

The order of Final Events and the Close of Probation

The order of final events and the close of probation have been of much interest to believers waiting for the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is with gladness I will like to submit this short article in brief details of the events. As 7th Day Adventists, we have been privileged as the ancient Israel to know the great wonders of God through the sanctuary. The understanding of the second coming are just behooved and intertwined in the manner of His first coming, the prophetess says:

The trials of the children of Israel, and their attitude just before the first coming of Christ, illustrate the position of the people of God in their experience before the second coming of Christ.-- R. and H., 1890, No. 7. {HL 280.1}

If then we can understand the manner, position, condition and attitude of the Jewish nation just prior to the first coming then we can definitely know it shall be during the second coming. She continues;

The parable of the vineyard applies not alone to the Jewish nation. It has a lesson for us. The church in this generation has been endowed by God with great privileges and blessings, and He expects corresponding returns. {COL 296.2}

Prior to the first coming of Christ the Jewish people had been waiting for Him eagerly, but it is a great wonder that the Bible has to record:

John 1:10, 11: He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

How could Christ come to them who were His own but they could not recognize or reject Him?! This is a matter that should engross every believers mind because we are told in that in typology, the same shall happen. The parable of the vineyard illustrates this so well. What really happened? I will tell you the truth that many know but don't embrace. The Jews took the Bible and came up with a **Talmud**, translated it to **Mishna** then **Gemara** and finally **Oral Law**. By the time Christ came, they were not reading the Bible but the Oral Law which was the words of Rabbis, the doctrines of men. That's y they couldn't remember the prophecies of the Messiah and even the Messiah came, they clashed with Him on how He kept the Sabbath. The same mistake is being repeated, many have translated the Bible into a manuals, then handbooks, then lessons. By the time of second coming of Christ, they won't be believing in the Bible but words of men. There end will be like that of the Jewish nation. Their condition during Christ's first coming is thus summed up is this announcement"

Luke 4:16-30 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read. And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him. And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears. And all bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth. And they said, Is not this Joseph's son? And he said unto them, Ye will surely say unto me this proverb, Physician, heal thyself: whatsoever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in thy country. And he said, Verily I say unto you, No prophet is accepted in his own country. But I tell you of a truth, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elias, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when great famine was throughout all the land; But unto none of them was Elias sent, save unto Sarepta, a city of Sidon, unto a woman that was a widow. And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Eliseus the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, saving Naaman the Syrian. And all they in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath, And rose up, and thrust him out of the city, and led him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong. But he passing through the midst of them went his way,

This was the condition of the church that was waiting for Christ. They had been robbed of sight by words of men hence they could accept the lowly Jesus could be there Messiah. They were in their own captive and brokenhearted because of the yoke the Sanhedrin and the Roman yoke placed on their shoulders. They expected a Messiah who could give them and earthly glory and annihilate their enemies. The words written in the above verse are repeated but as a counsel:

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Rev 3:17-20: Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

At the second coming of Christ, the same condition that existed in the Jewish nation shall be in the church. Because this was not the Messiah they were waiting for, they ended up crucifying Him. Daniel had predicted how it would happen:

*Dan 9:24-27: Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to **anoint the most Holy**. Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. And after threescore and two weeks shall **Messiah be cut off**, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall **destroy the city and the sanctuary**; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. And he shall confirm the covenant with many for **one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease**, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.*

For those Adventist who know the prophecy of Daniel 9 well, you will realize four important points in the prophecy namely

1. *Anoint the Most Holy (AD 27)*
2. *Messiah be cut off (AD 31)*
3. *End of one week and seventy weeks (AD 34)*
4. *Destroy the city and the sanctuary (AD 70)*

If you are not familiar with Daniel 9 prophecy rejection of the Jewish Nation as the chosen vessel as refer to the following:

1. <http://www.daniels70weeks.com/>
2. <http://www.daniels70weeks.com/daniels70weeks.html>

Anoint the Most Holy (AD 27)

Luke 3:21,23; Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened: And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased: And Jesus himself began to be about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, which was the son of Heli,

The birth of Jesus Christ is well determined to be 3BC by Historians on the account of what is recorded below:

Luke 3:1; Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judaea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of Ituraea and of the region of Trachonitis, and Lysanias the tetrarch of Abilen

In the prophecy of Daniel 9, before the coming of the Messiah the Jewish were to:

To finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy

This they had failed miserably, but the Christina church is supposed to just do what the Jewish Nation failed, observe:

Eph 5:26, 27 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.



The mission they had that we also have is to make an end of sin. It is so amazing to read the words that Jesus spoke after His baptism to make the year AD 27 a valid year:

M'r 1:15; And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

What time:

The time of Daniel 9 Prophecy; Paul writes

Gal 4:4; But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law

The Jewish Nation did not know the time of Jesus birth although it had well been stipulated in prophecy and even a sign his birth revealed in the very word they were claiming to know about.

Num 24:17 I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth.

How clear was the word of God to miss such a great event?! But are not the delusions that do exist in these last days not the exact representation of the Ancient Israel.

The trials of the children of Israel, and their attitude just before the first coming of Christ, illustrate the position of the people of God in their experience before the second coming of Christ.-- R. and H., 1890, No. 7. {HL 280.1}

Messiah be cut off (AD 31)

Daniel prophesied the rejection Christ just before the period allotted to them be accomplished. Upon the start of His work in AD 27, we fight these emphatic statements predicting that His mission will last for at least 3 years which is the midst of the week as it is in Daniel 9:

*Luke 13:32; And he said unto them, Go ye, and tell that fox, Behold, I cast out devils, and I do cures to **day and to morrow, and the third day** I shall be perfected.*

*John 2:19; Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in **three days** I will raise it up.*

Towards the close:

*Luke 13:7; Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, Behold, these **three years** I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground?*

With such overwhelming evidence of who Christ was, how did the Jewish Nation ask for Barabbas and crucify their King? Even the high priest couldn't understand his own utterances:

John 11:49-50; And one of them, named Caiaphas, being the high priest that same year, said unto them, Ye know nothing at all: Nor consider that it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not. And this spake he not of himself: but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for that nation;

After Jesus working for His nation for three years he had nothing more to do among them but utter this:

M't 23:38; Behold, your house is left unto you desolate.

They had rejected the Messiah and it was their turn to be rejected. Every effort was made by the heathen Pilate to free up Jesus but the leaders of the people were adamant in their course that instead of sealing the vision in the right way they sealed up to their own ruin.





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M't 27:24-26; When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it. Then answered all the people, and said, His blood be on us, and on our children. Then released he Barabbas unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

The ordeal of AD 34 ended with such event that the centurion account is worthily recorded in the work of St. Matthew:

*M't 27:50-54; Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. 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; And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many. Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, **Truly this was the Son of God.***

Many today deny the Son of God and become short of mercy seeing that they have even a more accurate history of the Jewish nation and their active part in the crucifixion of Christ.

End of the week and the seventy weeks prophecy (AD 34)

Daniel had said that in the midst of the week Messiah would be cut off but there remaining another three and half years before the prophecy would end and the Jewish nation rejected as the bearers of the message to the world. Before Christ's death, He had just said that their house had been left to them desolate and started another work which would have a pointer to this apostate nation:

*John 12:20 24; And there were certain **Greeks** among them that came up to worship at the feast: The same came therefore to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired him, saying, Sir, we would see Jesus. Philip cometh and telleth Andrew: and again Andrew and Philip tell Jesus. And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.*

He was sent to the lost sheep of Israel but now it was time to move the other sheep but before that:

*Acts 1:8; But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in **Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.***

So:

The first offers of mercy must be made to the murderers of the Saviour. {DA 820.3}.

