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When Christ began His Ministration in the Most Holy Place in 1844 the time came for the Light on the Ten Commandments to Shine Out. I saw the commandments of God and [the teaching on the] shut door could not be separated. I saw (that) the time for the commandments of God to shine out to His people was when the door was opened in the inner apartment of the heavenly sanctuary in 1844. Then Jesus rose up and shut the door in the outer apartment and opened the door in the inner apartment and passed into the most Holy Place, and the faith of [spiritual] Israel now reaches within the second veil where Jesus now stands by the ark.

Christ's Ministry in the Most Holy Place and the Sabbath Test. I saw that Jesus had shut the door in the Holy Place and no man can open it, and that He had opened the door in the Most Holy Place and no man can shut it; and that since Jesus had opened the door in the Most Holy Place the commandments have been shining out and God has been testing His people on the holy Sabbath [question]. I saw that the test on the Sabbath could not come until the mediation of Jesus was finished in the Holy [Place] and He had passed within the second veil; therefore Christians who died before the seventh month [in] 1844, and had not kept the true Sabbath, now rest in hope, for there was no condemnation until the true light on the Sabbath came.

The Ark in the Heavenly Sanctuary and the tables of the Ten Commandments. I saw that our adversaries had been trying to open the door in the outer apartment and to close the door in the inner apartment, where the ark is, containing the two tables of stone, on which are written the ten commandments by God's own finger. I saw that Satan was now using every device in this sealing time to keep the minds of God's people from present truth and cause them to waver.

The Covering Over God's People in the Time of Trouble. I saw a covering that God was drawing over His people to protect them in the time of trouble, and every soul that was decided upon the truth was to be covered with this covering of Almighty God. Satan knew this and was also at work in mighty power.

The Working of Satan and Spiritualism. I saw that the mysterious knocking in [Hydesville,] New York was the power of Satan, clothed in a religious garb, to lull the deceived to more security, and to draw the minds of God's people to look at that and cause them to doubt the teachings of God among His people.

False Latter-day Manifestations of the Holy Spirit. I saw that Satan was working through agents in a number of ways. He was at work through ministers who had rejected God's truth and had been given over to strong delusions to believe a lie, that they might be damned. I saw [that] while they were preaching or praying some would fall prostrate and helpless, not by the power of the Holy Ghost, No, no, but by the power of Satan, breathed upon these agents and through them to the people.

Hypnotism Is Not of God. I saw that some professed Adventists, who had rejected present truth, while preaching, praying, or in private conversation, used mesmerism [i.e., hypnotism] to gain adherents and [that] the people would rejoice, thinking it was the power of God; and

[that] even those that used it [mesmerism] themselves were so far in the darkness and deception of the devil that they thought it was the power of God given them to exercise. I saw that these men had made God altogether such an one as themselves.

Satan's Agents Try to Affect the Bodies of God's People. I saw that some of the agents of the devil were affecting the bodies of those [whom] they could not deceive and drawn [away] from present truth. Some of them were even trying to afflict some of the saints unto death. (Oh, that all could, get a view of it as God revealed it unto me, that they might know more of the wiles of Satan so as to be on their guard.)

The Sealing Time Followed by the Time of Slaughter. I saw that Satan was at work in these ways to distract, draw away, and deceive God's people, just now in this sealing time more than ever before. I saw some who were not standing stiffly; their knees were trembling, their feet were sliding, because they were not planted firmly on present truths and [that] the covering of Almighty God could not be drawn over them. While they were thus trembling, Satan was trying his every art to hold them where they were until the sealing was over and the covering drawn over God's people, and they [were] left without protection in the time of slaughter.

The Time of Trouble and the Day of the Lord. God has begun to draw this covering over His people, therefore it will very soon be drawn over all of those who are to have a shelter in the time of trouble or the day of the Lord.

True Reformations and False Reformations in the Last Days. I saw that as God worked for His people, Satan would also work, and that the mysterious knocking, and signs and wonders of Satan, and false reformations would increase and spread. The reformations that were shown me were not reformations from error to truth, No, no, but from bad to worse, for those who professed a change of heart had only wrapped about them a religious cloak which covered up the iniquity of a vile heart so as to deceive God's people. But if their hearts could be seen, they would appear as black as ever.--Manuscript 1, 1849, pp. 1-3. ("Vision of Open and Shut Door," n.d., 1849.)

THE WORKING OF SATAN IN THE LAST DAYS.

I saw [that,] the powers of darkness were rising, Satan has come down in great power, knowing that his time is short.... I was pointed back to the children of Israel in Egypt. I saw [that,] when God worked through Moses before Pharaoh, the magicians came up and said they could do the same. I saw [that today] the same work was going on in the world and among professed [Christian] churches similar to the work of the magicians anciently. I saw [that in the future] it will still be on the increase and spread, and [that] unless [the faith of] Israel [--God's remnant people--] is rising and increasing in power and strength, the powers of darkness will get the victory over them.--Letter 8, 1850, pp. 1, 2. (To "Arabella [Hastings]," August 4, 1850.)

SATAN'S WORK And THE SEALING.

The Sealing Places Saints Beyond Satan's Power--Satan Will Come in

Almost Human Shape. I saw [that] Satan would work more powerfully now than ever he has before. He knows that his; time is short and that the sealing of the saints will place them beyond his power, and [therefore] he will now work; in every way that he can, and will try his every insinuation to get the saints off their guard and get them asleep on present truth, or doubting it, so as to prevent their being sealed with the seal of the living God; and [I saw] that Satan will ere long come in almost human shape, and that his angels were all around them seeking some way that they might devour them....

God's People Not to Mingle With the Wicked Any More Than Necessary. I saw that God wanted His people to be separate from the world; for wicked persons were the lawful prey of the enemy, and [that] he would work through them in every way to perplex and destroy the saints, and [that,] if we were obliged to be in [the] company of wicked persons, we must pray and watch every moment, lest we should partake of their spirit; for they corrupted the atmosphere where they were and their very breath was darkness; and that the wicked would wax worse and worse, and [that] God does not want His people to mingle with the wicked more than they are obliged to.

The Nominal Churches and the World Think Spirit Rapping Is; the Power of God. I saw that... [spirit] rapping was the power of the devil. Some of it was directly from him and some [of it came] indirectly [from him], but [that] it all proceeded from Satan. It was his work, which he accomplished in different ways; and the nominal churches and the world were so covered up in darkness that they thought and held forth that it was the power of God. Said the angel "'Should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead?' (Isa. 8:19.) Should the living go to the dead for knowledge,... [since] the dead know not anything'? (Eccl. 9:5.) For the living God do ye go to [the] dead? They have departed from the living God to converse with the dead, who know not any thing."

Speaking Against Spirit Rapping Soon to Be Considered Blasphemy. I saw that it would soon be considered blasphemy to speak against the rapping, and [that] it would spread more and more, and [that] Satan's power would increase and some of his devoted followers would have power to work miracles and bring down fire from heaven; and [that] they would claim [to have the power] to accomplish all the miracles that Jesus did when He was upon earth by the power of Spiritualism and Mesmerism.

The Need to Stay Our Minds on God to Withstand Satanic Deceptions. I saw that [the] time would soon come... [when] we should have to keep hold of the strong arm of Jehovah; for I saw [that] all these great signs and mighty wonders of the devil were [designed] to deceive God's people and to overthrow them; and [that] our minds must be stayed upon God; and [that] we must not fear the wicked, but be bold and valiant for the truth.

Good and Evil Angels Active Though Invisible. Could our eyes be opened, we should see [the] forms of wicked angels around us, trying to invent some new and effectual way to annoy and destroy us; for I saw that God's watchful eye was over Israel, and that He would protect and save them, if they would put their trust in Him; and [that], when this enemy should come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord would lift up a standard against him. (See Isa. 59:19.)---Manuscript 1, 1850, pp. 2-

4. ("A Vision the Lord gave me at Bro. Harris," August 24, 1850.)
THE LATTER RAIN To COME WITH TEN TIMES THE POWER OF THE MIDNIGHT
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I saw [that] the Latter Rain was coming as suddenly as the
Midnight Cry and with ten times the power.--Vision of August 24, 1850,

p.2. ("Copied from O. Hewitt's book" in the Apocryphal File, but see
Daily Bulletin of the General Conference, February 5, 1893 p. 152,
where it is quoted.)

INSIGHTS Into HEAVENLY THINGS.

Description of Heavenly Things. I saw the exceeding loveliness and
glory of Jesus. His countenance was brighter than the sun at noonday.
His robe was whiter than the whitest white. How can I... describe to
you the glories of heaven and the lovely angels singing and playing
upon their harps of ten strings?....

The Increasing Importance of the Sabbath to Be Seen. I saw that we
sensed and realized but little of the importance of the Sabbath to what
we yet realize and know of its importance and glory. I saw [that] we
knew not yet what it was to ride upon the high places of the earth and
to be fed with the heritage of Jacob. But when the refreshing and
latter rain shall come from the presence of the Lord and the glory of
His power, we shall know what it is to be fed with the heritage of
Jacob and ride upon the high places of the earth. Then shall we see the
Sabbath more in its importance and glory. But we shall not see it in
all its glory and importance until the covenant of peace is made with
us at the voice of God, and the pearly gates of the New Jerusalem are
thrown open and swing back on their glittering hinges, and the glad and
joyful voice of the lovely Jesus is heard, richer than any music that

The Right to Enter New Jerusalem. I saw that we had a perfect
right in the city, for we had kept the commandments of God, and heaven,
sweet heaven, is our home, for we have kept the commandments of God. --
Letter 3, 1851, pp. 1,2. (To "Sister Harriet," August 11, 1851.)

THE WICKED DURING THE TIME OF THE PLAGUES.

The Lord in judgment will at the close of time walk through the
earth; the fearful plagues will begin to fall. Then those who have
despised God's word, those who have lightly esteemed it, shall "wander
from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east; they shall run to
and fro to seek the word of the Lord and shall not find it" (Amos 8:12)
A famine is in the land for the hearing of the Word. The ministers of
God will have done their last work, offered their last prayers, shed
their last bitter tear for a rebellious church and an ungodly people.
Their last solemn warning has been given. O then how quickly would
houses and lands--dollars that have been miserly hoarded...be given...
by those who have professed the truth and have not lived it out. But
no, they must hunger and thirst on in vain. Their thirst will never be
quenched, no consolation can they get. Their cases are decided and

THE SAINTS Do NOT LABOR MANUALLY DURING THE TIME OF TROUBLE.

I saw that a time of trouble was before us, when stern necessity will compel the people of God to live on bread and water, but I saw that God did not require His people to live so now. God commands that all whom He has not especially called to labor in word and doctrine should labor with their hands [in] the thing that is good, and supply their own necessities, and have wherewith to bestow upon others.... But in the time of trouble none will labor with their hands. Their sufferings will be mental, and God will provide food for them.-- Manuscript 2, , p. 4. (Untitled Manuscript, December 27, [1857] .)

THE RESURRECTION OF THE RIGHTEOUS.

When Christ the great Life-Giver shall come in the clouds of heaven to raise the dead, there will be a terrible earthquake. The trumpet of God will be heard resounding through earth's remotest bounds and the voice of Jesus will call forth the dead from their graves to immortal life.--Letter 2, 1874, p.5. (To J. N. Loughborough, August 24, 1874.)

STRANGE COMMOTIONS In THE UNITED STATES.

Troublous times are before us. You may yet be tested, your faith tried. Commotions in the nation [the United States] will bring such scenes in the world as we have heretofore been strangers.--Letter 7, 1868, p.1. (To J. E. White, March 8, 1868.)

THE CONFLICT BETWEEN THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE And SATAN'S EFFORTS To DECEIVE.

Third Angel's Message Must Be Given Clear and Sharp. Men are demanded in these times who will not betray the truth, who will not yield to any guide but God. The trumpet must give a certain sound, clear and sharp. The sound of warning and alarm must be given. God has a message designed to arouse the people, and words of solemn importance must be spoken in no hesitating manner. The time of night must be sounded all along the line. Clear and distinct, the truth must come to the people in the spirit and power of God, that the church and the world may be aroused from their carnal slumbers. Men must be led to inquire with solemn interest, "What shall I do to be saved?" False, unfaithful shepherds are crying, "Peace and safety" to soothe the consciences of those who need to be alarmed for their soul's sake. The voice and pen of God's faithful servants must be employed that those

The Great Majority Will Reject the Truth, but Some Will Accept It.

In comparison to the number that reject the truth, those that receive it will be very small. But one soul is of more value than worlds beside. We must not become discouraged although our work does not seem to bring large returns.... Although the greatest proportion of the world will reject the truth, some will accept it, some will respond to the drawing power of Christ. Those in whose hands the reading matter is placed may turn from the light and refuse to obey the convictions of conscience, but the messenger they despise, through the power of God, may fall into the hands of others and be as meat in due season to them. They will be aroused to search the Scriptures, to pray to know what is truth, and they will not ask in vain. Angels of God will minister to

their necessities. Many who are in harmony with the truth, whose hearts

The Contest Over the Sabbath in the U.S. Will Agitate the Whole World. The law of God, through the agency of Satan, is to be made void. In our land of boasted freedom religious liberty will come to an end. The contest will be decided over the Sabbath question which will agitate the whole world. Our time for work is limited, and God calls us as ministers and people to be minutemen. Teachers, as wise as serpents and as harmless as doves, must come to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty. There are many who do not understand the prophecies relating to these days, and they must be enlightened....

Satan's Lying Wonders and Corrupt Harmony Among His Followers. We must be waiting and watching and working diligently that Satan may not preoccupy the field and bring the issue upon us before our work is done. Satan has his work all prepared that through his lying wonders he may deceive the world. He will bind men in bundles and claim that [the] world is on his side. A corrupt union will exist among the wicked of the earth, and men will be banded together to trample down the standard of righteousness to please Satan and his evil angels, and to gratify a world at enmity with God and His law.

God requires every man to do his duty and to show his loyalty. Satan is inventing every device possible that the people who know the truth may be lulled into fatal security, while he summons evil men and evil angels to carry on his scheme in secrecy. But all who seek God with their whole heart will be aroused. Those who love God with their whole soul will keep the commandments of God and have the faith of Jesus.

Need to Be Alert; Drowsy Christians Will be Passed by. Some are inclined to think that too great a stir is being made, but in their position of ease they say to the people, "Peace and safety," when sudden destruction is about to fall upon the world. I tremble as I think of the words that have been spoken to me concerning those who do not act in accordance with the truth for this time. Said my guide, "Those who do not arouse will be passed by and God will move upon men who will respond to His call, and carry His work forward and upward."...

A far greater work will be done than has yet been done, and none of the glory of it will flow to men, for angels that minister to those who shall be heirs of salvation are working night and day. All who will be saved must cooperate with the agencies of heaven to arouse the inhabitants of the earth to the solemn truths for this time.

Third Angel's Message to Lighten the Earth With Its Glory. The third angel's message means far more than we take it to mean. We should search to find out all that is possible concerning this solemn message. The earth is to be lighted with its glory. Divine agencies will go before those who go out to work for God. Publications should be issued, written in the plainest simplest language, explaining the subjects of vital interest, and making known the things that are to come upon the world.

SATAN IS CONSTANTLY SEEKING TO DECEIVE AND MISLEAD.

Satan has his agents everywhere. They are engaged as canvassers and colporteurs, and so-called missionaries. Satan is constantly seeking so to occupy the minds of the people that they may not give attention to things of eternal interest. Every device and deception is prepared to control the minds of men, and if one plan fails, another is presented, and everything possible is invented to cover up the truth and turn the attention away from it by sophistry and falsehood.

