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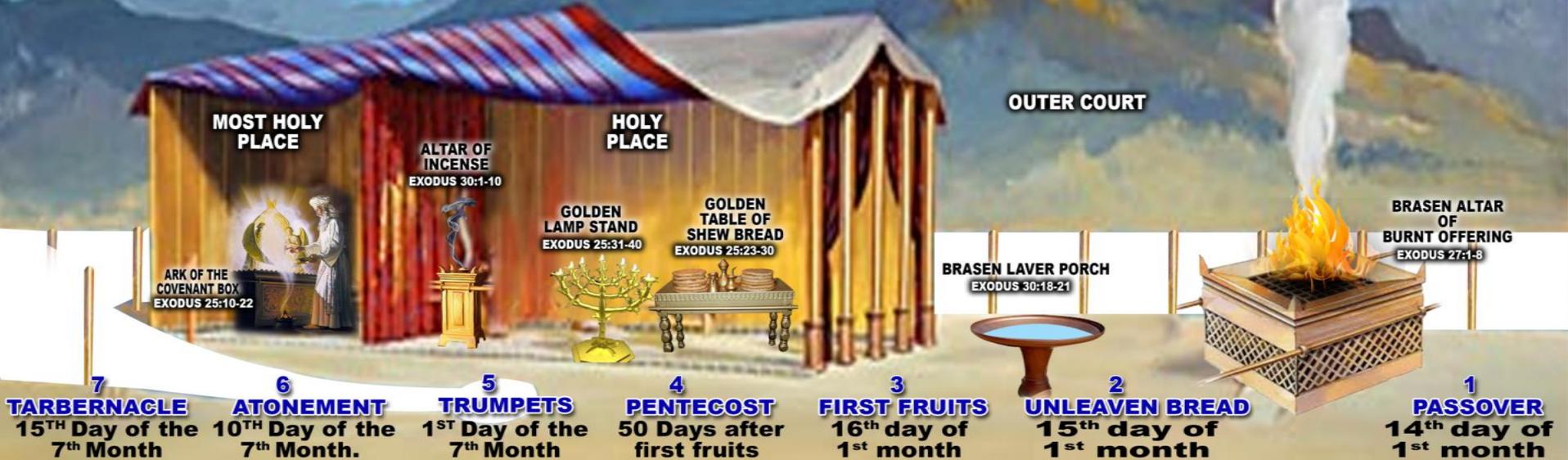
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A LIMIT

I saw the necessity of the messengers, especially, watching and checking all fanaticism wherever they might see it rise. Satan is pressing in on every side, and unless we watch for him, and have our eyes open to his devices and snares, and have on the whole armor of God, the fiery darts of the wicked will hit us. There are many precious truths contained in the Word of God, but it is "present truth" that the flock needs now. I have seen the danger of the messengers running off from the important points of present truth, to dwell upon subjects that are not calculated to unite the flock and sanctify the soul. Satan will here take every possible advantage to injure the cause. {EW 63.1} But such subjects as the sanctuary, in connection with the 2300 days, the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, are perfectly calculated to explain the past Advent movement and show what our present position is, establish the faith of the doubting, and give certainty to the glorious future. These, I have frequently seen, were the principal subjects on which the messengers should dwell. {EW 63.2}

Ac 17:26: And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;

THE FALL FEASTS (PSALMS 77:13)

In like manner the types which relate to the second advent must be fulfilled at the time pointed out in the symbolic service. {GC 399.4}

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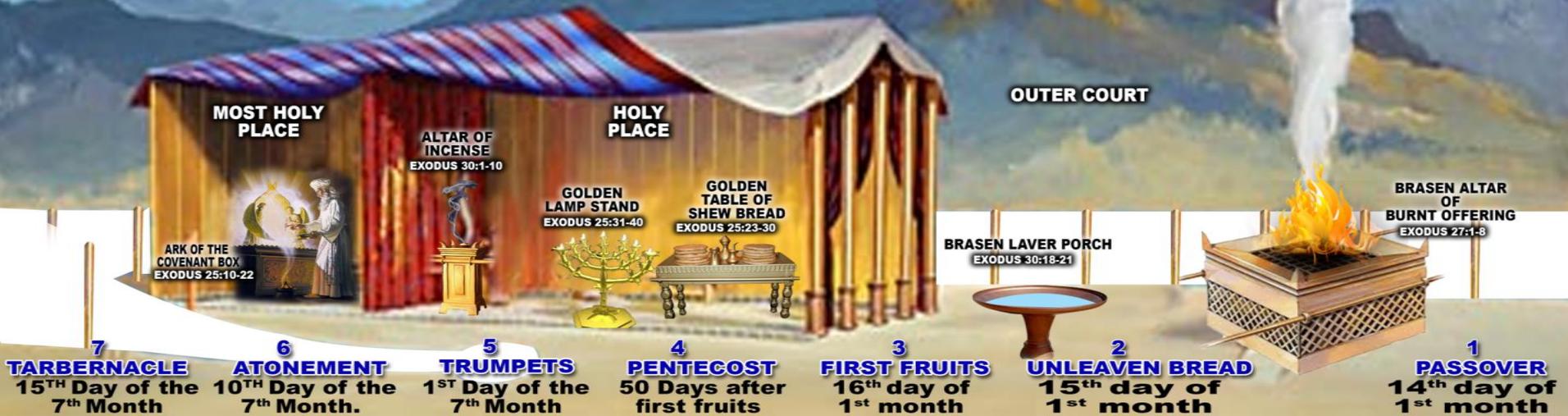
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In 1833 Miller received a license to preach, from the Baptist Church, of which he was a member. A large number of the ministers of his denomination also approved his work, and it was with their formal sanction that he continued his labors. He traveled and preached unceasingly, though his personal labors were confined principally to the New England and Middle States. For several years his expenses were met wholly from his own private purse, and he never afterward received enough to meet the expense of travel to the places where he was invited. Thus his public labors, so far from being a pecuniary benefit, were a heavy tax upon his property, which gradually diminished during this period of his life. He was the father of a large family, but as they were all frugal and industrious, his farm sufficed for their maintenance as well as his own. {GC 332.1}

LAST HARBINGER

In 1833, two years after Miller began to present in public the evidences of Christ's soon coming, the last of the signs appeared which were promised by the Saviour as tokens of His second advent. Said Jesus: "The stars shall fall from heaven." Matthew 24:29. And John in the Revelation declared, as he beheld in vision the scenes that should herald the day of God: "The stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind." Revelation 6:13. This prophecy received a striking and impressive fulfillment in the great meteoric shower of November 13, 1833. That was the most extensive and wonderful display of falling stars which has ever been recorded; "the whole firmament, over all the United States, being then, for hours, in fiery commotion! No celestial phenomenon has ever occurred in this country, since its first settlement, which was viewed with such intense admiration by one class in the community, or with so much dread and alarm by another." "Its sublimity and awful beauty still linger in many minds. . . . Never did rain fall much thicker than the meteors fell toward the earth; east, west, north, and south, it was the same. In a word, the whole heavens seemed in motion. . . . The display, as described in Professor Silliman's Journal, was seen all over North America. . . . From two o'clock until broad daylight, the sky being perfectly serene and cloudless, an incessant play of dazzlingly brilliant luminosities was kept up in the whole heavens."--R. M. Devens, American Progress; or, The Great Events of the Greatest Century, ch. 28, pars. 1-5. {GC 333.1}

DAY OF ATONEMENT

Thus far every specification of the prophecies is strikingly fulfilled, and the beginning of the seventy weeks is fixed beyond question at 457 B.C., and their expiration in A.D. 34. From this data there is no difficulty in finding the termination of the 2300 days. The seventy weeks--490 days--having been cut off from the 2300, there were 1810 days remaining. After the end of 490 days, the 1810 days were still to be fulfilled. From A.D. 34, 1810 years extend to 1844. Consequently the 2300 days of Daniel 8:14 terminate in 1844. At the expiration of this great prophetic period, upon the testimony of the angel of God, "the sanctuary shall be cleansed." Thus the time of the cleansing of the sanctuary--which was almost universally believed to take place at the second advent--was definitely pointed out. {GC 328.2}

Thus those who followed in the light of the prophetic word saw that, instead of coming to the earth at the termination of the 2300 days in 1844, Christ then entered the most holy place of the heavenly sanctuary to perform the closing work of atonement preparatory to His coming. {GC 422.1}

FEAST OF TABERNACLES 5 DAYS (YEARS) AFTER THE DAY OF ATONEMENT

The Sealing

At the commencement of the holy Sabbath, January 5, 1849, we engaged in prayer with Brother Belden's family at Rocky Hill, Connecticut, and the Holy Ghost fell upon us. I was taken off in vision to the most holy place, where I saw Jesus still interceding for Israel. On the bottom of His garment was a bell and a pomegranate. Then I saw that Jesus would not leave the most holy place until every case was decided either for salvation or destruction, and that the wrath of God could not come until Jesus had finished His work in the most holy place, laid off His priestly attire, and clothed Himself with the garments of vengeance. Then Jesus will step out from between the Father and man, and God will keep silence no longer, but pour out His wrath on those who have rejected His truth. I saw that the anger of the nations, the wrath of God, and the time to judge the dead were separate and distinct, one following the other, also that Michael had not stood up, and that the time of trouble, such as never was, had not yet commenced. The nations are now getting angry, but when our High Priest has finished His work in the sanctuary, He will stand up, put on the garments of vengeance, and then the seven last plagues will be poured out. {EW 36.1}

1. On page 33 is given the following: "I saw that the holy Sabbath is, and will be, the separating wall between the true Israel of God and unbelievers; and that the Sabbath is the great question to unite the hearts of God's dear, waiting saints. I saw that God had children who do not see and keep the Sabbath. They have not rejected the light upon it. And at the commencement of the time of trouble, we were filled with the Holy Ghost as we went forth and proclaimed the Sabbath more fully." {EW 85.2} This view was given in 1847 when there were but very few of the Advent brethren observing the Sabbath, and of these but few supposed that its observance was of sufficient importance to draw a line between the people of God and unbelievers. Now the fulfilment of that view is beginning to be seen. "The commencement of that time of trouble," here mentioned does not refer to the time when the plagues shall begin to be poured out, but to a short period just before they are poured out, while Christ is in the sanctuary. At that time, while the work of salvation is closing, trouble will be coming on the earth, and the nations will be angry, yet held in check so as not to prevent the work of the third angel. At that time the "latter rain," or refreshing from the presence of the Lord, will come, to give power to the loud voice of the third angel, and prepare the saints to stand in the period when the seven last plagues shall be poured out. {EW 85.3}

2. The view of "The Open and Shut Door", on pages 42-45, was given in 1849. The application of Revelation 3:7, 8, to the heavenly sanctuary and Christ's ministry was entirely new to me. I had never heard the idea advanced by anyone. Now as the subject of the sanctuary is being clearly understood, the application is seen in its force and beauty. {EW 86.1}

3. The view that the Lord "had stretched out His hand the second time to recover the remnant of His people," on page 74, refers only to the union and strength once existing among those looking for Christ, and to the fact that He had begun to unite and to raise up His people again. {EW 86.2}

4. Spirit Manifestations. [SEE APPENDIX.] On page 43 read as follows: "I saw that the mysterious knocking in New York and other places was the power of Satan, and that such things would be more and more common, clothed in a religious garb so as to lull the deceived to greater security and to draw the minds of God's people, if possible, to those things and cause them to doubt the teaching and power of the Holy Ghost." This view was given in 1849, nearly five years since. Then spirit manifestations were mostly confined to the city of Rochester, known as the "Rochester knockings." Since that time the heresy has spread beyond the expectations of anyone. {EW 86.3}

Much of the view on page 59, headed "Mysterious Rapping" given August 1850, has since been fulfilled, and is now fulfilling. Here is a portion of it: "I saw that soon it would be considered blasphemy to speak against the rapping, and that it would spread more and more, that Satan's power would increase, and some of his devoted followers would have power to work miracles, and even to bring down fire from heaven in the sight of men. I was shown that by the rapping and mesmerism these modern magicians would yet account for all the miracles wrought by our Lord Jesus Christ, and that many would believe that all the mighty works of the Son of God when on earth were accomplished by this same power." {EW 86.4}

I saw the rapping delusion-what progress it was making, and that if it were possible it would deceive the very elect. Satan will have power to bring before us the appearance of forms purporting to be our relatives or friends now sleeping in Jesus. It will be made to appear as if these friends were present; the words that they uttered while here, with which we were familiar, will be spoken, and the same tone of voice that they had while living will fall upon the ear. All this is to deceive the saints and ensnare them into the belief of this delusion. {EW 87.1}