During the remaining three and a half years, the apostles labored amongst the Jewish nation and Daniel 9 prophecy was ended not on a sorrow of killing the Messiah and repentance and confession but on stoning to death Stephen, the first martyr of the Christian faith:

*Ac 7:57-60; Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord. And cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was **Saul**. And they stoned **Stephen**, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.*

This was just a brief view on AD 34. Paul who was Saul upon his conversion had such overwhelming words to tell the Jewish nation:

*Ac 13:46; Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was **necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you:** but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves **unworthy** of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles.*





This is so significance to the 7th Day Adventists, there shall reach a time when the words shall apply literally to them:

John 10:16; And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

Our ministers should now be working for the saving of the lost. The weeks spent in gatherings to fit men for work might better, far better, be spent in going to the highways and hedges with the proclamation, "Come; for all things are now ready." {TM 231.1}

How many will mourn for lost opportunities when it is eternally too late! Today we have talent and opportunity, but we know not how long these may be ours. Then let us work while it is day; for the night cometh, in which no man can work. "Blessed is that servant, whom his Lord when He cometh shall find so doing." {TM 167.1}

Destroy the city and the sanctuary (AD 70)

A generation:

*Num 32:13; And the LORD's anger was kindled against Israel, and he made them wander in the wilderness forty years, until **all the generation**, that had done evil in the sight of the LORD, was consumed.*

*Jos 14:10; And now, behold, the LORD hath kept me alive, as he said, these **forty and five years**, even since the LORD spake this word unto Moses, while the children of Israel wandered in the wilderness: and now, lo, I am this day **fourscore and five years old**.*

Taking into account that a generation is forty years and Jesus spoke the following words in AD 31, this takes us to AD 70 when Titus came and razed down the temple and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem who had not flown earlier.

M't:23:36: Verily I say unto you, All these things shall come upon this generation.

M't:24:34: Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.

Thus the probation of Israel, a determined period of seventy weeks of prophecy ended in AD 34 but executive punishment came in AD 70.

Typology

What is the aforementioned dates importance to spiritual Israel? In the whole plot we have three very important parties involved:

1. *The Sanhedrin*
2. *The People*
3. *The Nation*

Let us understand it was the Sanhedrin that was in the forefront to make the people reject Jesus:

*John 9:22; These words spake his parents, because they **feared the Jews**: for the Jews had agreed already, that if any man did confess that he was Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue.*

*John 12:42; Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the **Pharisees** they **did not confess him**, lest they should be put out of the synagogue:*

Jesus first stopped working with this Sanhedrin and worked daily with the common people. Today General Conference would be the antitype of the Jewish Sanhedrin. The message of Laodicea starts with the angel of that church which is the clergy, then the laity.

God's ministers are symbolized by the seven stars, {GW 13.3}





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We have the 3 rejections

1. AD 31. Sanhedrin (General Conference)
2. AD 34 Jewish people as a whole (the message goes to the gentiles)
3. AD 70 Apostate church (Close of Probation). Having information is good, understanding it is another thing altogether.

It was the leaders who persuaded the people to crucify Christ and so they first must be dealt with before the common people and the whole world. Likewise, the leaders of the people have blinded them with their false interpretation of scriptures and make themselves the arbiter of truth. Nothing can be done without their approval. The prophetess laments:

That men should keep alive the spirit which ran riot at Minneapolis is an offense to God. All heaven is indignant at the spirit that for years has been revealed in our publishing institution at Battle Creek. Unrighteousness is practiced that God will not tolerate. He will visit for these things. A voice has been heard pointing out the errors and, in the name of the Lord, pleading for a decided change. But who have followed the instruction given? Who have humbled their hearts to put from them every vestige of their wicked, oppressive spirit? I have been greatly burdened to set these matters before the people as they are. I know they will see them. I know that those who read this matter will be convicted. {TM 76.3}

It is not in the order of God that any man, or any class of men, should assume that God has made them conscience for their brethren, or put forth their finite hand in a patronizing manner to control the Lord's delegated workers, thus endangering the safety of the Lord's heritage as well as their own, and retarding the work of God. God does not confine Himself to one man, or to a set of men, through whom to accomplish His work, but says of all, Ye "are laborers together with God." This means that every believing soul should have a part to act in His sacred work, and every individual believer in Jesus Christ is to manifest to the world a symbol of Christ's sufficiency, to represent to His church the higher laws of the future immortal world, and in obedience to the mandates of Heaven that are without a parallel, they should reveal a depth of knowledge independent of human inventions. {TM 208.2}

God does not require you to take such a course that the workers in ----- or anywhere else shall not feel at liberty to make advance movements unless they can consult you, and ask what your judgment of the matter is, before they advance. I cannot sanction the idea that you must have a personal oversight of all the details of the work. {TM 298.1}

You refer to your office as President of the General Conference, as if this justifies your course of action, which you deemed wholly right, but which, from the light the Lord has been pleased to give me, I deem to be wrong in some respects. The very fact that you are standing in a position of responsibility I urge upon you as the reason why you should show a forbearing, courteous, Christlike spirit at all times and under all circumstances. Your brethren in the ministry, who respect you and your office, will be very apt to follow your example in the treatment of such cases. You are to be an example to your brethren, worthy of imitation. Your words, your spirit, your deportment, even the manner in which you treat your brethren, are sowing seeds for good or evil. It is both your privilege and duty, especially in your position of trust, to be like-minded with God, then you will be strong in His strength, and meek and humble as a little child. {1888 97.1}

I am grieved as I see men seeking to mark out the precise course that missionaries in far-off lands shall pursue. We must give matters more into the hands of Him whom we profess to follow, that He may work through His appointed agents as He shall see fit. We should not think that everything should be brought under the jurisdiction of a few finite men, who need to look constantly to God for wisdom or else they will make grave blunders. The Lord does not design to have everything center in Battle Creek. [SEE APPENDIX.] He would have men stand aside, and not feel that His work depends wholly upon them and that every question must be referred to their judgment. It is difficult for me to express what I desire to, but in the name of the Lord I lift the danger signal. Responsible men should fear and tremble for themselves. They should not feel competent to run ahead of Him who has said, "Follow Me." God is not pleased that men in distant lands should have to wait before they can venture to make a move. We should believe in the power of the Lord to guide, for He has the ordering of His own work. He will give wisdom and understanding to His representative men in every part of His great moral vineyard. He says, "Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit." To my brethren in Battle Creek I would say: The Lord does not need to send His orders to His messengers in all parts of the world through Battle Creek. He does not lay this





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responsibility upon all those who assume to say to His workers, "Do this," and "Thou shalt not do that." God is dishonored when men are led to look to Battle Creek to so large a degree. {TM 212.1}

A strange thing has come into our churches. Men who are placed in positions of responsibility that they may be wise helpers to their fellow workers have come to suppose that they were set as kings and rulers in the churches, to say to one brother, Do this; to another, Do that; and to another, Be sure to labor in such and such a way. There have been places where the workers have been told that if they did not follow the instruction of these men of responsibility, their pay from the conference would be withheld. {TM 477.2}

The change has deviated and built a Czardom enthroned which has since gone steadily onward in the same way and has with perfect consistency built up a thorough bureaucratic government, by which it reaches and meddles with, and manipulates, the affairs of all, not only of union and local conferences, but of local churches, and of individual persons Ibid., p. 10.

The conferences were not established to exercise dominion over the ministry, nor over the local churches, but rather to plan and expand the work of God in various regions and areas. Furthermore, the conferences were to act as counselors, not as dictators to the people of God (Colin and Russell Standish, Organizational Structure and Apostasy, p. 13).

The General Conference is becoming corrupted with wrong sentiments and principles...{LDE49.2}... Those living in distant countries will not do that which their judgment tells them is right unless they first send for permission to Battle Creek. Before they will advance they await Yes or No from that place.--SpT-A(9)32(1896). {LDE 49.6}.

This is the work that has been going on since 1888. Determining AD 31 then becomes crucial to understanding what and when to do things. The Sanhedrin took only 3yrs to reject Jesus starting in AD 27 to AD 31 but General Conference has been in that state since 1888. The Climax is long due soon, they have changed the doctrines of the church far enough time for worse in which I will cover in the article **“Omega of Apostasy – No Point of Remedy** (<https://www.facebook.com/notes/presenttruthpreachers/the-omega-of-apostasy-a-point-of-no-remedy/442526485895747>). If the anticipated vote on Women Ordination will go through in July 2015 and the changes in our fundamental belief in Spirit of Prophecy to undermine it, then they will seal up their rejection:

*Satan is constantly pressing in the spurious--to lead away from the truth. **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.**-- Letter 12, 1890. {ISM 48.3}*

***There will be a hatred kindled against the testimonies which is satanic.** The workings of Satan will be to **unsettle the faith of the churches in them,** for this reason: Satan cannot have so clear a track to bring in his deceptions and bind up souls in his delusions if the warnings and reproofs and counsels of the Spirit of God are heeded. -- Letter 40, 1890. {ISM 48.4}*

Read Eze 8 to see what made the Shekinah glory leave the Most Holy Place and stand before the threshold/courtyard. It did not leave the temple or the city until Chpt 10. The parallel is found in John 12 when Jesus left the Jews and started speaking with the Greeks. At that time He rejected the Sanhedrin yet they could still be benefited with the sermon to Greeks prior to their rejection in AD 31. Although we cannot determine the precise time of their rejection it sooner than we may think.