New Converts to Be Armed with Literature That Will Enable Them to Meet Opponents Arguments. Those who shall be convicted of the truth will have to meet all manner of opposition. Men claiming to be teachers of Bible truth will assail those who embrace the truth, who have no experience in meeting objections, and they will seek to overwhelm them with false statements and wily reasoning. On this account, as well as for other reasons, it is necessary to have publications explaining the doctrines and meeting the arguments of objectors. If those who come into the faith can have a clear statement of the truths assailed, they will be armed with arguments with which to meet opposers and to defend themselves. In defending themselves they will unconsciously be sowing seeds of truth.

Articles Setting Forth Our True Position to Be Inserted in Secular Papers. Men will misrepresent the doctrines we believe and teach as Bible truths, and it is necessary wise plans should be laid to secure the privilege of inserting articles in the secular papers, for this will be a means of awakening souls to see the truth... Everything that can be done in the work must be done to educate the public mind in regard to our true position, that we may not stand in a false light before the people...

Latter-day Moral Corruption Under Garb of Sanctity. Just such a state of things as exists today existed before the flood and before the destruction of Sodom. Dissipation increase in our world. Handbills on which indecent pictures are painted are posted up along our streets to allure the eyes and deprave the morals. These presentations are of such a character as to stir up the basest passions of the human heart through corrupt imaginings. These corrupt imaginings are followed by defiling practices, like those in which the Sodomites indulged. But the most terrible part of this evil is that it is practiced under the garb of sanctity.--Letter 1,1875, pp. 3,4,9 -14,16. (To "Dear Brother," October 12, 1875.)

THE THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE To BE CARRIED TO EVERY NATION ON THE GLOBE.

While the false prophets are crying, "Peace and safety," and are seeking to soothe the consciences of men, saying to the sinner, "Don't be alarmed. It shall be well with thee," the voice of God's servants must be heard to arouse them that are asleep, crying, "Sudden destruction cometh upon every soul of man who is not watching, awake, and watching and waiting for the appearing of their Lord in the clouds of heaven." The third angel's message in power will go forth and the earth will be lightened with his glory.... The message of warning must be carried to every nation upon the globe.--Letter 34, 1875, pp. 2,3,7. (To S. N. Haskell, October 13, 1875.)

GOD'S PUNISHMENT OF SINNERS is JUST AND CERTAIN AS IN NOAH'S DAY.

Men Will Rationalize Away God's Warnings. The men before the flood sought to quiet their consciences, which the Spirit of God had aroused, by arguing how impossible it was for the message of Noah to be true and a flood to deluge the world that would turn nature out of her course. The same reasoning is heard today: "Why, the world will not be destroyed by fire." The siren song is sung, "'All things continue as they were from the beginning.' No need to pay any regard to this preaching that this world's history will soon close. Why, the laws of nature show the inconsistency of this." He who is Lord of nature can employ it to serve His purpose, for He is not the slave of nature. They reasoned that it was not in accordance with the character of God to save Noah and his family, eight persons only, in that vast world, and let all the rest be swept out of existence by the waters of the

God in Justice Has Threatened to Punish Transgressors and in Justice Carries out His Threat. God's love is represented in our day as being of such a character as would forbid His destroying the sinner. Men reason from their own low standard of right and justice. "Thou thoughtest that I was altogether such an one as thyself" (Psalm 50:21). They measure God by themselves. They reason as to how they would act under the circumstances and decide God would do as they imagine they would do.

God's goodness and long forbearance, His patience and mercy exercised to His subjects, will not hinder Him from punishing the sinner who refuses to be obedient to His requirements. It is not for man--a criminal against God's holy law, pardoned only through the great sacrifice He made in giving His Son to die for the guilty (because His law was changeless)--to dictate to God. After all this effort on the part of God to preserve the sacred and exalted character of His law, if men, through the sophistry of the devil, turn the mercy and condescension of God into a curse, they must suffer the penalty. Because Christ died, they consider they have liberty to transgress God's holy law, which condemns the transgressor, and would complain of its strictness and its penalty as severe and unlike God. They are uttering words Satan utters to millions, to quiet their conscience in

Law Without Penalty Is Ineffectual. In no kingdom or government is it left to the lawbreakers to say what punishment is to be executed against those who have broken the law. All we have, all the bounties of His grace which we possess, we owe to God. The aggravating character of sin against such a God cannot be estimated any more than the heavens can be measured with a span. God is a moral governor, as well as a Father. He is the Lawgiver. He makes and executes His laws. Law that has no penalty is of no force.

Man Has No Right to Punish Transgressors, But God Does. The plea may be made that a loving Father would not see His children suffer punishment by fire while He had the power to relieve them. But God would, for the good of His subjects; and for their safety, punish the transgressor. God does not work on the plan of man. He can do infinite justice, which man has no right to do... [to] his fellow man. Noah would have displeased God to have drowned one of the scoffers and mockers that harassed him, but God drowned the vast world. Lot would

have had no right to inflict punishment on his sons-in-law, but God could do it in strict justice.

God Will Carry out His Threat to Punish Sinners. Who will say God will not do what He says He will do? Let God be true and every man a liar. The Lord is coming in flaming fire to take vengeance on those sinners who know not God and obey not His gospel. And because in His infinite mercy He delays His coming to give the world a larger span for repentance, sinners flatter themselves [that] He will never come. In the public press, in the haunts of sin, as well as in the schools of science so-called, there is one sentiment: They curl the lips with scorn, and jest and ridicule at the warnings given them, and look upon the thousands who will not believe. Jest is uttered, witty paragraphs published at the expense of those who wait and look for His appearing, and, with fear, like Noah, prepare for the event. This is not new, but as old as sin. It is as false as the father of lies. When ministers,

THE LOST WILL BE SELF-CONDEMNED IN THE JUDGMENT.

God will never give up His rightful claim. He will never cease to command. However, you may be determined to refuse to obey, and, if you die following your own will, refusing the will of God, He will eventually justify the reasonableness of your condemnation before the assembled universe. Not one of the countless millions of the human family will stand alone before God pleading that he had done all that he could to comply with the conditions of salvation revealed in His Word, and yet he is unsaved. Everyone who fails to obtain the immortal life will be self-condemned, with not an excuse to offer before God.-- Letter 6, 1877 E). 3. (To "Dear Niece Mary [Clough], " November 3, 1877.)

ABUSERS OF TALENTS, EVEN if SAVED, WILL SUSTAIN An ETERNAL LOSS.

Every time one of the glorious faculties with which God has enriched man is abused or misused, that faculty loses forever a portion of its vigor, and will never be as it was before the abuse it suffered. Every abuse inflicted upon our moral nature in this life is felt not only for time, but for eternity. Though God may forgive the sinner, yet eternity will not make up for that involuntary loss sustained in this life.

To go forth into the next life, the future life, deprived of half the power which might be carried there is a terrible thought. The days of probation lost here in acquiring a fitness for heaven, is a loss which will never be recovered. The capacities of enjoyment will be less in the future life for the misdemeanors and abuse of the moral powers in this life. However high we might attain in the future life, we might soar higher and still higher, if we had made the most of our God-given privileges and golden opportunities to improve our faculties here in this probationary existence.--Letter 41, 1877, p. 5. (To F. E. Belden, December 79 1877.)

CALAMITIES THAT COME UPON APOSTATES PERMITTED BY GOD.

Those Who Rise up Against the Testimonies Will Strengthen the Hand

of our Bitterest Enemies. I was shown in the vision given me of the judgment that God would send warnings, counsels, and reproofs. Some would take heed to their ways and seek the Lord, while some would follow their own judgment, because it was more convenient and pleasing to their natural hearts to do so.... Others would kick against the pricks, rising up against the testimonies of reproof, despise the warnings, choose their own wisdom, be ensnared and overcome by the enemy, and [become] so blinded by his infatuation [that] they would be utterly unable to discern the things of God and would work directly against the light, enshrouding themselves in darkness and error. Then these very, ones would sustain and strengthen the hands of our bitterest enemies...

When Divine Protection Is Withdrawn From Rejecters of Light. I was shown that... in the near future... those whom God has warned and reproved and given great light, but... would not correct their ways and follow light, He would remove from them that heavenly protection that had preserved them from Satan's cruel power... The protection of God [would] be withdrawn from them, and they would not be shielded from the workings of Satan...

None of finite judgment and foresight can... conceive of the care God has exercised through His angels over the children of men in their travels, in their own houses, in their eating and drinking. Wherever they are, His eye is upon them. They are preserved from a thousand dangers, all of them unseen. Satan has laid snares, but the Lord is constantly at work to save His people from them. But [from] those who have no sense of the goodness of God, who refuse His merciful warnings, who reject His counsels to reach the highest standard of Bible requirements, who do despite to the Spirit of grace, the Lord.... removes His protecting power.

God's Judgments Do Not Come Directly From Him, but From Satan by God's Permission. I was shown that Satan would entangle and then destroy, if he could, the souls he had tempted. God will bear long, but there is a bound to His mercy, a line which marks His mercy and His justice. I was shown that the judgments of God would not come directly out from the Lord upon them, but in this way--they place themselves beyond His protection. He warns, corrects, reproves, and points out the only path of safety; then, if those who have been the objects of His special care... follow their own course, independent of the Spirit of God, after repeated warnings, if they chose their own way, then He does not commission His angels to prevent Satan's decided attacks upon them.

There Will Be Undreamed of Calamities Caused by Satan. It is Satan's power that is at work at sea and on land bringing calamity and distress, and sweeping off multitudes to make sure of his prey. Storm and tempest both by land and sea will be, for Satan has come down in great wrath. He is at work. He knows his time is short, and, if he is not restrained, we shall see more terrible manifestations of his power than we have ever dreamed of.--Letter 14, 1883, pp. 182. (To Uriah Smith and wife, August 8, 1883.)

PREPARATION FOR THE COMING CONFLICT.

God's People to Seek Him in View of International Strife and

Threats to Religious Liberty. Great trouble will soon arise among the nations which will not cease until Jesus comes. The world is becoming more and more lawless. The churches are united in their efforts to restrict religious liberty. What are we as a people doing in this crisis? Are we purifying our souls by obedience to Christ's words? Are we humbling our hearts before God and Christ confessing our sins? Are we seeking with earnestness and contrition of soul Him who is the source of our strength? Are we claiming the promises, believing that Jesus pardons our transgressions and forgives our sins? Are we educating ourselves to overcome all temptation to murmur and complain?

The Oppressor Will Be Permitted to Triumph for a Time. With pity and compassion, with tender yearning, the Lord is looking upon His tempted and tried people. For a time the oppressor will be permitted to triumph over those who know God's holy commandments. All are given the same opportunity that was granted to the first great rebel to demonstrate the spirit that moves them to action. It is God's purpose that everyone shall be tested and proved, to see whether he will be loyal or disloyal to the laws that govern, the kingdom of heaven. To the last God permits Satan to reveal his character as liar, an accuser, and a murderer. Thus the final triumph of His people will be made more marked, more glorious, more full and complete.

Set Aside Days of Partial Fasting. The people of God should be wide awake, not trusting in their own wisdom, but wholly in the wisdom of their Leader. They should set aside days for fasting and prayer. Entire abstinence from food should not be required, but they should deny themselves the food they usually enjoy, and partake of a plain, simple diet.

Satan Is Preparing to Work in Secret Through Human Agencies. We are nearing the most important crisis that has ever come upon the world. If we are not wide awake and watching, it will steal upon us as a thief. Satan is preparing to work through his human agencies in secrecy....

Spirit of Complaining Not to Be Encouraged. We must know the reasons for our faith. The importance and solemnity of the scenes opening before us demand this, and on no account must the spirit of complaining be encouraged....

Pleas Before Legislative Councils Will Bring Attention to God's Law. We may have to plead most earnestly before legislative councils for the right to exercise independent judgment, to worship God according to the dictates of our consciences. Thus in His providence God has designed that the claims of His holy law shall be brought before men in the highest authority. But as we do all we can as men and women who are not ignorant of Satan's devices, we are to manifest no bitterness of feeling. Constantly we are to offer prayer for divine aid. It is God alone who can hold the four winds until the angels shall seal the servants of God in their foreheads.

Those Holding the Truth by Their Fingertips Will Be in Danger of Apostatizing. The Lord will do a great work in the earth. Satan makes a determined effort to divide and scatter His people. He brings up side issues to divert minds from the important subjects which should engage our attention.... Many are holding the truth only with the tips of

their fingers. They have had great light and many privileges. Like Capernaum they have been exalted to heaven in this respect. In the time of test and trial that is approaching they will become apostates unless they put away their pride and self-confidence, unless they have an entire transformation of character.--Letter 5, 1883, pp. 1-5. (To "Brethren," November 1883.)

THE SEALING COMES AFTER THE CALAMITIES CAUSED BY LOSING THE FOUR WINDS.

In the vision of John [in Revelation 7], four mighty angels were shown him as holding the four winds that they should not blow upon the earth until God's servants are sealed in their foreheads. When this work is done, then the ministers of vengeance are called and commanded to pour upon the earth tempests, thunders, pestilence, calamity.--Letter 38, 1886, p. 1. (To J. E. White and wife, March 28, 1886.)

THE RESURRECTION OF THE RIGHTEOUS.

What a scene will these mountains and hills [of Switzerland] present when Christ, the Life-giver, shall call forth the dead! They will come from caverns, from dungeons, from deep wells, where their bodies have been buried. They will come forth with the sound of the trumpet and the voice of God at the last great and terrible day of the Lord.--Letter 97, 1886, p. 3. (To "Dear Children," April 29 1886.)

EVENTS CONNECTED WITH THE VOICE OF GOD.

The Scattered Ones in Dens and Caverns Are Made Glad at the Voice of God. Before the glory of Him who is to reign, the mountains will tremble and bow, the rocks will be moved out of their places, for once more will the Lord shake, not alone the earth, but the heavens also. The scattered ones, who have fled for their lives to the rocks, the dens, the caverns of the earth, because of the fury of the oppressor, will be made glad at the voice of God.

The Saints Will Be Terror-stricken at the First Sight of Christ at

the Second Advent. As John exiled upon the Isle of Patmos was startled from his contemplation of the works of God in nature, and, as on bended knees he was praying to Him, he hears a voice saying, "I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last" (Revelation 1:8). At the sound of the voice, John falls down in astonishment as if dead. He is unable to bear the sight of the divine glory. But a Hand raises John up, and the voice [he hears] he remembers as the voice of his Master. He is strengthened and can endure to talk with the Lord Jesus. So will it be with the remnant people of God who are scattered--some in mountain fastnesses, some exiled, some pursued, some persecuted. When the voice of God is heard, and the brightness of the glory is revealed, when the trial is over, the cross removed, they know they are in the presence of the One

Christ Reveals His Presence to Those Condemned to Martyrdom and to His Persecuted People Hiding in Caves and Mountain Fastnesses. Just what Christ was to John in his exile, He will be to His people who are made to feel the hand of oppression for the faith and testimony of Jesus Christ. These very martyrs will one day be resplendent with the glory of God, because He has faithful ones who have been loyal, while

the world [and] the churches have made void His holy law. These were driven by the storm and tempest of persecution to the crevices of the rocks, but were hiding in the Rock of Ages, and in the fastnesses of the mountains, in the caves and dens of the earth, the Savior reveals His presence and His glory.

Yet a little while, and He that is to come will come and will not tarry. His eyes as a flame of fire penetrate into the fast-closed dungeons and hunt out the hidden ones, for their names are written in the Lamb's book of life. These eyes of the Savior are above us, around us, noting every difficulty, discerning every danger; and these is no place where His eyes cannot penetrate, no sorrows and sufferings of His people where the sympathy of Christ does not reach. They reach the persecuted ones everywhere. Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me" (Matthew 25:40). Every deed of darkness that Satan, united with wicked men may do, Christ's eyes like a flame of fire detect, and it is noted and registered by the great Heart Searcher.

