

**THE JUDGMENT OF THE  
LIVING A PERIOD OF TIME**

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“Beginning with those who first lived upon the earth, our Advocate presents the cases of each successive generation, and closes with the living. Every name is mentioned, every case closely investigated. Names are accepted, names rejected . . .”

GC.483

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“While Jesus had been ministering in the sanctuary, the judgment had been going on for the righteous dead, and then for the righteous living.”

EW.280

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“As these persons were named, one by one . . .”

4T. 384

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“The time of the judgment is a most solemn period, when the Lord gathers His own from among the tares. Those who have been members of the same family are separated. A mark [seal] is placed upon the righteous.”

TM.234.

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“In this time the gold will be separated from the dross in the church . . . Chaff, like a cloud, will be borne away on the wind. All who assume the ornaments of the sanctuary, but are not clothed with Christ's righteousness, will appear in the shame of their own nakedness. When trees without fruit are cut down as cumberers of the ground . . .”

5T.81

[see also 6T.130 & 5T .81]

## THE JUDGMENT OF THE LIVING A PERIOD OF TIME

“The time of God's destructive judgments is the time of mercy for those who have no opportunity to learn what is truth. Tenderly will the Lord look upon them. His heart of mercy is touched ; His hand is still stretched out to save, while the door is closed to those who would not enter. Large numbers will be admitted who in these last days hear the truth for the first time.”

7BC.979

Compare EW.85-6.

## THE JUDGMENT OF THE LIVING A PERIOD OF TIME

“When the work of investigation shall be ended [signifying a period of time]. when the cases of those who in all ages have professed to be followers of Christ have been examined and decided, then, and not till then, probation will close.”

GC.428

See also PP.201

# THE JUDGMENT OF THE LIVING A PERIOD OF TIME

“At such a time as this, just as the great work of judging the living is to begin...”

5T.526

## THE JUDGMENT OF THE LIVING A PERIOD OF TIME

“Now, when the great work of judging the living is about to begin...”

6T.130

“The judgment is now passing in the sanctuary above. For many years this work has been in progress. Soon- none know how soon -it will pass to the cases of the living. When the work of the investigative judgment closes, the destiny of all will have been decided for life or death . Probation is ended...”

GC.490

**THE JUDGMENT OF  
4 T.384 INVESTIGATIVE**

# THE JUDGMENT OF 4 T.384 INVESTIGATIVE

4T. 384-7 does refer to the investigative judgment.

Here are the reasons:

1. “...and only those who were professedly children of the light and of the truth engaged my attention.”

4T. 384

Similarly in GC.480

“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 4 T.384 INVESTIGATIVE

4T. 384-7 does refer to the investigative judgment.

Here are the reasons:

2. In Life Sketches, 241-4, the same judgment scene is recorded, and the name of James White is mentioned. Surely we cannot consider the possibility of this godly pioneer being judged with the lost.

# THE JUDGMENT OF 4 T.384 INVESTIGATIVE

4T. 384-7 does refer to the investigative judgment.

Here are the reasons:

3. “Then were uttered these solemn words : 'He that is unjust, let him be unjust still : and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still : and he that is holy, let him be holy still.'”

4T.387

This is the pronouncement at the end of the investigative judgment.

# THE JUDGMENT OF 4 T.384 INVESTIGATIVE

4T. 384-7 does refer to the investigative judgment.

Here are the reasons:

4. The vision was given to the servant of the Lord on the anniversary of the commencement of the investigative judgment.

4T. 484

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Christ's mandate at the close of human probation cannot seal anybody, because He is then dressed in garments of vengeance.

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“When Jesus rises up in the most holy place, lays off His mediatorial robes, and clothes Himself with the garments of vengeance, the mandate will go forth : 'He that is unjust, let him be unjust still.'”

