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A study group about the Bible
and the Spirit of Prophecy



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AFTER MINI POTLUCK

"We should study the great waymarks that point out the times in which we are living. We know that we are very near the close of this earth's history, and everything of a worldly nature should be secondary to the service of God." *Review & Herald*, June 23, 1896

1844 Jesus moves into the Most Holy Place and the Investigative Judgment begins ⚖️

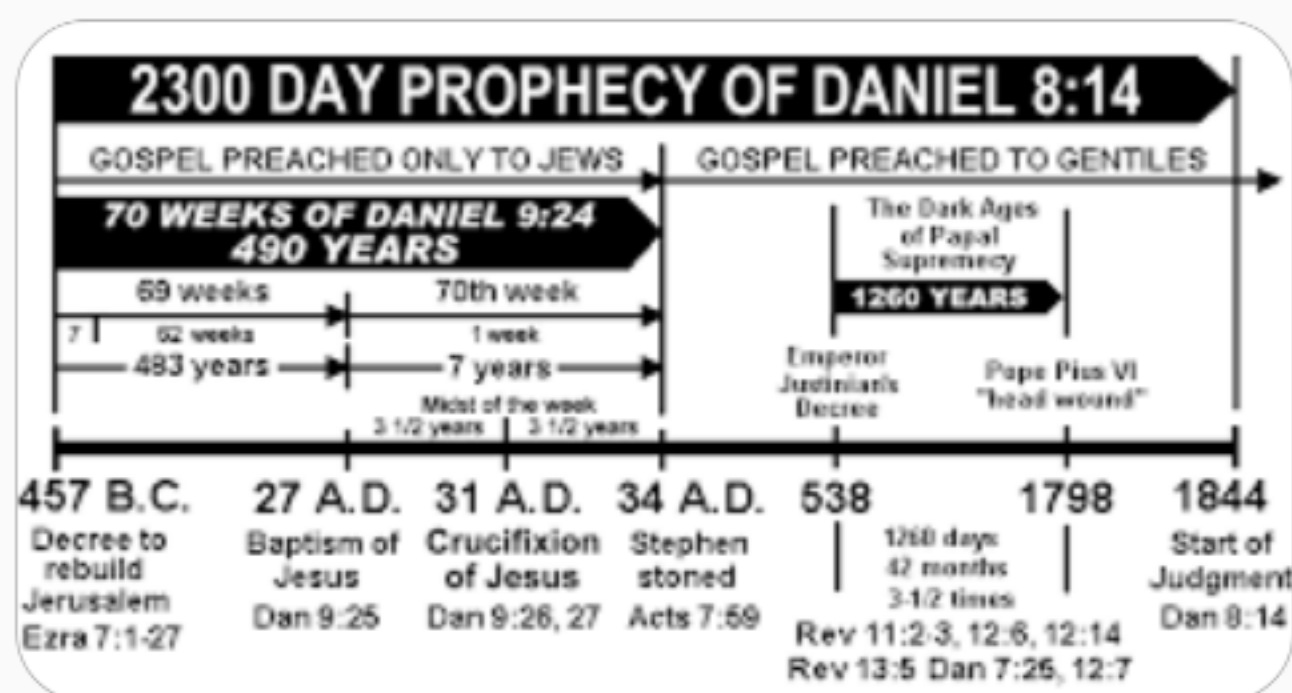
Daniel 8:14 KJV

And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and

three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.

Revelation 14:7 KJV

saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his **judgment** is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.



This **divine judgment** continues until the close of probation further down the time line. It's like a computer process happening in the background throughout all of the events.

Judgment begins with professed believers

1 Peter 4:17 KJV

For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?

Great Controversy, pg 480

"In the typical service only those who had come before God with confession and repentance, and whose sins, through the blood of the sin offering, were transferred to the sanctuary, had a part in the service of the Day of Atonement. So in the great day of final atonement and investigative judgment the **only cases considered** are those of the professed people of God. The judgment of the wicked is a distinct and separate work, and takes place at a later period."

1844 God establishes the End Time Remnant Church 🏠 *Rev 12.17*

Roughly 50 Advent believers were convinced that the timeline calculated by William Miller was correct, it was the *event* that was wrong.

Out of this faithful group would emerge the

organized Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Some of the historical, biblical identifiers of the true **remnant church**,

- ≡ ○ We emerged after 1798.. hence, remnant of her seed
- ≡ ○ We are an exact copy of the original in practice and doctrine. Remnant of a bolt of cloth
- ≡ ○ We are relatively small in number. Again remnant "remaining ones"
- ≡ ○ We keep the commandments of God, the Ten Commandments as a people, including the original 4th.. Rev 12.17, 14.12, 1 Jn 5.1
- ≡ ○ We have the testimony of Jesus Christ, which means God has given them a true prophet.. Rev 19.10
- ≡ ○ We have to be a global movement. Rev 14.6 vs 13.12 and reach all the world. Interesting that only the Sea Beast can claim this as well
- ≡ ○ We preach the everlasting gospel. Salvation by faith alone through Christ. We preach the holistic Gospel

Our Denominational Name

I was shown in regard to the remnant people of God taking a name. Two classes were presented before me. One class embraced the great bodies of professed Christians. They were trampling upon God's law and bowing to a papal institution. They were keeping the first day of the week as the Sabbath of the Lord. The other class, who were but few in number, were bowing to the great Lawgiver. They were keeping the fourth commandment. The peculiar and prominent features of their faith were the observance of the seventh day, and waiting for the appearing of our Lord from heaven.... {GRC 50.1}

As we move forward in time, our end time events study can be divided into **two main parts**,

≡ ○ Before probation closes

≡ ○ After probation closes

The Holy Spirit is gradually withdrawn. Wars, strife, pandemics, natural disasters increase
Matthew 24:7-8

Revelation 7:1-3 KJV

[1] 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*. [2] 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, [3] saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.

These angels are holding back the full power of God's wrath, and the full destructive power of Satan, until God's people are sealed.

Revelation 15:1 KJV

And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the **seven last plagues**; for in them is filled up the wrath of God.

But before that wrath happens, and before all of God's people are sealed, trouble increases,

Matthew 24:7-8 KJV

[7] For nation shall rise against nation, and

kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. [8] All these are the beginning of sorrows.

Restraining Spirit of God Being Withdrawn

The restraining Spirit of God is even now being withdrawn from the world. Hurricanes, storms, tempests, fire and flood, disasters by sea and land, follow each other in quick succession. Science seeks to explain all these. The signs thickening around us, telling of the near approach of the Son of God, are attributed to any other than the true cause. Men cannot discern the sentinel angels restraining the four winds that they shall not blow until the servants of God are sealed; but when God shall bid His angels loose the winds, there shall be such a scene of strife as no pen can picture.—[Testimonies for the Church 6:408](#). {ChS 52.1}

The days in which we live are solemn and important. The Spirit of God is gradually but surely being withdrawn from the earth. Plagues and judgments are already falling upon the despisers of the grace of God. The calamities by land and sea, the unsettled state of society, the alarms of war, are portentous. They forecast approaching events of the greatest magnitude. The agencies of evil are combining their forces, and consolidating. They are strengthening for the last great crisis. Great changes are soon to take place in our world, and the final movements will be rapid ones.—[Testimonies for the Church 9:11](#). {ChS 52.2}

Notice she says the Holy Spirit is being *withdrawn* and "gradually being withdrawn" so this is a **process**. As a result, natural

disasters, war and strife in general increase, like Jesus said would happen. Science tries to explain it, the Climate Change agenda? With an ecumenical push,

"The time for seeking global solutions is running out. We can find suitable solutions only if we act together and in agreement."

- Pope Francis



There are other signs "thickening around us" that she doesn't specify. Land and sea calamities, unsettled society, wars increase.

Like before the Flood, society was totally evil,

2 Timothy 3.1-5

Genesis 6:5 KJV

And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

But through it all, life went on,

Matthew 24:38-39 KJV

[38] For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, [39] and knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

It must be pointed out here, the Second Coming of Christ was *supposed* to happen in the 1800s. Notice this was before technology, before global currency, before a One World Government was remotely possible,

“Had Adventists, after the great disappointment in 1844, held fast their faith, and followed on unitedly in the opening providence of God, receiving the message of the third angel and in the power of the Holy Spirit proclaiming it to the world, they would have seen the salvation of God, the Lord would have wrought mightily with their efforts, the work would have been completed, and Christ would have come ere this to receive His people to their reward.

(1903) “I know that if the people of God had preserved a living connection with Him, if they had obeyed His Word, they would today be in the heavenly Canaan” (*General Conference Bulletin*, March 30, 1903).

(1904) “If all who had labored unitedly in the work of 1844 had received the third angel's message and proclaimed it in the power of the Holy Spirit, the Lord would have wrought mightily with their efforts. A flood of light would have been shed upon the world. Years ago the inhabitants of the earth would have been warned, the closing work would have been completed, and Christ would have come for the redemption of His people” (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 8, p. 115).

The only thing that prevented the Second Coming in the 1800s was that the people of God were not ready. They were still lukewarm.

The Shaking 🧨

Matthew 24.4 + 12

Hebrews 12:27 KJV

And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the *removing* of those things that are *shaken*, as of things that are made, that those things which *cannot be shaken may remain*.

Psalms 16:8 NIV

I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand, **I will not be shaken.**

The Shaking is basically a war within the remnant Church. There are only two sides,

"Has God no living church? He has a church, but it is the church militant, not the church triumphant. We are sorry that there are defective members.... While the Lord brings into the church those who are truly converted, Satan at the same time brings persons who are not converted into its fellowship. While Christ is sowing the good seed, Satan is sowing the tares. There are **two opposing influences continually exerted on the**

members of the church. One influence is working for the purification of the church, and the other for the corrupting of the people of God." GRC, pg 33.2

Based on a vision received in 1857, Ellen White wrote,

"I asked the meaning of the **shaking** I had seen and was shown that it would be caused by the straight testimony called forth by the counsel of the **True Witness** to the Laodiceans. This will have its effect upon the heart of the receiver, and will lead him to exalt the standard and pour forth the **straight truth**.

Some will not bear this straight testimony. They will rise up against it, and this is what will cause a **shaking** among God's people." *Early Writings*, pg 270.2

"I saw that the testimony of the True Witness has not been half heeded. The solemn testimony upon which the destiny of the church hangs has been lightly esteemed, if not entirely disregarded. This testimony must work deep **repentance**, and all that truly

receive it will obey it and be purified."

Review & Herald, December 31, 1857

The True and Faithful Witness is Jesus,

Revelation 1:5 KJV

and from Jesus Christ, who is the **faithful witness**, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

Jesus, who speaks to the churches throughout the ages. The Laodicean church is exclusively the **SDA** church at the end of time,

Read Testimonies, Vol 3, Chapter 27 she goes into great detail of the Laodicean condition.

"The Laodicean message applies to the people of God who profess to believe present truth. The greater part are lukewarm professors, having a name but no zeal. . . . Those who should be faithful and true, fervent in Christian zeal, of gracious temper, knowing and loving Jesus earnestly, are found aiding the enemy to weaken and discourage those

whom God is using to build up the work. The term "lukewarm" is applicable to this class. They profess to love the truth, yet are deficient in Christian fervor and devotion. They dare not give up wholly and run the risk of the unbeliever, yet they are unwilling to die to self and follow out closely the principles of their faith." *Testimonies*, Vol 4, pg 87

Look at the cause for this condition,

It is not enough to merely profess to believe the truth. All the soldiers of the cross of Christ virtually obligate themselves to enter the crusade against the adversary of souls, to condemn wrong and sustain righteousness. But the message of the True Witness reveals the fact that a terrible deception is upon our people, which makes it necessary to come to them with warnings, to break their spiritual slumber, and arouse them to decided action. {3T 254.1}

Notice the Laodicean condition is caused by a **deception**, which is most likely the Church becoming like the world instead of the other way around.