As Christ Strengthened John, So Will He Strengthen His Terror-stricken Saints at His Second Coming. The child of God will be terror-stricken at the first sight of the majesty of Jesus Christ. He feels that he cannot live in His holy presence. But the word comes to him, as to John, "Fear not." Jesus laid His right hand upon John. He raised him up from his prostrate position. So will He do unto His loyal, trusting ones, for there are greater revelations of the glory of God to be given them.

Effects of the Second Coming on the Lost. There is also to be a revelation to the transgressors of the law of Jehovah--they who made void the law of God, who have taken their stand on the side of him who thought to change times and laws. From the terror-stricken myriads comes the cry, "The great day of His wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?" (Revelation 6:17),--Manuscript 56, 1886, pp. 5-7. ("Traveling in Switzerland," May 218 1886.)

THE COMING JUDGMENT.

Every one Should Live in Reference to the Day of Judgment. [In Revelation 20:11-15] is presented before us the great and solemn day when the judgment is to sit and the books to be opened, and the dead are to be judged according to the things that are written in the books. I have questioned in my mind, as I have seen the people of our cities hurrying to and from business, whether they ever thought of the day of God that is just before us. Every one of us should be living with reference to the great day which is soon to come upon us....

Do we consider from day to day that a record is going up to heaven of all our actions here? If we would take heed to our ways, and if we would have the fear of God before us, our lives here would be far better than they are today.... Angels of God in heaven are sent to our earth to weigh moral worth. And our heavenly Father has sent us the message of warning, that we shall get ready for that day of final reckoning....

It is our privilege to understand the great responsibilities that God has placed upon us, so that we shall not be in darkness as to what

is coming upon our world. We cannot afford to meet that day without a preparation. But when we think of this great and solemn event of Christ's coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory, we should live in great humiliation before God, lest we fail of the grace of God and prove ourselves unworthy of eternal life....

Our Actions, Intentions, and Purposes Are Faithfully Recorded. We see that the world at large have no thought of this great day, and many of them do not care to hear anything about it. But we must meet the record of our lives. We must remember that there is a witness to all our works. An eye like a flame of fire beholds us in all our actions of life. Our very thoughts and intentions and purposes of our hearts are laid bare to God's inspection. As the features are produced upon the polished plate of the [photographic] artist, so are our characters upon the books of record in heaven....

Everyone Will See Where He Departed From the Right Way. Everyone then will see just where he departed from the right way. Everyone will then discern the influence he had upon his fellowmen by his own departure from God's righteousness, to turn them away from the ways of truth and right. Everyone then will understand just what he did to dishonor the God of heaven by breaking His law.

Those Who Are Resurrected and the Living Will Be Judged When Christ Comes. Everyone who comes forth from the dead, when Christ comes in the clouds of heaven, and those who are living, will stand before the judgment seat of Christ. The deeds and acts which we have thought to have been done in secret where no eyes could see, are made known. There was an eye that saw and registered the deeds done by man....

Enoch Representative of Those Who Will Be Translated. Enoch walked with God three hundred years previous to his translation to heaven, and the state of the world was not then more favorable for the perfection of Christian character than it is today.... Enoch was a representative of those who will be upon the earth when Christ shall come, who will be translated to heaven without seeing death....

Everyone Judged When the Judgment Shall Sit. When the judgment shall sit and the books [shall be] opened, and everyone [shall be] judged according to the deeds done in the body, those who have imitated Christ in obedience to God's commandments, will be blessed. "And another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works" (Revelation 20:12).

Only Those Who Are Sanctified in Character Enter the Holy City. John also saw the Holy City, the New Jerusalem with its twelve gates and twelve foundations, coming down from God out of heaven. He was shown that city, and saw the streets of transparent gold, clear as crystal. Everyone that goes into that city is changed and sanctified in character here in this life. The nations that have kept the truth enter into the city of God, and a voice is heard clear and distinct, "Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city" (Revelation 22:14).

There the crown of immortal glory is placed upon the head of the

overcomer.... As John sees this precious company, refined and purified, around the throne of God, the angel inquires, "What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?" (Revelation 7:13). And John answers, "Sir, thou knowest," and the angel answers, "These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple: and He that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them" (verses 14, 15).....

A Glimpse of Heavenly Things. God has opened before me the glory of heaven, and I have obtained a sight of the majesty and glory of my Redeemer. I have obtained a sight of the angels of glory....

The Original Law Is Kept in the Ark in Heaven; Its Copy Is Here on Earth. Do not place your influence against God's commandments. That law is just as Jehovah wrote it in the temple in heaven. Man may trample upon its copy here below, but the original is kept in the ark of God in heaven; and on the cover of this ark, right above that law, is the mercy seat. Jesus stands right there before the ark to mediate for man.... Seek for immortality, and the crown of life, and then you will have heaven at last.--Manuscript 6a, 1886 , pp. 1-3, 1-12. ("Prepare for the Judgment," a sermon preached in Oreboro, Sweden, June 21, 1886.)

SATANIC STRATEGY AND CHRIST'S LONGSUFFERING.

Satan's Greatest Snares Will Come Through False Church Members. The Greatest snares Satan has prepared for the church will come through its individual members who do not love God supremely and their neighbor as themselves....

Satanic Deceptions Will Come in Every Conceivable Form. The crisis is just before us, when each will want all the strength and power from God that he can have in order to stand against the wiles of Satan, which will come in every conceivable form. Those who have allowed themselves to be [made] the sport of Satan's temptations will be unprepared then to take the right side....

The Wheels of Christ's Chariot Delayed Because of His Longsuffering. Christ is soon to come. Will He find you ready and waiting? The bridal lamps must be kept trimmed and burning. His chariot wheels have been delayed because of His longsuffering to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance and have eternal life. When we shall stand with the redeemed upon the sea of glass, with the harps of God and crowns of glory, and before us unmeasured eternity, we shall then see how short was the waiting period of probation.--Letter 21, 1886 pp. 1, 2, 5. (To "Brethren and Sisters in Healdsburg," July 9, 1886.)

THE TWO RESURRECTIONS

The Prospect of Two Resurrections. I look forward in imagination to the time when the trump of God shall sound and all that are in their graves shall hear His voice and come forth, those that have done good to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil to the resurrection of damnation.

The Two Resurrections One Thousand Years Apart. Oh what a scene will we then see--some coming forth to life eternal at the first resurrection. Upon them the second death shall have no power. And then at the end of a thousand years the wicked dead come forth. I cannot endure to think of this. I dwell with pleasure upon the resurrection of the just, who shall come forth from all parts of the earth, from rocky caverns, from dungeons, from caves of the earth, from the waters of the deep--not one is overlooked! Every one shall hear His voice. They will come forth with triumph and victory. Then there is to be no more death, no more sin, no more sorrow.--Letter 113, 1886 p 4. (To J. E. White and wife, July 11, 1886.)

EVENTS CONNECTED WITH THE CLOSE of PROBATION AND THE SECOND COMING.

The Fatal Deception Upon the Ungodly Broken Amid Scenes of Revelry. In the midst of their unbelief and godless pleasure the shout of the archangel and the trump of God is heard. The fatal deception is broken at last, and they find themselves weighed in the balances and found wanting....

Guilty Worshipers Will Be Buried in Their Magnificent Buildings Just When the World is Rocked to Sleep by the Peace and Safety Cry. Just when the world has been rocked to sleep by the peace and safety cry of the professed watchmen; just when the scoffer is uttering his bold challenge, "Where is the promise of His coming?"--when everything in our world is busy [with] activity, immersed in selfish ambition for gain, Jesus comes as a thief in the night. Watch therefore for the solemn events predicted. The believing, watching ones are addressed, "Yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety then sudden destruction cometh upon them, and they shall not escape" (Thessalonians 5:2,3)... Grand and magnificent buildings will be shaken down. The guilty worshipers will be buried in their ruins.--Manuscript

THE INVESTIGATIVE JUDGMENT PASSES FROM THE CASES of THE DEAD TO THOSE OF THE LIVING.

The great antitypical day of atonement and the work of judgment is going on for the dead, and how soon will it begin with the living, when every one of our cases will pass in review before God?--Manuscript 10, 1886, p. 2. ("Preparation for Christ's Coming," July 23, 1886.)

COMMUNISTIC IDEAS AND TRUE CHRISTIANITY In THE COMING CRISIS.

Emigrants to America With Communistic Ideas Are Increasing in Power. Men who are dissatisfied with kingly rule and heavy taxation are emigrating to America and making their riotous speeches there to arouse the working class to make a raid upon the rich and [to] rob and plunder those who have property. These uneasy, dissatisfied elements are increasing in power. Every year the swellings of wrath, tumults, and fierce riots are increasing in Europe. The signs of the times tell us we are surely in the last days. "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come" (2 Timothy 3:1).

All Classes Waiting for the Morning--Some for the Lord, Some for

Lucifer's Wonder-working Power. We can see these perils more distinctly here in Europe. Things are rapidly developing. All are ranging under their respective banners. All are preparing for some great event. All are watching for the morning. One class is watching and waiting for their Lord, while the other class is waiting for what Lucifer may perform of his wonder-working power.

Preparations for War--Kingdoms Portend the Smiting of the Image on the Feet. Kingdoms are in uncertainty, one watching jealously the other. Soldiers are being drilled constantly, preparing for war. There is a rending apart of kingdoms. The stone cut out of the mountain without hands is surely to smite the image upon the feet.... All things earthly will be dissolved and the apostle asks, "What manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat" (2 Peter 3:11).

Where Shall We Stand in the Future Crisis? The forces of the powers of darkness are mustering for the closing work of this earth's history.... Where shall we stand in the future crisis that shall come? Shall we stand as children of God at His right hand, or as disobedient, unthankful, and unholy at His left hand?--Letter 102, 1886, pp. 3-5. (To "My very dear children," July 25, 1886.)

GOD'S REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTERING HEAVEN.

The Tables of Stone in Heaven Are the Standard That Will Judge Every Being on Earth. The power that claims to have the right to change times and laws is the man of sin. But does he have [the power to] change times and laws? No, because God's law is written on the tables of stone, engraved there with His own finger, and are placed in the temple of God in heaven; and that great moral standard will be the criterion that will judge every being upon the face of the earth, both dead and living.

Christ's Appearance at His Second Coming and His Welcome of the Saints Into the City of God. When He [Christ] cometh the second time, it is not to wear the crown of thorns, it is not to have that old purple robe placed upon His divine form. The voices will not be raised, "Crucify Him, Crucify Him!" but there is a shout from the angelic host and from those who are waiting to receive Him, "Worthy, worthy is the Lamb that was slain"--a divine conqueror. In the place of the crown of thorns, He will wear the crown of glory. In the place of that old kingly robe they put in mockery upon Him, He will wear a robe whiter than the whitest white. And those hands that were bruised with the cruel nails will shine like gold. His eyes are like a flame of fire to search creation through, and the righteous dead come forth from their graves and they that are alive and remain are caught up together with

God Requires Perfect Obedience to His Law. While nearly all the world is making void the law of Jehovah, He will have a people that will keep His law.... He requires obedience from every one of us. All the false ideas that are held against God and His law, the people are willing to accept, but it is because the human mind chooses fables rather than the truth of God. They want an easier way than to resist

evil and to be obedient to God's requirements....

The Reward of the Faithful. As Christ denied self and sacrificed at every step, so must we, if we would sit with Him upon His throne. And then what do we get?--everlasting life, an eternal weight of glory. The streets are all pure gold, like transparent glass; and there is the tree of life, whose leaves are for the healing of the nations. Everything is lovely. There is no sickness, no sorrow, no pain, no death there, but our life there will measure with the life of God.-- Manuscript 11, 1886, pp.3, 9-11. (Christ's Controversy With the Devil," July 25, 1886.)

THIS EARTH COMPARED WITH THE NEW EARTH.

I walked quite frequently to the king's palace [in Oslo, Norway,] and in his broad and extensive gardens. They are very beautiful grounds, but I let my mind dwell upon the purified new earth, where all things would be made new, and there would be no more curse. How happy the thought that I was the daughter of God, a member of the royal family, a child of the heavenly King, an heir to the pure and holy everlasting kingdom.

I love to see everything that is beautiful in nature in this world, and think I would be perfectly satisfied with this earth surrounded with the good things of God, if it were not blighted with the curse of sin. But we shall have a new heavens and a new earth. John saw this in holy vision and he says, "I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying, Behold the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be with them, and be their God" (Revelation 21 :3)

Oh, blessed hope, glorious prospect! "I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be My son" (verse 6). I am, I hope, waiting and watching for the appearing of the Son of man in the clouds of heaven.

Those who enter into the marriage supper of the Lamb will be those who are pure and holy here. We have no time now to talk of unbelief, or to enshroud our souls in an atmosphere of doubt. Jesus loves us and wants to make us happy....

If I know my own heart, it is to do the will of God to the very letter. I am willing to be a pilgrim and a stranger here, for I am seeking a city whose builder and maker is God. It is only a little while that we shall have to work, and we want to do our work with diligence. We want to make sure of eternal life. We do not want to follow our inclinations or our pleasure, but just do the will of God and wait for His salvation and the final reward. I have peace and joy in my Savior. I am looking to the great beyond, and, if the Master says, "Well done," I shall be entirely satisfied. I love Jesus; I love to do His will. I ask not position or honor or ease, or convenience. I want to labor together with God, practicing self-denial and self-sacrifice, and be a partaker with Christ in His sufferings, that I may be a partaker with Him of glory.--Letter 62, 1886, PP. 1,2. (To J. H.

SATAN ACCUSES GOD'S PEOPLE of BREAKING THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT
DURING THE INVESTIGATIVE JUDGMENT.

Those That Practice Self-abuse Will Find No Place in the City of God. We must do something to stop this terrible tide of moral impurity. Self-abuse stands as the most degrading sin, polluting the whole character of the man. Unless those who are practicing this vice break off their sin and repent before God, they will find no place in the city of God. There entereth into that city nothing that defileth of maketh a lie. Such characters are living a lie continually....

Joshua Being Accused by Satan Represents God's Latter-day People. "And he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him. And the Lord said unto Satan, The Lord rebuke thee, O Satan; even the Lord that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked, out of the fire? Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the angel." (Zechariah 3:1-3).

Joshua here represents the people of God, and Satan, pointing out their filthy garments, claims them as his property over which he has a right to exercise his cruel power. But these very ones have improved the hours of their probation to confess their sins with contrition of soul and put them away, and Jesus has written pardon against their names.

Satan Accuses Those That Had Repented and Ceased to Sin, but Whose Sins Had Not Yet Been Blotted out. Those who have not ceased to sin and have not repented and sought pardon for their transgressions are not represented in this company, for this company vex their souls over the corruptions and iniquity abounding around them, and God will recognize those who are sighing and crying because of the abominations. They had not corrupted their ways before God, but had washed their robes of character and had made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Satan pointed to their sins which had not yet been blotted out, and which he had tempted them to commit, and then reviled them as being sinners clad with filthy garments. But Jesus changes their appearance. He says, "Take away his filthy garments from him. Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment. And I said, Let them set a fair mitre upon his head. So they set a fair mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the Lord stood by. And the angel of the Lord protested unto Joshua, saying, Thus saith the Load of hosts: If thou wilt walk in my ways, and if thou wilt keep my charge, then thou shall also judge my case, and also keep my courts, and I will give thee places among these that stand by" (Zechariah 3:4 -7).

After the filthy garments have been, removed the subject changes, showing that this has its application in the future. If the people of God will walk in the ways of the Lord and keep His charge, which is the ten commandments, then the promise is that they shall judge His house and have places to walk among the angels. Now the question is, will those who profess the truth comply with the conditions? Will the characters of those who profess to believe the truth correspond with its sacredness? Satan's special efforts are now directed toward the

people who have great light. He would lead them to become earthly and sensual....

Unless There is a cleansing of the Soul-temple, God's Judgments Will Come. Unless there is a cleansing of the soul-temple on the part of many who claim to believe and to preach the truth, God's judgments, long deferred, will come.... Unless it is cleansed by the blood of Christ, there will be apostasies that will startle you.... Men who are living in the face of the judgment, upon the very borders of the eternal world... give their thoughts and bodies to unholy practices....

