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Confusion is multiplied through a failure to distinguish between the two main decrees-

1. The First Decree
2. Universal Decree

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## 1. The First Decree

- Made by the image beast (U.S.A.). 5T.451; Rev. 13 :11-17
- The test before we are sealed. 7BC.976
- Followed by every nation on the globe. 6T. 395.
- Contains the threat of death . 5T. 81.
- Causes great shaking in church. 5T.81.
- Test for the church before the loud cry. 5T. 81-2; 6T.401;  
2 SM.380.

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## 2. The Universal Death Decree

- Made after the close of probation. EW. 282, 34, 37; GC. 615.
- Made by a world-wide legislature. EW. 282 ; PK. 512.
- People given liberty to kill saints. GC.615.
- Cannot be made before probation closes. GC.610-I I.
- Marks the commencement of the time of Jacob's trouble. EW. 6, 37.

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## **When is the Universal Death Decree Enacted ?**

The Great Controversy, which presents a rather full coverage of all important events, makes no mention of the universal death decree before the close of probation. In fact, it strongly indicates that such a law, ignoring any vestige of legal propriety, could not be passed while Jesus remains High Priest.

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“But so long as Jesus remains man's intercessor in the sanctuary above, the restraining influence of the Holy Spirit is felt by the rulers and people. It still controls, to some extent, the laws of the land . . . The opposition of the enemies of the truth will be restrained that the third angel's message may do its work.”

GC.610-41

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In the same book, after the end time Prophetess to the world has described the close of probation and the commencement of the time of trouble, she writes:

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“When He leaves the sanctuary . . . the restraint...Upon the wicked is removed... The persistent refusal of a small minority to yield to the popular demand, will make them the objects of universal execration and a decree will finally be issued against those who hallow the Sabbath of the fourth commandment,”

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“denouncing them as deserving of the severest punishment, and giving liberty, after a, certain time, to put them to death.”

GC.614-5

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“I saw that the four angels would hold the four winds until Jesus' work was done in the sanctuary, and then will come the seven last plagues. These plagues enraged the wicked against the righteous;”

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“they thought that we had brought the judgments of God upon them, and that if they could rid the earth of us, the plagues would then be stayed . A decree went forth to slay the saints, which caused them to cry day and night for deliverance. This was the time of Jacob's trouble.”

EW.36-7

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“I saw the saints leaving the cities and villages, and associating together in companies, and living in the most solitary places. Angels provided them food and water, while the wicked were suffering from hunger and thirst [the plagues]. Then I saw the leading men of the earth consulting together, and Satan and his angels busy around them.”

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“I saw a writing, copies of which were scattered in different parts of the land, giving orders that unless the saints should yield their peculiar faith, give up the Sabbath, and observe the first day of the week, the people were at liberty after a certain time to put them to death.”

EW.282-3

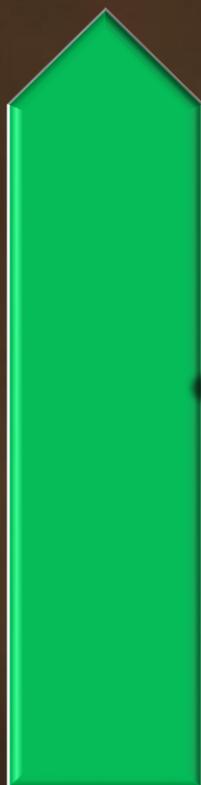
The Illustration is purely diagrammatical, depicting events that have transpired and shall transpire.

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

# THE CLOSE OF PROBATION IS NOT THE DECREE OF 5T. 216

Decree goes forth  
Rev. 13:15-17

Close of Probation  
Rev.22:11



L A T T E R R A I N

**SEALING BEGINS**

**SEALING ENDS**

"Before . . . the sealing of God's people is finished we shall receive the outpouring of the Spirit of God ."

1 SM.111

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Around the 1888 period, “the Lord in His great mercy sent a most precious message to His people through Elders Waggoner and Jones.” TM.91.

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Sister White wrote: "It is the third angel's message, which is to be proclaimed with a loud voice, and attended with the outpouring of His Spirit in a large measure."

TM.92

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Thus God was sending a message through Waggoner and Jones to His people; a message that they were to receive and proclaim to the world with a “loud voice.” Many of the brethren did not recognise this, and they treated the message with ridicule and contempt.

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The Spirit of Prophecy endeavoured to set before the responsible brethren the seriousness of their opposition to the light being presented by Waggoner and Jones. In November, 1892, she wrote:

“... the loud cry of the third angel has already begun in the revelation of the righteousness of Christ, the sin-pardoning Redeemer.”

1SM.363

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“This is the beginning of the light of the angel whose glory shall fill the whole earth.”

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Carefully consider this much ill quoted passage.

## **What the Statement Does Say :**

The loud cry began in **revelation**. The light of the loud cry was revealed to the church, but mark, it was only **“the beginning”** of the revelation of the loud cry.

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What became of that revelation is now history. The history of opposition and failure to respond to the revelation of the first rays of the light that would have led the church into a speedy completion of her task and an entrance into the Kingdom of God is beyond the scope of this presentation.

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## **What the Statement Does Not Say :**

The statement does not say that the loud cry began to be proclaimed. There is a lot of difference between **revelation** and **proclamation**.