Chap. 1 - Dorchester Vision of 1848 and Our First Publishing Ventures

The Dorchester Vision of 1848. [FOLLOWING THEIR RETURN FROM WESTERN NEW YORK IN SEPTEMBER, 1848, ELDER AND MRS. WHITE JOURNEYED TO MAINE, WHERE THEY HELD A MEETING WITH THE BELIEVERS, OCTOBER 20-22. THIS WAS THE TOPSHAM CONFERENCE, WHERE THE BRETHREN BEGAN PRAYING THAT A WAY MIGHT BE OPENED FOR PUBLISHING THE TRUTHS CONNECTED WITH THE ADVENT MESSAGE. A MONTH LATER THEY WERE WITH "A SMALL COMPANY OF BRETHREN AND SISTERS," WRITES JOSEPH BATES IN HIS PAMPHLET ON "THE SEALING MESSAGE," "ASSEMBLED IN MEETING IN DORCHESTER, NEAR BOSTON, MASS." "BEFORE THE MEETING COMMENCED," HE CONTINUES, "SOME OF US WERE EXAMINING SOME OF THE POINTS IN THE SEALING MESSAGE; SOME DIFFERENCE OF OPINION EXISTED ABOUT THE CORRECTNESS OF THE VIEW OF THE WORD 'ASCENDING' [SEE REVELATION 7:2], ETC." ELDER JAMES WHITE, IN. . . GIVING HIS ACCOUNT OF THIS MEETING, WRITES: "WE ALL FELT LIKE UNITING TO ASK WISDOM FROM GOD ON THE POINTS IN DISPUTE; ALSO BROTHER BATES'S DUTY IN WRITING. WE HAD AN EXCEEDINGLY POWERFUL MEETING. ELLEN WAS AGAIN TAKEN OFF IN VISION. SHE THEN BEGAN TO DESCRIBE THE SABBATH LIGHT, WHICH WAS THE SEALING TRUTH. SAID SHE; 'IT AROSE FROM THE RISING OF THE SUN. IT AROSE BACK THERE IN WEAKNESS, BUT LIGHT AFTER LIGHT HAS SHONE UPON IT UNTIL THE SABBATH TRUTH IS CLEAR, WEIGHTY, AND MIGHTY. LIKE THE SUN WHEN IT FIRST RISES, ITS RAYS ARE COLD, BUT AS IT COMES UP, ITS RAYS ARE WARMING AND POWERFUL; SO THE LIGHT AND POWER HAS INCREASED MORE AND MORE UNTIL ITS RAYS ARE POWERFUL, SANCTIFYING THE SOUL; BUT, UNLIKE THE SUN, IT WILL NEVER SET. THE SABBATH LIGHT WILL BE AT ITS BRIGHTEST WHEN THE SAINTS ARE IMMORTAL; IT WILL RISE HIGHER AND HIGHER UNTIL IMMORTALITY COMES.' "SHE SAW MANY INTERESTING THINGS ABOUT THIS GLORIOUS SEALING SABBATH, WHICH I HAVE NOT TIME OR SPACE TO RECORD. SHE TOLD BROTHER BATES TO WRITE THE THINGS HE HAD SEEN AND HEARD, AND THE BLESSING OF GOD WOULD ATTEND IT." IT WAS AFTER THIS VISION THAT MRS. WHITE INFORMED HER HUSBAND OF HIS DUTY TO PUBLISH, AND THAT AS HE SHOULD ADVANCE BY FAITH, SUCCESS WOULD ATTEND HIS EFFORTS.--LS 116, FOOTNOTE. REGARDING THIS VISION OF NOVEMBER 18, 1848, ELDER JOSEPH BATES TESTIFIED THAT HE SAW AND HEARD THE FOLLOWING FROM THE LIPS OF ELLEN HARMON: "'YEA, PUBLISH THE THINGS THOU HAST SEEN AND HEARD, AND THE BLESSING OF GOD WILL ATTEND. LOOK YE! THAT RISING IS IN STRENGTH, AND GROWS BRIGHTER AND BRIGHTER!' . . . THE ABOVE WAS COPIED WORD FOR WORD AS SHE SPAKE IN VISION, THEREFORE IT'S UNADULTERATED."--A SEAL OF THE LIVING GOD (SEVENTY-TWO-PAGE PAMPHLET PUBLISHED BY JOSEPH BATES IN 1849), P. 26.]--At a meeting held in Dorchester, Mass., November, 1848, I had been given a view of the proclamation of the sealing message, and of the duty of the brethren to publish the light that was shining upon our pathway. 16 {PM 15.1}

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The sealing time is very short, and will soon be over. Now is the time, while the four angels are holding the four winds, to make our calling and election sure. {EW 58.2}

Had Adventists, after the great disappointment in 1844, held fast their faith, and followed on unitedly in the opening providence of God, receiving the message of the third angel and in the power of the Holy Spirit proclaiming it to the world, they would have seen the salvation of God, the Lord would have wrought mightily with their efforts, the work would have been completed, and Christ would have come ere this to receive His people to their reward. {1SM 68.1}

1849

Sabbath afternoon one of our number was sick, and requested prayers that he might be healed. We all united in applying to the Physician who never lost a case, and while healing power came down, and the sick was healed, the Spirit fell upon me, and I was taken off in vision. I saw four angels who had a work to do on the earth, and were on their way to accomplish it. Jesus was clothed with Priestly garments. He gazed in pity on the remnant, then raised his hands upward, and with a voice of deep pity cried--"My Blood, Father, My Blood, My Blood, My Blood". Then I saw an exceeding bright light come from God, who sat upon the great white throne, and was shed all about Jesus. Then I saw an angel with a commission from Jesus, swiftly flying to the four angels who had a work to do on the earth, and waving something up and down in his hand, and crying with a loud voice--"Hold! Hold! Hold! Hold! until the servants of God are sealed in their foreheads." I asked my accompanying angel the meaning of what I heard, and what the four angels were about to do. He shewed me that it was God that restrained the powers, and that he gave his angels charge over things on the earth, and that the four angels had power from God to hold the four winds, and that they were about to let the four winds go, and while they had started on their mission to let them go, the merciful eye of Jesus gazed on the remnant that were not all sealed, then he raised his hands to the Father and plead with him that he had spilled his blood for them.--Then another angel was commissioned to fly swiftly to the four angels, and bid them hold until the servants of God were sealed with the seal of the living God in their foreheads.{Broadside2, January 31, 1849 par.3}

GET READY! GET READY! GET READY!

- In a view given June 27, 1850, my accompanying angel said, "Time is almost finished. Do you reflect the lovely image of Jesus as you should?" Then I was pointed to the earth and saw that there would have to be a **getting ready among those who have of late embraced the third angel's message.** Said the angel, "**Get ready, get ready, get ready.** Ye will have to die a greater death to the world than ye have ever yet died." I saw that there was **a great work to do** for them and but **little time** in which to do it. {EW 64.1}

Ellen White Expected: Christ's Return in Her Day - 1856

I was shown the company present at the Conference. Said the angel: "Some food for worms, [SISTER CLARISSA M. BONFOEY, WHO FELL ASLEEP IN JESUS ONLY THREE DAYS AFTER THIS VISION WAS GIVEN, WAS PRESENT IN USUAL HEALTH, AND WAS DEEPLY IMPRESSED THAT SHE WAS ONE WHO WOULD GO INTO THE GRAVE, AND STATED HER CONVICTIONS TO OTHERS.] some subjects of the seven last plagues, some will be alive and remain upon the earth to be translated at the coming of Jesus." {1T 131.3}

**AT THE START OF THE FEAST OF
TABERNACLES, CHRIST HAD TO COME
AND START 1000 YEARS OF PEACE IN
HEAVEN BUT HE DID NOT COME IN
1849 AFTER THE SEALING MESSAGE
HAD BEEN GIVEN IN 1848.
SPIRITUAL ISRAEL NOW HAVE TO
WONDER FOR FORTY YEARS IN
WILDERNESS. THIS WOULD TAKE
THEM TO 1889 A YEAR AFTER 1888
BUT WHY DID THIS HAPPEN!?**

Exodus 14:2, 3 Speak unto the children of Israel, that they turn and encamp before Pi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, over against Baal-zephon: before it shall ye encamp by the sea. **3:** For Pharaoh will say of the children of Israel, They are entangled in the land, the wilderness hath shut them in.

Deuteronomy 1:19: And when we departed from Horeb, we went through all that great and terrible wilderness, which ye saw by the way of the mountain of the Amorites, as the LORD our God commanded us; and we came to Kadesh-barnea.

Deuteronomy 1:2: (There are eleven days' journey from Horeb by the way of mount Seir unto Kadesh-barnea.)

A distance of only eleven days' journey lay between Sinai and Kadesh, on the borders of Canaan; and it was with the prospect of speedily entering the goodly land that the hosts of Israel resumed their march when the cloud at last gave the signal for an onward movement. Jehovah had wrought wonders in bringing them from Egypt, and what blessings might they not expect now that they had formally covenanted to accept Him as their Sovereign, and had been acknowledged as the chosen people of the Most High? {PP 376.3}

Chap. 34 - The Twelve Spies

Eleven days after leaving Mount Horeb the Hebrew host encamped at Kadesh, in the wilderness of Paran, which was not far from the borders of the Promised Land. Here it was proposed by the people that spies be sent up to survey the country. The matter was presented before the Lord by Moses, and permission was granted, with the direction that one of the rulers of each tribe should be selected for this purpose. The men were chosen as had been directed, and Moses bade them go and see the country, what it was, its situation and natural advantages; and the people that dwelt therein, whether they were strong or weak, few or many; also to observe the nature of the soil and its productiveness and to bring of the fruit of the land. {PP 387.1}

"It was not the will of God that the coming of Christ should be thus delayed. God did not design that His people, Israel, should wander forty years in the wilderness. He promised to lead them directly to the land of Canaan, and establish them there a holy, healthy, people. But those to whom it was first preached, went not in 'because of unbelief.' Their hearts were filled with murmuring, rebellion, and hatred, and He could not fulfill His covenant with them. {Ev 696.1}

"For forty years did unbelief, murmuring, and rebellion shut out ancient Israel from the land of Canaan. The same sins have delayed the entrance of modern Israel into the heavenly Canaan. In neither case were the promises of God at fault. It is the unbelief, the worldliness, unconsecration, and strife among the Lord's professed people that have kept us in this world of sin and sorrow so many years" (Ms 4, 1883, quoted in Evangelism, pp. 695, 696).

Rom 9:28 For he will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth.

1888 - The Beginning of the Loud Cry (1 YEAR TO 1889, FORTY YEARS OF SPIRITUAL ISRAEL WONDERING IN THE WILDERNESS SINCE 1849 WHEN THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES COULD HAVE STARTED)

Let every one who claims to believe that the Lord is soon coming, search the Scriptures as never before; for Satan is determined to try every device possible to keep souls in darkness, and blind the mind to the perils of the times in which we are living. Let every believer take up his Bible with earnest prayer, that he may be enlightened by the holy Spirit as to what is truth, that he may know more of God and of Jesus Christ whom he has sent. Search for the truth as for hidden treasures, and disappoint the enemy. The time of test is just upon us, for the loud cry of the third angel has already begun in the revelation of the righteousness of Christ, the sin-pardoning Redeemer. This is the beginning of the light of the angel whose glory shall fill the whole earth. For it is the work of every one to whom the message of warning has come, to lift up Jesus, to present him to the world as revealed in types, as shadowed in symbols, as manifested in the revelations of the prophets, as unveiled in the lessons given to his disciples and in the wonderful miracles wrought for the sons of men. Search the Scriptures; for they are they that testify of him. (RH, November 22, 1892 par. 7). {1888 1073.7}.

Revisiting Daniel 2:32, 3:1

Song of Songs Chapter 5 and 1888

5:1-6: I am come into my garden, my sister, my spouse: I have gathered my myrrh with my spice; I have eaten my honeycomb with my honey; I have drunk my wine with my milk: eat, O friends; drink, yea, drink abundantly, O beloved. I sleep, but my heart waketh: it is the voice of my beloved that knocketh, saying, Open to me, my sister, my love, my dove, my undefiled: for my head is filled with dew, and my locks with the drops of the night. I have put off my coat; how shall I put it on? I have washed my feet; how shall I defile them? My beloved put in his hand by the hole of the door, and my bowels were moved for him. I rose up to open to my beloved; and my hands dropped with myrrh, and my fingers with sweet smelling myrrh, upon the handles of the lock. I opened to my beloved; but my beloved had withdrawn himself, and was gone: my soul failed when he spake: I sought him, but I could not find him; I called him, but he gave me no answer.

The wedding contains two most important females

The flower girl

The bride

But one thing also is worthy of notice, who dresses the bride?

1888 was not a disappointment for the church actually but for Christ, Song of Songs 5, went back into darkness

Song of Songs 5:2 I sleep, but my heart waketh: it is the voice of my beloved that knocketh, saying, Open to me, my sister, my love, my dove, my undefiled: for my head is filled with dew, and my locks with the drops of the night.

If every soldier of Christ had done his duty, if every watchman on the walls of Zion had given the trumpet a certain sound, the world might ere this have heard the message of warning. But the work is years behind. What account will be rendered to God for thus retarding the work? Testimonies, vol. 9, p. 29. (1909) {GCDB, February 28, 1893 par. 5}

This testimony was given in the fall of 1890, on the 3rd of November. Two years from that takes us back to the fall of 1888 in the month of November, and that was at Minneapolis at the very time when this thing was done. There are a half a dozen brethren in this house, yes, perhaps a dozen of them, who, at another time, after Minneapolis, in an institute, heard the Spirit of God reprove and rebuke in open words that Minneapolis spirit that was in that Institute where we were and said plainly it was "the spirit of Satan." That was the next spring after Minneapolis had passed. {February 7, 1893 ATJ, GCDB 184.1}

"If the people of God had gone to work as they should have gone to work right after the Minneapolis meeting in 1888, the world could have been warned in two years, and the Lord would have come" S. N. Haskell, "Bible Study: The Third Angel's Message," Australasian Union Conference Recorder, Special No. 4, July 17, 1899, 9, 10.

In consideration of the shortness of time we as a people should watch and pray, and in no case allow ourselves to be diverted from the solemn work of preparation for the great event before us. Because the time is apparently extended, many have become careless and indifferent in regard to their words and actions. They do not realize their danger and do not see and understand the mercy of our God in lengthening their probation, that they may have time to form characters for the future, immortal life. Every moment is of the highest value. Time is granted them, not to be employed in studying their own ease and becoming dwellers on the earth, but to be used in the work of overcoming every defect in their own characters and in helping others, by example and personal effort, to see the beauty of holiness. God has a people upon the earth who in faith and holy hope are tracing down the roll of fast-fulfilling prophecy and are seeking to purify their souls by obeying the truth, that they may not be found without the wedding garment when Christ shall appear. {4T 306.3}

For six thousand years, Satan's work of rebellion has "made the earth to tremble." He had "made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof." And he "opened not the house of his prisoners." For six thousand years his prison house has received God's people, and he would have held them captive forever; but Christ had broken his bonds and set the prisoners free. {GC 659.3} Even the wicked are now placed beyond the power of Satan, and alone with his evil angels he remains to realize the effect of the curse which sin has brought. "The kings of the nations, even all of them, lie in glory, everyone in his own house [the grave]. But thou art cast out of thy grave like an abominable branch. . . . Thou shalt not be joined with them in burial, because thou hast destroyed thy land, and slain thy people." Isaiah 14:18-20. {GC 660.1} For a thousand years, Satan will wander to and fro in the desolate earth to behold the results of his rebellion against the law of God. During this time his sufferings are intense. Since his fall his life of unceasing activity has banished reflection; but he is now deprived of his power and left to contemplate the part which he has acted since first he rebelled against the government of heaven, and to look forward with trembling and terror to the dreadful future when he must suffer for all the evil that he has done and be punished for the sins that he has caused to be committed. {GC 660.2}

**SO AFTER 1888 MESSAGE
HAD STARTED, IN TWO
YEARS CHRIST COULD HAVE
ALSO COME BUT THE
MESSAGE WAS REJECTED.
WHAT THEN?**

1 Corinthians 10:11 Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.

Ex:20:4: Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:

Ex:20:5: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, VISITING THE INIQUITY OF THE FATHERS UPON THE CHILDREN UNTO THE THIRD and fourth generation of them that hate me;

VISITING THE INIQUITY OF THE FATHERS UPON THE CHILDREN UNTO THE THIRD and fourth generation of them that hate me;

TAKING THE CONCEPT OF GENERATIONS, THE THIRD GENERATION SINCE REJECTION OF LOUD CRY IN 1888 BRINGS US TO 2008. THE YEAR OF FINANCIAL COLLAPSE USHERING IN THE 4TH GENERATION. THE FINANCIAL COLLAPSE ACCOMPANIED WITH STRIKES AND REVOLUTIONS ACCORDING TO JAMES 5 IS AN INDICATOR OF LOUD CRY AND SECOND COMING, NOTICE: -

James 5:1: Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. 2: Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are motheaten. 3: Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the LAST DAYS. 4: Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth. 5: Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter. 6: Ye have condemned and killed the just; and he doth not resist you. 7: Be patient therefore, brethren, UNTO THE COMING OF THE LORD. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the EARLY AND LATTER RAIN. 8: Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the COMING OF THE LORD DRAWETH NIGH. 9: Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold, THE JUDGE STANDETH BEFORE THE DOOR.