After that is AD 34, the stoning of Stephen and the spirit-filled apostles going to gentiles, this we cannot doubt when it will happen. The descending of the Holy Spirit then is key determining point in this issue:

The great issue so near at hand [enforcement of Sunday laws] will weed out those whom God has not appointed and He will have a pure, true, sanctified ministry prepared for the latter rain.--3SM 385 (1886). {LDE 179.2}





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The upper-room experience after the resurrection of Jesus, redefined the apostles to receive the early rain. We have an event before us upon those which are ready will receive the latter rain and complete the work. When they receive it, then the Loud Cry shall be sounded.

Close of Probation

AD 70 becomes the Close of Probation. Titus came unexpectedly in Jerusalem to those who had not taken heed and flee and burnt the temple and those in Jerusalem. So Jesus comes unexpectedly but His own shall be saved.

1Th:5:2: For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.

2Pe:3:10: But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

The Death Decree

I will like you to notice a few things also concerning the death decree being at the second plague. In the following quote you will notice that at the issuing of the Sunday Law before probation closes, small minority refuses to surrender to the papacy which enforces her to issue a death decree. But notice, the world will be plunged in Jacob's Time of Trouble when the death decree is passed and we believe according to Daniel 12:1 immediately the probation closes and no one is allowed to seal the testimony with their blood because it will not lead to any salvation of anyone:

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. It will be urged that the few who stand in opposition to an institution of the church and a law of the state ought not to be tolerated; that it is better for them to suffer than for whole nations to be thrown into confusion and lawlessness. The same argument many centuries ago was brought against Christ by the "rulers of the people." "It is expedient for us," said the wily Caiaphas, "that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not." John 11:50. This argument will appear conclusive; and a decree will finally be issued against those who hallow the Sabbath of the fourth commandment, denouncing them as deserving of the severest punishment and giving the people liberty, after a certain time, to put them to death. Romanism in the Old World and apostate Protestantism in the New will pursue a similar course toward those who honor all the divine precepts. {GC 615.2} The people of God will then be plunged into those scenes of affliction and distress described by the prophet as the time of Jacob's trouble. "Thus saith the Lord: We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace. . . . All faces are turned into paleness. 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." Jeremiah 30:5-7. {GC 616.1}

Rev 16:3 and the second angel (second plague) poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead man: and every living soul died in the sea.

Just as the supernatural plague will incur death, so the heathen will only think the way to avert it is by death. During paganism and heathenism, when there was a plague and there was so much death, what they did was to offer their children for the plague to cease, Eccl 1:9 say there is nothing new under the sun, so as it was in the beginning so shall it be in the end. Notice:

2Ki:3:26, 27: And when the king of Moab saw that the battle was too sore for him, he took with him seven hundred men that drew swords, to break through even unto the king of Edom: but they could not. Then he took his eldest son that should have reigned in his stead, and offered him for a burnt offering upon the wall. And there was great indignation against Israel: and they departed from him, and returned to their own land.

But we ask; why should they do such a thing?

Joh 16:2: They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service.





When the death decree is enforced no one will die at this point, notice:

The heavenly sentinels, faithful to their trust, continue their watch. 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. {GC 631.1}

The eye of God, looking down the ages, was fixed upon the crisis which His people are to meet, when earthly powers shall be arrayed against them. Like the captive exile, they will be in fear of death by starvation or by violence. But the Holy One who divided the Red Sea before Israel, will manifest His mighty power and turn their captivity. "They shall be Mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up My jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him." Malachi 3:17. 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. Says the psalmist: "In the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion: in the secret of His tabernacle shall He hide me." Psalm 27:5. Christ has spoken: "Come, My people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast. For, behold, the Lord cometh out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity." Isaiah 26:20, 21. Glorious will be the deliverance of those who have patiently waited for His coming and whose names are written in the book of life. {GC 634.1}

LITTLE TIME OF TROUBLE

Isa:13:9: Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it. :10: For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine. :11: And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.:12: I will make a man more precious than fine gold; even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir.:13: Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger.:14: And it shall be as the chased roe, and as a sheep that no man taketh up: they shall every man turn to his own people, and flee every one into his own land.:15: Every one that is found shall be thrust through; and every one that is joined unto them shall fall by the sword.:16: Their children also shall be dashed to pieces before their eyes; their houses shall be spoiled, and their wives ravished.

MORPHING IN GREAT TIME OF TROUBLE

Isa:33:13: Hear, ye that are far off, what I have done; and, ye that are near, acknowledge my might.:14: The sinners in Zion are afraid; fearfulness hath surprised the hypocrites. Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings?:15: He that walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly; he that despiseth the gain of oppressions, that shaketh his hands from holding of bribes, that stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood, and shutteth his eyes from seeing evil;:16: He shall dwell on high: his place of defence shall be the munitions of rocks: bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure.:17: Thine eyes shall see the king in his beauty: they shall behold the land that is very far off.

WHEN THE PLAGUES START FALLING THEN THIS IS FULFILLED

Psalms:91:1: He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.:2: I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.:3: Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.:4: He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.:5: Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;:6: Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.:7: A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.:8: Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.:9: Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation;:10: There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.:11: For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.:12: They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.:13: Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.:14: Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.:15: He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I





will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.:16: With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

WHEN SHOULD WE FLEE?

The Signal for Fleeing

It is no time now for God's people to be fixing their affections or laying up their treasure in the world. 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, 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. And now, instead of seeking expensive dwellings here, we should be preparing to move to a better country, even a heavenly. Instead of spending our means in self-gratification, we should be studying to economize.-- Testimonies, vol. 5, pp. 464, 465. (1885) {CL 32.1}

AT A LITTLE TIME OF TROUBLE HOW SHALL WE FIND FOOD?

My warning is: Keep out of the cities. Build no sanitariums in the cities. 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.{CL 10.4}

We cannot fail to see that the end of the world is soon to come. Satan is working upon the minds of men and women, and many seem filled with a desire for amusement and excitement. As it was in the days of Noah, every kind of evil is on the increase. Divorce and marriage is the order of the time. At such a time as this, the people who are seeking to keep the commandments of God should look for retired places away from the cities. . . . {CL 14.3}

Fathers and mothers who possess a piece of land and a comfortable home are kings and queens. {CL 18.2}

HOW IS IT THAT AFTER PROBATION HAS CLOSED SOME SAINT WILL STILL BE IN THE CITIES?

More and more, as time advances, our people will have to leave the cities. For years we have been instructed that our brethren and sisters, and especially families with children, should plan to leave the cities as the way opens before them to do so. Many will have to labor earnestly to help open the way. But until it is possible for them to leave, so long as they remain, they should be most active in doing missionary work, however limited their sphere of influence may be.-- Review and Herald, Sept. 27, 1906. {CL 24.4}

When iniquity abounds in a nation, there is always to be heard some voice giving warning and instruction, as the voice of Lot was heard in Sodom. Yet Lot could have preserved his family from many evils, had he not made his home in this wicked, polluted city. All that Lot and his family did in Sodom could have been done by them, even if they had lived in a place some distance away from the city {CL 30.5}

Keep out of the cities. Build no sanitariums in the cities. 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. . {CL 10.4}

HOW SHALL WE FEED IN GREAT TIME OF TROUBLE?

Isa:33:16: He shall dwell on high: his place of defence shall be the munitions of rocks: bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure.:17: Thine eyes shall see the king in his beauty: they shall behold the land that is very far off.

Isa:43:1: But now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine.:2: When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.

1Ki:17:1: And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the LORD God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word. :2: And the word of the LORD





came unto him, saying,:3: Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan. :4: And it shall be, that thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there. :5: So he went and did according unto the word of the LORD: for he went and dwelt by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan.:6: And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook.