8.T.315

See also 2T.619

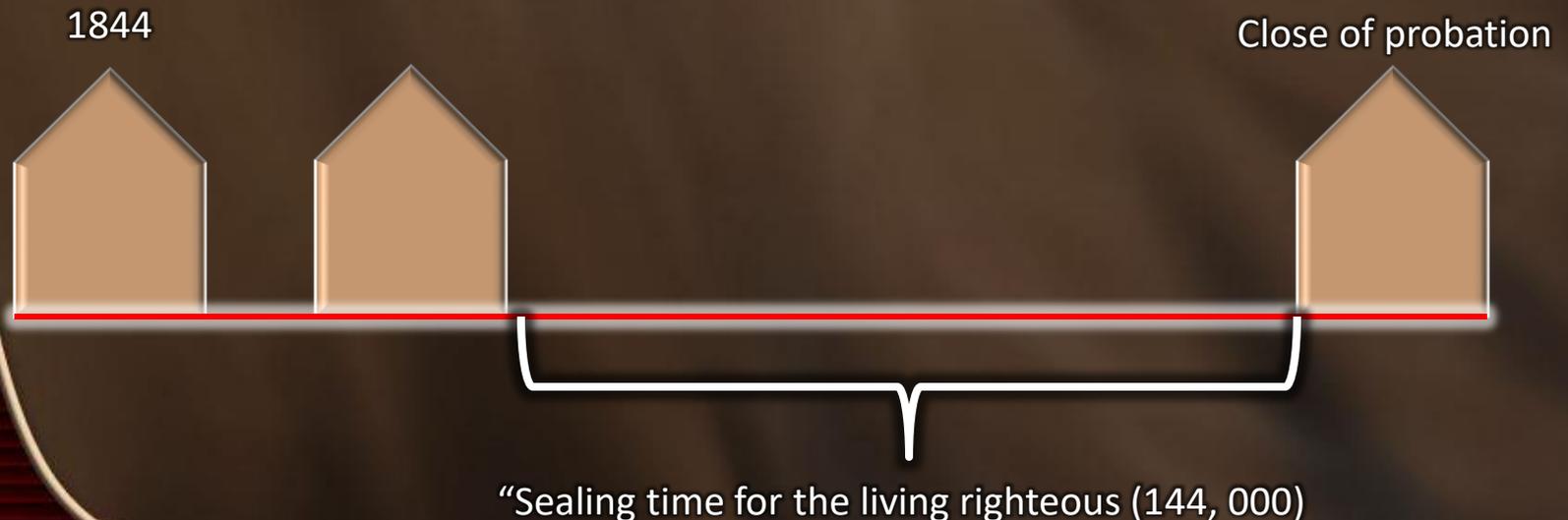
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“Reference to our published works will show our belief that the living righteous will receive the seal of God prior to the close of probation.”

1SM.66

# OBSERVATION

Since the living righteous are sealed prior to the close of probation, it follows that the living righteous are judged prior to the close of probation. And since this sealing is represented to us as a period of time (3T .266, EW.58), the judgment of the living must necessarily cover a period of time.



The Illustration is purely diagrammatical, depicting events that have transpired and shall transpire.

**NO ATTEMPT HAS BEEN MADE TO REPRESENT TIME**

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“Before the work is closed up and the sealing of God's people is finished, we shall receive the outpouring of the Spirit of God.”

I SM.111

See also 2T .619 .

**OBSERVATION**  
**ON**  
**THE LATTER RAIN IS NOT RECEIVED**  
**BEFORE THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE**  
**SEALING**

**Many would have us believe that the latter rain is poured out before the sealing commences. Oh no! The latter rain is poured out “before . . . the sealing of God's people is finished.”**

**OBSERVATION**  
**ON**  
**THE LATTER RAIN IS NOT RECEIVED**  
**BEFORE THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE**  
**SEALING**

**When the sealing has begun, and is in progress, the latter rain falls. Or to use the words of the end time prophetess to the world, "Before . . . the sealing of God's people is finished, we shall receive the outpouring of the Spirit of God.**

**THE LATTER RAIN IS NOT  
GIVEN TO PREPARE FOR  
THE JUDGMENT  
AND  
THE SEALING**

# THE LATTER RAIN IS NOT GIVEN TO PREPARE FOR THE JUDGMENT AND THE SEALING

It is commonly taught that the latter rain is given to prepare God's people for the judgment and the sealing. Nothing is produced to support such a claim. Nothing can be produced to support such a claim.