"The religion which is current in our day is not of the pure and holy character that marked the Christian faith in the days of Christ and

his apostles. It is only because of the spirit of compromise with sin, because the great truths of the Word of God are so indifferently regarded, because there is so little vital godliness in the church, that Christianity is apparently so popular with the world. Let there be a revival of the faith and power of the early church, and the spirit of persecution will be revived, and the fires of persecution will be rekindled." The Great Controversy, pg 48

Read Rev 3.14-23

The Shaking is a supernatural separation of the wheat from the tares. This is God's work! When the Shaking is over, only the wheat will be left together, the 144,000. The tares are gone, only the wheat remains. We'll leave it at that. We are specifically told not to speculate on the 144,000

"It is not His will that they shall get into controversy over questions which will not help them spiritually, such as, Who is to compose the hundred and forty-four thousand? This those who are the elect of God will in a short time know without question." 1SM 174, 1901

"In summer there is no noticeable difference between evergreens and other trees; but when the blasts of winter come, the evergreens remain unchanged, while other trees are stripped of their foliage. So the false-hearted professor may not now be distinguished from the real Christian, but the time is just upon us when the difference will be apparent. Let opposition arise, let bigotry and intolerance again bear sway, let persecution be kindled, and the half-hearted and hypocritical will waver and yield the faith; but the true Christian will stand firm as a rock, his faith stronger, his hope brighter, than in days of prosperity." Great Controversy, pg 602

What is the Shaking?

It will generally be an attempted sweeping away of all that makes us a distinctive movement, especially the Spirit of Prophecy.

"The very last deception of Satan will be to make of none effect the **testimony of the Spirit of God**. "Where there is no vision, the people perish" (Proverbs 29:18). Satan will

work ingeniously, in different ways and through different agencies, to **unsettle the confidence** of God's remnant people in the true testimony. —Selected Messages 1.48

Obeysing the word of the Lord, Elijah presented himself before the king. And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said unto him, Art thou he that troubleth Israel? 1 Kings 18.17 ... "The faithful presentation of the message of truth will always cause division. And upon the messenger of truth the blame of the trouble will be cast. "If these men had not come and turned things upside down, all would have been well," it is said. But the blame rests upon the people, even as it did upon Ahab." Review & Herald, Oct 22, 1901

A war within the remnant church. At stake? Who we are as a people, our beliefs and purpose. It'll all be on the table to be realigned, redefined, deconstructed. All for the sake of unity with the world. Fitting in. Until the wheat stand up and say "No". And preach the straight truth.

Two distinct sides will be formed, and will be

opposed to each other. One side upholding the straight truth: which is our mission, message, heritage and purpose. The other intentionally undermining and altering everything we are as the remnant people. And moving us into **ecumenicalism**. This will attack directly,

1 Peter 2:9 KJV

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, **a peculiar people**; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

"Seventh-day Adventists have been chosen by God as a peculiar people, separate from the world. By the great cleaver of truth He has cut them out from the quarry of the world and brought them into connection with Himself. He has made them His representatives and has called them to be ambassadors for Him in the last work of salvation. The greatest wealth of truth ever entrusted to mortals, the most solemn and fearful warnings ever sent by God to man, have been committed to them to be given to the world." –7T 138, 1902

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BEWARE OF FALSE
PROPHETS, WHO COME TO
YOU IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING
BUT INWARDLY ARE
RAVENOUS WOLVES.

Matthew 7:15



There's a difference between Wolves and Tares 🐺 🌿

Tares are lukewarm, unconverted church members. Matt 13.25, tares are weeds that resemble the wheat.

Wolves (in sheep's clothing) are sent *into* the

churches intentionally with a purpose.

The Bible is clear in Matt 24.13-30 that the wheat grows with the tares until the close of probation. And so it is God's plan. Also see *Christ's Object Lessons*, Ch 4 "Tares"
EGW had a heart for the Tares. They can be converted.

Wolves 🐺

Acts 20:28-31 KJV

[28] Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. [29] For I know this, that after my departing shall **grievous wolves** enter in among you, not sparing the flock. [30] Also of **your own selves** shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to *draw away* disciples after them. [31] Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.

2 Peter 2:1-2 KJV

[1] But there were **false prophets** also among

the people, even as there shall be **false teachers** among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. [2] And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.

Jude 1:3-4 KJV

[3] Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. [4] For there are **certain men crept in unawares**, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

During the Shaking, the **Wolves** will have influence with the Church,

"Satan is constantly endeavoring to attract attention to man in the place of God. He leads the people to look to bishops, to pastors, to

professors of theology, as their **guides**, instead of searching the Scriptures to learn their duty for themselves. Then, by **controlling the minds of these leaders**, he can influence the multitudes according to his will." *Great Controversy*, pg 595

"The days are fast approaching when there will be great perplexity and confusion. Satan, clothed in angel robes, will deceive, if possible, the very elect. There will be gods many and lords many. Every wind of doctrine will be blowing." *Testimonies*, Vol 5, pg 80

"I saw that Satan was working through agents, in a number of ways. He was at work through ministers, who have rejected the truth, and are given over to strong delusions to believe a lie that they might be damned." *R&H*, 1849

2 Thessalonians 2:11-12 KJV

[11] And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:
[12] that they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

It will be a crazy confusing time!

We HAVE to be prepared individually ahead of time to not be deceived during the Shaking,

We must study the truth for ourselves. No living man should be relied upon to think for us. No matter who it is, or in what position he may be placed, we are not to look upon any man as a perfect criterion for us. We are to counsel together, and to be subject to one another; but at the same time we are to exercise the ability God has given us to learn what is truth. Each one of us must look to God for divine enlightenment. We must individually develop a character that will stand the test in the day of God. We must not become set in our ideas, and think that no one should interfere with our opinions.—[The Review and Herald, June 18, 1889. {CW 45.1}](#)

We need to be Bereans! We need to be constantly in prayer, connected to Divine wisdom and discernment.

Acts 17:11 KJV

These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

God's people are first **sealed** to prepare for it,

God's Seal prepares the remnant for the Shaking ✨ *Matthew 24.13*

"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." MR, 173, 1902

Psalms 55:22 NKJV

Cast your burden on the Lord, And He shall sustain you; He shall never permit the righteous to be moved.

Revelation 14:1 KJV

And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.

"Not all, however, would be ensnared by the enemy's devices. As the end of all things earthly should approach, there would be

faithful ones able to **discern** the [536]
signs of the times. While a large number of
professing believers would deny their faith by
their works, there will be a **remnant who
will endure to the end.**"

Acts of the Apostles


Ch 'Steadfast to the End'


1 Kings 19:18 KJV


Yet I have left me **seven thousand** in Israel, all
the knees which have not bowed unto Baal,
and every mouth which hath not kissed him.

Notice here there's a remnant within the larger
context of God's people. The Shaking will
reveal who's who.

Characteristics of the 144,000

 Connected to the Vine, John 15:1-7 is the
only way to be settled in the truth.

 Follow the Bible and the Bible only, "Thy
word is truth" John 17:17

 Living in a constant state of repentance,

"They reflected the image of God. They are full of the light and the glory of the Holy One. If we would have the image and superscription of God upon us, we must separate ourselves from all iniquity. We must forsake every evil way, and then we must trust our cases in the hands of Christ. While we are working out our own salvation with fear and trembling, God will work in us to will and to do of His own good pleasure"

Review & Herald, March 19, 1889

📌 "Have you considered my servant Job?"
Job 1.. God was confident Job was settled

📌 The 144,000, the Remnant "follow the Lamb wherever he goes" Rev 14:4

📌 God's people see and experience something in Him that is so compelling that their sentiments are forever fixed.

Only those inside the remnant church at this point in history, are sealed. More will be as they come into the truth, and join the remnant as the Loud Cry goes out. The Shaking is a purging, a separation within the Church.

Selected Messages, V2

"Satan will work his miracles to deceive; he will set up his power as supreme. The church may appear as about to fall, but it does not fall. It remains, while the sinners in Zion will be **sifted out**, the chaff separated from the precious wheat. This is a terrible ordeal, but nevertheless it must take place."

The tares leave, the wheat from Babylon come in, Rev 18.4

"I saw that God has honest children among the nominal Adventists and the fallen churches, and before the plagues shall be poured out, ministers and people will be called **out from these churches** and will gladly receive the truth. Satan knows this; and before the loud cry of the third angel is given, he raises an excitement in these religious bodies, that those who have rejected the truth may think that God is with them. He hopes to deceive the honest and lead them to think that God is still working for the churches. But the light will shine, **and all who are honest will leave the fallen churches, and take their stand with the remnant.**" *End Time Events*

Chapter 7—A View of the Conflict

"In vision I saw two armies in terrible conflict. One army was led by banners bearing the world's insignia; the other was led by the bloodstained banner of Prince Immanuel. Standard after standard was left to trail in the dust as company after company from the Lord's army joined the foe, and tribe after tribe from the ranks of the enemy united with the commandment-keeping people of God." *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 8, p. 41

A complete turnover is seen here  Will you

remain? Or be purged out.

Throughout the Shaking, the SDA church **endures**. Whether it endures as organized conference churches, or the remnant leave for house churches, remains to be seen! 🏠

The Church Not to be Broken Up—Again I say, The Lord hath not spoken by any messenger who calls the church that keeps the commandments of God, Babylon. True, there are tares with the wheat; but Christ said He would send His angels to first gather the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into the garner. I know that the Lord loves His church. It is not to be disorganized or broken up into independent atoms. There is not the least consistency in this; there is not the least evidence that such a thing will be. Those who shall heed this false message and try to leaven others will be deceived and prepared to receive advanced delusions, and they will come to naught. {1MR 362.2}

However, she makes it clear there are still wheat and tares **together** until probation closes. It's probably just not to the extent it was before the Shaking. We're still in a war,

Christ's Object Lessons, Ch 4 "Tares"

to deal with these souls according to our imperfect judgment, it would perhaps extinguish their last hope. Many who think themselves Christians will at last be found wanting. Many will be in heaven who their neighbors supposed would never enter there. Man judges from appearance, but God judges the heart. The tares and the wheat are to grow together until the harvest; and the harvest is the end of probationary time.

There is in the Saviour's words another lesson, a lesson of wonderful forbearance and tender love. As the tares have their roots closely intertwined with those of the good grain, so false brethren in the church may be closely linked with true disciples. The real character of these pretended believers is not fully manifested. Were they to be separated from the church, others might be caused to stumble, who but for this would have remained steadfast.

The teaching of this parable is illustrated in God's own dealing with men and angels. Satan is a deceiver. When he sinned in heaven, even the loyal angels did not fully discern his character. This was why God did not at once destroy Satan. Had He done so, the holy angels would not have perceived the justice and love of God. A doubt of God's goodness would have been sown as evil seed, that

The Latter Rain

Matthew 24.14

Joel 2:23 KJV

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.

Zechariah 10:1-2 KJV

[1] Ask ye of the LORD rain in the time of the latter rain; so the LORD shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field. [2] For the idols have spoken vanity, and the diviners have seen a lie, and told false dreams..

James 5:7 KJV

Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the **early and latter rain**.

The Shaking leads to the Latter Rain,

My attention was then turned to the company I had seen, who were mightily shaken.... The company of guardian angels around them had been doubled, and they were clothed with an armor from their head to their feet....

I heard those clothed with the armor speak forth the truth with great power. It had effect.... I asked what had made this great change. An angel answered, "It is the latter rain, the refreshing from the presence of the Lord, the loud cry of the third angel." ⁴⁰Early Writings, 269-271.

The Latter Rain is the outpouring of the **Holy Spirit** to equip and empower the Church,

Chapter 13—The Latter Rain

The Work of the Spirit Likened to 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. [See [Zechariah 10:1](#); [Hosea 6:3](#); [Joel 2:23, 28](#).] {LDE 183.1}

"The outpouring of the Spirit in the days of the apostles was the beginning of the early, or **former rain**, and glorious was the result. To the end of time the presence of the Spirit is to abide with the true church."