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." Isaiah 33:15, 16; 41:17. {DD 44.1}

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1Ki:19:1: And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and withal how he had slain all the prophets with the sword.:2: Then Jezebel sent a messenger unto Elijah, saying, So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by to morrow about this time.:3: And when he saw that, he arose, and went for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongeth to Judah, and left his servant there.:4: But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers.:5: And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise and eat.:6: And he looked, and, behold, there was a cake baked on the coals, and a cruse of water at his head. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again.:7: And the angel of the LORD came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise and eat; because the journey is too great for thee. :8: And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Horeb the mount of God.

WHAT IS OUR PRESENT DUTIES AND SHOULD WE BE MAKING PROVISIONS?

It is no time now for God's people to be fixing their affections or laying up their treasure in the world. 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 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. And now, instead of seeking expensive dwellings here, we should be preparing to move to a better country, even a heavenly. Instead of spending our means in self-gratification, we should be studying to economize. Every talent lent of God should be used to His glory in giving the warning to the world. God has a work for His colaborers to do in the cities. Our missions must be sustained; new missions must be opened. To carry forward this work successfully will require no small outlay. Houses of worship are needed, where the people may be invited to hear the truths for this time. For this very purpose, God has entrusted a capital to His stewards. Let not your property be tied up in worldly enterprises, so that this work shall be hindered. Get your means where you can handle it for the benefit of the cause of God. Send your treasures before you into heaven. {5T 464.3} The members of the church should individually hold themselves and all their possessions upon the altar of God. Now, as never before, the Saviour's admonition is applicable: "Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Those who are fastening their means in large houses, in lands, in worldly enterprises, are saying by their actions: "God cannot have it; I want it for myself." They have bound up their one talent in a napkin and hid it in the earth. There is cause for such to be alarmed. Brethren, God has not entrusted means to you to lie idle nor to be covetously retained or hid away, but to be used to advance His cause, to save the souls of the perishing. It is not the time now to bind up the Lord's money in your expensive buildings and your large enterprises, while His cause is crippled and left to beg its way, the treasury half-supplied. The Lord is not in this way of working. Remember, the day is fast approaching when it will be said: "Give an account of thy stewardship." Can you not discern the signs of the times? {5T 465.1}

When the idolatrous standards of the Romans should be set up in the holy ground, which extended some furlongs outside the city walls, then the followers of Christ were to find safety in flight. When the warning sign should be seen, those who would escape must make no delay. Throughout the land of Judea, as well as in Jerusalem itself, the signal for flight must be immediately obeyed. He who chanced to be upon the housetop must not go down into his house, even to save his most valued treasures. Those who were working in the fields or vineyards must not take time to return for





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the outer garment laid aside while they should be toiling in the heat of the day. They must not hesitate a moment, lest they be involved in the general destruction. {GC 25.4}

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. {CCh 281.4}

MANY LAID TO REST BEFORE TIME OF TROUBLE

It is not always safe to ask for unconditional healing. . . . He knows whether or not those for whom petitions are offered would be able to endure the trial and test that would come upon them if they lived. He knows the end from the beginning. Many will be laid away to sleep before the fiery ordeal of the time of trouble shall come upon our world.--CH 375 (1897). {LDE 255.2} The Lord has often instructed me that many little ones are to be laid away before the time of trouble. We shall see our children again. We shall meet them and know them in the heavenly courts.--2SM 259 (1899). {LDE 255.3}

The Lord "doth not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men." Lamentations 3:33. "Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him. For He knoweth our frame; He remembereth that we are dust." Psalm 103:13, 14. He knows our heart, for He reads every secret of the soul. He knows whether or not those for whom petitions are offered would be able to endure the trial and test that would come upon them if they lived. He knows the end from the beginning. Many will be laid away to sleep before the fiery ordeal of the time of trouble shall come upon our world. This is another reason why we should say after our earnest petition; "Nevertheless not my will, but Thine, be done." Luke 22:42. Such a petition will never be registered in heaven as a faithless prayer. {CH 375.2}

God Will Provide

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. {LDE 264.3} 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.--EW 56 (1851). {LDE 264.4} I saw that a time of trouble was before us, when stern necessity will compel the people of God to live on bread and water. . . . In the time of trouble none will labor with their hands. Their sufferings will be mental, and God will provide food for them.--Ms 2, 1858. {LDE 265.1} The time of trouble is just before us, and then stern necessity will require the people of God to deny self and to eat merely enough to sustain life, but God will prepare us for that time. In that fearful hour our necessity will be God's opportunity to impart His strengthening power and to sustain His people.--1T 206 (1859). {LDE 265.2} Bread and water is all that is promised to the remnant in the time of trouble.--SR 129 (1870). {LDE 265.3} In the time of trouble, just before the coming of Christ, the righteous will be preserved through the ministration of heavenly angels.--PP 256 (1890). {LDE 265.4}

The Lord has shown me in vision, 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 have food laid up by them, or in the fields, in the time of trouble when sword, famine, and pestilence are in the land, it will 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 would be sure at that time, and we should not lack, or suffer hunger. The Lord has shown me that some of His children would fear when they see the price of food rising, and they would buy food and lay it by for the time of trouble. Then in a time of need, I saw them go to their food and look at it, and it had bred worms, and was full of living creatures, and not fit for use. {Mar 181.2}



FINAL EVENTS RAPID ONES

The events that followed in rapid succession,--the appearance of Esther before the king, the marked favor shown her, the banquets of the king and queen with Haman as the only guest, the troubled sleep of the king, the public honor shown Mordecai, and the humiliation and fall of Haman upon the discovery of his wicked plot,--all these are parts of a familiar story. God wrought marvelously for His penitent people; and a counter decree issued by the king, allowing them to fight for their lives, was rapidly communicated to every part of the realm by mounted couriers, who were "hastened and pressed on by the king's commandment." "And in every province, and in every city, whithersoever the king's commandment and his decree came, the Jews had joy and gladness, a feast and a good day. And many of the people of the land became Jews; for the fear of the Jews fell upon them." Esther 8:14, 17. {PK 602.1} The trying experiences that came to God's people in the days of Esther were not peculiar to that age alone. The revelator, looking down the ages to the close of time, has declared, "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. Some who today are living on the earth will see these words fulfilled. The same spirit that in ages past led men to persecute the true church, will in the future lead to the pursuance of a similar course toward those who maintain their loyalty to God. Even now preparations are being made for this last great conflict. {PK 605.1} The decree that will finally go forth against the remnant people of God will be very similar to that issued by Ahasuerus against the Jews. Today the enemies of the true church see in the little company keeping the Sabbath commandment, a Mordecai at the gate. The reverence of God's people for His law is a constant rebuke to those who have cast off the fear of the Lord and are trampling on His Sabbath. {PK 605.2}

Psalms:121:1: I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. :2: My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth.:3: He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber. :4: Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. :5: The LORD is thy keeper: the LORD is thy shade upon thy right hand.:6: The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.:7: The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.:8: The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

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. In that time of trial, every soul must stand for himself before God. "Though Noah, Daniel, and Job" were in the land, "as I live, saith the Lord God, they shall deliver neither son nor daughter; they shall but deliver their own souls by their righteousness." Ezekiel 14:20. {GC 622.4}

"Thou in Thy manifold mercies forsookest them not in the wilderness: the pillar of the cloud departed not from them by day, to lead them in the way; neither the pillar of fire by night, to show them light, and the way wherein they should go. Thou gavest also Thy good Spirit to instruct them, and withheldst not Thy manna from their mouth, and gavest them water for their thirst. Yea, forty years didst Thou sustain them in the wilderness; . . . their clothes waxed not old, and their feet swelled not." Nehemiah 9:19-21. {PP 406.3}

CLOSE OF PROBATION***Is Satan going to impersonate Christ before or after close of probation?***

Increasing trouble will come upon the United States and the citizenry will demand that the federal government pass laws that will help restore God's favor upon this land. Sunday laws will be enacted in this country which will become increasingly oppressive to Sabbath keeping Christians. God's church militant will become the church triumphant as a result of the separation of the wheat from the tares that takes place through persecution brought about by the Sunday laws.