**It is purely false doctrine, and  
exceedingly dangerously so.**

# THE LATTER RAIN IS NOT GIVEN TO PREPARE FOR THE JUDGMENT AND THE SEALING

What Does the Latter Rain Prepare God's  
People for ?

1. “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

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2. “The work of this angel [Rev.18:1] 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.”

# THE LATTER RAIN IS NOT GIVEN TO PREPARE FOR THE JUDGMENT AND THE SEALING

What Does the Latter Rain Prepare God's  
People for ?

3. “The power of God had rested upon His people; they had accomplished their work and were prepared for the trying hour before them.” (The context shows this trying hour is the great time of trouble.) EW.279

# THE LATTER RAIN IS NOT GIVEN TO PREPARE FOR THE JUDGMENT AND THE SEALING

What Does the Latter Rain Prepare God's  
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4. “It is the latter rain which revives and strengthens them to pass through the time of trouble.”

IT.353

# THE LATTER RAIN IS NOT GIVEN TO PREPARE FOR THE JUDGMENT AND THE SEALING

What Does the Latter Rain Prepare God's  
People for ?

5. “They have received ` the latter rain,  
“the refreshing from the presence of  
the Lord,' and they are prepared for  
the trying hour before them.”

GC.613

# THE LATTER RAIN IS NOT GIVEN TO PREPARE FOR THE JUDGMENT AND THE SEALING

What Does the Latter Rain Prepare God's  
People for ?

6 “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 [the time of trouble].”

EW.279

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People for ?

7. “They will receive the latter rain, and  
thus be fitted for translation.”

IT.187

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What Does the Latter Rain Prepare God's  
People for ?

8. “The latter rain, falling near the close of the season, ripens the grain, and prepares it for the sickle.”

T.M.506

[Second Advent.] (For sickle, see COL . 69, and Rev. 14:14).

# THE LATTER RAIN IS NOT GIVEN TO PREPARE FOR THE JUDGMENT AND THE SEALING

What Does the Latter Rain Prepare God's  
People for ?

10.“They could not receive the  
refreshing that all must have to fit  
them to live in the sight of a holy  
God.”

EW.71

# THE LATTER RAIN IS NOT GIVEN TO PREPARE FOR THE JUDGMENT AND THE SEALING

**There is not a suggestion that the latter rain prepares for the judgment and the sealing . All those holding this view are in danger of fulfilling the following prediction:**

“Those who receive the seal of the living God and are protected in the time of trouble must reflect the image of Jesus fully. **I saw that many were neglecting the preparation so needful and were looking to the time of `refreshing` and the `latter rain` to fit them to stand in the day of the Lord and to live in His sight.”**

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**“Oh, how many I saw in the time of trouble without a shelter! They had neglected the needful preparation; therefore, they could not receive the refreshing that all must have to fit them to live in the sight of a holy God . . .”**

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**“I saw that none could share the ‘refreshing’ unless they obtain the victory over every besetment, over pride, selfishness, love of the world, and over every wrong word and action.”**

# THE LATTER RAIN IS NOT GIVEN TO PREPARE FOR THE JUDGMENT AND THE SEALING

**There is not a suggestion that the latter rain prepares for the judgment and the sealing . All those holding this view are in danger of fulfilling the following prediction:**

“Not one of us will ever receive the seal of God while our characters have one spot or stain upon them. It is left with us to remedy the defects in our characters, to cleanse the soul temple of every defilement . Then the latter rain will fall upon us . . . .”

5T.214

# THE LATTER RAIN IS NOT GIVEN TO PREPARE FOR THE JUDGMENT AND THE SEALING

## Order of Events According to 5T.214

- 1  
Remedy Character
- 2  
Receive Seal
- 3  
Receive Latter Rain

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## The True Steps in Preparation

“Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when [Greek : in order that] the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord ; and He shall send Jesus.”