Acts of the Apostles, pg 54

We as well need the experience of the **former rain** in order to receive the **latter rain**,

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.—[Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers](#), 506 (1897). {LDE 183.3}

Read *Acts of the Apostles*, pg 44

Christ's Object Lessons, pg 48-49

In everything that tends to the sustenance of man is seen the concurrence of divine and human effort. There can be no reaping unless the human hand acts its part in the sowing of the seed. But without the agencies which God provides in giving sunshine and showers, dew and clouds, there would be no increase. Thus it is in every business pursuit, in every department of study and science. Thus it is in spiritual things, in the formation of the character, and in every line of Christian work. We have a part to act, but we must have the power of divinity to unite with us, or our efforts will be in vain.

Whenever man accomplishes anything, whether in spiritual or in temporal lines, he should bear in mind that he does it through co-operation with his Maker. There is great necessity for us to realize

our dependence on God. Too much confidence is placed in man, too much reliance on human inventions. There is too little confidence in the power which God stands ready to give. "We are laborers together with God." [1 Corinthians 3:9](#). Immeasurably inferior is the part which the human agent sustains; but if he is linked with the divinity of Christ, he can do all things through the strength that Christ imparts.

The Shaking prepares us for the Latter Rain

Acts 2:1 KJV

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with **one accord** in one place.

This is an important point. After the **Shaking** not sure where the wheat 🌾 will be. But one thing's for sure.. We will be together in one accord! Praise the Lord. Just like the disciples prior to Pentecost.

Before the final visitation of God's judgements 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.--GC 464 (1911).

The work will be similar to that of the Day of Pentecost. As the "former rain" was given, in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at the opening of the gospel, to cause the upspringing of the precious seed, so the "latter rain" will be given at its close for the ripening of the harvest.--GC 611 (1911).

The Latter Rain Will Produce the Loud Cry 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.--EW 86 (1854).

Matthew 24.14

Matthew 24:14 KJV

And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

Revelation 14:6 KJV

And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,

The Latter Rain prepares the remnant people for the coming crisis, AND empowers us to *preach the truth boldly*. **This is the Loud Cry.**

Read Acts 4.23-24, 29-30

Early Writings, Ch 67 The Loud Cry

"The work of this angel comes in at the right time to join in the last great work of the third angel's message as it swells to a **loud cry**.

And the people of God are thus prepared to stand in the hour of temptation, which they are soon to meet. I saw a great light resting

upon them, and they **united to fearlessly** proclaim the third angel's message."

✓ The Latter Rain not only gives the remnant wheat the power to preach the third angel's message, but also gives us supernatural power to stand against all the deception.

✓ Notice her constant theme of unity. There's good unity, Jn 17 and bad unity, Rev 13.3.. All the world wondered after the Beast.

Early Writings, Ch 67 The Loud Cry

"Mighty miracles were wrought, the sick were healed, and signs and wonders followed the believers. God was in the work, and every saint, fearless of consequences, followed the convictions of his own conscience and **united** with those who were keeping all the commandments of God; and with power they sounded abroad the third message. I saw that this message will close with power and strength far exceeding the midnight cry."

✓ Notice there are those who "follow their convictions" and join God's people during this amazing time!

✓ Also notice this is a worldwide effort.

Early Writings, Ch 67 The Loud Cry

Servants of God, endowed with power from on high [279] with their faces lighted up, and shining with holy consecration, went forth to proclaim the message from heaven. **Souls that were scattered all through the religious bodies answered to the call**, and the precious were hurried out of the doomed churches, as Lot was hurried out of Sodom before her destruction. God's people were strengthened by the excellent glory which rested upon them in rich abundance and prepared them to endure the hour of temptation. I heard everywhere a multitude of voices saying, "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus."

Revelation 18:4 KJV

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.

"I saw that God has honest children among the nominal Adventists and the fallen churches, and before the plagues shall be poured out, ministers and people will be called out from these churches and will gladly receive the truth. Satan knows this; and before the loud cry of the third angel is given, he raises an excitement in these religious bodies, that those who have rejected the truth may think that God is with them. He hopes to deceive the honest and lead them to think that God is still working for the churches. But the light will shine, and all who are honest will leave the fallen churches, and take their stand with the remnant." *Early Writings*, pg 261

Read Acts 2.41-47

The remnant church during this closing scene of earth's history will be a copy of the first century church just following **Pentecost**. Remnant on a bolt of cloth is a small, exact leftover sample of the first piece on the bolt.

Simultaneous with God's preparation of the Remnant Church for final push, the Loud Cry..



Ecumenicalism increases 🌍

Image of the Beast is formed

These two worldwide movements will be on parallel paths. We will be **the counteracting force** that pushes back against evil,

Read Revelation 13:11-15

What exactly is the Image of the Beast?

The **Beast** that comes from the sea (Rev 13.1) is the Papacy. So the **Image** (Rev 13.15) is a resemblance to this worldwide oppressive power, using the civil enforcement of the

governments of the world to legislate and enforce the Mark of the Beast.

"The image to the beast represents that form of apostate Protestantism which will be developed when the Protestant churches shall seek the aid of the civil power for the enforcement of their dogmas."

The Great Controversy, pg 443

"In order for the United States to form an image of the beast, the religious power must so **control** the civil government that the authority of the state will also be **employed by the church** to accomplish her own ends."

The Great Controversy, pg 443

A complete intertwining of church & state. It is being formed right now in front of us.

From The History of the Church by Howard A. White: THE CULMINATION OF PAPAL POWER:

"The growth of papal power was gradual. The popes took the place of the Roman emperors as the rulers of Italy and later during the time of Charlemagne assumed the power of

crowning the kings of Europe."

The line of distinction between professed Christians and the ungodly is now hardly distinguishable. Church members love what the world loves and are ready to join with them, and Satan determines to **unite them in one body** and thus strengthen his cause by sweeping all into the ranks of spiritualism. Papists, who boast of miracles as a certain sign of the true church, will be readily deceived by this wonder-working power; and Protestants, having cast away the shield of truth, will also be deluded. Papists, Protestants, and worldlings will alike accept the form of godliness without the power, and they will see in this **union** a grand movement for the conversion of the world and the ushering in of the long-expected millennium.

{GC 588.3}

Manuscript Releases, Vol 15, 1140, 1890

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

The Bible will be used against us,
Romans 13.1-5

Great Controversy, pg 588

"Through the two great errors, the immortality of the soul and Sunday sacredness, Satan will bring the people under his deceptions. While the former lays the foundation of spiritualism, the latter creates a bond of sympathy with Rome. The Protestants of the United States will be foremost in stretching their hands across the gulf to grasp the hand of spiritualism; they will reach over the abyss to clasp hands with the Roman power; and under the influence of this threefold union, this country will follow in the steps of Rome in trampling on the rights of conscience."



The Pendulum begins to swing ⚠

Sunday laws are formed, discussed, promoted

Revelation 13:12 KJV9

And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and **causeth** the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

"Yet this very class (religious leaders) put forth the claim that the fast-spreading

corruption is largely attributable to the desecration of the so-called "Christian sabbath," **and that the enforcement of Sunday observance would greatly improve the morals of society.** This claim is especially urged in America, where the doctrine of the true Sabbath has been most widely preached. Here the temperance work, one of the most prominent and important of moral reforms, is often combined with the Sunday movement, and the advocates of the latter represent themselves as laboring to promote the highest interest of society; and those who refuse to unite with them are denounced as the enemies of temperance and reform."

GC-587.1

Genesis 6:5 KJV

And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

Matthew 24:37 KJV

But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

The pendulum begins to swing because of the obvious **decay of society**. Now the people *themselves* demand it. It's a grassroots effort,

The dignitaries of church and state will unite to bribe, persuade, or compel all classes to honor the Sunday. The lack of divine authority will be supplied by oppressive enactments. Political corruption is destroying love of justice and regard for truth; and even in free America, rulers and legislators, in order to secure public favor, will yield to the popular demand for a law enforcing Sunday observance. Liberty of conscience, which has cost so great a sacrifice, will no longer be respected. In the soon-coming conflict we shall see exemplified the prophet's words: "The dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." Revelation 12:17.—*Great Controversy*, p. 592.

► **Do we see this developing today?**

All the pieces are now in place ♟

Prophets & Kings, pg 537, 1917

"The present is a time of overwhelming interest to all living. Rulers and statesmen, men who occupy positions of trust and authority, thinking men and women of all classes, have their **attention fixed** upon the events taking place about us. They are watching the relations that exist among the nations. They observe the **intensity** that is taking possession of every earthly element and they recognize that something **great and decisive** is about to take place—that the world is on the verge of a **stupendous crisis**"

The calamities by land and sea, the unsettled state of society, the alarms of war, are portentous. They forecast approaching events of the greatest magnitude. The agencies of evil are combining their forces and consolidating. They are strengthening for the last great crisis. Great changes are soon to take place in our world, and the final movements will be rapid ones.—[Testimonies for the Church 9:11](#)

(1909). {LDE 11.2}

The Short Time of Trouble

Matthew 24.9-10



Early Writings, pg 85, 1851

"And at the commencement of the **time of trouble**, we were filled with the Holy Ghost as we went forth and proclaimed the Sabbath more fully. This enraged the churches and nominal Adventists, as they could not refute the Sabbath truth. And at this time God's chosen all saw clearly that we had the truth, and they came out and endured the persecution with us."

The main time of trouble where the plagues fall, is *after* the close of probation, as we'll see. Therefore she must be referring to a shorter time of trouble for God's people,

before the close of probation, and before the Mark of the Beast.

This will mainly involve legal trouble, employment issues, social media cancelation, family strife, two clear sides will be forming as Sunday legislation is ramped up. This time will also involve martyrdom, see Revelation 13.15

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. {EW 85.3}

Here is a glimpse into society during that


time,

Last Day Events, pg 14

"We shall have to **stand before magistrates** to answer for our allegiance to the law of God, to make known the reasons of our faith. And the youth should understand these things."

Early Writings, Ch 68 Third Message Closed

"The last great warning had sounded everywhere, and it had **stirred up and enraged** the inhabitants of the earth who would not receive the message."

She is describing the **Loud Cry**  This is precisely what stirs up and enrages the people, the proclamation of **truth**. This will be a good time to heed these words,

Manuscript Releases, Vol 8, pg 319

"The Lord will certainly do great things for us if we will hunger and thirst after righteousness. We are the purchased property of Jesus Christ. We must not lose our devotion, our consecration. We are in conflict with the errors and delusions that have to be swept away from the minds of

those who have not acted upon the light they already have. **Bible truth is our only safety.**"

John 15:5 KJV

I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that **abideth in me**, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: *for without me ye can do nothing.*

Isaiah 61:3 KJV

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.

The result will be conflict,

Read Luke 12:51-53

Joshua 24:15 KJV

And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell:

but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

It will intensify as time goes on, and as the faithful join us and stand for truth,

Desire of Ages, pg 354

"Persecution will spread the light. The servants of Christ will be brought before the great men of the world, who, but for this, might never hear the gospel. The truth has been misrepresented to these men. They have listened to false charges concerning the faith of Christ's disciples. Often their only means of learning its real character is the testimony of those who are brought to trial for their faith. Under examination these are required to answer, and their judges to listen to the testimony borne. **God's grace will be dispensed to His servants to meet the emergency.** "It shall be given you," says Jesus, "in that same hour what ye shall speak. For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you." As the Spirit of God illuminates the minds of His servants, the truth will be presented in its divine power and preciousness. Those who reject the truth will

stand to accuse and oppress the disciples. **But under loss and suffering, even unto death, the Lord's children are to reveal the meekness of their divine Example.** Thus will be seen the contrast between Satan's agents and the representatives of Christ. The Saviour will be lifted up before the rulers and the people."

The narrative unfolds in society 🖋️ 📖
Media, government, the pulpits, friends

Testimonies for the Church, Vol 5, pg 450-1
Last Day Events, Ch "Short time of trouble"

Sabbath; the unwelcome intruder must be put out of the way.