A universal Sunday law will follow a national Sunday law. Every nation of the world will follow the example of the United States. Why? It will be on account of the efforts of Satan personating Christ and urging all nations to pass Sunday laws. This will bring the world to its final test before probation closes.



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Here are the inspired statements that support a pre-close-of-probation appearance of Satan as Christ:

*Satan . . . 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.--6BC 1106 (1888). {LDE 165.3}*

The above statement cannot be speaking of a time after the close of probation because we will not be warning the world to not accept this false Christ once probation closes. After probation closes we will have nothing to say to the lost as we see in the following statement:

Then I saw Jesus lay off His priestly attire and clothe Himself with His most kingly robes. Upon His head were many crowns, a crown within a crown. Surrounded by the angelic host, He left heaven. The plagues were falling upon the inhabitants of the earth. Some were denouncing God and cursing Him. Others rushed to the people of God and begged to be taught how they might escape His judgments. But the saints had nothing for them. The last tear for sinners had been shed, the last agonizing prayer offered, the last burden borne, the last warning given. The sweet voice of mercy was no more to invite them. When the saints, and all heaven, were interested for their salvation, they had no interest for themselves. Life and death had been set before them. Many desired life, but made no effort to obtain it. They did not choose life, and now there was no atoning blood to cleanse the guilty, no compassionate Saviour to plead for them, and cry, "Spare, spare the sinner a little longer." All heaven had united with Jesus, as they heard the fearful words, "It is done. It is finished." The plan of salvation had been accomplished, but few had chosen to accept it. And as mercy's sweet voice died away, fear and horror seized the wicked. With terrible distinctness they heard the words, "Too late! too late!" {EW 281.1}

The United States passes Sunday laws and the rest of the world will be led to follow her example. Why will they do this? It will be because Satan appears as Christ in all parts of the world to get all nations on board with a universal Sunday law as we see in the following statements:

As America, the land of religious liberty, shall unite with the papacy in forcing the conscience and compelling men to honor the false sabbath, the people of every country on the globe will be led to follow her example. {6T 18.2}

As the crowning act in the great drama of deception, Satan himself will personate Christ. The church has long professed to look to the Saviour's advent as the consummation of her hopes. Now the great deceiver will make it appear that Christ has come. In different parts of the earth, Satan will manifest himself among men as a majestic being of dazzling brightness, resembling the description of the Son of God given by John in the Revelation. Revelation 1:13-15. The glory that surrounds him is unsurpassed by anything that mortal eyes have yet beheld. The shout of triumph rings out upon the air: "Christ has come! Christ has come!" The people prostrate themselves in adoration before him, while he lifts up his hands and pronounces a blessing upon them, as Christ blessed His disciples when He was upon the earth. His voice is soft and subdued, yet full of melody. In gentle, compassionate tones he presents some of the same gracious, heavenly truths which the Saviour uttered; he heals the diseases of the people, and then, in his assumed character of Christ, he claims to have changed the Sabbath to Sunday, and commands all to hallow the day which he has blessed. He declares that those who persist in keeping holy the seventh day are blaspheming his name by refusing to listen to his angels sent to them with light and truth. This is the strong, almost overmastering delusion. Like the Samaritans who were deceived by Simon Magus, the multitudes, from the least to the greatest, give heed to these sorceries, saying: This is "the great power of God." Acts 8:10. {GC 624.2}





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The law of God will not be fully made void in all the nations of our world until after Satan appears as Christ:

In this age antichrist will appear as the true Christ, and then the law of God will be fully made void in the nations of our world. Rebellion against God's holy law will be fully ripe. But the true leader of all this rebellion is Satan clothed as an angel of light. Men will be deceived and will exalt him to the place of God, and deify him. But Omnipotence will interpose, and to the apostate churches that unite in the exaltation of Satan, the sentence will go forth, "Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her" [Rev. 18:8].--TM 62 (1893). {LDE 168.2}

Laws enforcing the observance of Sunday as the Sabbath will bring about a national apostasy from the principles of republicanism upon which the government has been founded. The religion of the papacy will be accepted by the rulers, and the law of God will be made void.--7MR 192 (1906). {LDE 132.1}

We see in the first statement above that Satan personates Christ resulting in a universal Sunday law and as seen in the second statement, we see that it is Sunday laws that make the law of God void. After Satan personates Christ then the plagues will fall on this world. For the entire world to be tested over the mark of the beast, the entire world must first fully make the law of God void.

The personation of Christ by Satan is prophesied in the New Testament: "And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light." 2 Corinthians 11:14

Here is a statement that verifies that 2 Corinthians 11:14 refers to Satan's personation of Christ:

In the last days Satan will appear as an angel of light, with great power and heavenly glory, and claim to be the Lord of the whole earth. He will declare that the Sabbath has been changed from the seventh to the first day of the week; and as lord of the first day of the week he will present this spurious sabbath as a test of loyalty to him. Then will take place the final fulfillment of the Revelator's prophecy. [Revelation 13:4-18, quoted.] {19MR 282.1}

"Then will take place the final fulfillment of the Revelator's prophecy. [Revelation 13:4-18, quoted.] This statement teaches us that Satan first personates Christ before Revelation 13 is fulfilled and Revelation 13 is fulfilled before the close of probation.

In Revelation 13 we see Satan, who is personating Christ, causing fire come down from heaven:

In Revelation we read concerning Satan: "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. 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. 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" (Revelation 13:13-17). . . . {3SM 393.1}

Satan will come in to deceive if possible the very elect. He claims to be Christ, and he is coming in, pretending to be the great medical missionary. He will cause fire to come down from heaven in the sight of men to prove that he is God.--MM 87, 88 (1903). {LDE 167.4}

Satan, personating Christ, will cause all the world to be tested and the testing - for it to have any relevance - must take place before the close of probation:

"As the crowning act in the great drama of deception, Satan himself will personate Christ. . . . Only those who have been diligent students of the Scriptures and who have received the love of the truth will be shielded from the powerful delusion that takes the world captive. By the Bible testimony these will detect the deceiver in his disguise. To all the





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testing time will come. By the sifting of temptation the genuine Christian will be revealed. Are the people of God now so firmly established upon His word that they would not yield to the evidence of their senses? Would they, in such a crisis, cling to the Bible and the Bible only? Satan will, if possible, prevent them from obtaining a preparation to stand in that day. He will so arrange affairs as to hedge up their way, entangle them with earthly treasures, cause them to carry a heavy, wearisome burden, that their hearts may be overcharged with the cares of this life and the day of trial may come upon them as a thief. {GC 624, 625}

Below is the manuscript from which the statement in the book, Last Day Events, pages 164, 165 is taken which, in isolation, seems to indicate that Satan personates Christ only after the close of probation. It is from this statement in Last Day Events that people have come to the conclusion that Satan will not personate Christ until after probation closes. But if you will read the full context I don't think this view is warranted. You will notice that he has first appeared to the world before he appears to the saints during Jacob's time of trouble. This harmonizes with everything else Ellen White wrote on this subject. When all that is written is considered **I think it is clear that Satan personates Christ both before and after probation closes.**

Ms 16, 1884

Satan's Last Deception

Portions of this manuscript are published in LDE 164-165.

Satan sees that he is about to lose his case. He cannot sweep in the whole world. He makes one more, last, desperate effort to overcome the faithful by deception. He does this in personating Christ. He clothes himself with the garments of royalty which have been accurately described in the vision of John. He has power to do this. He will appear to his deluded followers, the Christian world who received not the love of the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness (transgression of the law), as Christ coming the second time. {Ms16-1884.1}

He proclaims himself Christ, and he is believed to be Christ, a beautiful, majestic being clothed with majesty and, with soft voice with pleasant words, with glory unsurpassed by anything their mortal eyes had yet beheld.