The Last Crisis

We are living in the time of the end. The fast-fulfilling signs of the times declare that the COMING OF CHRIST IS NEAR AT HAND. The days in which we live are solemn and important. The Spirit of God is gradually but surely being withdrawn from the earth. Plagues and judgments are already falling upon the despisers of the grace of God. The calamities by land and sea, the unsettled state of society, the alarms of war, are portentous. They forecast approaching events of the greatest magnitude. {9T 11.1} THE AGENCIES OF EVIL ARE COMBINING THEIR FORCES AND CONSOLIDATING. They are strengthening for the last great crisis. Great changes are soon to take place in our world, and the FINAL MOVEMENTS WILL BE RAPID ONES. {9T 11.2} The condition of things in the world shows that troublous times are right upon us. The daily papers are full of indications of a terrible conflict in the near future. Bold robberies are of frequent occurrence. STRIKES ARE COMMON. Thefts and murders are committed on every hand. Men possessed of demons are taking the lives of men, women, and little children. Men have become infatuated with vice, and every species of evil prevails. {9T 11.3}

Matthew 4:34: Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.

It is then in this forth generation 2008-2048 that Christ is coming and the faithful shall sit on the throne.

Revelation 1:6: And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

But we are not going to reach 2048:

Matthew 24:22: And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

Romans 9:28 For he will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth.

We cannot give year, day or hour but

Matthew 24:32: Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh: 33: So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.

Acts 17:26-31

The Lord Has a Time Appointed.--The natural heart is not to bring its own tainted, corrupting principles into the work of God. There must be no concealing of the principles of our faith. The third angel's message is to be sounded by God's people. It is to swell to the loud cry. The Lord has a time appointed when He will bind off the work; but when is that time? When the truth proclaimed for these last days shall go forth as a witness to all nations, then shall the end come. If the power of Satan can come into the very temple of God and manipulate things as he pleases, the time of preparation will be prolonged.--Lt 83, 1896. {PM 389.5}

The perils of the last days are upon us, and in our work we are to warn the people of the danger they are in. Let not the solemn scenes which prophecy has revealed, be left untouched. If our people were half awake, if they realized the nearness of the events portrayed in the Revelation, a reformation would be wrought in our churches, and many more would believe the message.

{Ev 195.1}

***THE COMING
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The Coming Plagues and the Close of Probation

At the time of the flood, these forests were torn up or broken down and buried in the earth. In some places large quantities of these immense trees were thrown together and covered with stones and earth by the commotions of the flood. They have since petrified and become coal, which accounts for the large coal beds which are now found. This coal has produced oil. God causes large quantities of coal and oil to ignite and burn. Rocks are intensely heated, limestone is burned, and iron ore melted. Water and fire under the surface of the earth meet. The action of water upon the limestone adds fury to the intense heat, and causes earthquakes, volcanoes, and fiery issues. The action of fire and water upon the ledges of rocks and ore causes loud explosions which sound like muffled thunder. These wonderful exhibitions will be more numerous and terrible just before the second coming of Christ and the end of the world, as signs of its speedy destruction. {1SP 81.3}

The Coming Plagues and the Close of Probation

Coal and oil are generally to be found where there are no burning mountains or fiery issues. When fire and water under the surface of the earth meet, the fiery issues cannot give sufficient vent to the heated elements beneath. The earth is convulsed, the ground heaves, and rises into swells or waves, and there are heavy sounds like thunder under ground. The air is heated, and suffocating. The earth quickly opens, and I saw villages, cities and burning mountains carried down together into the earth. {1SP 82.1}

The Coming Plagues and the Close of Probation

...[When] the irrevocable decision of the sanctuary has been pronounced, and the destiny of the world has been forever fixed, the inhabitants of the earth will know it not. The forms of religion will be continued by a people from whom the Spirit of God has been finally withdrawn; and the Satanic zeal with which the prince of evil will inspire them for the accomplishment of his malignant designs, will bear the semblance of zeal for God (GC88 614.4).

The Coming Plagues and the Close of Probation

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.] (Ibid., 616.1).

The Coming Plagues and the Close of Probation

As Satan accuses the people of God on account of their sins, the Lord permits him to try them to the uttermost. Their confidence in God, their faith and firmness, will be severely tested. As they review the past, their hopes sink; for in their whole lives they can see little good. They are fully conscious of their weakness and unworthiness. Satan endeavors to terrify them with the thought that their cases are hopeless, that the stain of their defilement will never be washed away. He hopes to so destroy their faith that they will yield to his temptations, and turn from their allegiance to God (Ibid., 618.3).

THE SPIRIT BEING WITHDRAWN

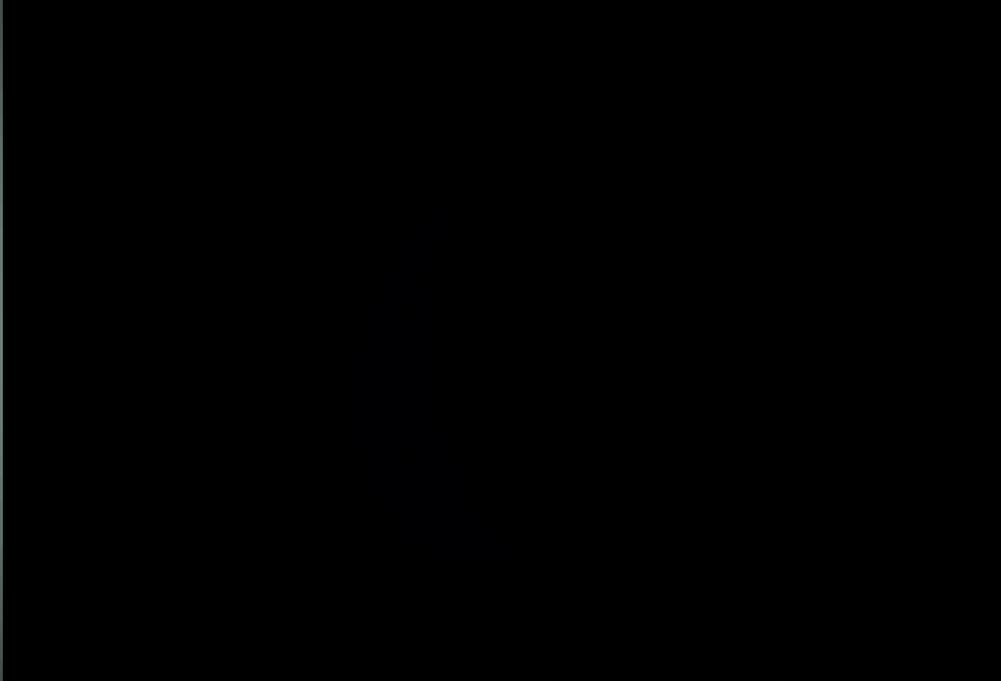
I saw that God had children who do not see and keep the Sabbath. They have not rejected the light upon it. And at the commencement of the time of trouble, we were filled with the Holy Ghost as we went forth and proclaimed the Sabbath more fully. This enraged the churches and nominal Adventists, as they could not refute the Sabbath truth. And at this time God's chosen all saw clearly that we had the truth, and they came out and endured the persecution with us. I saw the sword, famine, pestilence, and great confusion in the land. The wicked thought that we had brought the judgments upon them, and they rose up and took counsel to rid the earth of us, thinking that then the evil would be stayed (EW 33.2).

THE SPIRIT BEING WITHDRAWN

“The commencement of that time of trouble,” here mentioned does not refer to the time when the plagues shall begin to be poured out, but to a short period just before they are poured out, while Christ is in the sanctuary. At that time, while the work of salvation is closing, trouble will be coming on the earth, and the nations will be angry, yet held in check so as not to prevent the work of the third angel. At that time the “latter rain,” or refreshing from the presence of the Lord, will come, to give power to the loud voice of the third angel, and prepare the saints to stand in the period when the seven last plagues shall be poured out (EW 85.3, emphasis added).

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A BRITISH WOMAN MARRIES A DOG

- Woman marries her dog, says 'I'm totally her b---h'
- BY Joel Landau
- NEW YORK DAILY NEWS
- Tuesday, March 11, 2014, 12:51 PM



- Newlywed Amanda Rodgers says she and her dog Sheba just have a very deep emotional connection. (ITV)

A BRITISH WOMAN MARRIES A DOG

- A British woman says she has finally found the true meaning of marriage now that she has divorced her husband and married her dog.
- [Amanda Rodgers](#) and her dog/wife Sheba appeared on [British television's ITV's "This Morning"](#) Tuesday to discuss why she decided to wed her pet in a ceremony attended by 200 people in Croatia last week, [reports the Mirror](#).
- "She was two weeks old and she was new to the world — but I fell in love with her," Rodgers, 47, [told the show's hosts](#). "I knew that we were meant to be."
- Rodgers, whose [Twitter feed](#) uses the name "shebarodgers," [told the Metro](#) she got down on one knee to propose and ascertained from Sheba's wagging tail that she said yes.
- She said the ceremony, which ended with a kiss, was the perfect way to mark what Sheba means to her. She told the Metro her new life partner was never unkind to her and the dog is always happy.
- "Sheba had been in my life for years, making me laugh and comforting me when I was feeling low," [she told the Metro](#). "I couldn't think of anything more I'd need from a life partner."
- Rodgers married a man 20 years ago but the marriage only lasted a few months.
- The newlywed, who cradled the dog in her lap and petted it lovingly during the interview, admitted it is a big step to go from caring for a pet to loving it.
- [But, she said](#), "There are different kinds of love — my love for Sheba is very deep. We have a deep connection."
- Rodgers said Sheba, a 4-year-old Jack Russell, controls whether they sleep in the bedroom and added she once made a man sleep in the dog bed for a whole week, the Mirror reports.
- And Sheba definitely knows the spell she has Rodgers under.
- "I am totally her b----h," [she said in the interview](#).
- The scene was emotional for some and hilarious for others.

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California Allows First-Ever State Recognized Human-Animal Marriage

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Paul Horner and his dog Mac at their wedding on Monday in front of friends, family and a priest declaring their love towards each other for eternity.

San Francisco, CA — On Monday history was made at the Chapel of Our Lady at the Presidio in San Francisco as the first-ever state recognized human-animal marriage took place.

Local resident 35-year-old Paul Horner was the groom during the ceremony. Joining him was his faithful dog Mac who is 36-years-old in dog years. Mac also decided to be the groom but ended up wearing a white veil at the last moment.

Father McHale who officiated the outdoor wedding told reporters he was extremely happy to be a part of this joyous moment of life. "This is the definition of true love my friends. There is nothing more sacred than the bond between a man and his faithful dog," McHale said. "Now, since it is recognized as a legally binding marriage in the state of California, Mr. Horner and Mac will have all the

same tax benefits and everything else coming to them that a regular married couple would receive. It's a fantastic day to be alive!"

So how could this have happened?

In the book of California's State Laws and Regulations there is a little known law that was passed as the state was first forming in 1850. According to article 155, paragraph 10, it clearly states:

If a man and a man can get married and a woman and a woman can get married, if ever comes that day, then a human and animal will have the exact same rights to marriage in every eye of the law. God help us if this ever is to happen!

In attendance was Horner's entire family who flew in from Hawaii to witness the event. Mac had her puppies on hand and making a special celebrity appearance was Alex from Stroh's and Spuds Mckenzie.

"I just love my Mac so much, I can't wait till we can finally get back to the honeymoon sweet in Montana where bestiality is legal. Gosh, get with the times California! We can marry here just fine, but love making is a big no-no," said Horner. "People keep asking me why I wanted to marry a dog. I told them I just want the same god given rights that every person in California is allowed to have. Don't tell me I can't marry my dog. I don't tell you that you can't marry a 500 lb woman with herpes. That's your decision. Don't tread on me. I love my dog and I know he loves me a hundred times more than any gay wedding out there."

With this wedding between a man and a male dog now on the books, one can only ask what is in store next?

A man marrying a toaster? A toaster marrying a dog? A toaster marrying a toaster?

America, what happened to the sanctity of marriage? Tsk. Tsk.

JUN 26, 2015

CULTURE

Same-Sex Marriage is now the Law of the (U.S.) Land: What Now for Christians?

The Supreme Court has taken action on same-sex marriage, and now the church needs to take its own action. | **Ed Stetzer**

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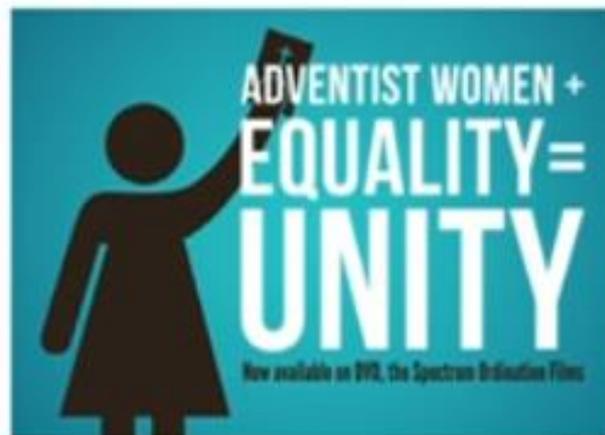
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The Netherlands Union Conference has advised all churches in the Netherlands to "fully commit themselves to ensuring that LGBTI individuals feel safe in the church." In addition, NUC leadership says it would "strongly advise against any steps to revoke the membership of LGBTI people, given the unsafe environment this would create in churches."

This statement was agreed after the recent General Conference [vote](#) to adopt guidelines for "responding to homosexual and other alternative sexual practices."