The same masterful mind that plotted against the faithful in ages past is still seeking to rid the earth of those who fear God and obey His law. Satan will excite indignation against the humble minority who conscientiously refuse to accept popular customs and traditions. Men of position and reputation will join with the lawless and the vile to take counsel against the people of God. Wealth, genius, education, will combine to cover them with contempt. Persecuting rulers, ministers, and church members will conspire against them. With voice and pen, by boasts, threats, and ridicule, they will seek to overthrow their faith. By false representations and angry appeals they will stir up the passions of the people. Not having a "Thus saith the Scriptures" to bring against the advocates of the Bible Sabbath,

they will resort to oppressive enactments to supply the lack. To secure popularity and patronage, legislators will yield to the demand for a Sunday law. Those who fear God cannot accept an institution that violates a precept of the Decalogue. On this battlefield comes the last great conflict of the controversy between truth and error. And we are not left in doubt as to the issue. Now, as in the days of Mordecai, the Lord will vindicate His truth and His people.

By the decree enforcing the institution of the papacy in violation of the law of God, our nation will disconnect herself fully from righteousness. When Protestantism shall

Testimonies for the Church, Vol 6, pg 394
Last Day Events, Ch "Short time of trouble"

nism in those not of our faith.

We should not work in a manner that will mark us out as seeming to advocate treason. We should weed out from our writings and utterances every expression that, taken by itself, could be so misrepresented as to make it appear antagonistic to law and order. Everything should be carefully considered, lest we place ourselves on record as encouraging disloyalty to our country and its laws. We are not required to defy authorities. There will come a time when, because of our advocacy of Bible truth, we shall be treated as traitors; but let not this time be hastened by unadvised movements that stir up animosity and strife.

The time will come when unguarded expressions of a denunciatory character, that have been carelessly spoken or written by our brethren, will be used by our enemies to condemn us. These will not be used merely to condemn those who made the statements, but will be charged

(394)

The Event

2 Thessalonians 2:9-10 KJV

[9] even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all **power** and **signs** and **lying wonders**, [10] and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

Matthew 24:24 KJV

For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew **great signs and wonders**; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

My opinion: something will happen to throw the world into utter *panic*, but not total *chaos*.

Fear drives action. Covid drove authoritarian rule and compliant attitudes worldwide.

Something unprecedented and unpredictable will capture the world's attention. **And cause mass fear.** Something that will allow the governments of the world to assume authoritarian control over its citizens, because of fear. Perhaps a false extinction level event? 🧑🏻🔬

This, combined with the moral decay of society, plus the Loud Cry itself will **drive** the Sunday law discussion, and move it worldwide closer to reality.

Satan fakes the Second Coming ⚡
Matthew 24.23-25

Remember, it's all about **worship**.

Daniel 3



Daniel 3.16-18

¹⁶ Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we *are* not careful to answer thee in this matter. ¹⁷ If it be *so*, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver *us* out of thine hand, O king. ¹⁸ But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.

And deception,

2 Corinthians 11:4 KJV

For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.

2 Corinthians 11:14 KJV

And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

Matthew 24:23 KJV

[23] Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not.



He will come personating Jesus Christ, working mighty miracles; and men will fall down and worship him as Jesus Christ.

We shall be commanded to worship this being, whom the world will glorify as Christ. What shall we do?—Tell them that Christ has warned us against just such a foe, who is man's worst enemy, yet who claims to be God; and that when Christ shall make His appearance, it will be with power and great glory, accompanied by ten thousand times ten thousand angels and thousands of thousands; and that when He shall come, we shall know His voice.^{55SDA Bible Commentary 6:1105, 1106.}

The time is coming when Satan will work miracles right in your sight, claiming that he is Christ; and if your feet are not firmly established upon the truth of God, then you will be led away from your foundation.^{56SDA Bible Commentary 7:911.}

Satan is determined to keep up the warfare to the end. Coming as an angel of light, claiming to be the Christ, he will deceive the world. But his triumph will be short. No storm or tempest can move those whose feet are planted on the principles of eternal truth. They will be able to stand in this time of almost universal apostasy.^{57SDA Bible Commentary 6:1106.}

The reason the **false second coming** happens *before* the mark of the beast is **deception**. Satan will leverage his impersonation of Jesus Christ to encourage Sunday law legislation and actually taking the MOB.

Last call to leave the cities  
Matthew 24.16-20

The time is not far distant, when, like the early disciples, we shall be forced to seek a refuge in desolate and solitary places. As the siege of Jerusalem by the Roman armies was the signal for flight to the Judean Christians, so the assumption of power on the part of our nation [the United States] in the decree enforcing the papal sabbath will be a warning to us. It will then be time to leave the large cities, preparatory to leaving the smaller ones for retired homes in secluded places among the mountains.⁵³ *Testimonies for the Church* 5:464, 465.

We are not to locate ourselves where we will be forced into close relations with those who do not honor God.... A crisis is soon to come in regard to the observance of Sunday....

The Sunday party is strengthening itself in its false claims, and this will mean oppression to those who determine to keep the Sabbath of the Lord....

If in the providence of God we can secure places away from the cities, the Lord would have us do this. There are troublous times before us.⁵⁶ *Country Living*, 20, 21.

"Educate our people to get out of the cities into the country, where they can obtain a small piece of land, and make a home for themselves and their children.."

"Erelong there will be such strife and confusion in the cities, that those who wish to leave them will not be able."

Selected Messages, Vol 2, pg 142

End Time Events

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"We should study the great waymarks that point out the times in which we are living. We know that we are very near the close of this earth's history, and everything of a worldly nature should be secondary to the service of God." *Review & Herald*, June 23, 1896

Mark of the Beast 🐉

Matthew 24.15-16



Revelation 13:16 KJV

And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:

Right hand signifies going along with it out of convenience or fear, not necessarily belief.

Forehead means they *believe it* and even promote it and are all about it.

IT IS A TEST FOR GOD'S PEOPLE ❤️

Ellen White calls the Image of the beast and the subsequent mark of the beast a **test**,

SDA Bible Commentary, Vol 7, 976

"This is the test that the people of God must have before they are sealed"

Events will be brought about in history that will fulfill the predictions of prophecy for these last days (RH April 23, 1889).

14-17 (ch. 14:9-12). Tested by the Image.—The Lord has shown me clearly that the image of the beast will be formed before probation closes; for it is to be the great test for the people of God, by which their eternal destiny will be decided. . . . [Rev. 13:11-17 quoted.] . . .

This is the test that the people of God must have before they are sealed. All who prove their loyalty to God by observing His law, and refusing to accept a spurious sabbath, will rank under the banner of the Lord God Jehovah, and will receive the **seal of the living God**. Those who yield the truth of heavenly origin and accept the Sunday sabbath, will receive **the mark of the beast** (Letter 11, 1890).

Apostasy and National Ruin.—When the Protestant churches shall unite with the secular power to sustain a false religion, for opposing which their ancestors endured the fiercest persecutions . . .

It is a simple test really. But will happen under unimaginable worldwide circumstances, and will be packaged and delivered perfectly.

Satan has had thousands of years to plan it, so you know it will be a **masterpiece of deception**.



Thought question

Why is the fourth commandment (the longest commandment by the way) **The Test?** And not one of the other nine?

The following are in rapid succession,

- ≡ ○ The narrative, public pressure
- ≡ ○ Two sides are clearly formed
- ≡ ○ Employment is leveraged
- ≡ ○ Fines are in acted

- ≡ ○ No buy /No sell laws passed
- ≡ ○ Essentially cut off from society
- ≡ ○ Finally, jail time is legislated

The pressure from every avenue of society will be intense, to go along with the world, or else.

The pressure will even come from our own denomination, especially public Adventist speakers, those who have been separated from the remnant during the **Shaking**. The faithful remnant will be labeled troublemakers and heretics to the "true gospel" by our own people, by the Tares.

The words, 'A sign between Me and you throughout your generations,' I will make to serve on the side of my sabbath. 🗨️ PK 184.1

"Thus the world will become mine. I will be the ruler of the earth, the prince of the world. I will so control the minds under my power that God's Sabbath shall be a special object of contempt. A sign? I will make the observance of the seventh day a sign of disloyalty to the authorities of earth. Human laws will be made so stringent that men and women will not dare to observe the seventh-day Sabbath. For fear of wanting food and clothing, they will join with the world in transgressing God's law. The earth will be wholly under my dominion." 🗨️ PK 184.2

Through the setting up of a false sabbath, the enemy thought to change times and laws. But has he really succeeded in

EXPLAINING the mark of the beast is easy if you know what the Seal of God is.

For every truth God has, Satan has a **counterfeit**.

What is it?

Who receives it?

How is it received?

When is it received?

Why is it received?

Let's go back to the very beginning to lay the important foundation,

This mess that we're in started with one angel in heaven.. **Lucifer**. Making a freewill choice to rebel against God.

Revelation 12:9 KJV

And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Isaiah 14:12-14 NKJV

[12] "How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! [13] For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; [14] I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.'

2 Thessalonians 2:4 KJV

who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

It's clear: From the beginning, Lucifer wanted the *worship* that only belongs to God. Because God alone is our Creator.

The first angel's message to the world in Rev 14 at the end of time centers on **worship**,

This is our **mission!** To reveal true Bible worship to the world,

Revelation 14:7 KJV

saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and **worship him** that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

True vs false worship is like a thread that runs through the entire Bible,

- ✓ Gen 3-4 is about worship
- ✓ First 4 commandments, worship
- ✓ Daniel 3 is about worship
- ✓ Satan makes it clear what he wants,

Matthew 4:8-10 "all these things I will give you, if will fall down and worship me"

So Bible prophecy ultimately is about **worship**. True worship vs false worship. Check this out,

Worship verses handout

Satan would love for you to worship him legit, because you're on his side. But if he can't do that, he'll **trick you** into worshipping him, even if only going through the motions. It doesn't really matter to him, because you would *not be worshipping the Only True God*.

What is the mark of the beast

The Bible doesn't say specifically. But there's information given to us in the Bible, and history, so that we can know. Certainly God wants us to know, since it's a huge deal!

Read Revelation 14:9-10

"It was a great wonder for me that any could transgress the law of God and tread down His holy Sabbath, when such awful threatenings and denunciations were against them."

Early Writings, Ch 15

Big Deal.

But we're not left alone!

Daniel 12:4 KJV

But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

Biblical knowledge. Prophetic knowledge. God wants us to use that knowledge to understand something *crucially important* at the end of time, and share it! As **Seventh-day Adventists**, God has made it clear to his remnant church exactly what it is,

“Sundaykeeping is not yet the **mark of the beast**, and will not be until the decree goes forth causing men to worship this idol sabbath. The time will come when this day will be the test, but that time has not come yet”

SDA Bible Commentary, Vol 7, 977

A few things to note from this quote,

- ✓ As of today, the Mark of the Beast is not yet.
- ✓ Notice she calls Sunday the "idol sabbath"

Exodus 20:1-6 is the first and second commandments,

Exodus 20:5 KJV

thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor

serve them:

How is Sunday worship actually idolotry?

Matthew 6:24 KJV

No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

Also see Romans 6:16

COUNTERFEITS

We do know that for every truth God has, Satan has a counterfeit. He is the master counterfeiter. He doesn't have any original thoughts. This truth points us in the right direction for identifying the mark of the beast. For instance,

- ☒ Biblical creation vs evolution
- ☒ Biblical marriage vs everything else
- ☒ Immersion baptism vs sprinkling
- ☒ Priest confession vs a personal rel
- ☒ Asleep in Jesus vs ghosts
- ☒ Salvation choice until life's end vs..

- ✓ Eternal destruction vs eternal pain
- ✓ Sabbath vs Sunday
- ✓ Seal of God vs mark of the beast

The opposite (the counterfeit) of the Seal of God **IS** the Mark of the Beast. So if we know what the seal of God is, the mark of the beast is easy.

Here's some biblical facts we do know about the Seal of God,

✓ We know that the Seal of God is the Father's name written in our foreheads. Rev 14.1, compare with Rev 7.3

✓ We know that God's moral law is a reflection His character. It is who he is.