These, his deceived, deluded followers, set up a shout of victory, "Christ has come the second time! Christ has come! He has lifted up His hands just as He did when He was upon the earth, and blessed us." {Ms16-1884.2} Here it was [that] the masterly effort of Satan would have deceived the very elect. But who were the ones blessed by him? Whom did he make glad? Whom did he honor? The combined powers of earth, the churches fallen by rejecting light and the messages of mercy Heaven had sent to heal Babylon but she refused. (Christ had declared the friendship of the world was enmity with God. Whosoever would be a friend of the world was the enemy of God.) The papal power, the man of sin which thought to change times and laws, that had presented a rival sabbath to the world to be worshiped, the apostate power who sits in the temple of God showing himself that he is God, the power that drank the blood of the saints is united with the Protestant churches, having two horns like a lamb but speaks as a dragon; the deceptions of spiritualism which have perpetuated Satan's lie uttered in Eden, "Thou shalt not surely die" [Genesis 3:4]—all these are bound up in bundles, a corrupt harmony under a corrupt leader. The blessing is pronounced by this false christ upon the worshipers of the beast and his image, [the people] who have received the mark of the beast and the mark of the image of the beast. {Ms16-1884.3}

Here is the only hope of God's people—the unerring word of Jehovah that there would be a remnant only in this trying time who would keep the word of Christ's patience, who would not worship the beast, papal Rome, or his image (Protestants who are represented by the image beast with lamb-like pretensions but speaks as a dragon). "If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: and the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name." Revelation 14:9-11. {Ms16-1884.4}





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Appearances will deceive. The masterly miracle-working power of Satan has carried the whole world with them and the fallen churches, and those only who have [made] the Bible their study, who have the law of God engraven in their hearts, will stand the test of this time of satanic delusion and peril. If it were possible, Jesus tells us, they would deceive the very elect. Satan in personating Jesus Christ is worshiped as God. Shout upon shout of victory is heard in adoration and in praise. {Ms16-1884.5}

Angels of God are waiting the mandate from the divine Advocate which shall place man above the wrath of Satan. The Lord of heaven and of earth sorrows and rejoices over His repenting, believing children. Their steadfast [adherence to] principle was attended by loss, sacrifice, and peril. Their adherence to the commandments of God provoked calumny and [the] hatred of the disloyal and apostate churches. Whatsoever is not sustained by the Bible standard must not be entertained. Those who are the agents of Satan are vindictive, cruel, and like their master. Those who make the Bible their standard must expect abuse, outrage. In the cause of truth there can be no compromise. {Ms16-1884.6}

Jesus is looking from His throne upon His people. His interest is identified with His suffering brethren. With joy the angel hears the word from Jesus, “Take away the filthy garments from him and clothe him with change of raiment.” And He said, “Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment.” [Zechariah 3:4.] Satan sees that he is about to lose his last chance of subverting these souls and he brings all the powers of his satanic generalship into intense activity. This last great act in the drama is in personating Jesus Christ. His disguise is discerned by none but those who are established in the Scriptures and acquainted [with] the word of God. [possible page missing here] {Ms16-1884.7}

The saints look on with amazement. Will they also be deceived? Will they worship Satan? Angels of God are about them. A clear, firm, musical voice is heard, “Look up.” There was one object before the praying ones—[the] final and eternal salvation of their souls. This object was before them constantly—that immortal life was promised to them who endure unto the end. Oh, how earnest and fervent had been their desires. The judgment and eternity were in view. Their eyes by faith were fixed on the blazing throne, before which the white-robed ones were to stand. This restrained them from the indulgence of sin. They were ripening for heaven. They had been cultivating spiritual mindedness, and striving soul, might, mind, and strength with persevering energy to copy the Pattern, that they might be without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, and meet their Lord in peace. Their souls went out in all the intense longing for to see Jesus, and by beholding by faith the character and purity of Jesus they were being transformed into His image. They were being brought into close harmony with Jesus Christ, and they had indomitable purpose. They would not dishonor God; they would not receive the mark of the beast or of his image; they would overcome as servants and sons of God, that they might inherit all things. {Ms16-1884.8}

As a child lost weeps and longs for home, so did the remnant long to see Him whom their souls loveth, their Deliverer, Him in whom their hope of eternal life was centered. Pilgrims and strangers amidst labors, sorrows and conflicts, they turn the eye of faith heavenward, exclaiming, “Come, Lord Jesus, and come quickly.” Home—the mansions Christ has gone to prepare for them; how they long for their home in glory, how they long to enter within the gates of the city and dwell in the presence of Jesus forever. Their desires have been cherished long, and as Satan and his angels inspired the world, the church, and state against them, their souls with intense longings have cherished the soul-inspiring hope of overcoming and wearing the crown of life. Their character had obtained the heavenly mold that gave them discernment to see the disguises of Satan. Their understanding of Scriptures had given them a fixedness of purpose, an indomitable energy, which rendered them impossible to be molded or subdued by earth or hell. If they would be discouraged, Satan would have overwhelmed them. {Ms16-1884.9}

They count all things loss for the excellency of Christ. They could not be bribed or seduced or terrified. They were deaf to the siren song of pleasure, blind to the dazzling splendors presented before them to confuse, to allure, their senses. Worldly distractions, ambitions, honors were presented before them but only to be rejected. Indifferent to the threats and unmoved by terrors of the infernal powers, they could not be overthrown by Satan’s devices. {Ms16-1884.10}





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One effort more, and then Satan's last device is employed. He hears the unceasing cry for Christ to come, for Christ to deliver them. This last strategy is to personate Christ and make them think their prayers are answered. But this answers to the last closing work, the abomination of desolation standing in the holy place. [Text ends here.] {Ms16-1884.11}

Satan knows all of the signs and events that lead-up to the close of probation. How can he miss his one last great opportunity?! Doesn't make any sense... but, let's see some proofs. I should think it makes great sense because the elect are those whose destiny is determined and Satan thinks to cheat even those sealed through deceptions and tribulations Mark 13:20... But for the sake of the elect, whom he chose, he has cut short those days. What is the close of probation if not an act of drawing a distinguishing line between those who are holy and those who are filthy! Mark 13:22 false messiahs and false prophets will appear and produce signs and omens, to lead astray, if possible, the elect. The elect are already chosen that's why Jesus ends with: *behold, i have told you before.* (Matthew 24:25). If Satan *would know* when probation closes, and for that matter try to personate Christ before close of probation, why does he intensify his persecution even after probation closes in the Time of Trouble? Why does Satan, even after the millennium, knowing full well all the prophecies had been fulfilled exactly as prophesied, still try to attack the New Jerusalem? All this just doesn't add up. Satan's battle closes with his destruction just as death and hades end in the lake of fire. And Satan's deception is not dependent on the closing of probation but that's his nature until he is de-natured in the lake of fire. From the following SOP quote it is obvious that Satan will personate Christ before the close of probation:

*"If men are so easily misled now, how will they stand when Satan shall personate Christ, and work miracles? Who will be unmoved by his misrepresentations then—professing to be Christ when it is only Satan assuming the person of Christ, and apparently working the works of Christ? *What will hold God's people* from giving their allegiance to false christ? "Go not after them" (Luke 17:23) (Selected Messages 2:394, 395).*

Putting the pieces together, we read this from LDE, which is found in Ms 16, 1884:

Satan sees that HE IS ABOUT TO LOSE HIS CASE. He cannot sweep in the whole world. He makes one last desperate effort TO OVERCOME THE FAITHFUL by deception. He does this in personating Christ. He clothes himself with the garments of royalty which have been accurately described in the vision of John. He has power to do this. He will appear to his deluded followers, the Christian world WHO RECEIVED NOT THE LOVE OF THE TRUTH but had pleasure in unrighteousness (transgression of the law), as Christ coming the second time. {LDE 164.1}...He proclaims himself Christ, and he is believed to be Christ, a beautiful, majestic being clothed with majesty and, with soft voice and pleasant words, with glory unsurpassed by anything their mortal eyes had yet beheld. Then his deceived, deluded followers set up a shout of victory, "Christ has come the second time! Christ has come! He has lifted up His hands just as He did when He was upon the earth, and blessed us." {LDE 164.2} The saints look on with amazement. Will they also be deceived? Will they worship Satan? Angels of God are about them. A CLEAR, FIRM, MUSICAL VOICE IS HEARD, 'Look up.' {LDE 164.3} THERE WAS ONE OBJECT BEFORE THE PRAYING ONES—THE FINAL AND ETERNAL SALVATION OF THEIR SOULS. THIS OBJECT WAS BEFORE THEM CONSTANTLY--that immortal life was promised to those who endure unto the end. Oh, how earnest and fervent had been their desires. The judgment and eternity were in view. Their eyes by faith were fixed on the blazing throne, before which the white-robed ones were to stand. This restrained them from the indulgence of sin. {LDE 164.4}. One effort more, and then Satan's last device is employed. He hears the unceasing cry for Christ to come, for Christ TO DELIVER THEM. THIS LAST STRATEGY IS TO PERSONATE CHRIST, AND MAKE THEM THINK THAT THEIR PRAYERS ARE ANSWERED. --Ms 16, 1884. {LDE 165.1}

1. It is clear that Satan's purpose here is to overcome the faithful. There is no concern about deceiving the wicked because he already has them. That is, they have the mark of the beast and its image. Satan sees that he is about to lose because they are passing the test of the imposition of the death decree. This is coming right up to the time of the fifth plague, as the midnight hour approaches for the wicked to kill the saints. So his last strategy is to make the saints believe that Christ has come and their captivity is turned.
2. "Who received not the love of the truth" is an allusion to 2 Thess. 2:8-12, which EGW links to the image to the beast in GC 443-5.





