indwelling. Our Lord Himself has given the command, ‘Be filled with the Spirit’ (Ephesians 5:18), and this command is also a promise of its fulfillment. It was the good pleasure of the Father that in Christ should ‘all the fullness dwell,’ and ‘in Him ye are made full..” *Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing*, 20.

Jesus received the Holy Spirit without measure and that is His desire for all His people. However a refining process must proceed the full indwelling of His Spirit. This is the early rain experience. Before His people are sealed they must be settled into the truth both intellectually and spiritually.

“**Just as soon as the people of God are sealed in their foreheads**—it is not any seal or mark that can be seen, but a **settling into the truth, both intellectually and spiritually**, so they cannot be moved—just as soon as God’s people are sealed and prepared for the shaking, it will come. Indeed, it has begun already.” *Last Day Events*, 219.

“**Many** have in a great measure **failed to receive the former rain**. They **have not obtained all the benefits that God has thus provided** for them. They expect that the lack will be supplied by the latter rain. When the richest abundance of grace shall be bestowed, they intend to open their hearts to receive it. **They are making a terrible mistake. The work that God has begun in the human heart in giving His light and knowledge must be continually going forward.** Every individual must realize his own necessity. The heart must be emptied of every defilement and cleansed for the indwelling of the Spirit. It was **by the confession and forsaking of sin**, by **earnest prayer and consecration of themselves to God**, that the **early disciples prepared for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost**. The same work, only in greater degree, must be done now. Then the human agent had only to ask for the blessing, and wait for the Lord to perfect the work concerning him. It is God who began the work, and He will finish His work, making man complete in Jesus Christ. But there must be no neglect of the grace represented by the former rain. **Only those who are living up to the light they have will receive greater light. Unless we are daily advancing in the exemplification of the active Christian virtues, we shall not recognize the manifestations of the Holy Spirit in the latter rain. It may be falling on hearts all around us, but we shall not discern or receive it.**” *Testimonies to Ministers*, 507.

Jesus, breathing on the disciples the evening of His resurrection was **as a few drops prior to the great outpouring on the day of Pentecost**. (see 3SP 243 above). It was measured, and was prefiguring 9/11 when the angel of Revelation 18 came down. In Rev 10:9-11 John asked for and took the little book and ate it up, which was sweet in his mouth but bitter in his stomach, symbolizing the glad reception of the message and the following disappointment. The restraint placed upon Islam when Turkey placed itself under the protection of the allied powers of Europe on August 11, 1840 in fulfillment of the 391 year and 15 day prophecy (Rev 9:14, 15) prefigured the restraint George W. Bush placed on Islam on **September 11, 2001**. At that time, the latter rain began to **sprinkle (few drops) prior to the full outpouring at the Sunday Law**. From 9/11 until the Sunday Law, those who will be among the 144,000 need earnestly to seek the early rain experience, which includes both to understand the truth being opened (**eat the little book**) as well as to **perfect holiness in the fear of God**.

**JESUS EXPLAINS HOW SANCTIFICATION OCCURS:**

Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. John 17:17.

### **GOD'S WORD IS ITS OWN EXPOSITOR AND EXPLAINS HOW TO GAIN TRUE KNOWLEDGE:**

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. Isaiah 28:9–12.

### **KNOWLEDGE IS NECESSARY:**

**My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge:** because **thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee**, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children. Hosea 4:6.

The foolish virgins are not destroyed simply because they lack knowledge; but because they rejected the opportunity to understand knowledge of the present truth message.

### **DOCTRINE:**

**Give ear**, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and **hear** (they would not hear) O earth, the words of my mouth. **My doctrine** shall drop as the **rain**, (latter rain) my speech shall distil as the **dew**, (sprinkling/early rain) as the **small rain** (sprinkling/early rain) upon the tender herb, and as the **showers** (latter rain) upon the **grass**: (Rev 9:4). Deuteronomy 32:1, 2.

### **WEANED FROM THE MILK:**

For when for the time **ye ought to be teachers**, ye have need that one teach you again which *be* the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. For **every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness**: for he is a babe. But **strong meat belongeth to them** that are of full age, *even* those who by reason of use have their senses **exercised to discern both good and evil**. Hebrews 5:12–14.

Daniel 12:3 states that the wise (margin/teachers) shall shine (spread the light of knowledge). Whereas Daniel 12:10 identifies the three step testing message of the gospel which produces two classes.

Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked (foolish virgins) shall understand; but the **wise** (wise virgins) **shall understand** [have knowledge]. Daniel 12:10.

**This is the refreshing/rest:** Sister White connects the refreshing with the latter rain of the 1<sup>st</sup> angel of Rev 18:1-3.

“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. Are we ready to take part in the glorious work of the third angel? Are our vessels ready to receive the heavenly dew? Have we defilement and sin in the heart? If so, let us cleanse the soul temple, and prepare for the showers of the latter rain. The refreshing (Isa 28:12) from the presence of the Lord will never come to hearts filled with impurity.” *Review and Herald*, April 21, 1891.

**PRECEPT UPON PRECEPT, PRECEPT UPON PRECEPT:**

Definition: A general rule intended to regulate behavior or thought. For the Millerites, “Millers rules of interpretation”? For this final generation, Miller’s rules with the addition of “line upon line”.

**LINE UPON LINE, LINE UPON LINE:**

“The Lord does not repeat things that are of no great consequence.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 8, 413.

“Historical events, showing the direct fulfillment of prophecy, were set before the people, and the prophecy was seen to be a figurative delineation of events leading down to the close of this earth’s history.” *Selected Messages*, boom 2, 102.

**Figurative** in its simplest form means “representing something else” i.e. **prefiguring**.

**Delineation** means to place on a line. **Yet they would not hear**. The latter rain is a message placing historical events line upon line, prefiguring the final events leading to the close of this earth’s history. None of the wicked (foolish virgins), because they will not hear, will understand; but the wise (virgins/teachers) shall understand.

**For this study we will only take the lines to the empowerment of the 1<sup>st</sup> message:**

In 1798 the papacy received a deadly wound and the 1<sup>st</sup> angel (Fear God, and give glory to Him; For the hour of His judgment is come) arrived in Millerite history in fulfillment of Dan 11:40a. It was formalized and thereafter presented by William Miller in 1833. It was thereafter empowered by the restraint of Islam on August 11, 1840, at the descent of the Angel of Revelation 10. (7BC 971)

**The above message was prefiguring 1989:**

In 1989 the king of the south (USSR) received a deadly wound and the 1st angel arrived into the history of the final generation in fulfillment of Dan 11:40b. It also was formalized by *Future for America* and published in a magazine in 1996 entitled *The Time of the End*. The empowerment came on September 1, 2001 at the restraint of Islam.

“The proclamation of the first, second, and third angels' messages has been located by the Word of Inspiration. Not a peg or pin is to be removed. No human authority has any more right to change the location of these messages than to substitute the New Testament for the Old. The Old Testament is the gospel in figures and symbols. The New Testament is the substance. One is as essential as the other. The Old Testament presents lessons from the lips of Christ, and these lessons have not lost their force in any particular.

“The first and second messages were given in 1843 and 1844, and we are now under the proclamation of the third; but all three of the messages are still to be proclaimed. It is just as essential now as ever before that they shall be repeated to those who are seeking for the truth. By pen and voice we are to sound the proclamation, showing their order, and the application of the

prophecies that bring us to the third angel's message. There cannot be a third without the first and second. These messages we are to give to the world in publications, in discourses, showing in the line of prophetic history the things that have been and the things that will be." *Selected Messages*, book 2, 104.