Matthew 5:17 KJV

Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

How God's Law Is a Mirror of God's Character

GOD		LAW
Luke 18:19	GOOD	Romans 7:12
Isaiah 5:16	HOLY	Romans 7:12
Deuteronomy 32:4	JUST	Romans 7:12
Deuteronomy 32:4	TRUTH	Psalms 119:142, 151
Matthew 5:48	PERFECT	Psalms 19:7
Matthew 11:30	NOT BURDENSOME	1 John 5:3
1 John 1:5	LIGHT	Proverbs 6:23
1 John 4:8	LOVE	Romans 13:10
Exodus 9:27	RIGHTEOUS	Psalms 19:9
1 John 3:3	PURE	Psalms 19:8
John 4:24	SPIRITUAL	Romans 7:14
Malachi 3:6	UNCHANGEABLE	Matthew 5:18
Genesis 21:33	ETERNAL	Psalms 111:7-8

Our job is to show this character to the world.

John 14:9 KJV

Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long

time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?

1 John 4:8 KJV

He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

1 John 5:3 KJV

For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

✓ We know **the** polarizing issue at the end of time will be *worship*.

✓ We know of all the Commandments the **Sabbath** commandment points us to *true worship*, which points us to the Creator. In the 4th commandment itself is the reason for it,

Exodus 20:11 KJV

for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

Full circle,

Revelation 14:7 KJV

saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

✓ We know we are **sealed** by the power of the Holy Spirit,

2 Corinthians 1:21-22 KJV

[21] Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God; [22] who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

Also see Romans 8:3-4

✓ We know that this seal sets us apart. It identifies us as belonging to God, on his side as this great controversy comes to a close. It reveals our changed life, and puts on full display the faith of Jesus that keeps us settled in Bible truth. And our names are

written in the Book of Life. See Rev 13.8

✓ We know that the **seal of God** demonstrates to the world that the Bible and the Bible alone is the foundation for everything to us.

Acts 5:29 KJV

Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.

"The Spirit was not given--nor can it ever be bestowed--to supersede the Bible; for the Scriptures explicitly state that the Word of God is the standard by which all teaching and experience must be tested."

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The Seal of God is unwavering faith in Christ, and everything written in this Book. This translates to complete and natural obedience to all of the Commandments,

Revelation 12:17 KJV

And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which **keep the commandments of God**, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Revelation 14:12 KJV

Here is the patience of the saints: here are

they that **keep the commandments of God**, and the faith of Jesus.

1 John 5:3 KJV

For this is the love of God, that we **keep his commandments**: and his commandments are not grievous.

Interesting that "of God" is always included in the verse, so there's no mistake **which** commandments.

([Revelation 7:2](#).) **Seal Is a Settling Into Truth**—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; the judgments of God are now upon the land, to give us warning, that we may know what is coming ([Manuscript 173, 1902](#)). {4BC 1161.6}

Ezekiel 9:4 NKJV

and the Lord said to him, "Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and put a **mark on the foreheads** of the men who sigh and cry over all the abominations that are done within it."



The day will come in God's remnant church when the wheat are separated from the tares.

The Shaking

Selected Messages, V2

"Satan will work his miracles to deceive; he will set up his power as supreme. The church may appear as about to fall, but it does not fall. It remains, while the sinners in Zion will be sifted out, the chaff separated from the precious wheat. This is a terrible ordeal, but nevertheless it must take place."

The Mark of the Beast and the Seal of God happen **simultaneously** at this point in Earth's history. Before probation closes, only two sides exist.

All the commandments are important, but especially the **fourth commandment**, the Seventh-day Sabbath. It has always been a special and unique sign between Jehovah God and his covenant people,

Exodus 31:16-17 KJV

[16] Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant. [17] It is a **sign** between me and the children of Israel for ever: for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed.

So at the end of time, God's Seal in our forehead will be his name, his moral law which is a direct reflection of his character. It will be his **sign** that we belong to him. We follow the Lamb in complete obedience!

Important to note we are not saved because

we keep the commandments, but rather because of *who we know*.. Jesus Christ, which *leads* to obedience.

Hebrews 8:11 KJV

And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, And every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: **For all shall know me**, From the least to the greatest.

John 17:3 KJV

And this is life eternal, that they might **know** thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

The **Seal of God** is His stamp of ownership on us, His redeemed people. Proving that we know Him, and obey Him, and not man,

GOD'S SEAL

contains:



1. **NAME:** *The Lord your God*
2. **TITLE:** *Creator*
3. **TERRITORY:** *Heaven & Earth*

The **Seal of the Father** is actually found in the word Sabbath itself,

THE SEAL OF GOD

Sabbath means "rest"

S-ab-b-ath

Hebrew "ab" אב means **father**

Hebrew "b" ב is often used for **of**

Hebrew "bath or beth" בֵּית means
dwelling place, house or tent

Hebrew "ath" אֶת means **sign or seal**

So "S-ab-b-ath" means literally, the
dwelling place of the seal of the Father.

THE MARK OF THE BEAST IS THE OPPOSITE

For every truth God has, Satan has a
counterfeit,



Here's some biblical facts we do know about the Mark of the Beast,

- ☑ Identifier of obedience to the commandments of **men**, clearly showing what side they're on.
- ☑ Identifier of who they **worship**, whether people admit it or not, it's true.
- ☑ Obviously associated with the **Beast!** The first beast of Rev 13, the sea beast, is the Roman Catholic Church.

✓ Since Sabbath is the Commandment in the spotlight at the end, the **dividing issue**, the polarizing issue that points to the Creator, to true worship.. Satan's counterfeit is now obvious, a different day. Sunday worship.

Ezekiel 9:4-6 KJV

[4] and the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, **and set a mark upon the foreheads** of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof.

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of the beast, or the number of his name." Revelation 13:16, 17.

The sign, or seal, of God is revealed in the observance of the seventh-day Sabbath, the Lord's memorial of creation. "The Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily My Sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the Lord that doth sanctify you." Exodus 31:12, 13. Here the Sabbath is clearly designated as a sign between God and His people.

The mark of the beast is the opposite of this—the observance of the first day of the week. This mark distinguishes those who acknowledge the supremacy of the papal authority from those who acknowledge the authority of God.

And it's no coincidence that it can be shown

historically that the Catholic Church gradually changed the day of worship in the 2nd to 4th century. And they proudly admit this, and ridicule Protestants over the issue.

Of course the Catholic Church claims that the change was her act. And the act is a mark of her ecclesiastical power and authority in religious matters.

—C. F. Thomas, Chancellor of Cardinal Gibbons, in answer to a letter regarding the change of the Sabbath, November 11, 1895.

WHO is the mark of the beast for

Who is easy. It's for *everyone* on earth who doesn't have the Seal of God. Know that there are differing opinions on what "everyone" means, however this verse seems universal,

Revelation 13:7-8 KJV

[7] And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over **all** kindreds, and tongues, and nations. [8] And **all** that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

See Revelation 13:3-4

Ellen White writes,

"In that time [before the Flood], as in this, there were **two classes**, the righteous and the wicked. Enoch and others walked with God in uprightness. But the great majority of the inhabitants of the earth were given over to iniquity, and their wickedness rose before God" *Manuscript Releases*, 72, 1902

Notice in this earlier section of Rev 13 it doesn't say "all who dwell on the earth will receive the Mark". It drills right to the core of the issue: "All who dwell on the earth will **Worship** him"

Revelation 13:16 KJV

And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:

Daniel 3:6

and whoever does not fall down and worship shall be cast immediately into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.”

Revelation 17:18 KJV

And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.

Absolute control and dominion at the end.
Worldwide dominance and power is Satan's objective.

HOW will the mark of the beast applied,

Is also easy. On the forehead or right hand.

Rev 13.16

The mark of the beast is not a visible sign of any kind. Its placement on the right hand or on the forehead counterfeits the instruction that Moses gave the Israelites to bind God's law as a sign upon their hands or their foreheads (Deut. 6:8). The right hand has to do with behavior, while the forehead has to do with the mind or mental agreement. Some will choose to receive the mark of the beast to escape the threat of death, while others will be fully committed mentally and spiritually to this apostate system of worship.

Will technology be involved? Certainly.

☒ As a way of tracking people

- ✓ A way to verify compliance
- ✓ Digital currency to regulate commerce and force compliance
- ✓ Surveillance for dissent
- ✓ AI processing of information in secs

None of this is required however. Remember Jesus was supposed to return in the late 1800s, if His Church had been ready. But the technology will make it easier.

However make no mistake, the Mark is about much more than technology. It is submitting to a **false system of worship**, and is idol worship. Breaking the first two commandments was the very essence of Israel's sin against God time and time again,

Daniel 3



Daniel 3:16-18, 2 Thess 2:4-6, Daniel 8:11-12

WHEN is the mark of the beast

It's not here yet! Keep in mind it is forced,

Revelation 13:16 KJV

And he **causeth** all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:

Strong's Concordance

poieó: to make, do

Original Word: ποιέω

Part of Speech: Verb

Transliteration: poieó

Phonetic Spelling: (poy-eh'-o)

Definition: to make, do

Usage: (a) I make, manufacture, construct,
(b) I do, act, cause.

Through the system that is created and constructed by law, the only way to function in society is to be funneled through this false system of worship,

Revelation 17:1-2 KJV

[1] And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: [2] with whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her

fornication.

No one has yet received the mark of the beast. The testing time has not yet come. There are true Christians in every church, not excepting the Roman Catholic communion. None are condemned until they have had the light and have seen the obligation of the fourth commandment. But when the decree shall go forth enforcing the counterfeit sabbath, and the loud cry of the third angel shall warn men against the worship of the beast and his image, the line will be clearly drawn between the false and the true. Then those who still continue in transgression will receive the mark of the beast.

There's always a choice to make,

John 6:66-68 KJV

[66] From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. [67] Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away? [68] Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.

WHY the mark of the beast

The why is very sad and tragic,

Ezekiel 28:15-17 KJV

[15] Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. [16] By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. [17] Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.

Isaiah 14:13-14 KJV

[13] For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: [14] I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

The Close of Probation ⚖️

Matthew 24.38-39



Three ways probation can close

- ≡ ○ Matthew 12.31-32
- ≡ ○ At your death, see Matt 24.13
- ≡ ○ Right **before** the Second Coming.. at the very end of time, probation will close for everyone alive on earth

Rev 16.5-9 informs us that these people *have been* judged (past tense) worthy of receiving these plagues because they refused to repent. This *suggests* that their probation has closed, but it doesn't actually say so.

However,

Revelation 15:1 NKJV

Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous: seven angels having the seven last plagues, for in them the **wrath of God is complete**.

It doesn't seem as if there is any turning back at the time of the final plagues. God tells us truth throughout the Bible,

Type meets Antitype

The earthly priestly ministry ended -

Matthew 27:51 KJV

And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;

The heavenly priestly ministry ended -

Revelation 15:5 KJV

And after that I looked, and, behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was *opened*:

The ending of the work of Christ in the sanctuary in heaven means that mediation has ended, therefore probation has closed,

An angel returning from the earth announces that his work is done; the final test has been brought upon the world, and all who have proved themselves loyal to the divine precepts have received "the seal of the living God." Then Jesus ceases His intercession in the sanctuary above. He lifts His hands, and with a loud voice says, "It is done."—*The Great Controversy*, 613 (1911). {LDE 229.3}

Revelation 11:18 KJV

And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be **judged**, and that thou shouldest give **reward** unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest **destroy** them which destroy the earth.

Right before the plagues are poured out,

Revelation 15:4 KJV

Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made **manifest**.

Greek: ephanerōthēsan, which means to make known, to make clear, to reveal.

Type meets Antitype

Compare 2 Chronicles 5.13, 7.1-2 with Rev 15.8

Revelation 15:8 KJV

And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled.

No man, including the Son of man. "Not able" to enter is probably inappropriate, because God can do what He wants. It's more like Jesus chooses not to enter, because He

knows His mediation for humanity has ended.

We also see the close of probation in the story of the Flood. History repeats itself,

Patriarchs and Prophets, Chapter 7

"For seven days after Noah and his family entered the ark, there appeared no sign of the coming storm."

So for 7 days the lost people on the earth existed without hope because their decision was sealed forever by that closed door. It's the same at the end.