Acts 3:19, 20

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## The True Steps in Preparation

1. Repentance and true conversion must prepare us for the judgment and blotting out of sins. It must be the deep repentance called for in the Laodicean message and the antitypical Day of Atonement.

See EW.269-270 ; 5T. 473-5

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## The True Steps in Preparation

2. The blotting out of sins is the blessing of the judgment . "On that day shall the priest make an atonement for you, to cleanse you, that you may be clean from all your sins before the Lord." Lev. 16:30.

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## The True Steps in Preparation

This is a special atonement to remove the record of sin, not alone in books of heaven, but in the inner sanctuary of the soul.

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## The True Steps in Preparation

“As in the final atonement the sins of the truly penitent are to be blotted from the books of heaven, no more to be remembered or come into mind...”

PP.358

See also 5T.575; Mal.3:1-3.  
This special atonement (EW .251) of the most holy place prepares for the latter rain.

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## The True Steps in Preparation

3. The refreshing from the presence of the Lord revives God's people from their great soul affliction which they experience as they enter into the judgment of the most holy place by faith. "... they will receive the latter rain, and thus be fitted for translation."

IT. 187

# THE LATTER RAIN IS NOT GIVEN TO PREPARE FOR THE JUDGMENT AND THE SEALING

## The True Steps in Preparation

4. "And He shall send Jesus."

Acts 3:20

## **OBSERVATION** **The True Steps in Preparation**

God grant that none of His dear people be so blind as to be looking to the time of the latter rain to fit them to stand in the judgment to receive the seal of God.

## **OBSERVATION** **The True Steps in Preparation**

“The hour of His judgment is come”

Christ is in the most holy place. He is waiting to blot out all our sins, patiently waiting to judge His people and give the truly penitent ones the precious final atonement. The door to this experience is open. (Rev. 3 :8 .) Jesus invites His people to enter into the blessing of the hour of God's judgment.

## **OBSERVATION** **The True Steps in Preparation**

As the Jews of old gathered around the sanctuary for the Day of Atonement, so we are called to co-operate with Christ in this great work of cleansing the sanctuary.

## **OBSERVATION** **The True Steps in Preparation**

We are to come to Mount Sion with true penitence and humility, with broken and contrite spirits; yet, through the mercy and merits of Jesus alone, having boldness to enter into the presence of the judgment (1 John 4:17) to plead for the precious blotting out of sins.

## **OBSERVATION** **The True Steps in Preparation**

This is not something for us to do at some future date. It is time to seek this experience now. The door is open now. Christ invites us to come now. We have delayed the sealing long enough. God wants a sealed people for the last mighty work.

## **OBSERVATION** **The True Steps in Preparation**

“His servants are to be distinguished from the world by the seal of the living God ; their words and their works are to reveal that they are labourers together with God.”

7BC.969

## **OBSERVATION** **The True Steps in Preparation**

Then having the seal of the living God, God's people will be blessed with the times of refreshing that will fit them for translation, the glorious appearing of the Son of man, and an abundant entrance in the kingdom of the Eternal Father.

## 7BC.976

“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.”**

## 7BC.976

“And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. 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.”

## 7BC.976

“And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by *the means of* those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.”

## 7BC.976

“And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.”