The work of overcoming must be done here in this life. By a sincere repentance and forsaking of every sin, pardon will be written against your names. The thoughts will be pure, if the heart is pure. If the fountain is corrupt, the streams will be corrupt. Shall men who are conversant with the Scriptures, and who are standing in vindication of the fourth commandment, be charged in the books of heaven with transgressing the seventh? Shall Satan be given occasion to taunt the angels of God with the filthy characters of those who claim to be Christians?....

The Passing of the Investigative Judgment From the Dead to the Living. We are in the great day of atonement, and if the investigative judgment has not already commenced for the living, it will soon begin, and to how many are the words of the True Witness applicable?--"I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead. Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God. Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shall not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shall not know what hour I will come upon thee" (Revelation 3:1-3).

The cases of all will be brought up in the judgment, and, if their sins are not confessed, their names will then be blotted out of the Book of Life, and their lot will be with the adulterers and fornicators, and deceivers, and those who love and make a lie.--Letter 51, 1886, pp. 1-11. (To a prominent worker, September 6, 1886.)

ESCHATOLOGICAL EVENTS PRECEDING The SECOND COMING.

Sequence of Events After the Voice of God. The coming of the Son of man will not take place until after the mighty earthquake shakes the earth. After the people have heard the voice of God, they are in despair and trouble such as never was since there was a nation, and in this the people of God will suffer affliction. The clouds of heaven will clash, and there will be darkness, then that voice comes from heaven and the clouds begin to roll back like a scroll, and there is the bright, clear sign of the Son of man. The children of God know what that cloud means.

The Special Resurrection. The sound of music is heard, and as it nears, the graves are opened, and the dead are raised, and there are thousands of thousands and ten thousand times ten thousand of angels that compose that glory and encircle the Son of man. Those who have acted the most prominent part in the rejection of Christ come forth to see Him as He is, and those who have rejected Christ come up to see the

saints glorified, and it is at that time that the saints are changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, and are caught up to meet their Lord in the air. The very ones who placed upon Him the purple robe and put the crown of thorns upon His brow, and those who put the nails through His hands and feet, look upon Him and wail....

Signs Preceding the Appearance of the White Cloud. There are many signs that will take place before the coming of the Son of man, but when the white cloud is seen, this will be the sign of the coming of the Son of man. There will be signs in the sun, moon, and stars, and the nations in perplexity. These all testify that Christ is coming, and He is revealed in the clouds with power and great glory.---Manuscript 91, 1886, p.. 2, 3. ("Morning Talk," September 21, 1886.

WHO WILL BE ABLE To WITHSTAND THE OPPRESSIVE POWER of NATIONAL COUNCILS.

Cleansed the Camp as Far as Possible From Moral Defilement. [We are] not to provoke those who have accepted... [the] spurious sabbath, an institution of the papacy, in the place of God's holy Sabbath. Their not having Bible arguments in their favor makes them all the more angry and determined to supply the place of arguments that are wanting in the Word of God by the power of their might. The force of persecution follows in the steps of the dragon. Therefore great care should be exercised to give no provocation. And again, let us as a people, as far as possible, cleanse the camp of moral defilement and aggravated sins....

Worldly Policy and Efforts Made with High Authorities Cannot Save Us From a Terrible Sifting That Is Coming. All the policy in the world cannot save us from a terrible sifting; and all the efforts made with high authorities will not lift from us the scourge of God, just because sin is cherished. If as a people we do not keep ourselves in the faith, and, not only advocate with pen and voice the commandments of God, but keep them every one; not violating a single precept knowingly, then weakness and ruin will come upon us....

All the struggles to carry our appeals to the highest authorities in our land, however earnest and strong and eloquent may be the pleas in our favor, will not bring about that which we desire, unless the Lord works by His Holy Spirit in the hearts of those who claim to believe the truth. We may struggle as a mighty man in swimming against the current of Niagara, but we shall fail unless the Lord pleads in our behalf. God will be honored among His people. They must be pure; they must be divested of self, steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the works of the Lord....

Sabbath-keepers Will Feel the Oppressive Power of National Councils. We are to be ready and waiting for the orders of God. Nations will be stirred to their very center. Support will be withdrawn from those who proclaim God's only standard of righteousness, the only sure test of character. And all who will not bow to the decrees of national councils, and obey the national laws to exalt the sabbath instituted by the man of sin to the disregard of God's holy day, will feel, not the oppressive power of popery alone, but of the Protestant world, the image of the beast.

The Church Appears About to Fall, but It Does Not Fall. Satan will work his miracles to deceive. He will set up his power as supreme. The church may appear as about to fall, but it does not fall. It remains, while the sinners in Zion will be sifted out--the chaff separated from the precious wheat. This is a terrible ordeal, but nevertheless it must take place. None but those who have been overcoming by the blood of, the Lamb and the word of their testimony will be found loyal and true, without spot or stain of sin, without guile in their mouths....

The remnant that purify their souls by obeying the truth gather strength from the trying process, exhibiting the beauty of holiness amid the surrounding apostasy....

God Requires Perfect Obedience. That which God required of Adam before the fall was perfect obedience to His law. God requires now what He required of Adam--perfect obedience, righteousness without a flaw, without shortcomings in His sight.... We cannot do this without that faith that brings Christ's righteousness into daily practice....

Who Will Receive the Latter Rain. The great issue so near at hand will weed out those whom God has not appointed and He will have a pure, true, sanctified ministry, prepared for the Latter rain....

A new life is proceeding from satanic agencies to work with a power we have not hitherto realized. And shall not a new power from above take possession of God's people?--Letter 55, 1886, pp. 4- 7. (To

G. I. Butler and S. N. Haskell, December 8, 1886.)

SOME WILL BE TRANSLATED AND SOME MAY BE MARTYRED.

The Enoch-like Character of Those Who Will Be Translated. Enoch formed a righteous character, and the result was that he was translated without seeing death. When the Lord shall come the second time, there will be some who will be translated without seeing death....

God May Permit Some to Become Martyrs in the Issue Over Obedience to God's Commandments or the Commandments of Men. The worthies who refused to bow to the golden image were cast into a burning fiery furnace, but Christ was with them there, and the fire did not consume them.... Now some of us may be brought to just as severe a test: Will we obey the commandments of men or will we obey the commandments of God? This is the question that will be asked of many. The best thing for us is to come in close connection with God, and, if He would have us be martyrs for the truths sake, it may be the means of bringing many more into the truth.--Manuscript 83, 1886, pp. 3, 5. (Sermon preached at Grimsby, England, September, 1886.)

BE PREPARED TO ANSWER.

Search the Title to Your Immortal Inheritance. We are approaching stormy times, and we want to study the true foundation of our faith. We want to search the book of the law to see if our title to the immortal inheritance is without a flaw.

Every Position of Our Faith Will Be Critically Examined. Our people have been regarded as too insignificant to be worthy of notice,

but a change will come. The movements are now being made. The Christian world is now making movements which will necessarily bring the commandment-keeping people of God to notice. There is a daily suppression of God's truth for the theories and false doctrines of human origin. There are plans and movements being set on foot to enslave the consciences of those who would be loyal to God. The law-making powers will be against God's commandment-keeping people. Every soul will be tested. Oh, that we would as a people be wise for ourselves and by precept and example impart that wisdom to our children. Every position of our faith will be searched into, and, if we are not thorough Bible students, established, strengthened, settled,

The World is in Eager Pursuit of Evil. The world is busy, anxious, and devoted. All are in pursuit of some course that God has no part in. Evil is eagerly pursued as though it were righteousness, error as though it were truth, and sin as though it were holiness. Darkness is thickening, covering the earth, and gross darkness the people, and shall God's peculiar people at such a time as this be asleep? Shall those who hold the truth be silent as if paralyzed?--Letter 65, 1886,

p. 3. (To "Dear Sister," December 31, 1886.)

EVENTS LEADING UP TO THE END.

The Prophecies Concerning the Future Will Be Fulfilled. All that God has, through the prophets, spoken and written in regard to the future will be fulfilled. God will have a people--a chosen people from all nations, all tongues, in all parts of the habitable world. As I look over these great cities I call to mind Christ weeping over Jerusalem, exclaiming, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem,. .how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not" (Matthew 23:37). I felt [a] deep heart yearning for the world for whom Christ had died, who knew not the things that made for their peace.

The Present Peace Is a Lull Before the Storm; Nations Will Be in Confusion. We have the light of prophecy--the Old Testament--[which indicates] that we are standing on the threshold of the fulfillment of great and solemn events. Prophecies are coming down to a point. The dangers and perils of the last days are right upon us. At the present time the angels are holding the four winds. There seems to be a little moment of peace. It is a lull in the conflicting elements just before the outburst of the unprecedented storm that has been gathering its forces for the last great crisis. Nations will be in confusion. Kingdoms will be terribly shaken. Everything betokens [that] the end is near.

The Churches Are Uniting With the Man of Sin in Making Void God's Law. When This Is Taken up Universally, God Will Work. The churches are making void the law of God, rejecting the truth and choosing delusions. They are not taking sides with the Prince of Peace. They are not ranging under the banner of the Lord God of Hosts, and, when church and state shall be united in restricting religious liberty, when the institution of the man of sin shall be taken up universally in preference to God's holy sanctified day, when all men... respect the man of sin in exalting the heathen day of worship and call it Christian, then it will be time for God to work, for they have made void His law.

When the Great Secession Has Taken Place, Deluded Men Will Rush Into Superstitious Doctrines. Then signs of dissolution will be plainly revealed to the God-fearing student of prophecy. The great secession... [will have] taken place--the world and [the] church united to tear down God's great moral standard and erect a standard instituted by the man of sin. Then earnest, distinguished men, blinded and deluded with false doctrines, because they have taken a deep draught of [the] wine of Babylon, rush into superstitious doctrines, into the great apostasy, bearing the very stamp of that dress. God has plainly pointed out in prophecy [that] they are drunk with the wine of Babylon, and the same spirit moves the whole.

The Angel of Revelation 18 Will Join in Proclaiming the Loud Cry. Another angel from heaven will join the third angel in proclaiming the loud cry, "Come out of her, My people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and receive not of her plagues" (Revelation 18:4). The crisis is upon us. It is coming as a thief in the night stealing upon us unawares.

The Investigative Judgment of the Dead; the Soul-temple Must Be Cleansed. If there ever was a time when serious reflecting becomes every one of us who fears God, it is now when personal piety is essential, when the inquiry should be made, "What am I, and what is my work and mission in this time? On which side am I working?--Christ's side or the enemy's side?" Let every soul now humble himself [or] herself before God, for now we are surely living in the great day of atonement. The cases even now of many are passing in review before God, for they are to sleep in their graves a little season. Your profession of faith is not your guarantee in that day, but the state of your affections: Is the soul-temple cleansed of its defilement? Are my sins confessed, and am I repenting of them before God, that they may be blotted out? Do I esteem myself too lightly? Am I willing to make any

Satan Takes Advantage of Those That Have a Form of Godliness Without the Power. There is in this day, abundance of form and display, but vital piety is rare indeed. There are fair-weather Christians enough, but God cannot use such in this time. Sentimentalism abounds. Tasteful and proper religion so-called is filling the world. It is in harmony with the natural heart, because it is cold and like a statue, but has no living, working principle. There is earnestness and deep interest all through our world in false theories. Infidels abound everywhere because of the abounding Christless religion of this age. Satan is taking advantage of all this false Christianity, to work himself in. He is taking the world and the churches captive, and setting his agencies to work with a life and power, the outcome [of which] he sees would surprise and startle the Christian world. A

God's professed Commandment keeping People Are Not Half Awake. God's faithful, commandment keeping people are the ones whom Satan cannot draw upon his side and make rebellious against God's law. And those who profess to understand the time in which we live are not half awake. They are, many, fearful, ease-loving, self-loving. The truth as it is in Jesus does not have a refining, elevating, sanctifying effect upon their lives and characters, and they will be dealt with as chaff, unless they arouse and are converted.

Some Are Looking Forward for the Latter Rain to Do for Them That Which They Are Now Neglecting to Do. Everyone now needs to build securely for eternity, for their faith will be tested: are they building on the Rock? So many are risking their future and eternal interest on a probability, not on the sure Word of God.... Some are looking forward to the latter rain to do the work for them that God wants should be done now. They will become so cold [that] they will not recognize the latter rain. Their probation closes and they are laid in the grave, unfit for their last change. They did not make themselves ready for the marriage supper of the Lamb. What will eternity be to this class?

I am afraid for these poor souls who eat and drink, plant and build, marry and are given in marriage as in the days before the flood. We need vital godliness. We need a living connection with God. We must wake out of sleep and watch and wait and pray and work. We have no time for indolence or for following the customs and practices of the world. We are [to] catch the divine rays of light from Jesus and flash them upon the pathway of others. It is high time everyone who has the light of truth shall impart it to others.--Undated Manuscript 153, pp. 1- 4. (Copenhagen, Denmark, 1886.)

CAUTIONS AGAINST TIME-SETTING.

I understand that Bro.---- has, as it were, set time, stating that the Lord will come within five years. Now I hope the impression will not go abroad that we are time setters. Let no such remarks be made. They do no good. Seek not to obtain a revival upon such grounds, but let due caution be used in every word uttered, that fanatical ones not seize anything they can get to create an excitement and the Spirit of the Lord be grieved. We want not to move the people's passions to get up a stir, where feelings are moved and principle does not control. I feel that we need to be guarded on every side, because Satan is at work to do his uttermost to insinuate his arts and devices that shall do harm. Anything that will make a stir, create an excitement on a wrong basis is to be dreaded, for the reaction will surely come.--Letter 34, 1887, pp. 4,5. (To J. N. Loughborough, February 5, 1887.)

THOSE WHO HAVE NOT APPRECIATED or WALKED IN THE LIGHT WILL BE SHAKEN OUT.

There will be a shaking of the sieve. The chaff must in time be separated from the wheat. Because iniquity abounds, the love of many waxes cold. It is the very time when the genuine will be strongest. There will be [a] separating from us of those who have not appreciated the light nor walked in it.--Letter 46, 1887, p. 6. (To J. H. Kellogg, April 12, 1887.)

GREAT BANK FAILURES PREDICTED; WARNINGS AGAINST MINING and LAND SPECULATION.

The message from the lips of Christ is, "Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in heaven that faileth not" (Lake 12:23). There will be many great failures in earthly banks, and speculations, including mining and real estate. How pleased Satan would be if, in the very time when men should

be selling their possessions to sustain the cause of God he can so deceive them that all their available means shall be invested in land speculation and other worldly enterprises, thus taking away from the cause of God means which should flow into the treasury to advance His work in the earth.--Letter 41, 1887, p. 4. (To "My dear Brethren and Sisters in Fresno," July 1, 1887.)

WITNESSING UNDER THE LOUD CRY.

Danger of a Laissez-faire Attitude Toward the Sunday Issue. There are many who are at ease, who are, as it were, asleep. They say, "If prophecy has foretold the enforcement of Sunday observance, the law will surely be enacted," and having come to this conclusion, they sit down in a calm expectation of the event, comforting themselves with the thought that God will protect His people in the day of trouble. But God will not save us, if we make no effort to do the work He has committed to our charge. We must be found faithfully [doing our duty as] vigilant soldiers, lest Satan shall gain an advantage, which it is our duty to prevent.

Personal Efforts Needed to Sound the Message of Present Truth. We should diligently study the Word of God, and pray in faith that God will restrain the powers of darkness, for as yet the message has gone to comparatively few, and the world is to be lightened with its glory. The present truth--the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus--has not yet been sounded as it must be. There are many, almost within the shadow of our own doors, for whose salvation no personal effort has ever been made.