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was being proclaimed.**

This could **not** be:

1. The loud cry message is contained in Rev.18:2-4, and it is a message proclaimed to Babylon. But this was a revelation of light to God's (SDA) Church.

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2. Revelation 18:1-4 was not fulfilled  
during 1888-1892.

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This could **not** be:

3. The end time prophetess to the world  
looked future for the proclamation of  
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"I have no specific time of which to speak when  
the outpouring of the Holy Spirit will take  
place-when the mighty angel will come down  
from heaven,

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**“and unite with the third angel in closing up the  
work for this world...”**

7BC.984 written 1892

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3. The end time prophetess to the world  
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“The prophecies in the eighteenth of  
Revelation will soon be fulfilled.”

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3. The end time prophetess to the world looked future for the proclamation of the loud cry. Here is the evidence:

“During the proclamation of the third angel's message, ‘another angel’ **is to** come down from heaven, having great power, ‘and the earth is to be’ lightened with his glory.”

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" . . . the time will be fulfilled foretold in the Revelation, and the mighty angel that shall lighten the earth with his glory will proclaim the fall of Babylon . . ."

7BC.985written 1892

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3. The end time prophetess to the world looked future for the proclamation of the loud cry. Here is the evidence:

“...The time is coming when there will be as many converted in a day as 'there were on the day of Pentecost, after the disciples had received the Holy Spirit.”

Evan.692 written 1905

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3. The end time prophetess to the world  
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“... the church will indeed arise and  
shine...wonderful description of things yet to  
be.”

Ev.693 written 1905

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3. The end time prophetess to the world  
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“When the storm of persecution really bursts  
upon us . . . The people of God will draw  
together . . . .”

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3. The end time prophetess to the world  
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“Then will the message of the third angel swell  
to a loud cry, and the whole earth will be  
lightened with the glory of the Lord.”

Ev. 693 written 1900

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Far from being in the loud cry  
experience, a testimony written about  
1903 states:

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3. The end time prophetess to the world  
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"The time has come for a thorough reformation  
to take place."

8 T. 251 written 1903.

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This could not be:

4. A . T. Jones did not consider that the loud cry was sounding, or that the latter rain was falling. Here is what he said in 1893:

"What then did the brethren reject at Minneapolis? . . . [referring to 1888]. They rejected the latter rain - the loud cry of the third angel's message . . ."

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This could not be:

4. A . T. Jones did not consider that the loud cry was sounding, or that the latter rain was falling. Here is what he said in 1893:

“And, brethren, the time has come to take up to-night what we there rejected.”

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This could not be:

4. A . T. Jones did not consider that the loud cry was sounding, or that the latter rain was falling. Here is what he said in 1893:

“Not a soul of us has ever been able to dream yet, the wonderful blessing that God had for us at Minneapolis,”

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“and which we would have been enjoying these four years, if hearts had been ready to receive the message which God sent.”

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4. A . T. Jones did not consider that the loud cry was sounding, or that the latter rain was falling. Here is what he said in 1893:

“We would have been four years ahead;”

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4. A . T. Jones did not consider that the loud cry was sounding, or that the latter rain was falling. Here is what he said in 1893:

“we would have been [note: `would have been'] in the midst of the wonders of the loud cry itself, to-night.” (Gen.Conf.Bull., 1893, Study 7, ‘The Third Angel’s Message’)

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4. A . T. Jones did not consider that the loud cry was sounding, or that the latter rain was falling. Here is what he said in 1893: A.T. Jones also stated:

"We, know by every evidence that now we are in the time of refreshing -the time of the latter rain." (The Consecrated Way to Christian Perfection.)

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This could **not** be:

Certainly, Jones believed they were in the times of the latter rain, but he never believed that the latter rain was falling. He clearly taught that the experience of the judgment and the blotting out of sins must precede the reception of the latter rain.

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This could not be:

Those who teach that the latter rain will prepare God's people for the judgment and the sealing are out of harmony with the great 1888 message of righteousness by faith.

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This could not be:

They hinder the finishing of God's work for His people. Now is the time to gather at the sanctuary and enter by faith into the great work of judgment and blotting out of sins so that the showers of the latter rain may come to a languishing church.

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This could not be:

Those who persist in resisting this light  
will repeat the history of those who in  
the last century resisted the call to put  
on the full armour of God in readiness to  
proclaim the loud cry.

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5. No one should be deceived as to when the proclamation of the loud cry should commence. Here are three unmistakable events that must first occur:

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5a. The mighty shaking in the church of  
God . (EW.269-271 ; 5T . 80-2 : 2 SM .  
380 ; 6T.400-1.) The experience of –

5b.The blotting out of sins in the  
investigative judgment. (Acts 3 :19.)

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5c. The Sounding of Rev.18:2-4:  
“Babylon is fallen”. Because she has  
made all nations drink . . . .” Not yet  
can this be said. It points to the  
union of the apostate churches with  
the state throughout all Christendom  
(Rev. 17:12-13; GC.389-90.)

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Therefore, we are now able to recognize that to claim that the loud cry has been sounding is without foundation. This false assertion is usually only a manoeuvre to escape the plain testimony of Scripture that we have an appointment with the judgment bar of God before the reception of the latter rain experience.

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Hence, the 9/11 episode, important as that event may have been, and whatever merit one may ascribe to it, is not the beginning of the Latter Rain/ Loud Cry or Judgment of the living.