This is a biblical truth 



When will probation close ?
What will society be like when it closes ?

Matthew 24.38-39
1 Thessalonians 5.1-7

When probation closes, it's a sunny day ☀️ meaning, life is going on as usual. This doesn't mean that there aren't frightening and monumental events happening on earth, there will be. But when the work of judgment and mediation in heaven is completed, when the ark door is finally closed and sealed forever, when probation closes for all alive on earth.. Jesus our High Priest **stands up**. He stands

up for His people! And "it is done" See Daniel 12.1. And no one on earth knows it happened,

"When the irrevocable decision of the sanctuary has been pronounced and the destiny of the world has been forever fixed, the inhabitants of the earth **will know it not.**"

The Great Controversy, 615

1 Thessalonians 5:2 KJV

For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.

Testimonies for the Church, Vol 2

burden of such petitions. In secret prayer the soul is free from surrounding influences, free from excitement. Calmly, yet fervently, will it reach out after God. Secret prayer is frequently perverted, and its sweet designs lost, by loud vocal prayer. Instead of the calm, quiet trust and faith in God, the soul drawn out in low, humble tones, the voice is raised to a loud pitch, and excitement is encouraged, and secret prayer loses its softening, sacred influence. There is a storm of feeling, a storm of words, making it impossible to discern the still, small voice that speaks to the soul while engaged in its secret, true, heartfelt devotion. Secret prayer, properly carried out, is productive of great good. But prayer which is made public to the entire family and neighborhood is not secret prayer, even though thought to be, and divine strength is not received from it. Sweet and abiding will be the influence emanating from Him who seeth in secret, whose ear is open to answer the prayer arising from the heart. By calm, simple faith the soul holds communion with God and gathers to itself divine rays of light to strengthen and sustain it to endure the conflicts of Satan. God is our tower of strength.

Jesus has left us word: "Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the Master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: lest coming suddenly He find you sleeping. And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch." We are waiting and watching for the return of the Master, who is to bring the morning, lest coming suddenly He find us sleeping. What time is here referred to? Not to the revelation of Christ in the clouds of heaven to find a people asleep. No; but to His return from His ministration in the most holy place of the heavenly sanctuary, when He lays off His priestly attire and clothes Himself with garments of vengeance, and when the mandate goes forth: "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is right-

eous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still."

When Jesus ceases to plead for man, the cases of all are forever decided. This is the time of reckoning with His servants. To those who have neglected the preparation of purity and holiness, which fits them to be waiting ones to welcome their Lord, the sun sets in gloom and darkness, and rises not again. Probation closes; Christ's intercessions cease in heaven. This time finally comes suddenly upon all, and those who have neglected to purify their souls by obeying the truth are found sleeping. They became weary of waiting and watching; they became indifferent in regard to the coming of their Master. They longed not for His appearing, and thought there was no need of such continued, persevering watching. They had been disappointed in their expectations and might be again. They concluded that there was time enough yet to arouse. They would be sure not to lose the opportunity of securing an earthly treasure. It would be safe to get all of this world they could. And in securing this object, they lost all anxiety and interest in the appearing of the Master. They became indifferent and careless, as though His coming were yet in the distance. But while their interest was buried up in their worldly gains, the work closed in the heavenly sanctuary, and they were unprepared.

If such had only known that the work of Christ in the heavenly sanctuary would close so soon, how differently would they have conducted themselves, how earnestly would they have watched! The Master, anticipating all this, gives them timely warning in the command to watch. He distinctly states the suddenness of His coming. He does not measure the time, lest we shall neglect a momentary preparation, and in our indolence look ahead to the time when we think He will come, and defer the preparation. "Watch ye therefore: for ye know not." Yet this foretold uncertainty, and sudden-

Here's the timeline in one verse,

Daniel 12:1 KJV

And at that time shall **Michael stand up**, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a **time of trouble**, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time **thy people shall be delivered**, every one that shall be found written in the book.

When the third angel's message closes, mercy no longer pleads for the guilty inhabitants of the earth. The people of God have accomplished their work. They have received "the latter rain," "the refreshing from the presence of the Lord," and they are prepared for the trying hour before them. Angels are hastening to and fro in heaven. An angel returning from the earth announces that his work is done; the final test has been brought upon the world, and all who have proved themselves loyal to the divine precepts have received "the seal of the living God." Then Jesus ceases His intercession in the sanctuary above. He lifts His hands and with a loud voice says, "It is done;" and all the angelic host lay off their crowns as He makes the solemn announcement: "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still." [Revelation 22:11](#). Every case has been decided for life or death. Christ has made the atonement for His people and blotted out their sins. The number of His subjects is made up; "the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven," is about to be given to the heirs of salvation, and Jesus is to reign as King of kings and Lord of lords. [{GC 613.2}](#)

- ≡ ○ Probation ends with the ending of the Loud Cry
- ≡ ○ Everyone who can be reached *has* been reached with the Gospel
- ≡ ○ God's remnant people are sealed and given the Latter Rain
- ≡ ○ To prepare us for what's coming
- ≡ ○ Intercession in heaven stops at the close of probation
- ≡ ○ Atonement for the Remnant people is completed, no sin remains, we are spotless, we are the **144,000**

When He leaves the sanctuary, darkness covers the inhabitants of the earth. In that fearful time the righteous must live in the sight of a holy God without an intercessor. The restraint which has been upon the wicked is removed, and Satan has entire control of the finally impenitent. God's long-suffering has ended. The world has rejected His mercy, despised His love, and trampled upon His law. The wicked have passed the boundary of their probation; the Spirit of God, persistently resisted, has been at last withdrawn. Unsheltered by divine grace, they have no protection from the wicked one. Satan will then plunge the inhabitants of the earth into one great, final trouble. As the angels of God cease to hold in check the fierce winds of human passion, all the elements of strife will be let loose. The whole world will be involved in ruin more terrible than that which came upon Jerusalem of old. {GC 614.1}



What does she mean by "living without an

Intercessor" ?

I saw angels hurrying to and fro in heaven. An angel with a writer's inkhorn by his side returned from the earth and reported to Jesus that his work was done, and the saints were numbered and sealed. Then I saw Jesus, who had been ministering before the ark containing the ten commandments, throw down the censer. He raised His hands, and with a loud voice said, "*It is done.*"—Early Writings, 279 (1858). {LDE 229.1}

Uriah Smith

Daniel and the Revelation, pg 321

"The work of mercy is done, and the *probation of our race is ended*. Then he that is filthy is beyond hope of recovery; *and he that is holy is beyond the danger of falling*. All cases are decided. And from that time on, till the terrified nations behold the majestic form of their insulted King in the clouds of heaven, the nations are broken as with a rod of iron, and dashed in pieces like a potter's vessel, by a time of trouble such as never was, a series of judgments unparalleled in the world's history, culminating in the revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ from heaven in flaming fire, to take vengeance on them that know not God,

and obey not the gospel."

"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; the judgments of God are now upon the land, to give us warning, that we may know what is coming" Manuscript 173, 1902

Here is the final generation, the 144,000 

Life Goes On



"God has **not revealed** to us the time when this message will close or when probation will have an end" *Selected Messages*, Vol 1, 191

"Letters have come to me asking me if I have any special light as to the time when probation will close, and I answer that I have only this message to bear, that it is now time to work while the day lasts, for the night cometh in which no man can work."
Selected Messages, Vol 1, 191

"When Jesus ceases to plead for man, the cases of all are forever decided.... Probation closes; Christ's intercessions cease in

heaven. This time finally comes **suddenly** upon all, and those who have neglected to purify their souls by obeying the truth are found sleeping" *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol 2:191, 1868

When probation ends, it will come **suddenly**, unexpectedly—at a time when we are least expecting it. But we can have a clean record in heaven today, and know that God accepts us" *SDA Bible Commentary*, Vol 7, 989, 1906

Before the Flood, after Noah entered the ark, God shut him in, and shut the ungodly out; but for seven days the people, knowing not that their doom was fixed, continued their careless, pleasure-loving life, and mocked the warnings of impending judgment. "So," says the Saviour, "shall also the coming of the Son of man be" (Matthew 24:39). Silently, unnoticed as the midnight thief, will come the decisive hour which marks the fixing of every man's destiny, the final withdrawal of mercy's offer to guilty men.... {LDE 230.3}

While the man of business is absorbed in the pursuit of gain, while the pleasure lover is seeking indulgence, while the daughter of fashion is arranging her adornments—it may be in that hour the Judge of all the earth will pronounce the sentence: "Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting" (Daniel 5:27).—*The Great Controversy*, 490, 491 (1911). {LDE 230.4}

- ✓ Suddenly
- ✓ Unexpectedly
- ✓ Silently
- ✓ Permanently

Patriarchs and Prophets, Chapter 7

"As the time of their probation was closing, the antediluvians gave themselves up to exciting amusements and festivities. Those who possessed influence and power were bent on keeping the minds of the people engrossed with mirth and pleasure, lest any should be impressed by the last solemn warning. Do we not see the same repeated in our day? While God's servants are giving the message that the end of all things is at hand, the world is absorbed in amusements and pleasure seeking. There is a constant round of excitement that causes indifference to God and prevents the people from being impressed by the truths which alone can save them from the coming destruction."

1 Thessalonians 5:2 KJV

For yourselves know
perfectly that the day
of the Lord so cometh as
a thief in the night.

Revelation 22:11-13 KJV

[11] He that is unjust, let him be unjust still:
and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and
he that is righteous, let him be righteous still:
and he that is holy, let him be holy still. [12]
And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is
with me, to give every man according as his
work shall be. [13] I am Alpha and Omega, the
beginning and the end, the first and the last.

The Time of Trouble

Matthew 24.21-22

The time of **Jacob's Trouble**

Jeremiah 30:7

Jeremiah 30:7 KJV

Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of **Jacob's trouble**; but he shall be saved out of it.

Jacob's (Israel's) **time of literal trouble** (the type) is found in Genesis 32-33. The remnant's (spiritual Israel's) **time of trouble** (anti type) is found in Daniel 12.1, Matt 24.21-22 and the Great Controversy, Ch 39-40

As probation for humanity comes to a close, and the eternal destiny of everyone who has ever lived, including those alive on earth at

this time.. we move into the final phases of earth's history. *We move into Jacob's Time of Trouble.*

Here's the timeline in one verse,

Daniel 12:1 KJV

And at that time shall **Michael stand up**, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a **time of trouble**, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time **thy people shall be delivered**, every one that shall be found written in the book.

Ellen White, **Great Controversy**, Chapter 39

"When the third angel's message closes, mercy no longer pleads for the guilty inhabitants of the earth. The people of God have accomplished their work."

Revelation 22:11 KJV

He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.

22:11. Every case has been decided for life or death. Christ has made the atonement for His people and blotted out their sins. The number of His subjects is made up; "the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven," is about to be given to the heirs of salvation, and Jesus is to reign as King of kings and Lord of lords. {GC 613.2}

"The number of his subjects" that is made up is the **144,000** who have the *seal of God* on their foreheads, they are steadfast in their refusal of the mark of the beast, They are "settled into the truth" and are Immovable.

"The number of his subjects" also includes the righteous dead who have been judged, and names written in the book of life, Rev 13.8, Rev 20.15. Combined, this is the "**great multitude**" found in Revelation 7.9, 14

Ellen White sets the stage for what comes next in our timeline events,

“As the **Sabbath** has become the special point of controversy throughout Christendom, and religious and secular authorities have combined to enforce the observance of the Sunday, **the persistent refusal of a small minority to yield to the popular demand** will make them objects of universal execration.”

The Great Controversy, 615

In 1858 in Lovett's Grove, Ohio, Ellen White had her first vision of the Great Controversy.

It was printed by James White that year as *Spiritual Gifts*. Two years later it was expanded and titled *Early Writings*. After further visions, this work was expanded and reprinted 26 years later as the *Spirit of Prophecy* Vol 1-4. This pre-dates the *Great Controversy*, which was published in 1888.