Taking a Firm Stand on the Sunday-Sabbath Issue Will Open Doors for Witnessing. We are not prepared for the time when our work must close. We must take a firm stand that we will not reverence the first day of the week as the Sabbath, for it is not the day that was blessed and sanctified by Jehovah, and in reverencing Sunday we should place ourselves on the side of the great deceiver. The controversy over the Sabbath will open the subject to the people, and an opportunity will be given that the claims of the genuine Sabbath may be presented. Blindness and disloyalty to God so prevail that His law is made void, but the Psalmist says of such a condition, "It is time for Thee, Lord, to work: for they have made void Thy law" (Psalm 119: 126).

Our Responsibility to Enlighten Legislators Concerning the Sunday-Sabbath Issue. It is time for God's people to work as never before, because of the increase of wickedness. The God-fearing, commandment-keeping people should be diligent, not only in prayer, but in action, and this will bring the truth before those who have never heard it. The world is overborne with falsehood and iniquity, and those whom God has made the depositories of His law and of the pure religion of Jesus must be determined to let their light shine. If they do nothing to disabuse the minds of the people, and through ignorance of the truth our legislators should abjure the principles of Protestantism, and give countenance and support to the Roman fallacy, the spurious sabbath, God will hold His people, who have had great light, responsible for their lack of diligence and faithfulness. But, if the subject of religious

God Intervenes on Behalf of His People When Apostasy Becomes a

National Sin. The man of sin thinks to change times and laws. He is exalting himself above God in trying to compel the conscience. But God's people should work with persevering energy to let their light shine upon the people in regard to the law, and thus to withstand the enemies of God and His truth. When the law of God is made void, and apostasy becomes a national sin, the Lord will work in behalf of His people. Their extremity will be His opportunity. He will manifest His power in behalf of His church....

As faithful watchmen you should see the sword coming and give the warning, that men and women may not pursue a course through ignorance which they would avoid if they knew the truth. The Lord has enlightened us in regard to what is coming upon the earth that we may enlighten others, and we shall not be held guiltless, if we are content at ease, with hands folded and quibble over matters of minor importance...

Satan Will Use His Hellish Arts at the Great Heart of the Work. Light must come to the people through agents whom God shall choose, who will give the note of warning, that none may be in ignorance of the purposes of God or the devices of Satan. At the great heart of the work Satan will use his hellish arts to the utmost. He will seek in every possible way to interpose himself between the people and God, and shut away the light that God would have come to His children. It is his designs to keep them in ignorance of what shall come upon the earth....

God's People to Be Prepared so That They Do Not Accept Satan's Delusions as God's Power. The people must not be left to stumble their way along in darkness, not knowing what is before them and [thus be] unprepared for the great issues that are coming. There is a work to be done for this time in fitting a people to stand in the day of trouble, and all must act their part in this work. They must be clothed with the righteousness of Christ, and be so fortified by the truth that the delusions of Satan shall not be accepted by them as genuine manifestations of the power of God....

God Will Open Ways for Witnessing to Great Men,--Authors, Legislators,--if We Stand Close to Jesus. It is a solemn time for God's people, but if they stand close by the bleeding side of Jesus, He will be their defense. He will open ways that the message of light may come to the great men, to authors and lawmakers. They will have opportunities of which you do not now dream, and some of them will boldly advocate the claims of God's downtrodden law....

Satan Has Taken the Field as a Powerful General. There is now need for earnest working men and women who will seek for the salvation of souls, for Satan as a powerful general has taken the field, and in this last remnant of time he is working through all conceivable methods to close the door against light that God would have come to His people. He is sweeping the whole world into his ranks, and the few who are faithful to God's requirements are the only ones who can ever withstand him, and even these he is trying to overcome....

Go to God for yourselves; pray for divine enlightenment, that you may know the truth, that when the enemy shall come as an angel of light, you may distinguish the genuine work of God from the imitative work of the powers of darkness....

When the Loud Cry Goes Forth, Minds Will Be Fully Prepared to Make Decisions. A World is to be warned, and when the third angel's message goes forth with a loud cry, minds will be fully prepared to make decisions for against the truth. The great charge is to be made by Satan and his evil angels, united with evil men, who will fix their destiny by making void the law of God in the face of convincing evidence from His Word that it is unchangeable and eternal.

The Third Angel's Message Will Lighten the World Under the Loud Cry. The very time of which the prophet has written will come, and the mighty cry of the third angel will be heard in the earth. His glory will lighten the world, and the message will triumph, but those who do not walk in its light will not triumph with it....

When the Crisis Comes, Brought on by Satanic Miracles, Many Will Be Prepared to Make Right Decisions as a Result of House-to-house Work. The Bible will be opened from house to house, and men and women will find access to these homes, and minds will be opened to receive the Word of God, and, when the crisis comes, many will be prepared to make right decisions, even in the face of formidable difficulties that will be brought about through the deceptive miracles of Satan.... There will be an army of steadfast believers who will stand as firm as a rock through the last test....

Increased light will shine upon all the grand truths of prophecy, and they will be seen in freshness and brilliancy, because the bright beams of the Sun of Righteousness will illuminate the whole....

We Are to Witness the Fulfillment of Daniel's Prophecies. When the angel [Gabriel] was about to unfold to Daniel the intensely interesting prophecies recorded for us who are to witness their fulfillment, the angel said, "Be strong, yea, be strong (Daniel 10:19). We are to receive the very same glory that was revealed to Daniel, because it is for God's people in these last days, that they may give the trumpet a certain sound.--Manuscript 18, 1888, pp. 2, 3, 5-10, 13. ("Religious Liberty," n.d. Portions appeared in the Review and Herald, Extra, December 24, 1889.)

THE LIGHT OF THE ANGEL OF REVELATION 18 MAY COME In UNEXPECTED WAYS.

I stated [at the 1888 General Conference Session] that another angel was to come down from heaven with a message, and the whole earth was to be lighted with his glory. It would be impossible for [God's people] to state just how this additional light will come. It might come in a very unexpected manner; in a way that would not agree with the ideas that many have conceived. It is not at all unlikely or contrary to the ways and works of God to send light to His people in unexpected ways.--Letter 22, 1889, p. 10. (To R. A. Underwood, January 18, 1889.)

THE THOUGHTS OF THOSE WHO STAND BEFORE GOD AT THE JUDGMENT.

The day of the Lord is right at hand, and it is not safe for us to delay His coming. Do you think that any of us, when He comes, will be brought before the great Judge and will feel that we have devoted too

much time to preparation? Will such thoughts come into our minds? Shall we think that we have been altogether too sympathetic, that we have devoted too much time in winning souls back to Christ and binding up the broken hearted?--No indeed! Our thoughts will be these, as we look back to those who stand before the Judge: "Why didn't I help them at such a time when I ought to have," or "Oh, I am glad I did deny myself and help them to stand on the solid Rock."

These are the very thoughts that will come up to us in the judgment, when everyone is judged according to the deeds done in the body, and as many are weighed in the balances they will be found wanting. Then they will proclaim their sins upon the housetop. They will not be afraid to have everybody know their sins, if they could only make restitution for them to save one soul.--Manuscript 4, 1889,

p. 1. ("Preparation for Christ's Coming," May 14, 1889.)
SATAN CAUSES FLOODS WHICH WILL INCREASE In FREQUENCY.

The enemy has worked, and he is working still. He is come down in great power and the Spirit of God is being withdrawn from the earth. God has withdrawn His hand. We have only to look at [the] Johnstown [Pennsylvania flood]. He did not prevent the devil from wiping that whole city out of existence. And these very things will increase until the very close of this earth's history, because he has come down in great power, and he works with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish. What is he doing?--Going about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. And when he sees those who are resisting the light, and that God does not shelter them, he will exercise his cruel power upon them. This is what we may expect.--Manuscript 5; 1889,

p. 4. ("Christ and His Law," June 17, 1889.)
THE COMING CONFLICT.

Divine Wisdom Promised to Meet Coming Trials and Perplexities. There is a perplexity that comes to us but the Lord will find deliverance for us. The Lord knows we are living amid the perils of the last days, when temptations and trials and conflicts will have to be met.

To meet the trials, perplexities, and persecutions that are sure to come in various ways in regard to the Sabbath law, and to distinguish the path of duty clearly, will require intelligent knowledge of the Scriptures, much faith, and divine wisdom, for righteousness and truth will be darkened by error and false theories.

Persecution by Traitorous Friends and Deceived Relatives. We Shall find that we must let loose of all hands except the hand of Jesus Christ. Friends will prove treacherous and will betray us. Relatives, deceived by the enemy, will think they do God service in opposing us and putting forth the utmost efforts to bring us into hard places, hoping we will deny our faith. But we may trust our hand in the hand of Christ amid darkness and peril.....

The Need to Be Wide Awake; the Spirits of Devils Go [throughout the] Earth Working Miracles. I thank the Lord that He is awaking His people, and that He is giving His messengers a message that will strengthen faith. But there are unclean spirits, "spirits of devils

working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty" (Revelation 16:14).

The children of God who have light on Bible truth must be wide awake to advance with the opening providences of God. "Behold, I come as a thief, Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame" (verse 15). The righteousness of Christ is the only garment that will do. (See Revelation 3:18-22.)-- Manuscript 21, 1889, pp. 3, 15, 16. (Diary, September 1, 1889.)

SATAN WORKING THROUGH CALAMITIES.

Those That Lose Their Lives Unsealed Because of Cherished Sin Are Lost. I know of men who have been warned and reproved,... but in place of being doers of the word, in place of receiving the word of God in good honest hearts, in place of working with all their might in harmony with Heaven, they have hugged their sins to themselves, and then what?--the seal of God could not be upon them, and, when calamities came, when placed in perilous positions, those very ones have gone down into the grave, and they will not come up in the first resurrection. They will not see the King in His beauty. They were lost simply because they took their own way. They broke away from the Spirit of God and kept venturing, and testing and testing the wiles of the devils....

Satan Will Use His Powers to Cause Disunity and Confuse Minds. We are nearing the end. We are nearing the judgment and every power that can break up our unity, our harmony, our pressing together, is at work to hinder our sustaining those very institutions that God has established. Every influence that can be brought to bear to bring us in connection with tendencies that are evil will arise, and Satan will use his powers to confuse minds.

Satan Takes the World Captive Through His Lying Wonders. We are coming right upon the time when Satan is to work with all manner of bewitching influence, and those who are charmed with them now, or give them the least countenance now, will be all ready to be swept right in to act a part with the devil then.... It is the lying wonders of the devil that will take the world captive. He will cause fire to come down from heaven in the sight of men. He is to work miracles, and this wonderful, miracle-working power is to sweep the whole world....

Already There is a Sprinkling of the Vials of Wrath. The vials of God's wrath and the sprinkling of them are already coming.... You hear of calamities by land and sea, and they are constantly increasing. What is the matter?--the Spirit of God is taken away from those who have the lives of men in their hands, and Satan is coming in to control them, because they give themselves to his control. Those who profess to be the children of God do not place themselves under the guardianship of the heavenly angels, and as Satan is a destroyer, he works through those men and they make mistakes.... They get drunk, and because of intemperance, many times bring these terrible calamities upon us. And see the storms and tempests! Satan is working in the atmosphere, and here we are dependent upon God for our lives--our present and eternal life.--Manuscript 1, 1890, pp. 11, 13, 15. ("Heaven's Part in the

WARNING AGAINST FALSE PROPHETS.

Example of a False Prophet. The Lord has plainly shown me that what you regard as communications from God to you and others through your child A----, are not from Him. They do not bear the divine credentials. It is another spirit that controls the child. It is the enemy that works in her, Such manifestations will be more and more common in these last days....

False Visions Will Come to Nullify the Testimony of God's Spirit. 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. He will bring in spurious visions to mislead and mingle the false with the true, and so disgust people that they will regard everything that bears the name of visions as a species of fanaticism. But honest souls, by contrasting false and true, will be enabled to distinguish between them....

God is Leading out a People, Not an Individual Here and There. The present is a time of great peril to the people of God. God is leading out a people, not an individual here and there. He has a church on earth that abides in the truth....

Evils That Have Existed Will Continue to Exist Until the Close of Probation. The evils which have existed in all ages will continue to exist till the close of ages will continue to exist till the close of probation. We need to understand the cause of these evils, and the modes of Satan's attacks, that we may be able to resist them. We have to meet not only men who fall into error, but principalities and powers and spiritual wickedness in high places.--Letter 12, 1890, pp. 9, 16, 26, 29. (To "Bro. and Sr. Garmire," August 12, 1890.)

FALSE THEORIES THAT UNDERMINE CONFIDENCE In THE TESTIMONIES And TEAR AWAY THE VITALS OF THE MESSAGE.

Example of a Theory That Tears Away the Vitals of the SDA Message. We met a very intelligent young man [in Norwich, Mass.]... He has been studying up the message of Revelation, and he thinks he has discovered "wonderful light." But it is that wonderful light that will flash forth all along the pathway till the end of time--the theory that tears away and takes the vitals out of all the past experience of the message?...

Theories That Unsettle Confidence in the Testimonies. The enemy has made his masterly efforts to unsettle the faith of our people in the Testimonies, and when these errors come in, they claim to prove all the positions by the Bible, but they misinterpret the Scriptures. They make bold assertions... and misapply the prophecies of the Scriptures to prove falsehood. And after men have done their work of weakening the confidence of the church in the Testimonies, they have torn away the barrier that unbelief in the truth shall become widespread...

This is just as Satan has designed it should be, and those who have been preparing the way for the people to pay no heed to the warnings and reproofs of the Testimonies of the Spirit of God will see that a tide of errors of all kinds will spring to life. They will claim Scripture as their evidence, and deceptions of Satan in every form will

prevail.--Letter 109, 1890, pp. 4, 5. (To W. C. White, and J. E. White and wife, December 6, 1890.)

PREPARATION FOR THE COMING CONFLICT.

Setting for the Coming Conflict. The Word of God plainly declares that His law is to be scorned, trampled upon by the world. There will be an extraordinary prevalence of iniquity. The professed Christian world will form a confederacy with the man of sin, and the church and the world will be in corrupt harmony. Here the great crisis is coming upon the world. The Scriptures declare that popery is to regain its lost supremacy, and that the fires of persecution will be rekindled through the timeserving concessions of the so-called Protestant world. In this time of peril we can stand only as we have the truth and the power of God. Men can know the truth only by being themselves partakers of the divine nature. We have need now for more than human wisdom in reading and searching the Scriptures, and, if we come to God's Word with humble hearts, He will raise up a standard for us against the

Apostates Will Be Revealed in the Coming Crisis. In the absence of persecution, there have drifted into our ranks men who appear sound and their Christianity unquestionable, but who, if persecution should arise, would go out from us. In the crisis they would see force in specious reasons that have had an influence on their minds. Satan has prepared various snares to meet varied minds.

When Persecution Comes, a Larger Proportion Than Is Now Anticipated Will Apostatize. When the law of God is made void, the church will be sifted by fiery trials, and a larger proportion than we now anticipate will give heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. Instead of being strengthened when brought into strait places, many prove that they are not living branches of the True Vine. They bore no fruit, and the husbandman taketh them away. But when the iniquitous powers work to make void the law of God, what will be the effect upon the truly obedient and righteous? Will they be carried away by the strong current of evil? Because so many range themselves under the banner of the prince of darkness, will God's commandment-keeping people swerve from their allegiance? Never! No one who is abiding in Christ will fail or fall. His followers will not bow in obedience to

God's Faithful Ones Will Rise up in Defense of His Law. While the contempt placed upon God's commandments causes many to suppress the truth and show less reverence for it, the disrespect shown to the law of Jehovah causes the faithful ones with greater earnestness to hold aloft its distinguishing truths....