A vote was taken at a recent meeting of the Netherlands Union Conference Executive Committee to publish the [statement](#), which follows in its entirety (translated here):



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On Wednesday, archival video of pastor and Pacific Union College Chaplain Jonathan Henderson's widely viewed "Adam and Steve" sermon from his Fall Revival series at PUC disappeared from the PUC Church Livestream page. The video had garnered over 33,000 views in 138 countries, and quickly spread virally on social media before suddenly going offline.

Spectrum featured the video on October 10 as that day's [Sabbath Sermon](#). It became one of the most viewed articles for the month of October.

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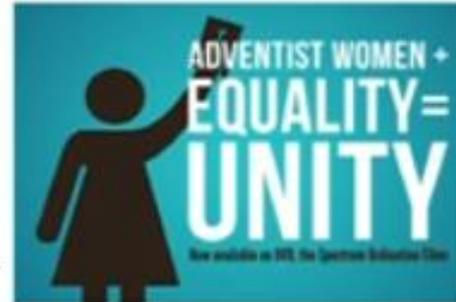
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The LGITQ Issue



An editorial published last Wednesday by Melodie Roschman, editor of Andrews University's student newspaper, has been shared and re-shared in the days since. In it, Roschman traces how her understanding of the gay community, and even the word "gay," has evolved from the time she was a young girl growing up in a conservative church to a college student with gay friends and the realization that they are "a group of people who are the precious, beautiful, wonderfully and fearfully made children of God."



Current Issue



"Melodie Roschman presided over the first-ever LGBTQ-centered issue of Andrews' Student Movement, published on the same day as the General Conference leadership voted to adopt guidelines that would effectively deny church membership to the practicing LGBTQ population. Daneen Akers (co-creator of the film Seventh-Gay Adventists), said in a letter to supporters that after hearing of the GC's decision, she nearly resigned her SDA church membership. But she listed a few things that still gave her hope, including Roschman's editorial and the entire issue of the Andrews' student newspaper."

THE BIBLE & HOMOSEXUALITY

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Point Two:

Under Section (A Pastoral Approach to Distortions of the Edenic Ideal of Marriage in Light of the Grace of God) we read the following.

“All persons, including practicing homosexuals, should be made to feel welcome to attend our churches while non-practicing gay persons should be welcomed into membership and church office.”

Palm Springs Gay Men's Chorus Debuts at Palm Springs Seventh-day Adventist Church on December 19, 2015

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By Joc Anderson, Palm Springs Chapter Leader

E-mail: region9_palmsprings@sdakinship.org

A few years ago, had someone wanted to bet that the Palm Springs Seventh-day Adventist Church would play host to the Palm Springs Gay Men's Chorus at our annual Christmas fete, I might have been wrong (I would have been a betting man). Adventists pride themselves on being a conservative group, and a case can be made that this is particularly true of the Palm Springs church. However, our parent organization is more liberal (that church doctrine specifically prohibits man with man and woman with woman). Our Palm Springs church is more welcoming of gays and lesbians—short, of course, of our conservative doctrine.



Michael Leno



As a consequence of Adventists' unwillingness to change with the times (which is not to imply that change is always good), many

As a consequence of Adventist unwillingness to change with the times many gay Adventists have felt unwelcome... While the December 19th appearance of the Palm Springs Gay Men's Chorus at our Palm Springs Adventist Church did not abrogate Adventist doctrine respecting homosexuality, it did in fact mark a very significant step in welcoming members of the LGBT community.



Transgender SDA Elder: “It’s very obvious that this is a loving church. This is a church that does not care about your religious beliefs...all those things don’t matter.”



Ryan Bell



Branden Stoltz

An AT Live Streaming Event: Religion & the LGBT Community



Please join us for a live-streaming on *the Adventist Today Facebook page* this coming Sabbath at 3 PM PST, 6 PM EST, in partnership with the LLU School of Religion Humanities Program:

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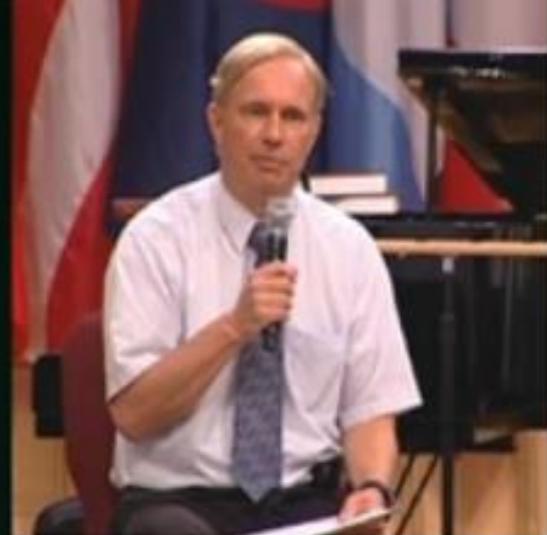
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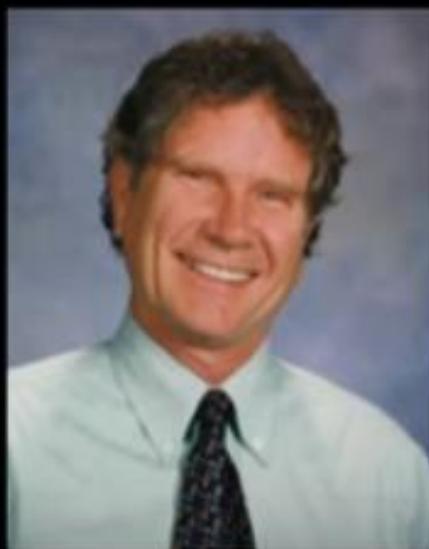
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Jesus had two fathers; we affirm the LGBT lifestyle.

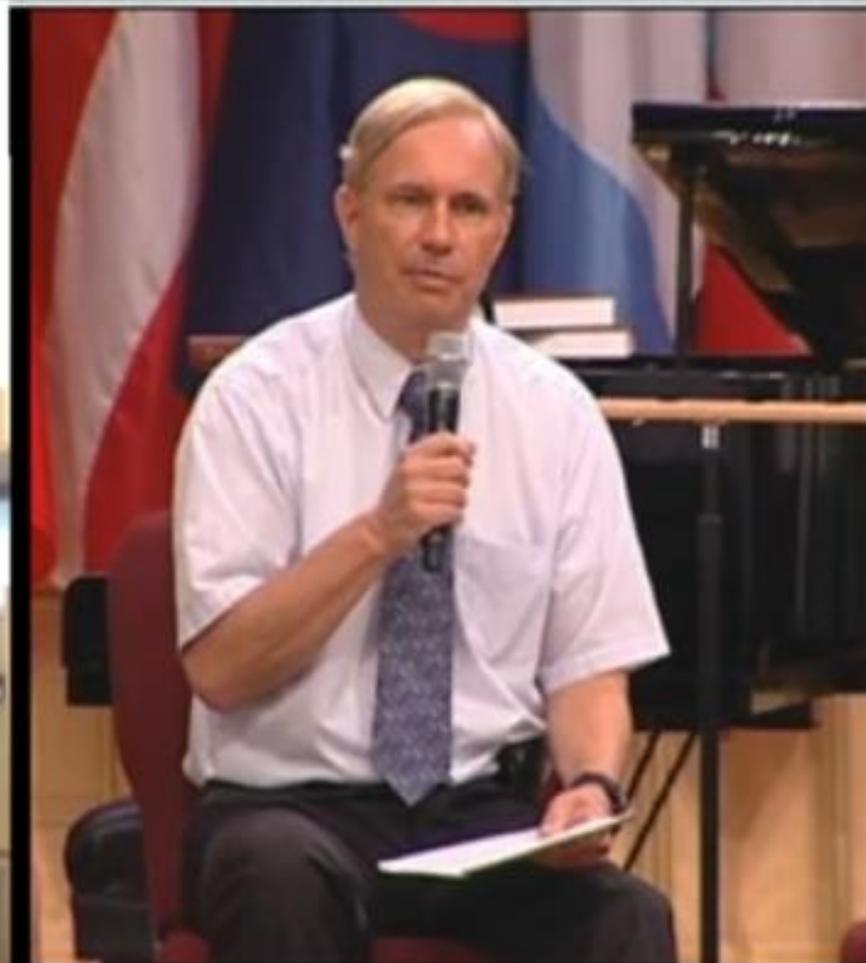
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Heterosexuality is only an ideal, homosexuality is the reality, because of Romans 3:23.

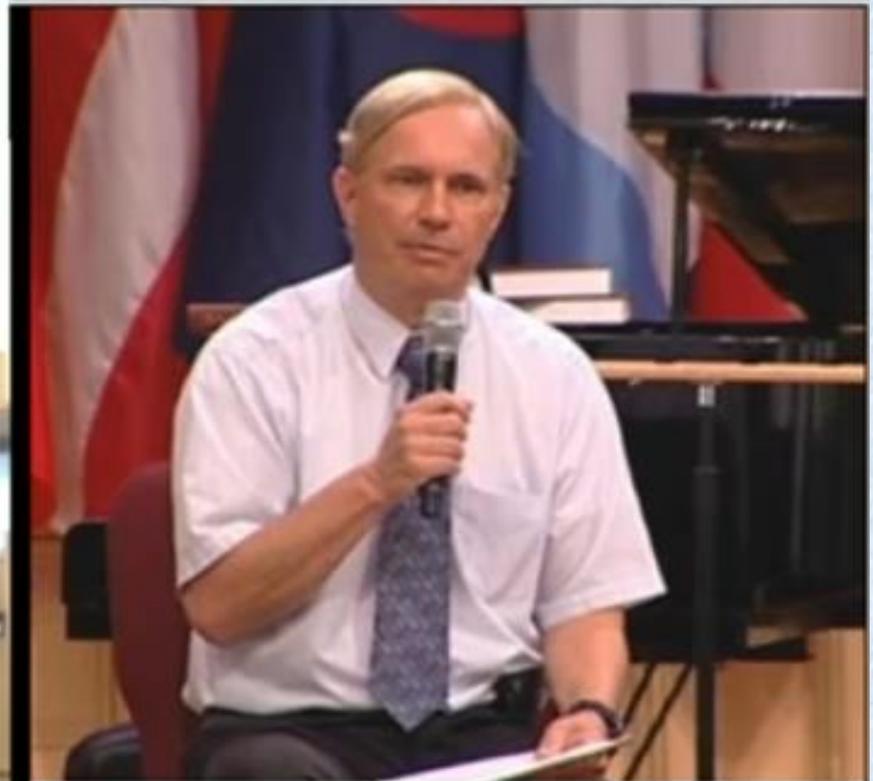
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The Bible does not address the LGBT lifestyle. Paul knew nothing about our sexual orientation today, because he lived in a different era. Leviticus 18:22 and Romans 1:26-28 must be studied more, because they are not as conclusive as they appear to be on the surface. The Bible cannot settle every question.

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What should I do if I'm a gay Seventh-day Adventist? Answer: Here are seven options. Mr. Larson stated that he only agrees with the last two options. (1) Commit Suicide. (2) Stay in the closet. (3) Marry a person of the opposite sex. (4) Seek change therapy by praying, reading the Bible, getting counseling. (5) Engage in promiscuity. (6) Celibacy. (7) Form a loving, lasting union akin to marriage.

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Why Is Avondale Fostering Homosexuality?

January 21, 2017 / Danny Bell



Our own beloved Avondale College in Australia has had a history (in some way or another) of fostering gay sympathisers and practitioners.



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Recently in a Spectrum online article, David Potter adds his voice to a growing number of high profile leaders who are trying to change the tide of opinion about homosexuality and normalise its acceptance among the Adventist community

I am unimpressed by demands that I yield my conscience to “the church.” This is the Catholic position, a position we have traditionally resisted. I pray to God we will never yield to this heresy. Two voices impress me: Scripture and the Holy Spirit—not necessarily in this order. As a believer, I am committed to taking both very seriously. You keep banging on about how the Bible is anti-gay. And I keep trying to help you to see that this is an interpretation--one that I believe to be erroneous.



Pastor Dan Wysong & Ginger Hanks Harwood
Chico Seventh-day Adventist Church



Married Lesbian Couple Baptised Into Chico Seventh-day Adventist Church

February 2, 2017 / ChurchMouse

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And Lot went out and entreated his children. He repeated the words of the angel: "Up, get you out of this place; for the Lord will destroy this city." But he seemed unto his sons-in-law as one who mocked; **for they had lived so long in Sodom that they had become partakers of the sins of the people.** And the daughters were influenced by their husbands to believe that their father was mad. They were well enough off where they were. They were rich and had great possessions; **and they could not believe it possible that beautiful Sodom, a rich and fertile country, would be destroyed by the wrath of a sin-avenging God. Lot returned sorrowfully to his home and told the story of his failure.** {4T 110.4}

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Younger Adventists Pave Road Ahead on Church Gay Issues

By Sheila Hagar, republished by permission from the Walla Walla *Union-Bulletin*, March 30, 2015: The Seventh-day Adventist Church has evolved on social issues

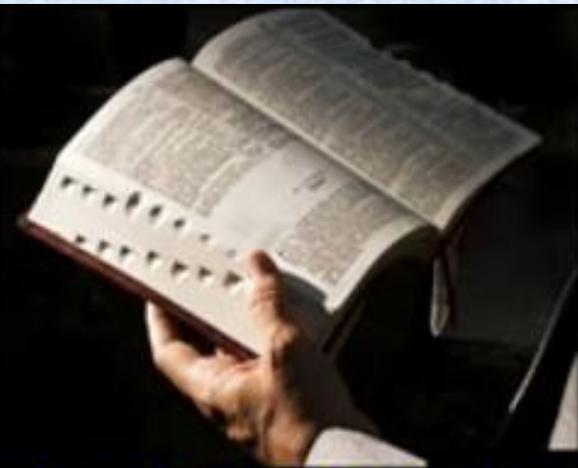


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“It was a standing ovation at the end, and that included administration and faculty from Walla Walla University,” Akers recalled... “The conversation is not a new one, but the need to create safe environments for LGBT members in churches and schools cannot be muted, he noted.”



While her body was upon the plain, her heart clung to Sodom, and she perished with it. She rebelled against God because His judgments involved her possessions and her children in the ruin. Although so greatly favored in being called out from the wicked city, she felt that she was severely dealt with, because the wealth that it had taken years to accumulate must be left to destruction. Instead of thankfully accepting deliverance, she presumptuously looked back to desire the life of those who had rejected the divine warning. Her sin showed her to be unworthy of life, for the preservation of which she felt so little gratitude. {PP 161.2}

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"It would be poor policy to support from the treasury of God those who really mar and injure His work, and who are constantly lowering the standard of Christianity."