## 7BC.976

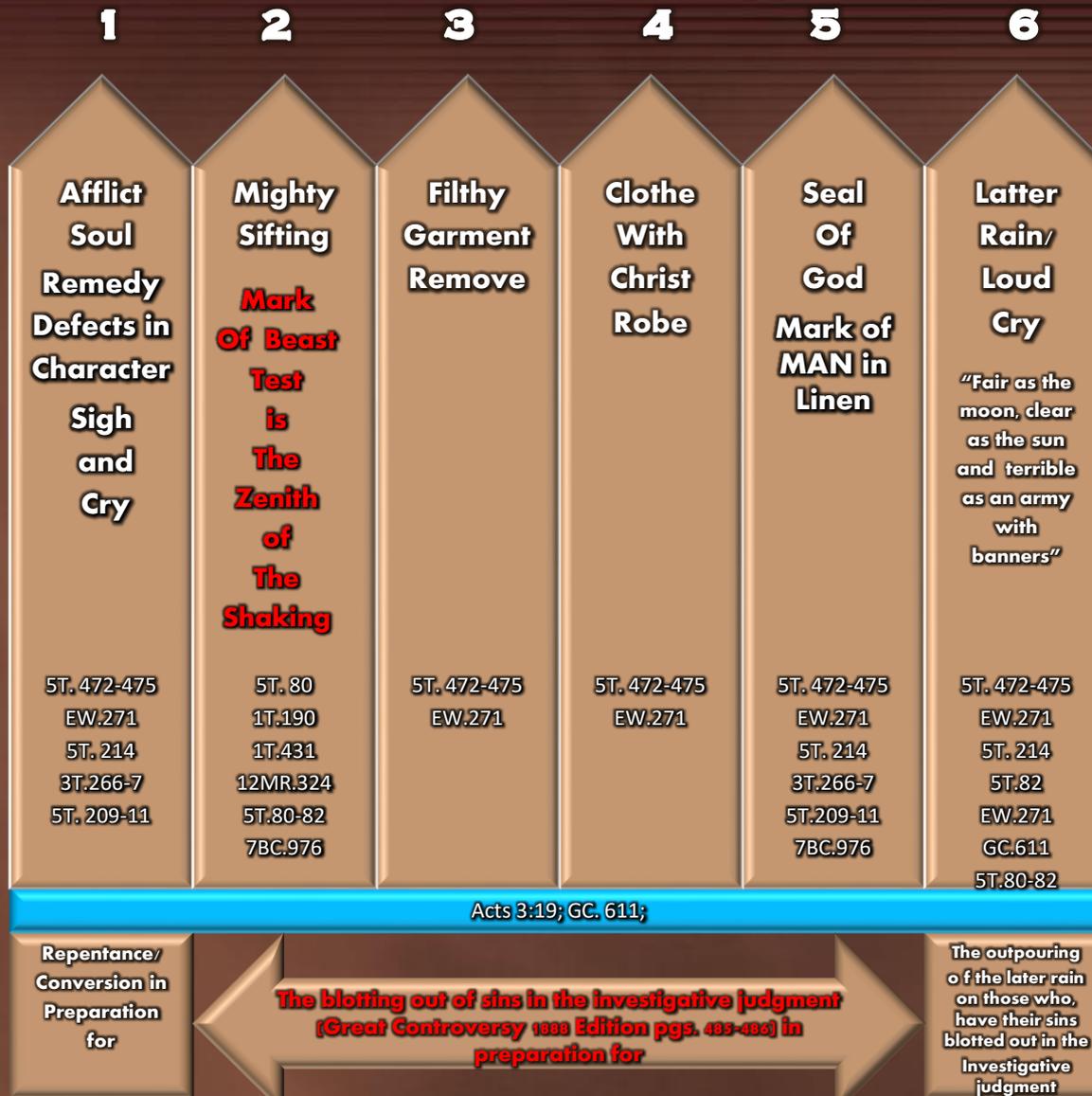
“And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.”

## 7BC.976

“This is the **test that the people of God must have before they are sealed.** All who proved their loyalty to God by observing His law, and refusing to accept a spurious sabbath, will rank under the banner of the Lord God Jehovah, and will receive the seal of the living God. Those who yield the truth of heavenly origin and accept the Sunday sabbath, will receive the mark of the beast.”  
(Letter 11, 1890). {7BC 976.3}

# SUPERIMPOSING

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**OBSERVATION**  
**The True Steps in Preparation**

THE FORMER RAIN PREPARES  
FOR  
THE JUDGEMENT OF THE LIVING