There is the highest reason for us to prize the true Sabbath and stand in its defense in opposition to the false, for it is the sign which distinguishes the people of God from the world. The commandment that the world makes void is the one which, for this very reason, God's people will give greater honor. It is when the unbelieving cast contempt upon the Word of God that the faithful Calebs are called for. It is then that they will stand firm at the post of duty, without parade and without swerving because of the reproach.... The same spirit will be manifested today by those who are true to God. The Psalmist says, "They have made void Thy law. Therefore I love Thy commandments above gold; yea, above fine gold" (Psalm 119:126, 127).

It is at this time that the true Sabbath must be brought before the people, both by pen and by voice. As the fourth commandment and those who observe it are ignored and despised, the faithful few know that it is time not to hide their faces, but to exalt the law of Jehovah by unfurling the banner on which is inscribed the message of the third angel--the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus....

The Issues in the Coming Conflict Must Be Met With the Spirit of Christ. Although the time will come when we can wage the war only at the risk of [losing] property and liberty, yet the conflict must be met in the spirit and meekness of Christ. The truth is to be maintained and advocated as it is in Jesus. Wealth, honor, comfort, homes, everything else is to be of secondary consideration. The truth must not be hid, it must not be denied or disguised, but fully avowed and boldly proclaimed....

Opposition to the Sabbath Permitted by God to Open the Way for the Loud Cry. The Lord has permitted the enemy of truth to make a determined effort against the Sabbath of the fourth commandment. He designs by this means to awaken a decided interest in that question which is a test for the people who live in these last days. This will open the way for the third angel's message to be proclaimed with power....

If in the land of boasted liberty a Protestant government is preparing to sacrifice every principle that enters into its constitution, making decrees to suppress religious liberty, and for the enforcing of papal falsehoods and delusions, then the people of God need to present their petitions in faith to the Most High. There is every encouragement in the promise of God for those who put their trust in Him.

In Time of Peril God Grants His People Clearer Manifestations of His Power. The prospect of being brought into personal danger and distress need not cause despondency, but should quicken the vigor and hopes of God's people, for the time of their peril is the season for God to grant them clearer manifestations of His power.

Let the Holy Spirit Do the Cutting. We are not to sit in calm expectation of oppression and tribulation, and fold our hands, doing nothing to avert the evil. Let our united cries be sent up to heaven. Pray and work, and work and pray. But let none act rashly. Learn as never before that all who truly keep the commandments of God must be meek and lowly in heart.... Sharp things must sometimes be spoken, but be sure that the Holy Spirit of God is abiding in your heart before you speak the clear-cut truth, then let it cut its way. You are not to do the cutting.

No Compromise to Be Made With Those Who Make Void God's Law. There is to be no compromise with those who make void the law of God. It is not safe to rely upon them as counselors. Our testimony is not less decided now than formerly. Our real position is not to be cloaked in order to please the world's great men. They may desire us to unite with them and accept their plans, and may make propositions in regard to our course of action which may give the enemy an advantage over us.

Stand Firm but do Not Offend. While we should not seek for controversy, and should not needlessly offend, we must present the truth clearly and decidedly and stand firm to what God has taught us in His Word. You are not to look to the world in order to learn what you shall write and publish, or what you shall speak. Let all your words and works testify, "We have not followed cunningly devised fables.... We have also a more sure word of prophecy whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place" (2 Peter 1:16).

God Permits Matters to Reach a Crisis Before He Intervenes to Make the Deliverance of His People More Marked. The Lord has allowed matters in our day come to a crisis, the exalting of error above truth, that He, the God of Israel, might work mightily for the greater elevation of His truth in proportion as error is exalted. With His eye upon the church, the Lord has again and again allowed matters to come to a crisis that in their extremity the people should look to God alone for His wisdom and His help. Their prayers, their faith, together with the steadfast promise to be true to principle and loyal to the Lord's holy commandments when brought into strait places, call for the interference of God, and then He has fulfilled His promise: "Then shall thou call, and the Lord shall answer; thou shall cry, and He shall say, Here I am" (Isaiah 58:9).

God reserves His gracious interposition in their behalf till the time of their extremity. Thus He makes their deliverance more marked, and their victories more glorious. When all human wisdom fails, the Lord's interference will be more clearly recognized, and He will receive the glory that is His due. Even the enemies of our faith, persecutors, will perceive that God is working for His people in turning their captivity.--Letter 3 1890, pp. 4-11. (To "Dear Brethren and Sisters," n.d., 1890)

THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN TRUTH AND ERROR To BE MAINTAINED.

Formality, worldly wisdom, worldly caution, worldly policy, will appear to many to be the very power of God, but, when accepted, it stands as an obstacle to prevent God's light in warnings, reproof, and counsel from coming to the world.

Satan's Two-pronged Attack--Fanaticism and Formalism. He [Satan] is working with all his insinuating, deceiving power, to lead men away from the third angel's message, which is to be proclaimed with mighty power. If Satan sees that the Lord is blessing His people and preparing them to discern his delusions, he will work with his masterly power to bring in fanaticism on the one hand, and cold formalism on the other, that he may gather in a harvest of souls. Now is our time to watch unceasingly. Watch, bar the way to the least step of advance that Satan may make among you....

Science, So-called, Will Oppose True Religion. I have been warned that henceforth we shall have a constant contest. Science so-called and religion will be placed in opposition to each other, because finite men do not comprehend the power and greatness of God. These words of Holy Writ were presented to me, "Of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them" (Acts 20:30). This will surely be seen among the people of God, and there

will be those who are unable to perceive the most wonderful and important truths for this time; truths which are essential for their own safety and salvation, while matters that are in comparison as the merest atoms, matters in which there is scarcely a grain of truth, are dwelt upon and are magnified by the power of Satan so that they appear of the utmost importance....

The moral sight of these men is diseased. They do not feel their need of the heavenly anointing, that they may discern spiritual things.... They will fall into deceptions and delusions that Satan has prepared as concealed nets to entangle the feet of those who think they can walk in their human wisdom without the special grace of Christ....

True light is to stand in distinction from all other lights. The system of truth must stand distinct from all other systems, whether of religion or of morals. It is the light emanating from Christ. Our great work is to reveal Christ to the world, and thus reveal the Father.

Worldly Men Will Volunteer to Be Our Guides. There are men of the world that will volunteer to be our guides. They regard their course as wise, but their tendencies and actions are evil. They are of the class who, professing to be wise, need to become fools in order to be wise in God's wisdom. They lead away from the path where the voice of Jesus is heard, saying, "This is the way, walk ye in it" (Isaiah 30:21). They divert attention from the very work to be done in this period of the world's history. But those who follow the Leader, step by step, will hear and recognize the voice of the True Shepherd....

SDA'S Have Been Called to Give the Final Warning Concerning the False Sabbath. In the last struggles of the great controversy, God has called us to aid in giving the final warning to the world. While the Christian world are honoring a false sabbath, we are to show them its true character. It must be made plain to them that they are honoring a man-made institution in place of that which God sanctified. Every rival must be made to appear as an idol. Solemn is our responsibility.

Efforts by Worldly Men to Induce SDAS to Tone Down Their Sabbath Message. The people of the world will try to induce us to soften our message, to suppress one of its more distinctive features. They say, "Why do you in your teachings make the seventh-day Sabbath so prominent? This seems to be always thrust before us. We should harmonize with you, if you would not say so much on this point."...

We Are Not to Apologize to the World for Telling them the Truth. If the world is in error and delusion, breaking the law of God, it is our duty to show them their sin and danger. We must proclaim the third angel's message.... We are not to cringe and beg pardon of the world for telling them the truth. We should scorn concealment. Unfurl your colors to meet the gaze of men and angels. Let it be understood that Seventh-day Adventists can make no compromise. In your opinions and faith there must not be the least appearance of wavering. The world has a right to know what to expect of us....

Endeavors to Pursue a Neutral Policy Are a Snare. On no account will one real believer of the truth remain in appearance neutral in an important crisis, or in the questions that concern the salvation of the soul. We are not to voice the sentiments of the world.... All the

success and patronage that can be secured by policy plans will be a snare to every soul who works on this principle.

The Danger of Yielding a Hair's Breadth From the Right. Some are flattering themselves that a more auspicious time is coming when God, who ever sides with the right, will vindicate His honor by lifting up His holy law, and then they will obey the truth and will triumph with it. I have been shown that in maintaining the right, it is not safe to yield one hair's breadth because of circumstances, or to teach others that we may do this with comparative safety....

While It Is Our Duty to Keep the Sabbath, We are not to Force Others to Keep It. While we are to stand firm as a rock to principles, we should be courteous and Christlike in our dealings with all men. We should tell the people plainly that we cannot accept the papal sabbath, because it is a mark of special dishonor to God, whom we love and worship. But while we sacredly observe the Sabbath of the Lord, it is not our work to compel others to observe it. God never forces the conscience; that is Satan's work. Since God is the Author of the Sabbath, it must be presented to the minds of men in contrast to the false sabbath, that all may choose between them....

Those who are living in transgression of the holy law of God will complain, when it is made plain that the spurious sabbath is founded in the power of the man of sin, [that] such knowledge is not palatable to them. They will say in language too plain to be misunderstood, "We want not a knowledge of Thy ways, O Lord." Others will say, as did Pharaoh, "Who is the Lord, that I should obey His voice?" But we must hold aloft the banner of the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. While Satan will make masterly efforts to suppress the truth, we must stand firmly to reflect light to the world. Let not the fear of man, the desire for patronage, be allowed to obscure a ray of heaven's light....

The Danger of Muting the Third Angel's Message. We should be alarmed when we see the least disposition to hush the voices that proclaim the message of the third angel. That angel represents the people of God who give the warning to the world. No greater contempt could be shown to the Creator than the contempt manifested for the day which He has sanctified. And, as Satan with his human agencies pushes the warfare against God, by leading men to trample on the Sabbath, the few who honor God should be aroused to greater zeal and earnestness in its defense....

All Will Take Sides in the Coming Conflict. In the great conflict between faith and unbelief the whole of the Christian world is involved. All will take sides. Some apparently may not engage in the conflict on either side. They may not appear to take sides against the truth, but they do not come out boldly for Christ, through fear of losing property or suffering reproach. All such are numbered with the enemies of God.--Manuscript 16, 1890, pp. 4, 12, 13, 15-19, 21- 23. ("Our Constant Need of Divine Enlightenment," n.d.)

THE EFFECT of THE GREAT CONTROVERSY UNDER THE LOUD CRY.

Great Controversy Unmasks Satan's Last-day Deceptions. The Lord has revealed the perils that are around and before us. Through the agency of the Spirit of Prophecy He has unveiled the delusions that

will take the world captive and has spoken to His people, saying, "This is the way; walk ye in it."... The Great Controversy unmask the deceptions of Satan, and we may expect that the enemy of all righteousness will put forth every effort in his power to keep away from the people that which unveils his arts....

The Three Angel's Messages Run Parallel. God has given the messages of Revelation 14 their place in the line of prophecy, and their work is not to cease till the close of this earth's history. The first and second angels' messages are still truth for this time, and are to run parallel with that which follows. The third angel proclaims his warning with a loud voice. "After these things," said John, "I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his; glory" (Revelation 18:1). In this illumination the light of all three messages is combined....

The Great Controversy's Influence Will Increase When Events It Foreshadows Are Seen Fulfilling. The results of the circulation of this book are not to be judged by what now appears. By reading it some souls will be aroused and will have courage to unite themselves at once with those who keep the commandments of God. But a much larger number who read it will not take their position until they see the very events taking place that are foretold in it. The fulfillment of some of the predictions will inspire faith that others also will come to pass, and when the earth is lightened with the glory of the Lord in the closing work, many souls will take their position on the commandments of God as a result of this agency.--Manuscript 31, 1890, pp. 1-3, 8. ("Circulation of Great Controversy," n.d.)

A LATTER-DAY EVENTS.

Signs of the Second Coming. When Christ shall come the second time, the whole world will be represented by two classes, the just and the unjust, the righteous and the unrighteous. Preceding the great sign of the coming of the Son of man, there will be signs and wonders in the heavens. There will be crimes greater than any now on record. There will be weeping and lamentation and woe....

Already There Are Sprinklings of the Vials of Wrath. Already sprinklings from the vials of God's wrath have been let fall upon land and sea, affecting the elements of the air. The cause of these unusual conditions are being searched for, but in vain.

Air Pollution Caused by the Powers of Darkness. God has not restrained the powers of darkness from carrying forward their deadly work of vitiating the air, one of the sources of life and nutrition, with a deadly miasma. Not only is vegetable life affected, but man suffers from pestilence....

The Earth's Crust Will Be Rent by the Outburst of Elements Within It. These things are the result of drops from the vials of God's wrath being sprinkled on the earth, and are but faint representations of what will be in the near future. Earthquakes in various places have been felt but these disturbances have been very limited.... Terrible shocks will come upon the earth, and the lordly palaces erected at great expense will certainly become heaps of ruins. The earth's crust will be rent by the outburst of the elements concealed in the bowels of the

earth. These elements, once broken loose, will sweep away the treasures of those who for years have been adding to their wealth by securing large possessions at starvation prices from those in their employ. And the religious world too is to be terribly shaken, for the end of all things is at hand....

That So-called Christian World Will Be the Theater of Decisive Actions. All society is ranging into two great classes, the obedient and the disobedient.... The so-called Christian world is to be the theater of great and decisive actions. Men in authority will enact laws controlling the conscience, after the example of the papacy. Babylon will make all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. Every nation will be involved. Of this time John declares: [Revelation 18:1-3, quoted.]

There Will Be a Universal Bond of Union of Satan's Forces Against Religious Liberty. "These have one mind, and shall give their power and, strength unto the beast. These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for He is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with Him are called, and chosen and faithful." (Revelation 17:13, 14.)

"These have one mind."--There will be one universal bond of union, one great harmony, a confederacy of Satan's forces. "And shall give their power and strength unto the beast."--Thus is manifested the same arbitrary, oppressive power against religious liberty, freedom to worship God according to the dictates of conscience as was manifested the papacy, when in the past it persecuted those who dared to refuse to conform with the religious rites and ceremonies of Romanist.

All Apostate Powers Will Be United Against God's People Over the Sabbath Issue. In the warfare to be waged in the last days, there will be united in opposition to God's people, all the corrupt powers that have apostatized from allegiance to the law of Jehovah. In this warfare the Sabbath of the fourth commandment will be the great point at issue, for in the Sabbath commandment the great Lawgiver identifies Himself as the Creator of the heavens and the earth....

Satan Fills the Specifications of Revelation 13:13-17; 14:1 and 16:13-15 In Revelation we read concerning Satan: [Revelation 13:13-17 quoted.] [Revelation 14:1-5, quoted.] [Revelation 16:13-15, quoted.]

Satan Will Appear to Succeed, But Truth And Righteousness Will Triumph at Last. All things in nature and in the world at large are charged with intense earnestness. Satan in cooperation with his angels and with evil men, will put forth every effort to gain the victory and will appear to succeed. But from this conflict, truth and righteousness will come forth triumphant in victory. Those who have believed a lie will be defeated, for the days of apostasy will be ended.

Joshua and the Angel. In Zechariah we read: [Zechariah 3:1:10,quoted.]

Garments Soiled by Sin Exchanged for Coronation Robes. The garments of the church of Christ, soiled with sin, are removed, and Christ places upon His faithful, obedient children their coronation

robes.--Manuscript 24, 1891, pp. 2-6, 9, 11, 12. (Diary: "Circulation of Great Controversy, vol. IV" January 1, 1891.)

TEMPTATIONS WILL Be STRONGER AND MORE SEDUCTIVE AS We NEAR THE END.

As we near the end, temptations will be stronger and more seductive, but we need not yield to them, we need not open the door of the heart and invite Satan to enter. There is no power in earth or hell [strong enough] to compel you to sin and dishonor your holy faith.--Letter 18b, 1891, p. 18. (To "Bro. and S. Kynett," February 15, 1891.)

PROBATION AND THE MESSAGE of REVELATION 18.