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Lemme me put a twist on this thing. Noah was shut in the ark seven days even without the door being closed and he didn't know probation had closed. What do I mean? When he went in and the animal started entering in he couldn't come out so he was shut in. Noah being a representative of the seventh day, his/their probation was closed while the door was open to these scoffing gentiles to enter alongside the animals. So the animals were entering and the door still open yet his probation closed but still open to the gentiles. The door then shuts for the gentiles when the angel comes from heaven and closes it but for Noah it had shut him in and while the animals were entering and him arranging them he could not go out, >>>***For seven days these animals were coming into the ark, and Noah was arranging them in the places prepared for them.***<<<.....Everything was now ready for the closing of the ark, which could not have been done by Noah from within...>>>***Seven days were the family of Noah in the ark before the rain began to descend upon the earth. In this time they were arranging for their long stay while the waters should be upon the earth.***<<< 3SG 67, 68}. This is well demonstrated by 9T 97.2. So far what have I said? Noah did not know when probation closed for him same as adventists will not know. In the midst of those who are sealed working for gentiles which are like the animals, probation for us closes, when the number is made up of the gentiles the general close of probation of the whole world happens. This general closing of probation is the one that seems harder to discern but it is not. Notice: -

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, vol. 6, p. 408. {ChS 52.1}

Sounds like a drastic change

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.—The Great Controversy, 614 (1911).

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, vol. 6, p. 408. {ChS 52.1}

In the day of the Lord, just before the coming of Christ, God will send lightnings from heaven in his wrath, which will unite with fire in the earth. The mountains will burn like a furnace, and will pour forth terrible streams of lava, destroying gardens and fields, villages and cities; and as they pour their melted ore, rocks and heated mud, into the rivers, will cause them to boil like a pot, and send forth massive rocks, and scatter their broken fragments upon the land with indescribable violence. Whole rivers will be dried up. The earth will be convulsed, and there will be dreadful eruptions and earthquakes everywhere. God will plague the wicked inhabitants of the earth until they are destroyed from off it. The saints are preserved in the earth in the midst of these dreadful commotions, as Noah was preserved in the ark at the time of the flood. {ISP 84.4}

In Noah's day it was easy to know the general door of probation had closed because literally a visible angel came and closed the door in the sight of Noah and the scoffers, but for us what literal or spiritual event can be likened to this?! It's the drastic change of things at the second plague that necessitates the death decree at the thought to reverse the calamities! This is when there will be a universal death decree from the papacy himself and his team that's when we realize probation had closed. For a few individuals who will be gathered together and they try to cut them but the weapon turn into straw will know probation has closed but because there will not be internet to relate this events to each other, the whole world of Christians and scoffers won't publicize it apart from witnessing of such events in small companies. Also, at the morphing from the 6th to the 7th plague when the voice of God is heard by everyone saying "it's done" now everyone understands probation had closed. You notice this is said at the beginning of the 7th plague which means the wicked, righteous living, resurrected wicked and resurrected righteous have to face the accumulation of the 6 plagues now bundled into one plague which is the 7th. The words it's done has a deeper meaning to all the companies alive, the righteous now fears nothing even the 7th plague though so intense because they have heard the assurance from the Father while the wicked now are totally helpless because they know their doom had been pronounced. You look at the 4th and 5th plague there's still scoffing, blaspheming and





cursing because they don't know their doomed is fixed and maybe there will be a change of events that will make things better. God brings to their attention at the 7th plague that nothing is can be reversed.

What next then?

Special Resurrection

Dan 12:1-3: 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. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

Rev 1:7; Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

Those who played an especially hard-core part in the persecution of Christ and/or Christ in His people through the ages will come up to see the second coming and destruction of the earth and those who died in faith in the third angel's message will also come up at the same time. The general resurrection comes a bit later, when Christ is nearer the earth. Special resurrection is at great earthquake, which is plague 7: *“And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done: And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great.” Rev 16:17, 18.* It is God's way of answering the defiance of the wicked. Such a manifestation can be remembers in Matth 27:52, 53 and we know what happened. Also think of Pharaoh, who said, "Who is God that I should listen to Him?" or Rev 1:7 which will be fulfilled to the letter as per the following promise:

Matt 26:59-63: Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the council, sought false witness against Jesus, to put him to death; But found none: yea, though many false witnesses came, yet found they none. At the last came two false witnesses, and said, this fellow said, I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days. And the high priest arose, and said unto him, Answerest thou nothing? What is it which these witness against thee? But Jesus held his peace. And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God. Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.

Quoting from Spirit of Prophecy

"That voice shakes the heavens and the earth. There is a mighty earthquake, "such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake and so great." [Revelation 16:17, 18.] The firmament appears to open and shut. The glory from the throne of God seems flashing through. The mountains shake like a reed in the wind, and ragged rocks are scattered on every side. There is a roar as of a coming tempest. The sea is lashed into fury. There is heard the shriek of the hurricane, like the voice of demons upon a mission of destruction. The whole earth heaves and swells like the waves of the sea. Its surface is breaking up. Its very foundations seem to be giving way. Mountain chains are sinking. Inhabited islands disappear. The seaports that have become like Sodom for wickedness, are swallowed up by the angry waters. Babylon the Great hath come in remembrance before God, "to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath." [Revelation 16:19, 21.] Great hailstones, every one "about the weight of a talent," are doing their work of destruction. The proudest cities of the earth are laid low. The lordly palaces, upon which the world's great men have lavished their wealth in order to glorify themselves, are crumbling to ruin before their eyes. Prison walls are rent asunder, and God's people, who have been held in bondage for their faith, are set free. (GC88 636.3) "Graves are opened, and "many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth" "awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt." [Daniel 12:2.] All who have died in the faith of the third angel's message come forth from the tomb glorified, to hear God's covenant of peace with those who have kept his law. "They also which pierced Him," [Revelation 1:7.] those that mocked and derided Christ's dying agonies, and the most violent opposers of his truth and his people, are raised to behold him in his glory, and to see the honor placed upon the loyal and obedient" (GC88 637.1).





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It becomes clear that Satan will try to impersonate Christ to enforce the universal Sunday Law before the close of probation. I am not hard-ironed to conclude cause we have more to learn and unlearn and prophecies becomes clear as we draw near these cataclysm events. For there is assurance that: “*We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts*” 2Pe:1:19 but also: “*For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.*” 1Co:13:12. Moreso, prophecy is better understood when it is happening or after it has been fulfilled. What we have to do then is seek that gold that is pure and the white raiment that we may not be caught naked and be shamed. This is the faith of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, without with; no one is going to make it.