Testimonies, vol. 3, 553.

Pastor Dan Appel



Catholic Priest Speaking At Auburn SDA Church



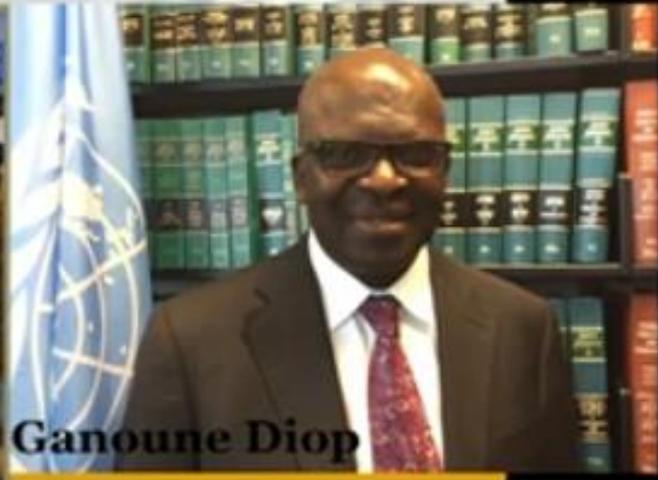
"They taught their children to abhor popery and held that to seek harmony with Rome would be disloyalty to God. But how widely different are the sentiments now expressed!" {GC 563.1}



"It is a backsliding church that lessens the distance between itself and the Papacy." {ST, February 19, 1894 par. 4}



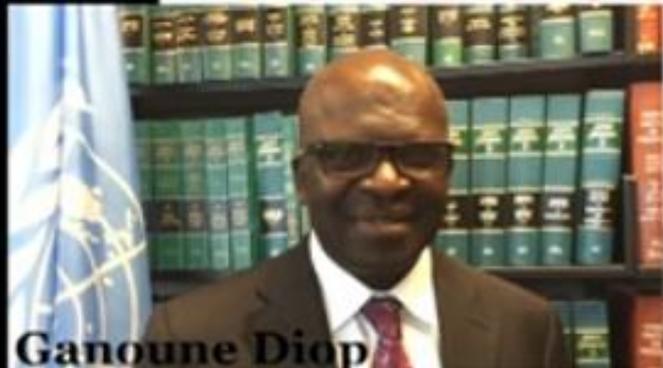
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One of the areas, however, where the track record of Christianity has not been outstanding is partnership among Christians to fulfill the Great Commission together. Today, however, the prospects of new partnerships are promising. A compelling case can be made that new forms of partnerships are needed on a global scale. http://www.ocms.ac.uk/regnum/downloads/Called_to_Unity-final-WM.pdf

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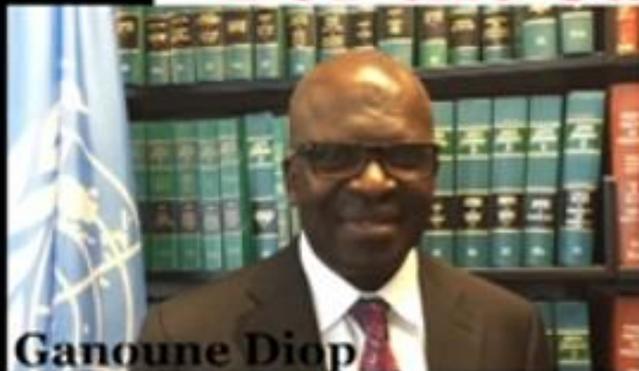


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The reality of Christian unity is a fulfillment of Christ's prayer [John 17] that connects trinitarian love with ecclesiology and mission. For the sake of the world, Christ commissions his church to reach out to all peoples with the gospel of love... **For Christianity 'its message is the locus of God's unique revelation. It claims to give expression to God's message, which raises man to his highest dignity, goodness, and beauty', according to Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. With reference to the possibility of the co-existence of truths,** he adds: 'It is not the same thing to say that Christ is the Son of God in whom the full presence of the truth about God finds expression, **and to say that various kinds of truths are also present in other religions,** that they have something like fragments, or beams, of the great light, that in certain respects, they even represent an inner movement towards him. The claim that God is present in Christ, and that the true God himself thus appears and speaks to us in him, **does not rule out that the other religions also contain truths—but that is just the point: truths that, as it were, point to The Truth.**'³

Called to Unity For the Sake of Mission



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The Global Christian Forum (GCF) is a vision whose aim is to bring together into intentional, ongoing fellowship at a global level the main 'families' of the Christian community—Orthodox, historic Protestant, Evangelical/Pentecostal, and Catholic. Its primary goal has been to bring all churches to the table of relationship with one another, more specifically relating those who have been engaged in the ecumenical movement with those who have not joined the WCC. The GCF provides a space where partnerships and alliances for common witness for the sake of Christ may develop. The GCF opens and extends its hands to the whole Christian body.

Adventist Health Transfers 110 Years of Walla Walla Hospital Care to Sisters of Providence



Published April 03, 2017



Joyce Newmyer
President and CEO
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Elaine Couture
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Leaders from Adventist Health and Providence Health & Services have announced their intention to transfer control of Walla Walla General Hospital, Adventist Health Medical Group in Walla Walla and Adventist Health Home Care Services in Walla Walla to Providence this summer.

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Propelled by the legalization of gay marriage in Florida, the Adventist Health System voted to offer benefits to same-sex couples employed at Florida Hospital. The company **already offers similar benefits to its employees in the District of Columbia, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Maryland**

The watchmen must sound the alarm. If men are at ease in Zion somebody must be awake to give the trumpet a certain sound. Let the blaze of the beacon light be seen everywhere. Let the ease-loving awake, the tranquil be disturbed, and let them labor for religious liberty. And after we have done all we can, then leave our Lord to do His work. {16MR 239.1}

"Time is almost finished. Do you reflect the lovely image of Jesus as you should?" Then I was pointed to the earth and saw that there would have to be a getting ready among those who have of late embraced the third angel's message. Said the angel, "Get ready, get ready, get ready. Ye will have to die a greater death to the world than ye have



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In an interview with the Mexican broadcaster *Televisa* published Friday, the Argentine Pope mediated a "brief" tenure for



The Son of God went away the second time, and prayed, saying: "O My Father, if this cup may not pass away from Me, except I drink it, Thy will be done." And again He came to His disciples and found them sleeping. Their eyes were heavy. By these sleeping disciples is represented a sleeping church, when the day of God's visitation is nigh. It is a time of clouds and thick darkness, when to be found asleep is most perilous. {2T 205.1}





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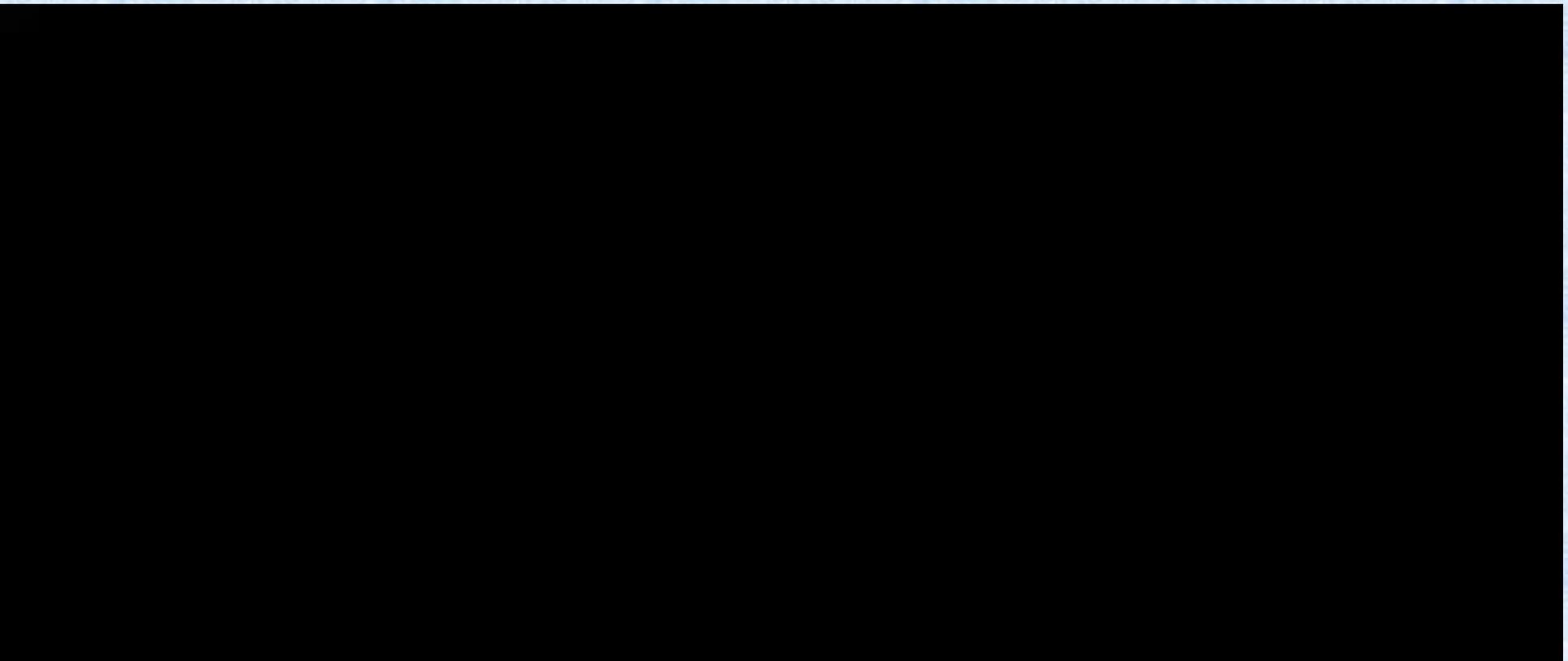
THE STRAIGHT - POINTED TESTIMONY



"The people are asleep in their sins and need to be alarmed *before they can shake off this lethargy. Their ministers have preached smooth things*; but God's servants, who bear sacred, vital truths, should cry aloud and spare not, that the truth may tear off the garment of security and find its way to the heart. ...God's servants must bear a pointed testimony, which will cut the natural heart and develop character.... {1T 249.1,2}











**“MORPHING” FROM
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“Morphing” from the Little Time of Trouble to the “Time of Trouble Such as Never Was”

In the very first case, the expression used over and over in the Spirit of Prophecy, ‘the seven last plagues’, is in itself very meaningful. They are not called simply the seven plagues, but the seven *last* plagues. If these are the last, then there must be a former plague or more, because something can only be last if there is a first to go before it (Last Day Events, p. 300).



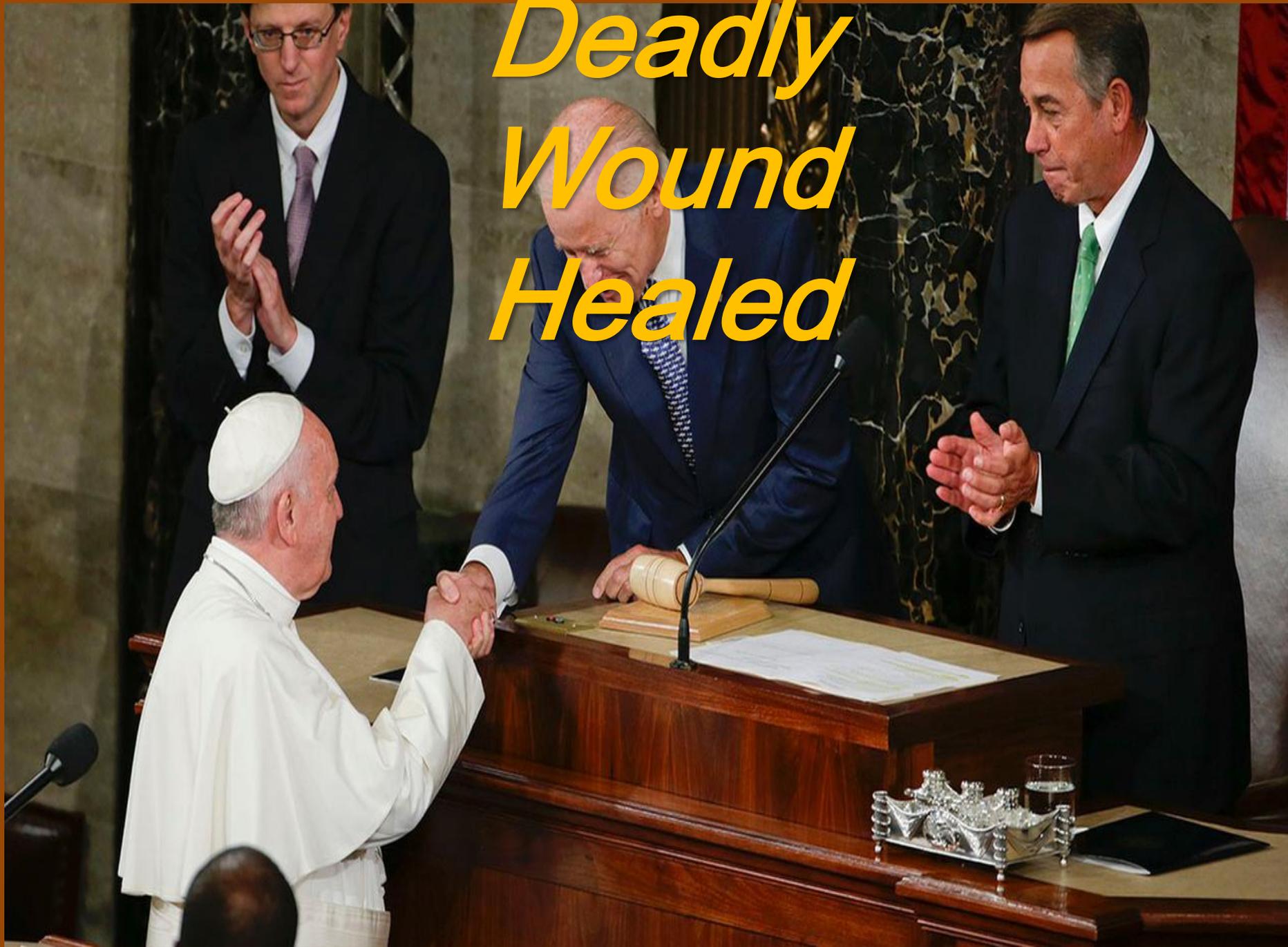
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“Morphing” from the Little Time of Trouble to the “Time of Trouble Such as Never Was”