Probation Ended by the Time Christ Comes. There will be no probation after the coming of the Lord. Those who say that there will [be] are deceived and misled. Before Christ comes, just such a state of things will exist as existed before the flood. After the Savior appears in the clouds of heaven, no one will be given another chance to gain salvation. All will have made their decisions.

Enlightenment and Cleansing During the Proclamation of the Message of Revelation 18. Before the close of this world's history, those who are willing to accept the evidence will have the dark veil removed from their minds. Hearts will be cleansed through accepting Christ during the time that the whole world is lighted by the glory of the angel that comes down from heaven [--the angel of Revelation 18:1-3]

Every Kind of Deception Will Be Practiced. The time is right upon us when every kind of deception will be practiced. "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing." They may speak fair words, but all the time they are watching to see how they can get gain for themselves. They are full of selfishness, and work at cross purposes with God, misappropriating His goods. "Ye shall know them by their fruits," the Savior declares (Matthew 7:15, 16). --Letter 45, 1891, pp. 3, 5. (To "My Brother," December 28, 1891.)

WE SHALL MEET FACE TO FACE in THE JUDGMENT THOSE WE MIGHT HAVE HELPED.

Our life here is a short period at best, and what and who are we living and working for? And what will be the outcome of it all?.... Whatever we are at heart will be revealed in character and will have an influence on those with whom we associate. Our words, our actions are a savor of life unto life, or of death unto death. And in the judgment we shall be brought face to face with those whom we might have helped in right, safe paths by choice of words, by counsel, if we had connected with God daily and [had] a living, abiding interest in the saving of their souls.---Letter 27, 1892, p. 5. (To J. E. White and wife, May 29,, 1892.)

THE SIFTING AND THE LATTER RAIN.

The Sifting Will Reveal Who Are Vessels of Honor. The Lord will soon come. There must be a refining, winnowing process in every church, for there are among us wicked men who do not love the truth or honor God. There is need of a transformation of character. Will the church

arise and put on her beautiful garments, the righteousness of Christ? Soon it is to be seen who are the vessels unto honor. [Revelation 18:12, quoted .] [Malachi 3:18; 4:2, quoted.]

It Is the Vessels of Honor That Receive the Latter Rain. Here are plainly brought to view those who will be vessels unto honor, for they will receive the latter rain. Every soul who, in the light now shining upon our pathway, continues in sin will be blinded and will accept the delusions that come from Satan. We are now nearing the close of this earth's history. Where are the faithful watchmen on the walls of Zion who will not slumber but faithfully declare the time of night?....

Activities of the Confederacy of Evil. Never was the confederacy of evil greater than at the present time. Spirits of darkness combined with human agencies set themselves firmly against the commandments of God. They confederate together to make of none effect the law of God. Traditions, falsehoods are exalted above the Scriptures; reason and science above revelation; human talent, above the teaching of the Spirit; forms and ceremonies, above the vital power of godliness....

We May Have the Latter Rain Now. All who claim to be children of God should seek daily to understand why they believe [what they believe] by diligently searching the Scriptures for themselves. They who with humble hearts study the character of Jesus, will come more and more to reflect His image. The descent of the Holy Spirit upon the church is looked forward to as [being something to bestowed] in the future, but it is the privilege of the church to have it now. Seek for it; pray for it; believe for it. We must have it, and heaven is waiting to bestow it....

Appeal for Unity of Spirit in View of Coming Trials. Trials are to come upon God's people. The tares will be separated from the wheat. But let not Ephraim envy Judah anymore, and Judah shall no more vex Ephraim. Kind, tender, compassionate words will flow from sanctified hearts and lips. We must make it appear essential to be united; not that we are to require others to come to our ideas, but if all are seeking the meekness and lowliness of Christ, they will have the mind of Christ; then there will be unity of spirit....

The Coming Shaking Caused by Rebellion. The history of the rebellion of Dathan and Abram will be repeated till the close of time. Who will be on the Lord's side? Who will be deceived, and in turn become deceivers? Everything is to be shaken that can be shaken, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.--Letter 15, 1892, pp. 4-6, 9-13. (To S. N. Haskell, June 25, 1892.)

REVELATIONS OF CHARACTER BEFORE THE VITAL TEST.

Satan's Diversionsary Tactics to Mislead. Satan will work with his masterly power to separate the soul from God. We hear the different voices sounding from every quarter that our attention shall be taken from the true issue in this time. The end is near, and let there not be a confusion of voices to misguide and mislead some astray. To say, "Peace, peace," to these souls who have long resisted the voice of the True Shepherd, who have contended long against Omnipotence, is to quiet their consciences to [the] sleep of death. Will man in his pride forsake his own interests by cherishing thoughts or doing deeds opposed

to the mind and spirit of God? God has been pleased to show me that men [who] ought to know the voice of the True Shepherd will be more ready to accept the voice of a stranger and follow in unsafe, forbidden paths because of the stubbornness of their human nature....

Those Leaders Who Have Faltered Will Reveal This Fact Before the Last Proving Comes. Before the great trouble such as has never been since there was a nation shall come upon the world, those who have faltered, and who would ignorantly lead in unsafe paths, will reveal this before the real vital test, the last proving comes, so that whatsoever they may say will not be regarded as voicing the True Shepherd.--Letter 12, 1892, p. 3, 9, 10. (To S. N. Haskel, August 22, 1892.)

TWO SIDES IN THE FINAL CONFLICT.

There Will Be Light Shining From the Sanctuary Amid Deepening Apostasy. Satan is at work from beneath to stir up the hellish powers of his confederacy of evil against the just. He imbues human agencies with his own attributes. Evil angels united with evil men will put forth efforts to harass, persecute, and destroy. But the Lord God of Israel will not forsake those who trust in Him. Amid the strengthening of infidelity and apostasy, amid the pretended illumination, which is the blindest presumption and delusion, there will be light from the sanctuary above shining upon God's people. The truth of God will triumph....

Those Under Satan's Banner Will Exalt the False Sabbath. Every person will be arrayed under one of two banners. The chosen and loyal will stand under the bloodstained banner of Prince Emmanuel, and all others under Satan's standard. All who are on Satan's side will unite with him in honoring the spurious sabbath, thus paying homage to the man of sin, who has exalted himself above all that is called God, and has thought to change times and laws. They trample upon the laws of Jehovah and frame laws to compel all to worship the false sabbath, the idol they have exalted. But the day of deliverance to God's people is not far distant.--Letter 30, 1892, pp. 2, 3. (To S. N. Haskell, September 5, 1892.)

DISEASE IN THE LAST DAYS.

Disease of Every Kind Will Be Upon the Human Family. Perilous times are before us. The whole world will be involved in perplexity and distress. Disease of every kind will be upon the human family, and such ignorance as now prevails concerning the laws of health would result in great suffering and the loss of many lives that [otherwise] might be saved.

God's People Should Be Gaining a Knowledge of Physiology and Preventive Medicine. While Satan is constantly doing his utmost to take advantage of man's ignorance, and to lay the foundation of disease through improper treatment of the body, it is best for those who claim to be sons and daughters of God to avail themselves, while they can, of the opportunities now presented, to gain a knowledge of the human system and how it may be preserved in health....

Those Who Become Intelligent Regarding the Cause, Prevention, and

Cure of Disease Will Find Work Anywhere. As we approach the close of this earth's history, selfishness and violence and crime prevail as in the days of Noah.... As religious aggression subverts the liberties of our nation, those who would stand for freedom of conscience will be placed in unfavorable positions. For their own sakes, they should, while they have opportunity, become intelligent in regard to disease, its causes, prevention, and cure. And those who do this will find a field of labor anywhere. There will be suffering ones, plenty of them, who need help, not only among those of our own faith, but largely among those who know not the truth.--Letter 34, 1892, pp. 2, 3. (To J. H. Kellogg and wife, September 16, 1892.)

HOW ADVENTISTS SHOULD PREPARE to MEET SATAN'S STRATEGY IN THE FINAL CONFLICT.

Satan Will Endeavor to Divide and Scatter the Remnant. As we near the close of time, Satan comes down with great power, knowing that his time is short. Especially will his power be exercised upon the remnant. He will wage war against them, and seek to divide and scatter them, that they may grow weak and be overcome....

The Business of the Church Should be Placed in a Secure State Lest Satan Take Advantage. God's people should act wisely and leave nothing undone on their part to place the business of the church in a secure state. Then, after all is done that they can do, they should trust the Lord to overrule these things for them, that Satan take no advantage of God's remnant people. It is Satan's time to work. A stormy future is before us, and the church should be awake to make an advance move that they may be able to stand securely against his plans....

Unless the churches are so organized that they can carry out and enforce order, they have nothing to hope for in the future. They must be scattered into fragments....

The Influence of Apostates to Tear Down Is Recorded. We are living in a solemn time. Satan and evil angels are working with mighty power with the world on their side to help them. And professed Sabbath-keepers, who profess to believe solemn; important truth, unite their forces with the combined influence of the powers of darkness to distract and tear down that which God designs to build up. The influence of such is recorded as of those who retard the advance of reform among God's people.--Letter 32, 1892, pp. 3-5. (To "Dear Brethren of the General Conference," December 19, 1892.)

THE WORLD-WIDE NATURE of THE FINAL CONFLICT.

Persecution Will Come to Those Who Seek Uprightness and Holiness. The tyrant is seeking to oppress man's conscience, which Christ has made free. Persecution will come more definitely and decidedly upon the people of God, because the godly are seeking for uprightnes and holiness, and the disobedient are in sin. The sin-loving do not choose the way and will of God, and the obedient, in their character and course of action, are a constant rebuke to the sinful. When the truth finds access to the heart, it must fight every inch of the way.... Then the collision comes. Then comes the warfare, and, if the heart has yielded to Jesus in obeying the commandments of God, there is a jealous contest, error rising up to condemn truth, and truth in its God-given

principles setting strongly against error. This is the experience the world over.

The only way in which men will be enabled to stand firm in the conflict is to be rooted and grounded in Christ. They must receive the truth as it is in Jesus....

Deny the Desire to Have Costly Musical Instruments, for There Will

Be the Richest Music in Heaven. Our Probation is about ended. Can you not wait a little for the gratification of your desire [to have costly musical instruments]? Deny self, walk in the light while you have light, and then, if you are saved in the kingdom of God, there will be the richest music of heaven for you throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity....

Every Nation on the Globe Will Follow America in Forcing Men to Honor the False Sabbath. As America, the land of religious liberty, shall unite with the papacy in forcing the consciences of men to honor the false sabbath, the people of every nation on the globe will be led to follow her example....

The Message of the Angel of Revelation 18 Will Be Sounded All Over the World. The whole earth is to be lightened with the glory of God's truth. The Lord will not close up the period of probation until the warning shall be more distinctly proclaimed. The trumpet must give a certain sound. The law of God is to be magnified, its claims must be presented in their true, sacred character, that the people may be brought to decided for or against the truth. Yet the work will be cut short in righteousness. The message of Christ's righteousness is to sound from one end of the world to the other. This is the glory of God which closes the work of the third angel....

You have long expected the wonderful startling events that are to take place just prior to the coming of the Son of man in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. Now I ask; Are you prepared to give the trumpet a certain sound?

Heaven Is Waiting for the Cooperation of Human Agents to Finish God's Work. The Lord is coming. The scenes of this earth's history are fast closing, and our work is not done. We have been waiting in anxious expectancy for the cooperation of the human agency in advancing the work. All Heaven, if I may use the expression, is impatiently waiting for men to cooperate with the divine agencies in working for the salvation of souls.--Letter 2, 1892, pp. 1, 8, 12-14. (To "Dear Brethren and Sisters in Battle Creek," December 21, 1892.)

UNJUST SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL PRESSURES WILL be BROUGHT TO BEAR AGAINST GOD'S PEOPLE.

Evil Angels United With Evil Men Will Try to Harass, Persecute, and Destroy. Satan is at work from beneath to stir up the hellish powers of his confederacy against the just. He imbues human agencies with his own attributes. Efforts will be put forth by evil angels, united with evil men, to harass, persecute, and destroy, but the Lord God of Israel will not forsake those who trust in Him. Amid the strengthening of infidelity and apostasy, amid pretended illumination, which is the

blindest presumption and delusion, there will be a light shining upon God's people from the sanctuary above. The truth of God will triumph....

All Those on Satan's Side Will Exalt the False Sabbath. Every individual in our world will be arrayed under one of two banners--the chosen and loyal under the bloodstained banner of Prince Emmanuel, and all others under Satan's standard. All who are on Satan's side will unite with him in honoring the spurious sabbath, thus paying homage to the man of sin, who exalted himself above all that is called God, and [who] thought to change times and laws. They trample upon the laws of Jehovah and frame a law to compel all to worship the false sabbath, the idol they have exalted. But the day of deliverance to God's people is not far distant....

Defenders of Truth Will Draw the Dislike, Criticism, and Opposition of Friends and Relatives. He who stands in defense of the truth, will draw upon himself the dislike, the criticism, the decided opposition of relatives and professed friends. He will become the subject of ridicule. All opposition and persecution, whether in its mildest, or most terrible forms, is only the development of a principle that originated with the first great rebel in heaven. This work will continue as long as Satan exists.

Some May Find It Harder to Endure Coldness and Contempt Than Martyrdom. As we near the close of time, the opposing elements will work in the same lines in which they have worked in times past. Every soul will be tested. Under persecution it will be made manifest just what banner every individual has chosen to stand under. While sin remains, the offense of the cross will never cease. Satan has a thousand masked batteries which will be opened upon the loyal, commandment-keeping people of God to compel them to violate conscience. The followers of Christ must expect to encounter sneers. They will be reviled their words and their faith will be misrepresented. Coldness and contempt may be harder to endure than martyrdom. With some persons it would require more courage to encounter a laugh than to be thrust through with a sword.

Property Will Be Wrongfully Expropriated From Holders of Unpopular Truth. But we must stand steadfastly for the truth, not returning railing for railing, but contrariwise, blessing. Parents will turn harshly against their children who accept unpopular truth. Those who conscientiously serve God will be accused of rebellion. Property that was willed to children or other relatives who believe the present truth will be given into other hands. Guardians will rob orphans and widows of their just dues. Those who depart from evil will make themselves a prey through laws enacted to compel the conscience. Men will take to themselves property to which they have no right. The words of the apostle will be verified in the near future: "All that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution" (2 Timothy 3:13).--Letter 30a, 1892, pp. 1-4. (To S. N. Haskell, n.d.)

WARNING AGAINST CONFEDERATING WITH WORLDLINGS.

[Revelation 18:1-3, quoted.] We Are Not to Confederate With Worldlings Lest We Become Spiritually Confused. While this message [of

Revelation 18] is sounding, while the proclamation of truth is doing its separating work, we as faithful sentinels of God are to discern what our real position is. We are not to confederate with worldlings, lest we become imbued with their spirit, lest our spiritual discernment become confused, and we view those who have the truth and bear the message of the Lord from the standpoint of the professed Christian churches.--Letter 86a, 1893, p. 22. ("To Every Man His Work," cir. January 1893.)

SATAN HAS LAID His PLANS SUBTLY AND DESTRUCTION WILL COME SUDDENLY.

Satan is stirring the powers from beneath to make a last desperate effort to convert the world to his principles. He has his plans laid with satanic subtlety, and destruction cometh suddenly, while those who have the light, the warning that such a crisis is before us, are almost unmoved. Manuscript 20, 1893, pp 5, 6. ("Missionary Work," May 9, 1893.)

WHEN FALSE CHARGES ARE MADE AGAINST The TRUTH AND SATAN is EXALTED ABOVE GOD.

False Charges Against the Truth and Its Representatives Will Create Holy Indignation in Non SDA Who Reverence God. The inconsistencies, the unreasonable workings of the human agents, stirred with a power from beneath, will create in those who reverence God a holy indignation to see the truth of God brought into contempt, and its advocates misrepresented and clothed in garments of darkness--false charges. Then is the very time [that] the Holy Spirit is to take possession of the human mind and it be made to appear that Christ is formed within....