The Spirit of Prophecy

Volume 4

1884

Mrs. Ellen G. White

“The time of trouble such as never was, is soon to open upon us; and we shall need an experience which we do not now possess, and which many are too indolent to obtain. It is often the case that trouble is greater in anticipation than in reality; but this is not true of the crisis before us. The most vivid presentation cannot reach the magnitude of the ordeal. And now, while the precious Saviour is making an atonement for us, we should seek to become perfect in Christ. God’s providence is the school in which we are to learn the

meekness and lowliness of Jesus. The Lord is ever setting before us, not the way we would choose, which is easier and pleasanter to us, but the true aims of life. None can neglect or defer this work but at the most fearful peril to their souls.

The apostle John in vision heard a loud voice in Heaven exclaiming, "Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time." Fearful are the scenes which call forth this exclamation from the heavenly voice. The wrath of Satan increases as his time grows short, and his work of deceit and destruction reaches its culmination in the time of trouble. God's long-suffering has ended. The world has rejected His mercy, despised His love, and trampled upon His law. The wicked have passed the boundary of their probation, and the Lord withdraws His protection, and leaves them to the mercy of the leader they have chosen. Satan will have power over those who have yielded themselves to his control, and he will plunge the inhabitants of the earth into one great, final trouble. As the angels of God cease to hold in check the fierce winds of human passion, all the elements of strife will be let loose. The whole world will be involved in ruin more terrible than that which came upon Jerusalem of old." 621-622

THE GREAT TRIBULATION

Matthew 24:20-22 KJV

[20] But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day: [21] for then shall be **great tribulation**, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. [22] And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

Revelation 7:13-14 KJV

[13] And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? [14] And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of **great tribulation**, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

THE TIME OF JACOB'S TROUBLE

Daniel 12:1 KJV

And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a **time of trouble**, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that

time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

What's the difference between the "time of trouble" and the "great tribulation" ?

Uriah Smith, James White, SDA Bible Commentary agree..

Great Tribulation = the persecution of God's people BEFORE probation closes, Matt 24.21, Rev 7.14, which *could* include the "short time of trouble"

Time of Jacob's Trouble = Divine Judgment on the wicked AFTER the close of probation, Daniel 12.1, Jeremiah 30.7, the remnant are there but are protected but still persecuted

Uriah Smith

Daniel and the Revelation

Chapter 12 — The Closing Scenes

“The tribulation spoken of in Matthew is tribulation upon the church. Christ is there speaking to his disciples, and of his disciples in coming time. They were the ones involved, and for their sake the days of tribulation were to be shortened. Verse 22. Whereas, the time of trouble mentioned in Daniel is not a time of religious persecution, but of national calamity. There has been nothing like it since there was — not a church, but — a nation. This comes upon the world. This is the last trouble to come upon the world in its present state”

James White

Signs of the Times, 1853

(3.) If this tribulation be applied to the Jews, or any other class of unbelieving men, it cannot be harmonized with [Daniel 12:1](#), which speaks of the time of trouble such as never was, when Michael shall stand up. Certainly, there could not be two times of trouble, at different periods, greater than ever was, or ever would be. Therefore we apply the "tribulation" spoken of in [Matthew 24:21, 29](#), to the saints during the 1260 years, and the "trouble" mentioned in [Daniel 12:1](#), to the unbelieving world, to be experienced by them in the future.

{ST1853 7.1}

The Time of Jacob's trouble is ultimately about **divine judgment**, and includes the 7 last plagues found in Revelation 15-16. God's remnant people are also there, but protected. *See Revelation 7*

"The plagues upon Egypt when God was about to deliver Israel were similar in character to those more terrible and **extensive judgments** which are to fall upon the world just before the final deliverance of God's people." Great Controversy, 627

During the **Time of Trouble**, we see two distinct catastrophes taking place simultaneously on earth,

God's judgments are unleashed.

See Revelation 15-16

Revelation 16:1 KJV

And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the **wrath of God** upon the earth.

The four winds are released and the violence of the wicked is let loose completely. See Rev 7:1, Gen 6:5

Revelation 16:14 KJV

For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of

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.**

GOD'S PEOPLE *during the Time of Trouble*



Jeremiah 30:7 KJV

Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but *he shall be saved out of it.*

The 144,000 of Rev 7, 14 go through the **Time of Trouble**. Here are some insights into those days from Ellen White,

Preparing Ahead of Time

me, their selfishness must be consumed that the image of Christ may be perfectly reflected.

The season of distress and anguish before us will require a faith that can endure weariness, delay, and hunger,—a faith that will not faint, though severely tried. The period of probation is granted to all to prepare for that time. Jacob prevailed because he was persevering and determined. His

victory is an evidence of the power of importunate prayer. All who will lay hold of God's promises, as he did, and be as earnest and persevering as he was, will succeed as he succeeded. Those who are unwilling to deny self, to agonize before God, to pray long and earnestly for his blessing, will not obtain it. Wrestling with God—how few know what it is! How few have ever had their souls drawn out after God with intensity of desire until every power is on the stretch. When waves of despair which no language can express sweep over the suppliant, how few cling with unyielding faith to the promises of God.

Those who exercise but little faith now, are in the greatest danger of falling under the power of Satanic delusions and the decree to compel the conscience. And even if they endure the test, they will be plunged into deeper distress and anguish in the time of trouble, because they have never

Most of chapters 38 + 39 she discusses the necessity of **preparing ahead of time**, and not letting the distractions of this world get in the way,

Luke 21:34 KJV

And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.

There appears to be **three distinct groups of believers during the Time of Trouble**

The Great Controversy, Ch 39

"They afflict their souls before God, pointing to their past repentance of their many sins, and pleading the Saviour's promise: "Let him take hold of My strength, that he may make peace with Me; and he shall make peace with Me." Isaiah 27:5. Their faith does not fail because their prayers are not immediately answered. Though in the keenest anxiety, terror, and distress, they do not cease their intercessions. They lay hold of the strength of God as Jacob laid hold of the Angel; and the language of their souls is: "I will not let Thee go, except Thou bless me."

The Great Controversy, Ch 39

"Those who exercise but little faith now, are in the greatest danger of falling under the power of satanic delusions and the decree to compel the conscience. And even if they endure the test they will be plunged into deeper distress and anguish in the time of trouble because they have never made it a habit to trust in God. The lessons of faith which they have neglected they will be forced to learn under a terrible pressure of discouragement. We should now acquaint ourselves with God by proving."

The Great Controversy, Ch 39

"Those professed Christians who come up to that last fearful conflict unprepared will, in their despair, confess their sins in words of burning anguish, while the wicked exult over their distress. These confessions are of the same character as was that of Esau or of Judas. Those who make them, lament the result of transgression, but not its guilt. They feel no true contrition, no abhorrence of evil. They acknowledge their sin, through fear of punishment; but, like Pharaoh of old, they would return to their defiance of Heaven

should the judgments be removed."



Persecution continues during the Time of Trouble. *Even though probation has closed.*

The Great Controversy, Ch 40

Those who honor the law of God have been accused of bringing judgments upon the world, and they will be **regarded as the cause** of the fearful convulsions of nature and the strife and bloodshed among men that are filling the earth with woe. The power attending the last warning has enraged the wicked; their anger is kindled against all who have received the message, and Satan will excite to still greater intensity the spirit of hatred and persecution.

Testimonies for the Church, Vol 9

The remnant church will be brought into great trial and distress. Those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus will feel the ire of the dragon and his hosts. Satan numbers the world as his subjects. He has gained control of the apostate churches; but here is a little company that are resisting his supremacy. **If he could blot them from the earth, his triumph would be complete.** As he influenced the heathen nations to destroy Israel, so in the near future he will stir up the wicked powers of earth to destroy the people of God.—[Testimonies for the Church 9:231 \(1909\)](#). {LDE 256.1}

Chapter 40—God's People Delivered

When the protection of human laws shall be withdrawn from those who honor the law of God, there will be, in different lands, a simultaneous movement for their destruction. As the time appointed in the decree draws near, the people will conspire to root out the hated sect. It will be determined to strike in one night a decisive blow, which shall utterly silence the voice of dissent and reproof.

The people of God—some in prison cells, some hidden in solitary retreats in the forests and the mountains—still plead for divine protection, while in every quarter companies of armed men, urged on by hosts of evil angels, are preparing for the work of death. It is now, in the hour of utmost extremity, that the God of Israel will interpose for the deliverance of His chosen. Saith the Lord; “Ye

Protected by God

The Great Controversy, Ch 39

east, they
and shall not find it.”¹

The people of God will not be free from suffering; but while persecuted and distressed, while they endure privation, and suffer for want of food, they will not be left to perish. That God who cared for Elijah will not pass by one of his self-sacrificing children. He who numbers the hairs of their head will care for them, and in time of famine they shall be satisfied. While the wicked are dying from hunger and pestilence, angels will shield the righteous, and supply their wants. To him that “walketh righteously” is the promise, “Bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure.” “When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue faileth for thirst, I the Lord will hear them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them.”²

“Although the fig-tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines: the labor of the olive shall fail, and

Psalm 34:17 KJV

The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth, And delivereth them out of all their troubles.

Though a general decree has fixed the time when commandment keepers may be put to death, their enemies will in some cases anticipate the decree, and before the time specified, will endeavor to take their lives. **But none can pass the mighty guardians stationed about every faithful soul.** Some are assailed in their flight from the cities and villages; but the swords raised against them break and fall powerless as a straw. Others are defended by angels in the form of men of war.—*The Great Controversy*, 631 (1911). {LDE 260.1}

The people of God are not at this time all in one place. They are in different companies and in all parts of the earth; and they will be tried singly, not in groups. Every one must stand the test for himself.—*The S.D.A. Bible Commentary* 4:1143 (1908). {LDE 260.2}

The faith of individual members of the church will be tested as though there were not another person in the world.—*The S.D.A. Bible Commentary* 7:983 (1890). {LDE 260.3}

Realities for God's remnant people during the Time of Jacob's Trouble

Elijah Fed by Ravens

1 Kings 16-17



The sin problem has been removed,
Psalms 103:12

The Great Controversy, Ch 40

"When He leaves the sanctuary, darkness covers the inhabitants of the earth. In that fearful time the righteous must live in the sight of a *holy God without an intercessor.*"

Patriarchs and Prophets, Ch 18

"Their sins will have been blotted out by the atoning blood of Christ, and they cannot bring them to remembrance."

God's remnant people reflect the character of Jesus. See Matthew 5.48

A Likeness to Christ in Character The seal of the living God will be placed upon those only who bear a likeness to Christ in character.-7BC 970 (1895).

Those who receive the seal of the living God and are protected in the time of trouble must reflect the image of Jesus fully.--EW 71 (1851).

The seal of God will never be placed upon the forehead of an impure man or woman. It will never be placed upon the forehead of the ambitious, world-loving man or woman. It will never be placed upon the forehead of men or women of false tongues or deceitful hearts. All who receive the seal must be without spot before God--candidates for heaven.--5T 216 (1882).

Our food and water will be sure, Just like Elijah, 1 Kings 17

Early Writings, 56

The Lord has shown me repeatedly that it is contrary to the Bible to make any provision for our temporal wants in the time of trouble. I saw that if the saints had food laid up by them, or in the field in the time of trouble, when sword, famine, and pestilence are in the land, it would be taken from them by violent hands, and strangers would reap their fields. Then will be the time for us to trust wholly in God, and He will sustain us. I saw that our bread and water will be sure at that time, and that we shall not lack or suffer hunger; for God is able to spread a table for us in the wilderness. If necessary He would send ravens to feed us, as He did to feed Elijah, or rain manna from heaven, as He did for the Israelites.

Our current possessions will be useless

You will have what you can carry

Philippians 4:11 KJV

Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.

Matthew 24:18 NKJV

And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes.

Houses and lands will be of no use to the saints in the time of trouble, for they will then have to flee before infuriated mobs, and at that time their possessions can not be disposed of to advance the cause of present truth. I was shown that it is the will of God that the saints should cut loose from every encumbrance before the time of trouble comes, and make a covenant with God through sacrifice.—

Early Writings, 56.