- the escalation of trouble in many realms provides the primary motivation for the call to legislate in favor of Sunday rest.
- the commencement of the “little time of trouble” will be an unremarkable transitioning or a morphing from an already troublous time, rather than an abrupt or radical shifting.
- a continuum in three parts, each fading into the next:
 - “beginning of sorrows
 - “little time of trouble
 - “time of trouble such as never was” (when “Michael stands up”; Dan. 12:1)

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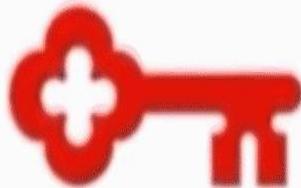


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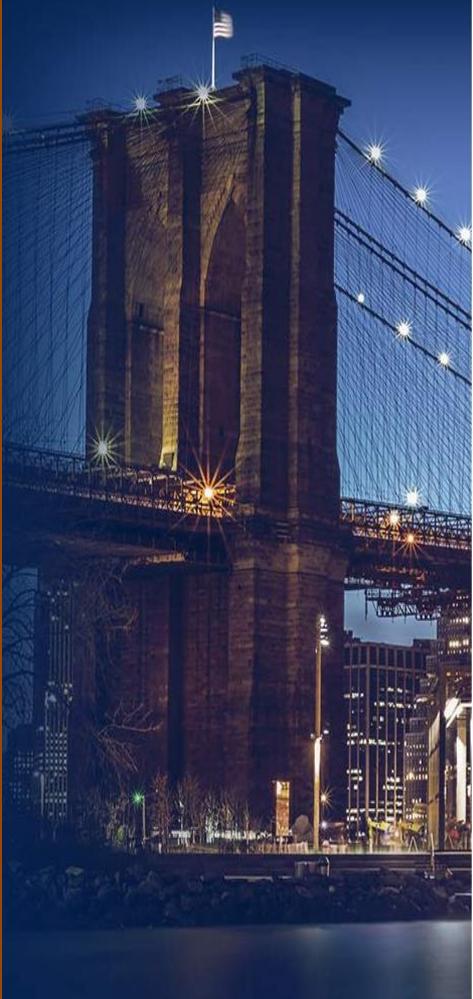
NEW YORK (CBSNewYork/AP) — Pope Francis' whirlwind tour of New York City came to an end as he left for Philadelphia Saturday morning, the final stop on his first-ever visit to the United States.

The pope took off from John F. Kennedy International Airport for the City of Brotherly Love, where he took part in a weekend of activities, including a Vatican-organized rally that will culminate in an outdoor Mass for 1 million people.

The pope gave a brief farewell to a few hundred worshippers who gathered at JFK to see him off.

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A Whirlwind Papal Journey Concludes

- The crowded agenda of the Pope's first visit to the United States ended in Philadelphia, where he met with victims of sexual abuse, spoke to inmates and celebrated a Mass in the heart of the city.
- Sunday culminated a six-day, three-city tour, where, in his public appearances, he continued to call for unity and underscore the importance of family.
- While hundreds of thousands of people were moved by the opportunity to pray with the pope, he left America with a blessing and his signature request: "Pray for me."

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Concluding one of the longest and most event-filled trips of his papacy, Pope Francis was looking weary and walking with a limp Saturday in Philadelphia.

But the Vatican assured reporters the pontiff, who turns 79 in December, is a just little taxed and

remains in high spirits.

"Obviously, with a trip like this — it's very engaging, a lot of work, fatigue — we can understand if he is a little tired physically," Vatican spokesperson Federico

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"When Protestantism shall stretch her hand across the gulf to grasp the hand of the Roman power, when she shall reach over the abyss to clasp hands with spiritualism, when, under the influence of this threefold union, our country shall repudiate every principle of its Constitution as a Protestant and republican government, and shall make provision for the propagation of papal falsehoods and delusions, then we may know that the time has come for the marvelous working of Satan and that the end is near." (EGW 5T Page 451)



THE SIGNAL (5 Testimonies)



“As the approach of the Roman armies was **a sign** to the disciples of the impending destruction of Jerusalem, so may this apostasy be **a sign** to us that the limit of God’s forbearance is reached, that the measure of our nation’s iniquity is full”(.ibid 451)



THE SIGNAL (5 Testimonies)



Mat 24:15 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, **spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place**, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

Mat 24:16 Then let them which be in Judaea **flee into the mountains**

Flee out of the Midst...



Revelation 18:2-4 And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, **Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen**, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. (3) For all nations have drunk of **the wine of the wrath of her fornication**, and **the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her**, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. (4) And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, **Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins**, and that ye receive not of her plagues.



Jerusalem and the Ten Horns (Armies)



Rev 12:17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.



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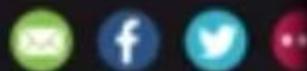
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• On March 27, 2015, CNN affiliate KTVK reported that, during a gun bill debate, Arizona State Senator Sylvia Allen asked, "How we get back to a moral rebirth in this country, I don't know, since we are slowly eroding religion at every opportunity that we have. Probably we should be debating a bill requiring every American to attend a church of their choice on Sunday ..."

Sylvia Allen
ARIZONA STATE SENATOR

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The Pope's Encyclical:

“... bring *healthy pressure* to bear on those who wield political, economic and social power ...”

Section 206



“... even in free America, rulers and legislators, in order to secure public favor, will yield to the *popular demand* for a law enforcing Sunday observance.”

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Image of the Beast to Be Formed

."The Lord has shown me clearly that the image of the .beast will be formed **before** probation closes; for it is to .be **the great test for the people of God**, by which their .eternal destiny will be decided." BC 7A - 976



"This is the test that the people of God must have before they are sealed. All who prove their loyalty to God by observing His law, and refusing to accept a spurious sabbath, will rank under the banner of the Lord God Jehovah, and will receive the seal of the living God. **Those who yield the truth of heavenly origin, and accept the Sunday sabbath, will receive the mark of the beast.**" BC 7A - 976

Mark of the beast is given at the National Sunday Law!



"I then saw the third angel. Said my accompanying angel, "Fearful is his work. Awful is his mission.

He is the angel that is to select the wheat from the tares, and seal, or bind, the wheat for the heavenly garner.

These things should engross the whole mind, the whole attention."

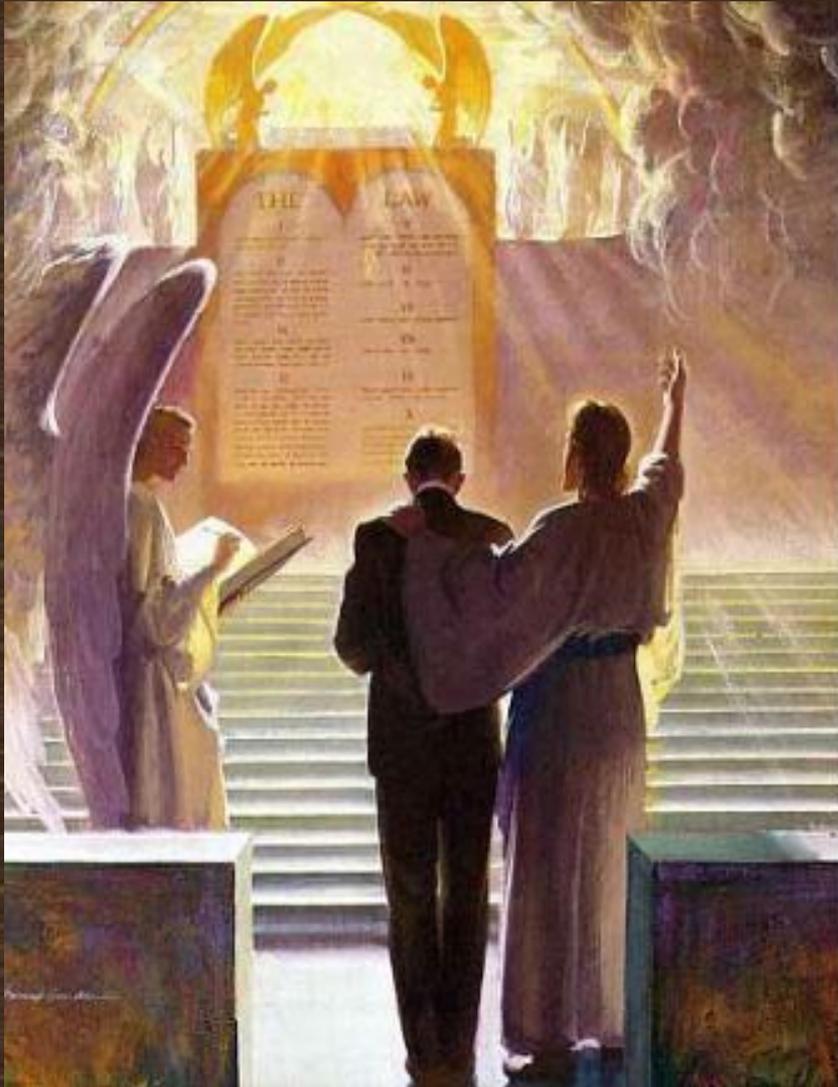
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Third Angel Causes separation

- After reading that statement we now fully understand that it is the Third Angel's message that causes the final separation!
- There's a shaking going in God's church right now...but at the Sunday Law there will be a separation.
- **When the separation takes place we will then have a Whole Wheat Church!**

Repent! Repent! Repent!



- *“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.” Acts 3:19*

When does the times of refreshing come?

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Sunday as a Mark of Christian Unity

Rev. Dr. Demetrios Tonias

"Sunday as a Mark of Christian Unity"

by Rev. Dr. Demetrios E. Tonias - *Dean, Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral of New England*

The Christian Church, from its very beginning, has struggled with the concept of unity. Indeed, within the Pauline corpus we see the many ways in which the Apostle to the Gentiles struggled to keep together his young and fragile network of communities. As the church grew, there arose a variety of challenges, large and small, to threaten its unity. The

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- **Pope Francis told crowds in St. Peter's Square that this Christmas might be the last one for humanity.**
- In a grim speech, the Pope said that the current chaotic state of the world marks the beginning of the "end times", and that this time next year the world is likely to be unrecognisable.
- Francis, who previously announced the [beginning of World War 3](#), had labelled this year's Christmas as a "charade" during a Mass at the Casa Santa Maria earlier in the month.
- *"We are close to Christmas. There will be lights, there will be parties, bright trees, even Nativity scenes – all decked out – while the world continues to wage war,"* he said earlier in December.
- The Pontiff, who turned 79 on Thursday, elaborated on his views this weekend, telling a crowd, *"While the world starves, burns, and descends further into chaos, we should realise that this year's Christmas celebrations for those who choose to celebrate it may be their last"*.

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- **The Queen dropped a bombshell yesterday while filming her annual Christmas Message for the BBC, hinting at deep personal regrets over the murder of Princess Diana, a BBC insider claims.**
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- Senior BBC production staff and palace advisors scrambled to cancel the take, but not before the Queen expressed dark fears that this will be the last Christmas on earth because malevolent forces, much stronger than her own, are stalking across Europe, gaining ground every day.
- *“I hope you enjoy your final Christmas,”* she said bitterly, before BBC staff, under strict orders from palace advisors, cancelled the take and sent junior staff on an early lunch.



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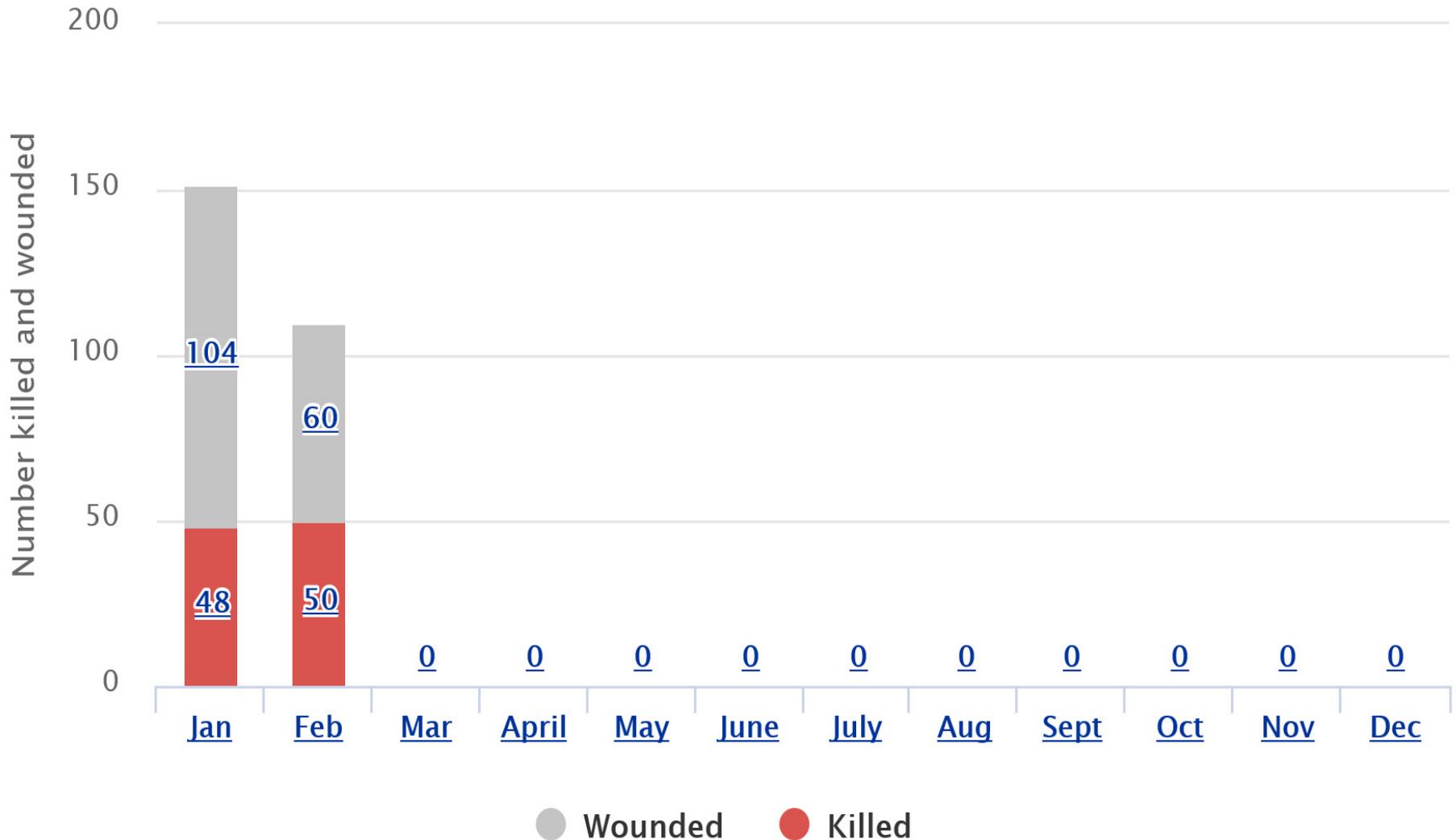


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17 school shootings in 45 days — Florida massacre is one of many tragedies in 2018

- The attack on Florida's Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School is the 17th school shooting in the U.S. within the first 45 days of 2018.
- Several of the deadliest mass shootings in modern U.S. history have taken place in schools.
- "No child, teacher or anyone else should ever feel unsafe in an American school," President Donald Trump says in a tweet.