Let everyone who loves God consider that now while it is day is the time to work, not among the sheep already in the fold, but to go out in search of the lost and perishing ones. These need to have special help to bring them back to the fold. Now is the time for the careless to arouse from their slumber. Now is the time to entreat that souls shall not only hear the word of God, but without delay secure oil in their vessels with their lamps. That oil is the righteousness of Christ. It represents character, and character is not transferable. No man can secure it for another. Each must obtain for himself a character purified from every stain of sin. {TM 233.2}

Order of final events

1. *Healing process of the First Beast's wound. America the Second Beast exercises the power of the First Beast (church-state unite) (Rev. 13:3, 12)*
2. *Apostate Protestant America by means of false miracles deceive people (Rev. 13:13)*
3. *Complete healing of the wound of the First Beast by creation of the Image of the first beast. Church-state union is made in America. (Rev. 13:14)*
4. *The Mark of the Beast (the Sunday law) is enforced (Rev. 13:16)*
5. *The Pope as the King of the north, the leader of spiritual Babylon leads the persecution (Dan. 11:40)*
6. *The war against the allied atheist powers (Dan. 11:40)*
7. *The Church is persecuted and shaken, and many people leave it (Dan. 11:41)*
8. *The atheist nations are completely overthrown, spiritual Babylon triumphs and all the world is behind her (Dan. 11:42)*
9. *The no buy and no sell law is enforced worldwide (Dan. 11:43; Rev. 13:17)*
10. *The latter rain, loud cry, and sealing takes place (Dan. 11:44a; Rev. 18)*
11. *Impersonation of Christ (Dan. 11:45)*
12. *Jesus finishes His work, stands for His people, and the time of trouble begins (COP) (Dan. 12:1)*
13. *Satan instigates a death decree against Sabbath keepers (Dan. 11:44b; Rev. 13:15)*
14. *The plagues fall to destroy Babylon (Dan. 11:45b; 12:1, Rev. 16)*
15. *The special and first resurrections take place (Dan. 12:2)*
16. *Jesus then returns and His people are delivered (Dan. 12:3)*
17. *Satan's final destruction happens after the millennium (Dan. 11:45b; Rev. 20)*



SUMMARY OF THE 3 FOLD REJECTION TYPOLOGY TABLE	
ANCIENT ISRAEL	SPIRITUAL ISRAEL
<p>AD 31 – SANHEDRIN</p> <p>Behold your House is left unto you desolate (Matt 23:38)</p> <p>Jesus could not continue working with this apostate Sanhedrin and they crucified Him saying we have no other King but Ceaser. He moved to the Greeks outside the temple symbolizing their soon rejection by crucifying Him (John 12:20-24). Still could be saved but not looked upon as the Authority.</p>	<p>TIME NOT PRECISE</p> <p>When the Leaders refuse the visible messenger of Laodicea by rejected the SoP. The message of Laodicea is for the Angel of that church (Clergy).</p> <p>Consider such statements:</p> <p>The voice from Battle Creek, which has been regarded as authority in counseling how the work should be done, is no longer the voice of God.--17MR 185 (1896). {LDE 50.2} It has been some years since I have considered the General Conference as the voice of God.--17MR 216 (1898). {LDE 50.3} That these men should stand in a sacred place, to be as the voice of God to the people, as we once believed the General Conference to be--that is past.--GCB April 3, 1901, p. 25. {LDE 50.4}</p> <p>Jesus sends his people a message of warning to prepare them for his coming. To the prophet John was made known the closing work in the great plan of man's redemption. He beheld an angel flying "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, 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." [Revelation 14:6, 7.] {4SP 199.2}</p> <p>The angel represented in prophecy as delivering this message, symbolizes a class of faithful men, who, obedient to the promptings of God's Spirit and the teachings of his word, proclaim this warning to the inhabitants of earth. THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT TO BE COMMITTED TO THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS OF THE PEOPLE. THEY HAD FAILED TO PRESERVE THEIR CONNECTION WITH GOD, AND HAD REFUSED THE LIGHT FROM HEAVEN; THEREFORE THEY WERE NOT OF THE NUMBER DESCRIBED BY THE APOSTLE PAUL: "BUT YE, BRETHREN, ARE NOT IN DARKNESS, THAT THAT DAY SHOULD OVERTAKE YOU AS A THIEF. YE ARE ALL THE CHILDREN OF LIGHT, AND THE CHILDREN OF THE DAY; WE ARE NOT OF THE NIGHT NOR OF DARKNESS." [1 THESSALONIANS 5:4, 5.] {4SP 199.3}</p>



<p>AD 34 – THE PECULIAR PEOPLE</p> <p>End of Dan 9 Prophecy and rejection of the Jews as the peculiar people by stoning Stephen. They were no longer the bearers of the message but it moved to gentiles (Rom 13:46). Only those who had embraced the message receive the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost and goes to the other sheep John 10:16. Some like James seal the testimony with their blood. Ananias and Saphira are shaken out as Paul the vehement opposer of truth, Apolos and Timothy who had no truth are drafted in when the early rain is at work. Messages go to Asia Minor, Rome and many gentile areas. Still the Jews could be saved but the chief work was not amidst them. Persecution had scattered the apostles to non-Jewish nations and remote places</p>	<p>NATIONAL SUNDAY LAW</p> <p>The visible church is rejected as the bearers of the message. Those only who are ready receive the latter rain and sound the Loud Cry. Unctioned by the spirit (God will use ways and means by which it will be seen that He is taking the reins in His own hands. The workers will be surprised by the simple means that He will use to bring about and perfect His work of righteousness.--Testimonies to Ministers, p. 300. (1885) {Ev 118.1}). Many a star are shaken out as in the time of little trouble many seal the testimony with their blood a repeat of John 10:16. Former violent opposers of truth Islam, protestants and other faiths are drafted in. Persecution scatters the ministers far a wide. We know the latter rain only comes after the NSL:</p> <p>The great issue so near at hand [enforcement of Sunday laws] will weed out those whom God has not appointed and He will have a pure, true, sanctified ministry prepared for the latter rain.--3SM 385 (1886). {LDE 179.2} Many will stand in our pulpits with the torch of false prophecy in their hands, kindled from the hellish torch of Satan. . . . {LDE 179.3} Some will go out from among us who will bear the ark no longer. But these can not make walls to obstruct the truth; for it will go onward and upward to the end.--TM 409, 411 (1898). {LDE 179.4}</p> <p>After it comes we are told:</p> <p>The angel who unites in the proclamation of the third angel's message is to lighten the whole earth with his glory. A work of world-wide extent and unwonted power is here foretold. The advent movement of 1840-44 was a glorious manifestation of the power of God; the first angel's message was carried to every missionary station in the world, and in some countries there was the greatest religious interest which has been witnessed in any land since the Reformation of the sixteenth century; but these are to be exceeded by the mighty movement under the last warning of the third angel. {GC 611.1} 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. "Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord: His going forth is prepared as the morning; and He shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth." Hosea 6:3. "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." Joel 2:23. "In the last days, saith God, I will pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh." "And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved." Acts 2:17, 21. {GC 611.2}</p>
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Close of Probation, Satan Impersonating Christ and Special Resurrection

	<p>The great work of the gospel is not to close with less manifestation of the power of God than marked its opening. The prophecies which were fulfilled in the outpouring of the former rain at the opening of the gospel are again to be fulfilled in the latter rain at its close. Here are "the times of refreshing" to which the apostle Peter looked forward when he said: "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; and He shall send Jesus." Acts 3:19, 20. {GC 611.3}</p>
<p>AD 70 CLOSE OF PROBATION The nation is razed down and punished but those who flee before Titus came unexpectedly are not hurt. The signs of Roman standards which was an abomination that causes desolation had been an indicator to the wise that their nation's extend of mercy had come to an end. Matthew 24:15-28</p>	<p>GENERAL CLOSE OF PROBATION Revelation 22:11 is pronounced and Michael stands up Daniel 12:1, Isaiah 3:13 and Rev 15:8. When Jesus leaves His ministry no more confessions and forgiveness. The intensity of Sunday Law shows the sooner close of probation and abruptly the 7 last plagues are poured. Those who are in the book of life are safe. No more martyrs:</p> <p>The eye of God, looking down the ages, was fixed upon the crisis which His people are to meet, when earthly powers shall be arrayed against them. Like the captive exile, they will be in fear of death by starvation or by violence. But the Holy One who divided the Red Sea before Israel, will manifest His mighty power and turn their captivity. "They shall be Mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up My jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him." Malachi 3:17. 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. Says the psalmist: "In the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion: in the secret of His tabernacle shall He hide me." Psalm 27:5. Christ has spoken: "Come, My people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast. For, behold, the Lord cometh out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity." Isaiah 26:20, 21. Glorious will be the deliverance of those who have patiently waited for His coming and whose names are written in the book of life. {GC 634.1}</p>