No more martyrs, everyone survives

Just like Noah in the Ark, perfectly safe

The Story of Redemption, Ch 40

"Jesus bade His angels watch over them. God would be honored by making a covenant with those who had kept His law, in the sight of the heathen round about them; and Jesus would be honored by translating, without their seeing death, the faithful, waiting ones who had so long expected Him."

The Great Controversy, Ch 39

"If the blood of Christ's faithful witnesses were shed at this time, it would not, like the

blood of the martyrs, be as seed sown to yield a harvest for God. Their fidelity would not be a testimony to convince others of the truth; for the obdurate heart has beaten back the waves of mercy until they return no more. If the righteous were now left to fall a prey to their enemies, it would be a triumph for the prince of darkness."

God's Seal is permanent

Rev 7, 14

Patriarchs and Prophets, Ch 18

"But while they have a deep sense of their unworthiness, they will have no concealed wrongs to reveal. Their sins will have been blotted out by the atoning blood of Christ, and they cannot bring them to remembrance."

Revelation 14:4 KJV

These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.

The Saints will be happy and holy *Just like eternity*

Spiritual Gifts, Vol 1, Ch 6

"The 144,000 were all sealed and perfectly united. On their foreheads was written, God, New Jerusalem, and a glorious star containing Jesus' new name. At our happy, holy state the wicked were enraged, and would rush violently up to lay hands on us to thrust us into prison, when we would stretch forth the hand in the name of the Lord, and the wicked would fall helpless to the ground."

Read in **Daniel 6** that when Daniel heard he was betrayed and would be cast into the lion's den, he went and gave thanks to God. Dan 6.10-11

Read in Acts

The final deliverance is miraculous
Like the parting of the Red Sea, the Great Flood

The Great Controversy, Ch 40

"With shouts of triumph, jeering, and imprecation, throngs of evil men are about to rush upon their prey, when, lo, a dense blackness, deeper than the darkness of the night, falls upon the earth. Then a rainbow, shining with the glory from the throne of God, spans the heavens and seems to encircle each praying company. The angry multitudes are suddenly arrested. Their mocking cries die away. The objects of their murderous rage are forgotten. With fearful forebodings they gaze upon the symbol of God's covenant and long to be shielded from its overpowering brightness. By the people of God a voice, clear and melodious, is heard, saying, "Look up," and lifting their eyes to the heavens, they behold the bow of promise. The black, angry clouds that covered the firmament are parted, and like Stephen they look up steadfastly into God's People Delivered heaven and see the glory of God and the Son of man seated upon His throne"

The Great Controversy ended 🙏

Matt 24.31, 1 Cor 15.51-58, 1 Thess 4.16-18

Revelation 19:1 KJV

And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God:

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Chapter 40—God's People Delivered

Chapter 41—Desolation of the Earth

Selected passages

Matthew 24:2 KJV

And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

Revelation 16:20-21 KJV

[20] And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. [21] And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.

Close of this earth's history

At the height of the earth's desolation during the seven last plagues, Jesus returns to end this Great Controversy, see Rev 15-16

ONLY TWO GROUPS OF PEOPLE

God's remnant. *All resisted the Mark of the*

Beast, here is Ellen White's picture of them at the Second Coming,

Great Controversy, chapter 40

Through a rift in the clouds there beams a star whose brilliancy is increased fourfold in contrast with the darkness. It speaks hope and joy to the faithful, but severity and wrath to the transgressors of God's law. Those who have sacrificed all for Christ are now secure, hidden as in the secret of the Lord's pavilion. They have been tested, and before the world and the despisers of truth they have evinced their fidelity to Him who died for them. A marvelous change has come over those who have held fast their integrity in the very face of death. They have been suddenly delivered from the dark and terrible tyranny of men transformed to demons. Their faces, so lately pale, anxious, and haggard, are now aglow with wonder, faith, and love. Their voices rise in triumphant song: "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof." Psalm 46:1-3.

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All the rest. Received the Mark of the Beast, here is Ellen White's description of their mindset at the Second Coming,

Great Controversy, chapter 40

"The wicked are filled with regret, not because of their sinful neglect of God and their fellow men, but because God has conquered. They lament that the *result* is what it is, but they do

not repent of their wickedness. They would leave no means untried to conquer if they could"

"The people see that they have been deluded. They accuse one another of having led them to destruction; but all unite in heaping their bitterest condemnation upon the ministers"

"The swords which were to slay God's people are now employed to destroy their enemies. Everywhere there is strife and bloodshed"

Read Revelation 22.11 

The Second Coming of Christ !!

Matthew 24:29-30 KJV

[29] Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: [30] and then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, **and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great**

glory.



🌐 KJV

Revelation

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Songs of Deliverance

¹ And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God: ² for true and righteous *are* his

Revelation 19:11 KJV

And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

The Righteous Dead are Raised to Life 🌟👏

Read 1 Thessalonians 4.13-18 !!

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they come, clothed with immortal glory, crying: "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" [1 Corinthians 15:55](#). And the living righteous and the risen saints unite their voices in a long, glad shout of victory.

[645] All come forth from their graves the same in stature as when they entered the tomb. Adam, who stands among the risen throng, is of lofty height and majestic form, in stature but little below the Son of God. He presents a marked contrast to the people of later generations; in this one respect is shown the great degeneracy of the race. But all arise with the freshness and vigor of eternal youth. In the beginning, man was created in the likeness of God, not only in character, but in form and feature. Sin defaced and almost obliterated the divine image; but Christ came to restore that which had been lost. He will change our vile bodies and fashion them like unto His glorious body. The mortal, corruptible form, devoid of comeliness, once polluted with sin, becomes perfect, beautiful, and immortal. All blemishes and deformities are left in the grave. Restored to the tree of life in the long-lost Eden, the redeemed will "grow up" ([Malachi 4:2](#)) to the full stature of the race in its primeval glory. The last lingering traces of the curse of sin will be removed, and Christ's faithful ones will appear in "the beauty of the Lord our God," in mind and soul and body reflecting the perfect image of their Lord. Oh, wonderful redemption! long talked of, long hoped for, contemplated with eager anticipation, but never fully understood.

The Unrighteous are killed at the brightness of Christ's return in power and glory 🏹

2 Thessalonians 2:8-9 KJV

[8] And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: [9] even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

Revelation 19:21 KJV

And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

The antichrist **himself** will be destroyed (the first time) in this dramatic way.

Great Controversy, chapter 41

"At the coming of Christ the wicked are blotted from the face of the whole earth—consumed with the spirit of His mouth and destroyed by the brightness of His glory. Christ takes His people to the City of God, and the earth is emptied of its inhabitants"

The Righteous are taken to heaven 👑

Revelation 19:1 KJV

And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God:

glory, the souls that have been saved by His agony and humiliation. And the redeemed will be sharers in His joy, as they behold, among the blessed, those who have been won to Christ through their prayers, their labors, and their loving sacrifice. As they gather about the great white throne, gladness unspeakable will fill their hearts, when they behold those whom they have won for Christ, and see that one has gained others, and these still others, all brought into the haven of rest, there to lay their crowns at Jesus' feet and praise Him through the endless cycles of eternity.

As the ransomed ones are welcomed to the City of God, there rings out upon the air an exultant cry of adoration. The two Adams are about to meet. The Son of God is standing with outstretched arms to receive the father of our race—the being whom He created, who sinned against his Maker, and for whose sin the marks of the crucifixion are borne upon the Saviour's form. As Adam discerns the prints of the cruel nails, he does not fall upon the bosom of his Lord, but in humiliation casts himself at His feet, crying: "Worthy, worthy is the Lamb that was slain!" Tenderly the Saviour lifts him up and bids him look once more upon the Eden home from which he has so long been exiled.

The Earth is left desolate 🤖

Unrighteous are dead, Righteous are in heaven

2 Peter 3:12 KJV

looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall

melt with fervent heat?

Genesis 1:2 KJV

And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

Strong's Exhaustive Concordance

confusion, empty place, without form, nothing, vain, vanity, waste,

Satan and his demons are bound to the Earth during the 1000 years 🤡

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¹ And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the **bottomless pit** and a great chain in his hand. ² And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, ³ and cast him into the **bottomless pit**, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

of the abyss	ἀβύσσου (abussou)	12: boundless, bottomless	from alpha (as a neg. prefix) and bussos = buthos
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Great Controversy, chapter 41

"That the expression "**bottomless pit**" represents the earth in a state of confusion and darkness is evident from other scriptures. Concerning the condition of the earth "in the beginning," the Bible record says that it "was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep." Genesis 1:2. Prophecy teaches that it will be brought back, partially at least, to this condition"

And this is where Satan and his fallen angels will remain for 1000 years, with no one to tempt or harass.

The Righteous judge for 1000 years ⚖️

Read Revelation 20.4-6 📖

judge 2 of 2 verb

judged; judging

transitive verb

1 : to form an opinion about through careful weighing of evidence and testing of premises

2 : to form an estimate or evaluation of
| trying to *judge* the amount of time required

especially : to form a negative opinion about
| shouldn't *judge* him because of his accent

During this time, God's people will be shown the reasons why those who were lost are not with us in heaven. All will be revealed.

“They shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.” [Revelation 20:4, 6](#). It is at this time that, as foretold by Paul, “the saints shall judge the world.” [1 Corinthians 6:2](#). In union with Christ they judge the wicked, comparing their acts with the statute book, the Bible, and deciding every case according to the deeds done in the body. Then the portion which the wicked must suffer is meted out, according to their works; and it is recorded against their names in the book of death.

Satan also and evil angels are judged by Christ and His people. Says Paul: “Know ye not that we shall judge angels?” [Verse 3](#). And Jude declares that “the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, He hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.” [Jude 6](#).

After the 1000 years end, the second resurrection of the unrighteous occurs

Revelation 20:5 KJV

But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.

Read Revelation 20.7-10 

The unrighteous attempt to take the New Jerusalem by force,



But in one verse, it is over,

Revelation 20:9 KJV
and fire came down from God out of heaven,
and devoured them.

Ellen White describes this time in great detail
in the *Great Controversy*, chapter 41

The end of sin and sinners ⚖️
The Great White Throne Judgment

Read Revelation 20.7-10 📖

Philippians 2:10-11 KJV

[10] that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; [11] and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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At the close of the thousand years, Christ again returns to the earth. He is accompanied by the host of the redeemed and attended by a retinue of angels. As He descends in terrific majesty He bids the wicked dead arise to receive their doom. They come forth, a mighty host, numberless as the sands of the sea. What a contrast to those who were raised at the first resurrection! The righteous were clothed with immortal youth and beauty. The wicked bear the traces of disease and death.

Every eye in that vast multitude is turned to behold the glory of the Son of God. With one voice the wicked hosts exclaim: "Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord!" *It is not love to Jesus that inspires this utterance.* The force of truth urges the words from unwilling lips. As the wicked went into their graves, so they come forth with the same enmity to Christ and the same spirit of rebellion. They are to have no new probation in which to remedy the defects of their past lives. Nothing would be gained by this. A lifetime of transgression has not softened their hearts. A second probation, were it given them, would be occupied as was the first in evading the requirements of God and exciting rebellion against Him.

Christ descends upon the Mount of Olives, whence, after His

The New Earth

Patriarchs and Prophets, 60

"The Garden of Eden remained upon the earth

long after man had become an outcast from its pleasant paths.... When the tide of iniquity overspread the world, and the wickedness of men determined their destruction by a flood of waters, the hand that had planted Eden withdrew it from the earth. But in the final restitution, when there shall be "a new heaven and a new earth" (Revelation 21:1), it is to be restored more gloriously adorned than at the beginning"

Read Revelation 21:1-7 !!

The great controversy is ended. Sin and sinners are no more. The entire universe is clean. One pulse of harmony and gladness beats through the vast creation. From Him who created all, flow life and light and gladness, throughout the realms of illimitable space. From the minutest atom to the greatest world, all things, animate and inanimate, in their unshadowed beauty and perfect joy, declare that God is love.