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These are the victims of the Florida s...

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A football coach, an athletic director and young, fresh-faced students are among the 17 people killed by a gunman at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, on Wednesday.

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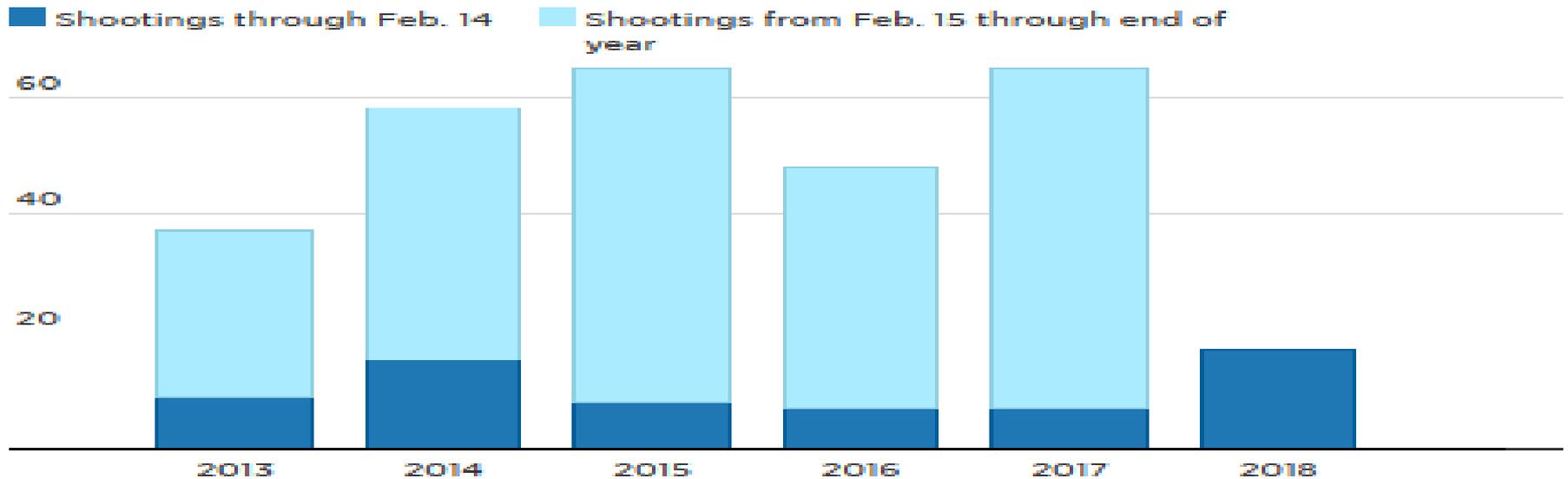
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School shootings by year

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The count for 2017 school shooting was 65, including seven through Feb. 14. The last year that neared 2018's total for the first 45 days of the year was 2014, in which there were 15 school shootings midway through February. There were 58 total school shootings in 2014.

"When you look at all the ways children are impacted by gun violence, you realize what a tremendous problem we have as a country," Tofte said. "We really do deserve to live in a place where children are free from gun violence in their homes, schools and communities."

Wednesday's attack in Broward County was the deadliest school shooting since the 2012 rampage that killed 26 people at Sandy Hook Elementary in Newtown, Connecticut, said Sarah Tofte, director of research and implementation at Everytown.

"Making disciples to finish the work"

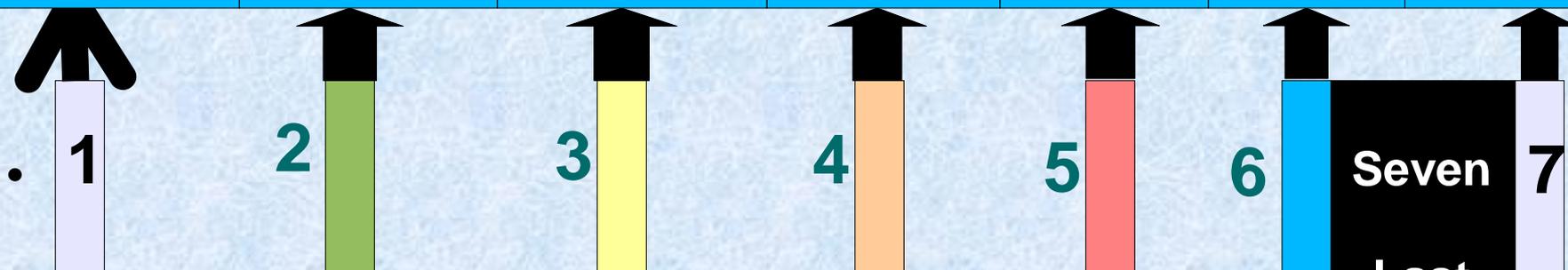


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Not one of us will ever receive the seal of God while our characters have one spot or stain upon them.

It is left with us to remedy the defects in our characters, to cleanse the soul temple of every defilement.

Then the latter rain will fall upon us as the early rain fell upon the disciples on the Day of Pentecost. (5T 214.2)

It was impossible for the plagues to be poured out while Jesus officiated in the sanctuary; but as His work there is finished, and His intercession closes, there is nothing to stay the wrath of God, and it breaks with fury upon the shelterless head of the guilty sinner, who has salvation and hated reproof. In that fearful time, after the close of Jesus' mediation, the saints were living in the sight of a holy God without an intercessor. Every case was decided, every jewel numbered. slighted (EW 280)

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We Are in the Day of Atonement

We are in the great day of atonement, when our sins are, by confession and repentance, to go beforehand to judgment. God does not now accept a tame, spiritless testimony from His ministers. Such a testimony would not be present truth. The message for this time must be meat in due season to feed the church of God. But Satan has been seeking gradually to rob this message of its power, that the people may not be prepared to stand in the day of the Lord. {1SM 124.3}

In 1844 our great High Priest entered the most holy place of the heavenly sanctuary, to begin the work of the investigative judgment. The cases of the righteous dead have been passing in review before God. WHEN THAT WORK SHALL BE COMPLETED, JUDGMENT IS TO BE PRONOUNCED UPON THE LIVING. {1SM 125.1}

It is no time to be ashamed of our faith. We are a spectacle to the world, to angels, and to men. The whole universe is looking with inexpressible interest to see the closing work of the great controversy between Christ and Satan. AT SUCH A TIME AS THIS, JUST AS THE GREAT WORK OF JUDGING THE LIVING IS TO BEGIN, SHALL WE ALLOW UNSANCTIFIED AMBITION TO TAKE POSSESSION OF THE HEART? What can be of any worth to us now except to be found loyal and true to the God of heaven? What is there of any real value in this world when we are on the very borders of the eternal world? What education can we give to the students in our schools that is so necessary as a knowledge of "What saith the Scripture"? {5T 526.1}

**THE JUDGMENT OF
THE LIVING HAPPENS
AT THE SUNDAY LAW
AND IT'S THE CLOSE
OF PROBATION FOR
ADVENTISTS**

1Pe 4:12-18:

Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters. Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf. FOR THE TIME IS COME THAT JUDGMENT MUST BEGIN AT THE HOUSE OF GOD: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?

Eze 9:4-6: And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof. And to the others he said in mine hearing, Go ye after him through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity: Slay utterly old and young, both maids, and little children, and women: but come not near any man upon whom is the mark; AND BEGIN AT MY SANCTUARY. THEN THEY BEGAN AT THE ANCIENT MEN WHICH WERE BEFORE THE HOUSE.

Luke 19:41-44

And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it, Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes. For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side, And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.

M't 23:31-38

Wherefore ye be witnesses unto yourselves, that ye are the children of them which killed the prophets. Fill ye up then the measure of your fathers. Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell? Wherefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: and some of them ye shall kill and crucify; and some of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute them from city to city: That upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zacharias son of Barachias, whom ye slew between the temple and the altar. Verily I say unto you, All these things shall come upon this generation. O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate.

Luke 19:45

And he went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold therein, and them that bought;

John 12:20-23

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.

Oh, that the people might know the time of their visitation! There are many who have not yet heard the testing truth for this time. There are many with whom the Spirit of God is striving. The time of God's destructive judgments is the time of mercy for those who have had no opportunity to learn what is truth. Tenderly will the Lord look upon them. His heart of mercy is touched; His hand is still stretched out to save, while the door is closed to those who would not enter. {9T 97.2}

The Last Deception of Satan

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. {1SM 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. {1SM 48.4}

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God has spoken in reference to yourself. That which you term light from heaven, He has pronounced darkness, and the visions born of this error, He calls a delusion. Will you believe this testimony? Will you heed what the Lord has spoken through Sister White, or will you cast the word of the Lord behind you? Will you quote this testimony as readily, and make capital of it, as you have of testimonies of reproof given your brethren who have erred in some things? "O consistency, thou art a jewel!"--Letter 11, 1890. {2SM 82.1}

18. The Gift of Prophecy

The Scriptures testify that one ~~One~~ of the gifts of the Holy Spirit is prophecy. This gift is an identifying mark of the remnant church and we believe it was manifested in the ministry of Ellen G. White. Her ~~As the Lord's messenger, her~~ writings speak with prophetic authority ~~are a continuing and authoritative source of truth which provide for the church~~ comfort, guidance, instruction, and correction to the church. They also make clear that the Bible is the standard by which all teaching and experience must be tested. (Num. 12:6; 2 Chron. 20:20; Amos 3:7; Joel 2:28, 29; Acts 2:14-21; 2 Tim 3:16,17; Heb. 1:1-3; Rev. 12:17; 19:10; 22:8, 9.) ~~(Joel 2:28, 29; Acts 2:14-21; Heb. 1:1-3; Rev. 12:17; 19:10.~~

- We are living in the time of the end. The fast-fulfilling signs of the times declare that the coming of Christ is near at hand. The days in which we live are solemn and important. The Spirit of God is gradually but surely being withdrawn from the earth. Plagues and judgments are already falling upon the despisers of the grace of God. The calamities by land and sea, the unsettled state of society, the alarms of war, are portentous. They forecast approaching events of the greatest magnitude. {9T 11.1}

Only once a year could the high priest enter into the most holy place, after the most careful and solemn preparation. No mortal eye but that of the high priest could look upon the sacred grandeur of that apartment, because it was the especial dwelling-place of God's visible glory. The high priest always entered it with trembling, while the people waited his return with solemn silence. Their earnest desires were to God for his blessing. Before the mercy-seat God conversed with the high priest. If he remained an unusual time in the most holy, the people were often terrified, fearing that because of their sins, or some sin of the priest, the glory of the Lord had slain him. But when the sound of the tinkling of the bells upon his garments was heard, they were greatly relieved. He then came forth and blessed the people. {4aSG 9.2}

*Matthew 24:6-13, 32-34: And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. 7: For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. 8: **ALL THESE ARE THE BEGINNING OF SORROWS.** 9: Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. 10: And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. 11: And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. 12: And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. 13: But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. 32: Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh: 33: **SO LIKEWISE YE, WHEN YE SHALL SEE ALL THESE THINGS, KNOW THAT IT IS NEAR, EVEN AT THE DOORS.** 34: **VERILY I SAY UNTO YOU, THIS GENERATION SHALL NOT PASS, TILL ALL THESE THINGS BE FULFILLED.***

TIME OF
TROUBLE

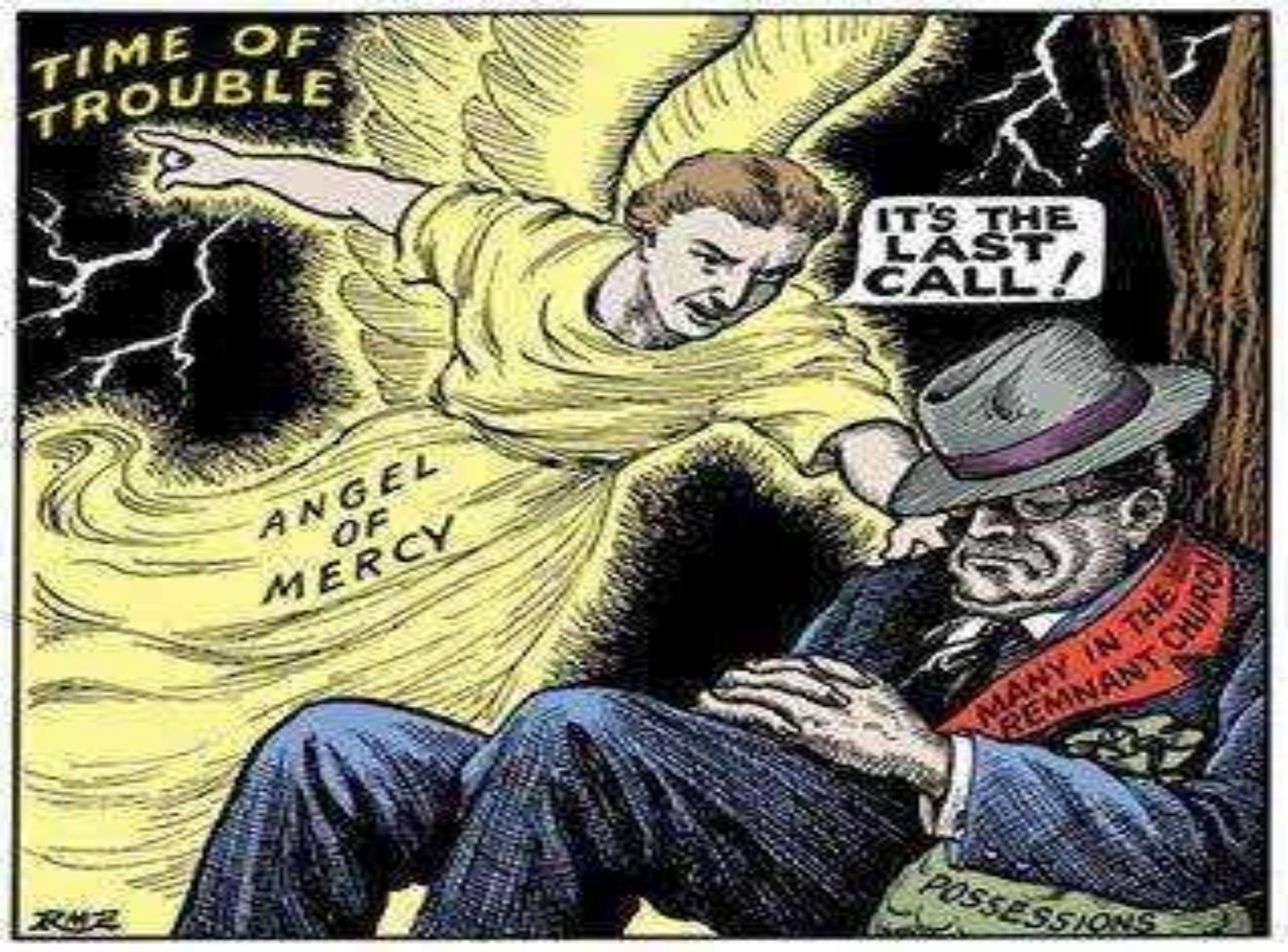
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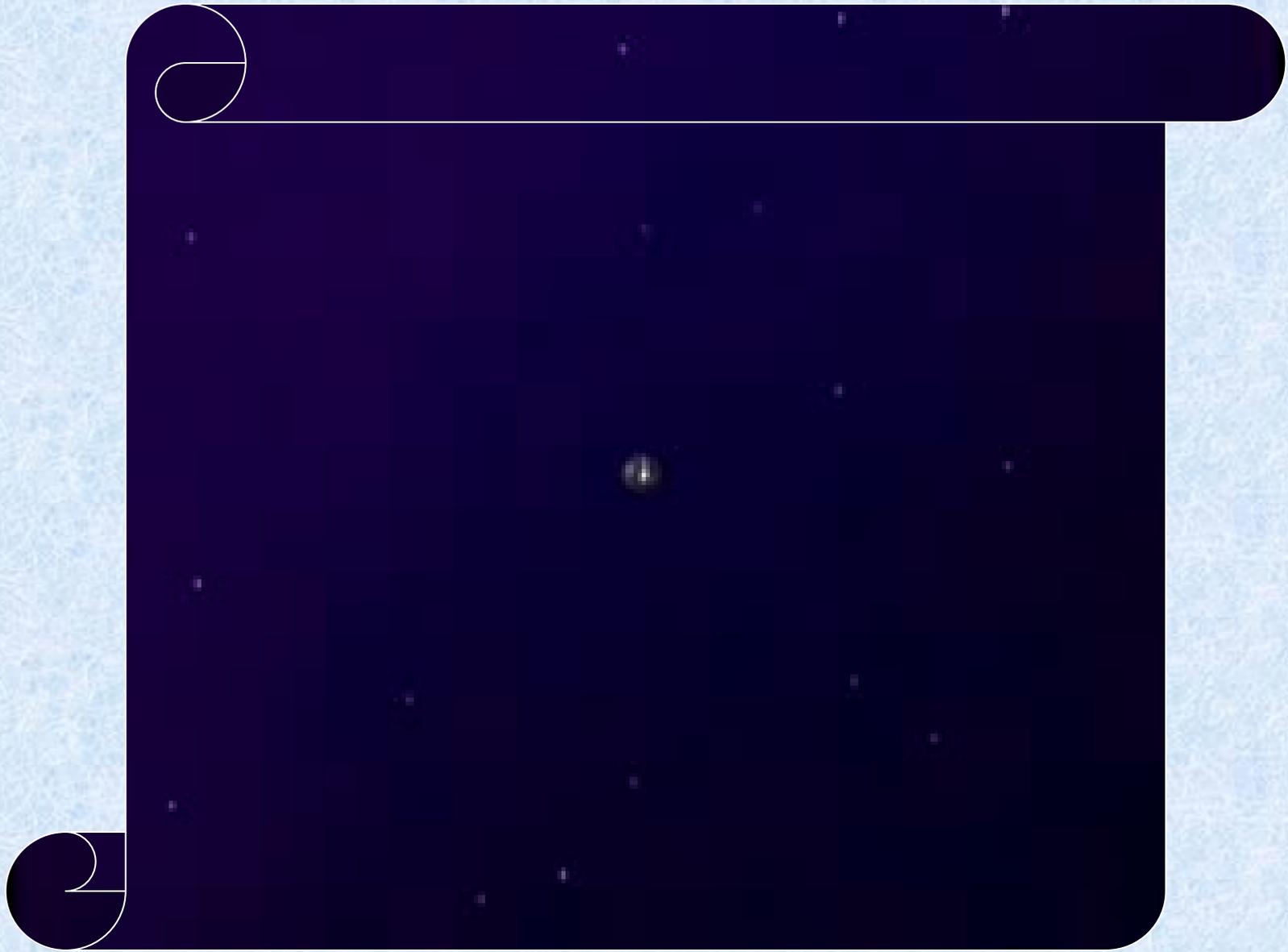
MANY IN THE
REMNANT CHURCH

POSSESSIONS

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Just as long as God has a church, he will have those who will cry aloud and spare not, who will be his instruments to reprove selfishness and sins, and will not shun to declare the whole counsel of God, whether men will hear or forbear. I saw that individuals would rise up against the plain testimonies. It does not suit their natural feelings. They would choose to have smooth things spoken unto them, and have peace cried in their ears. I view the church in a more dangerous condition than they ever have been. Experimental religion is known but by a few. The shaking must soon take place to purify the church. {2SG 284.1} Preachers should have no scruples to preach the truth as it is found in God's word. Let the truth cut. I have been shown that why ministers have not more success is, they are afraid of hurting feelings, fearful of not being courteous, and they lower the standard of truth, and conceal if possible the peculiarity of our faith. I saw that God could not make such successful. The truth must be made pointed, and the necessity of a decision urged. And as false shepherds are crying, Peace, and are preaching smooth things, the servants of God must cry aloud, and spare not, and leave the result with God. {2SG 284.2}



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1. The first beast's wound is healed (church-state unite in Europe) (Rev. 13:3, 12)
2. America then brings down the fire to deceive people (Rev. 13:13)
3. 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 becomes king of the north, the visible leader of spiritual Babylon (Dan. 11:40)
6. The war against the allied atheist powers begins (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 (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 of the remnant take place (Dan. 11:44a; Rev. 18)
11. Satan instigates a death decree against Sabbath keepers (Dan. 11:44b; Rev. 13:15)
12. Satan then appears as Christ in a last attempt to deceive the remnant (Dan. 11:45)
13. Jesus finishes His work, stands for His people, and the time of trouble begins (COP) (Dan. 12:1)
14. The plagues fall to destroy Babylon and the remnant are delivered (Dan. 11:45b; 12:1, Rev. 16)
15. The first and special resurrections take place (Dan. 12:2)
16. Jesus then returns and His people will shine forever (Dan. 12:3)
17. Satan's final destruction happens after the millennium (Dan. 11:45b; Rev. 20)

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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 says 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.

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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

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is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it." Jeremiah 30:5-7. {GC 616.1}

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}

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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. {1SP 84.4}

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}

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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}

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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

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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.

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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}

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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

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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

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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}

THE DEATH DECREE EXECUTION AT THE SIXTH PLAGUE, HOW WILL WE FAIR?

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

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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 baken 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

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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

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not take time to return for 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}

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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}

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God Will Provide

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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

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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.

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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 withheldest 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}

There are many in the church who at heart belong to the world, but God calls upon those who claim to believe the advanced truth, to rise above the present attitude of the popular churches of today. Where is the self-denial, where is the cross-bearing that Christ has said should characterize His followers? The reason we have had so little influence upon unbelieving relatives and associates is that we have manifested little decided difference in our practices from those of the world. Parents need to awake, and purify their souls by practicing the truth in their home life. When we reach the standard that the Lord would have us reach, worldlings will regard Seventh-day Adventists as odd, singular, strait-laced extremists. "We are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men." {FE 289.1}

In the professed Christian world enough is expended for jewels and needlessly expensive dress to feed all the hungry and to clothe the naked. Fashion and display absorb the means that might comfort the poor and the suffering. They rob the world of the gospel of the Saviour's love. Missions languish. Multitudes perish for want of Christian teaching. Beside our own doors and in foreign lands the heathen are untaught and unsaved. While God has laden the earth with His bounties and filled its storehouses with the comforts of life, while He has so freely given to us a saving knowledge of His truth, what excuse can we offer for permitting the cries of the widow and the fatherless, the sick and the suffering, the untaught and the unsaved, to ascend to heaven? In the day of God, when brought face to face with Him who gave His life for these needy ones, what excuse will those offer who are spending their time and money upon indulgences that God has forbidden? To such will not Christ say, "I was an hungered, and ye gave Me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave Me no drink: . . .naked, and ye clothed Me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited Me not"? Matthew 25:42, 43. {MH 287.4}

Money has great value, because it can do great good. In the hands of God's children it is food for the hungry, drink for the thirsty, and clothing for the naked. It is a defense for the oppressed, and a means of help to the sick. But money is of no more value than sand, only as it is put to use in providing for the necessities of life, in blessing others, and advancing the cause of Christ. {COL 351.3}

Our dress is to be inexpensive--not with "gold, or pearls, or costly array." Money is a trust from God. It is not ours to expend for the gratification of pride or ambition. In the hands of God's children it is food for the hungry and clothing for the naked. It is a defense to the oppressed, a means of health to the sick, of preaching the gospel to the poor. You could bring happiness to many hearts by using wisely the money that is now spent for show. Consider the life of Christ. Study His character, and be partakers with Him in His self-denial. {CT 302.2}

Chap. 57 - Economy and Self-Denial

Economy in the outlay of means is an excellent branch of Christian wisdom. This matter is not sufficiently considered by those who occupy responsible positions in our institutions. Money is an excellent gift of God. In the hands of His children it is food for the hungry, drink for the thirsty, and raiment for the naked; it is a defense for the oppressed and a means of health to the sick. Means should not be needlessly or lavishly expended for the gratification of pride or ambition. {4T 571.1}

I saw that many were neglecting the preparation so needful and were looking to the time of "refreshing" and the "latter rain" to fit them to stand in the day of the Lord and to live in His sight. Oh, how many I saw in the time of trouble without a shelter! They had neglected the needful preparation; therefore they could not receive the refreshing that all must have to fit them to live in the sight of a holy God. Those who refuse to be hewed by the prophets and fail to purify their souls in obeying the whole truth, and who are willing to believe that their condition is far better than it really is, will come up to the time of the falling of the plagues, and then see that they needed to be hewed and squared for the building. But there will be no time then to do it and no Mediator to plead their cause before the Father. {EW 71.2}

When God's written word was given through the Hebrew prophets, Satan studied with diligence the messages concerning the Messiah. Carefully he traced the words that outlined with unmistakable clearness Christ's work among men as a suffering sacrifice and as a conquering king. In the parchment rolls of the Old Testament Scriptures he read that the One who was to appear was to be "brought as a lamb to the slaughter," "His visage . . . so marred more than any man, and His form more than the sons of men." Isaiah 53:7; 52:14. The promised Saviour of humanity was to be "despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; . . . smitten of God, and afflicted;" yet He was also to exercise His mighty power in order to "judge the poor of the people." He was to "save the children of the needy," and "break in pieces the oppressor." Isaiah 53:3, 4; Psalm 72:4. These prophecies caused Satan to fear and tremble; yet he relinquished not his purpose to thwart, if possible, the merciful provisions of Jehovah for the redemption of the lost race. He determined to blind the eyes of the people, so far as might be possible, to the real significance of the Messianic prophecies, in order to prepare the way for the rejection of Christ at His coming. {PK 686.1}

Satan is a diligent Bible student. He knows that his time is short, and he seeks at every point to counterwork the work of the Lord upon this earth. {9T 16.2}

On the Verge of Fulfillment.--We are living in a most solemn period of this earth's history. There is never time to sin; it is always perilous to continue in transgression, but in a special sense is this true at the present time. We are now upon the very borders of the eternal world and stand in a more solemn relation to time and to eternity than ever before. Now let every person search his own heart and plead for the bright beams of the Sun of Righteousness to expel all spiritual darkness and cleanse from defilement. {AH 549.3}

1Chronicles 12:32 And of the children of Issachar, which were men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do; the heads of them were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their commandment.

It is no time now for lightness, vanity, or trifling. The scenes of this earth's history are soon to close. Minds that have been left to loose thought need change. Says the apostle Peter: "Gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; as obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: but as He which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy." {3T 474.1}

As the ministration of Jesus closed in the holy place, and He passed into the holiest, and stood before the ark containing the law of God, He sent another mighty angel with a third message to the world. A parchment was placed in the angel's hand, and as he descended to the earth in power and majesty, he proclaimed a fearful warning, with the most terrible threatening ever borne to man. This message was designed to put the children of God upon their guard, by showing them the hour of temptation and anguish that was before them. Said the angel, "They will be brought into close combat with the beast and his image. Their only hope of eternal life is to remain steadfast. Although their lives are at stake, they must hold fast the truth." The third angel closes his message thus: "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." As he repeated these words, he pointed to the heavenly sanctuary. The minds of all who embrace this message are directed to the most holy place, where Jesus stands before the ark, making His final intercession for all those for whom mercy still lingers and for those who have ignorantly broken the law of God. This atonement is made for the righteous dead as well as for the righteous living. It includes all who died trusting in Christ, but who, not having received the light upon God's commandments, had sinned ignorantly in transgressing its precepts. {EW 254.1}



A Special Class in Heaven

Some among the redeemed will have laid hold of Christ in the last hours of life, and in heaven instruction will be given to those who, when they died, did not understand perfectly the plan of salvation. Christ will lead the redeemed ones beside the river of life, and will open to them that which while on this earth they could not understand.-- Undated manuscript 150. {1SM 262.2}

God's test of the heathen, who have not the light, and of those living where the knowledge of truth and light has been abundant, is altogether different. He accepts from those in heathen lands a phase of righteousness which does not satisfy Him when offered by those of Christian lands. He does not require much where much has not been bestowed (MS 130, 1899). {5BC 1121.14}

Finally my brethren: Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof. Rom 13:8-14