It Will Appear as Though the Infernal Government Has Been Transferred From Hell to Earth. The two classes which are formed to enact the solemnities of the last day will be distinguished as [the] commandment-keeping people of God and commandment-breakers, who are inspired by the devil and his angels. The appearance is as if the infernal government had been transferred from hell to earth....

When Human Agencies Give Satan Preeminence Above God, He Stands as Their Ruler. The professed Christian world is under Satan's sway... choosing his service, and [it] shall do after the works of the fallen foe. The rebellious chieftain signalizes himself as having authority to establish laws entirely contrary to the laws of Jehovah.

When this deceiving power is accepted [by men] in the place of light plainly given in God's Word, Satan stands as their ruler. The daring leader in rebellion is given by human agencies the preeminence above God, and the prince of darkness is acknowledged as their supreme authority.--Letter 60, 1893, g). 2. (To I. D. Van Horn, July 20, 1893 .)

CAUTIONS IN VIEW OF THE COMING CONFLICT.

The Need to Be Silent When the Wicked Are Before Us. There are trying scenes before us, and we need to exercise great caution, keeping the door of our lips while the wicked are before us. We shall have to

meet in our experience with men having fanatical zeal, which will provoke those who have the truth, and it will be necessary to preserve a calm attitude and not state all we do know, for impressions will be made upon human minds that will, under the influence of Satan, grow to large proportions....

Charges Will Be Made Which We Cannot Refute Because of Previous Unwise Expressions. The evils we shall meet have long been gathering, and, like a storm, will come upon many when they least expect it. While they cannot be charged with originating the evil, they precipitated it. Charges will be made, which believers cannot refute, because they have not shown wisdom in the use of their pen or the voice.

Laws Will Be Enacted and Old Laws Will Be Resurrected Calculated to Oppress. Many laws will be enacted for the government of nations calculated to oppress, and old laws that have practically become of none effect will be resurrected. We need to move forward in our work understandingly and in faith, under the wise generalship of Jesus Christ. A great work is to be done for the Master in proclaiming the last message of mercy to our world, and we are dependent upon authorities and powers to find passage from one end of the world to another, and, as long as we are dependent upon the powers that be, we must not divorce ourselves from them, for this is a worldwide message.

We are Not to Condemn the Powers That Be. We are to go forward quietly, and, when our way is apparently blocked in one direction, we are to make no condemnation of the powers that be, for in thus doing we are teaching other powers how to work to hedge up our way. We are not to stir up opposing elements, or provoke retaliation or revenge.-- Manuscript 90, 1893, pp. 1, 2. ("Our Attitude Toward the 'Powers That Be,'" August 29, 1893.)

DANIEL'S PROPHECIES ARE FULFILLING.

The Time of Indignation and Punishment Fast Approaching. God gives to all a period of probation, but men can reach a point where they can expect from God nothing but indignation and punishment. This time is not just now, but it is fast approaching. The nations will advance from one degree of sinfulness to another. The children, educated and trained in transgression, will add to the evil entailed by their parents who have no fear of God in their hearts.

Already the judgments of God have begun to fall upon the world in various calamities, that men may repent, and be converted to truth and righteousness. But the candle of those who harden their hearts in iniquity will be put out by the Lord. They have lived only for themselves, and death must come to them. When the limit of grace is reached, God will give His command for the destruction of the transgressor. He will arise in His Almighty character as God above all gods, and those who have worked against Him in league with the great rebel will be treated in accordance with their works.

Daniel Has Been Standing in His Lot Since the Light of Truth Has Been Shining Upon His Visions. In His vision of the last days, Daniel inquired, "O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things? And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end. Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried;

but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand.... Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days. But go thou thy way till the end be: for thou shall rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days" (Daniel 12:8-10, 12, 13). Daniel has been standing in his lot since the seal was removed [from his prophecies] and the light of truth has been shining upon his visions. He stands in his lot, bearing the testimony which was to be understood at the end of the days.

"And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament: and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever. But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased" (Daniel 12:1-5).--Manuscript 50, 1893, pp. 13, 14. ("Temperance," September 1893.)

HOW GOD DEALS WITH NATIONS.

God keeps a reckoning with nations as well as with individuals. He allows the nations a certain period of probation, and gives them evidences of His requirements, of His supremacy, and makes known to them His laws, which are to be the rule of His kingdom in the government of nations. All this He does that heathen nations may not be given up to destruction unwarned, and without light. But, after He has given light and evidence, and they still persist in insolence toward Him, then, when their iniquity is full, God takes the matter in hand, and His judgments are no longer withheld.--Letter 13, 1893, P. 12. ("General Matters Bearing on the Christie Case," n.d.)

CHRIST EMERGES VICTORIOUS FROM THE FINAL CONFLICT.

Satan Will Try to Delude by Mingling the False With the True. Startling events are preparing for development.... Satan is an artful foe, and he will work where he is by many least expected.... In these last days the false will take the field with the true, the spurious with the genuine.... To men whom he desires to delude and ruin, Satan does not come as the outcast, apostate spirit, but he comes personating an angel of light and truth....

Satan will make the best use possible of his agents,--apostate angels and fallen men. They become one through apostasy, uniting in a desperate companionship to oppose the law of God.... Satan has stolen the livery of heaven in order to deceive the very elect. As he seduced Adam, he is seducing men to unite with him in rebellion against the law of God....

Satan's Synagogue Will Clothe the Remnant in Defiled Garment's. Never was Satan so fiercely stirred as now. As never before he will inspire everyone who has apostatized from obedience to God's law. He will work to create rebellion at the very time when the proclamation of the third angel's message--the commandments to God and the faith of

Jesus--is going to the world. He will inspire members of his synagogue to make most desperate efforts to clothe in defiled garments all who take an active part in this message. Not a stone will be left unturned, not a plan or device but will be set in operation to deceive, to hold in error and strong delusion every mind that he can control.

He will stir up the minds of the disobedient and rebellious, and all apostates will unite in a firm and desperate companionship against the law of God, to war against the government of God.... As we proclaim the binding claims of the law of God upon every human being, those who will not be convinced, who turn away their ears from hearing the truth and are turned unto fables, choosing to feed upon a dish of maxims, customs, and commandments of men, will use the best weapons they have in warring against the truth. They will bear false witness, manufacturing lies to blacken the reputations of those who have proclaimed the message of truth.... All who come out from the world and are separated, must count on meeting ridicule, sneers, and reviling. They must expect that their lives and mission will be misrepresented....

Those Who Clothe God's People in Black Garments Will One Day Weep. Men that are in harmony with the great lawbreaker may laugh now; they may clothe in black garments those who present the Bible and the Bible alone as the authority for their faith. We will bear in mind that "all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution" (2 Timothy 3:12), and all who sneer at the truth and ridicule those who proclaim it, will weep and pray, "Lord, open to us," [and] He will answer, "I know you not."

Satan and His Agents Will Make Desperate Efforts to Hold onto Sinners. Alarmed that their prey is escaping from their grasp, Satan and his synagogue will make most desperate efforts to retain every soul on his side. He will present every possible objection and device to turn aside those who would walk in the path cast up for the ransomed of the Lord. A train of circumstances will be secretly set in operation by the serpent to deceive, to allure the sinner, to wrench from him his convictions that he must return to his allegiance to God....

The Conflict Will Be Long and Painful, and There May Appear to Be Partial Defeats. The conflict will be long and painful. At times there may appear to be partial defeat, but bear in mind that you counted the cost when Christ showed you the plan of battle. You are not the leaders in this conflict, for Christ is there; the armies of heaven are enlisted in the warfare.

Though Satan's Forces Are Strong and Artful, Christ and His People Are Invincible. Jesus would have every individual understand that the confederacy of evil is strong, artful in planning, and will use every dishonest measure in order to obtain the victory. Yet, not one follower of Christ is to look at his own weakness and become discouraged. "Looking unto Jesus" we shall receive His inspiration. We shall know that we are fighting in full view of God, of loyal, holy intelligences, with all the children of light as companions. More than angels are in the ranks in every conflict. At the head is the Great General of armies, who says, "Be of good cheer; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). Jesus will surround His faithful ones with a heavenly, holy atmosphere. Their armor is invincible, their Leader never met with

defeat, and they are to advance to victory....

Satan will work with all deceivableness of unrighteousness to personate Christ. If it were possible, he would deceive the very elect.--Letter 103, 1894, p. 1-6, 9, (To A. T. Jones, March 15, 1893.)

WARNINGS AGAINST VARIOUS FORMS of FANATICISM.

False Messages, If Accepted, Will Lead to Fanaticism Clothed in Garments of Sanctification. In messages that profess to be from heaven, expressions will be made that are misleading, and, if the influence of these things are accepted, it will lead to exaggerated movements, plans, and devisings that will bring in the very things that Satan would have current--a strange spirit, an unclean spirit, under the garments of sanctification; a strong spirit to overbear everything. Fanaticism will come in, and will so mingle and interweave itself with the workings of the Spirit of God, that many will accept it all as from God, and will be deceived and misled thereby....

Do Not Stir up the Dragon-like Spirit in Opponents of the Truth. Let not one word be expressed to stir up the spirit of retaliation in opposers of the truth. Let nothing be done to arouse the dragon-like spirit, for it will reveal itself soon enough in all its dragon character against those who keep the commandments of God and have the faith of Jesus....

Word Carelessly Spoken Will, Confront Us When We Stand to Vindicate the Truth. The time will come when we shall be called to stand before kings and rulers, magistrates, and powers, in vindication of the truth. Then it will be a surprise to those witnesses to learn that their positions, their words, the very expressions made in a careless manner, or thoughtless way when attacking error or advancing truth,--expressions that they had not thought would be remembered,--will be reproduced, and they will be confronted with them, and their enemies will have the advantage, putting their own construction on these words that were spoken unadvisedly....

Deception Will Come Bearing Some Marks of Truth. Many things intended to deceive will come bearing some marks of truth. Just as soon as these shall be set forth as the great power of God, Satan is all ready to weave in that which he has prepared to lead souls from the truth for this time.

Some will accept and promulgate the error, and when the reproof comes that will place matters in the true light, those who have had little experience, and who are ignorant of the oft-repeated workings of Satan, will cast away with the rubbish of error that which has been [set] before them as truth. Thus the light and warnings which God has given for this time will be made of no effect.

Ellen White Will Be Charged With the Inconsistencies of Sensationalists. Every conceivable message is coming to counterfeit the work of God--and always bearing the inscription of truth upon its banner. And those who are prepared for anything new and sensational, will handle these in such a manner that our enemies will charge all that is inconsistent and overdone upon Mrs. E. G. White, the prophetess....

Counterfeit Messages Will Come Appearing to Be Inspired. There will be counterfeit messages coming from persons in all directions. One after another [they] will rise up, appearing to be inspired, when they have not the inspiration of heaven, but are under the deception of the enemy. All who receive their messages will be led astray. Then let us walk carefully, and not open wide the door for the enemy to enter through impressions, dreams, and visions. God help us to look in faith to Jesus, and be guided by the words He has spoken.--Letter 66, 1894, pp. 3-5, 9, 10, 14. (To W. W. Prescott, April 10, 1894.)

THE COMING RELIGIOUS CONFLICT.

Satan Is The One Who Creates Intensity of Feelings in the Religious World Against the Sabbath. It is not human beings that are creating such intensity of feeling as now exists in the religious world. A power from Satan's spiritual synagogue is infusing the religious elements of the world, arousing men to decided action to press the advantages Satan has gained by leading the religious world in determined warfare against those who make the Word of God their guide and the sole foundation of doctrine. Satan's masterly efforts are now put forth to gather in ever principle and every power that he can employ to controvert the binding claims of the law of Jehovah, especially the fourth commandment, which defines who is the Creator of the heavens and the earth....

Every Human Being Will Range Himself Either Under Christ's Banner or Under Satan's Banner. Here is the great issue. Here are the two great powers confronting each other--the Prince of God, Jesus Christ, and the prince of darkness, Satan. Here [at this point] comes the open conflict. There are but two classes in the world, and every human being will range [himself] under one of the two banners, the banner of the prince of darkness, or the banner of Jesus Christ.

God will inspire His loyal and true children with His Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the representative of God, and will be the mighty working agent in the world to bind the loyal and true into bundles for the Lord's garner. Satan is also with intense activity gathering together in bundles his tares from among the wheat.... We are engaged in a warfare that will never cease until the final decision is made for all eternity.--Letter 38, 1894, pp. 3, 4. (To A. T. Jones, April 14, 1894.)

MIRACULOUS MANIFESTATIONS IN THE LAST DAYS.

Keeping Miraculous Manifestations Before the People Will Produce an Evil Effect. Let none cherish the idea that special providences or miraculous manifestations are to be the proof of the genuineness of the ideas they advocate. If we keep those things before the people, they will produce an evil effect, an unhealthy emotion. The genuine working of the Holy Spirit on human hearts is promised, to give efficiency through the Word. Christ has declared the Word to be spirit and life. "The earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of Jehovah, as the waters cover the sea" (Habakkuk 2:14 A. R. V.).

The Bible Is Never to Be Superseded by Miraculous Manifestations. Satan will work in a most subtle manner to introduce human inventions

clothed with angel garments. But the light from the Word is shining amid the moral darkness, and the Bible will never be superseded by miraculous manifestations. The truth must be studied; it must be searched for as for hidden treasure. Wonderful illuminations will not be given aside from the Word, which will make men wise unto salvation. This is the meaning of the words of Christ in regard to eating His flesh and drinking His blood. And He says, "This is life eternal, that they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent" (John 17:3).

Satanic Delusions and Wonderful Miracles Will Be Urged. We shall encounter false claims; false prophets will arise there will be false dreams and false visions; but preach the Word. Be not drawn away from the voice of God in His Word. Let nothing divert the mind. The wonderful, the marvelous, will be presented and represented. Through satanic delusions wonderful miracles, the claims of human agents, will be urged. Beware of all this....

We Must Walk By Faith, Not By Feeling. Our faith and hope are founded, not in feeling, but in God.... We must walk by faith, not by feeling, nor by sight. Stormy times are before us; severe tests will come, and, if we have not educated and trained ourselves to serve God through, faith in Christ our righteousness, we shall begin to look, to our imperfect lives, and lose all hope....

Satan Will Come in Every Conceivable Form to Distress. We shall be tried sorely, for Satan will come in every conceivable form to distress, annoy, and delude every follower of Jesus. We must live by faith, not by feeling. We must advance step by step into a more experimental knowledge of God and of Jesus Christ whom He hath sent.--- Letter 12, 1894, p. 5-8. (To "Dear Sister Cornell," May 10, 1894.)

EXPOSING THE WEAKNESSES OF THE PIONEERS WILL BE USED AGAINST US IN THE COMING CONFLICT.

If We Expose the Mistakes and Errors of the Pioneers, It Will Be Used Against Us. The work of calling up the mistakes and errors of sleeping saints... is not a work which God can accept. Men will not be pleased to meet in the judgment the results of [this work].... Those who have done this have furnished our bitterest opponents with seeds that will be cherished, and that will bear a bitter and bountiful harvest.... The very words that have been uttered in our church papers, and the very way in which things have been represented by our own brethren, together with a long list of other slanders, will be presented to the people; and even those who have died in the faith are pictured before the people as clothed in filthy garments of error and fanaticism.

Joshua the High Priest, Represents God's People Being Accused by Satan, but Christ Defends Them. "And he shewed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him" (Zechariah 3:1). The work of Satan is plainly defined as that of resisting the meritorious work of Christ. He resists Him in His efforts to come to the help of the tempted and tried soul that calls upon Him. When Christ steps in between the tempted souls and Satan, the adversary is angry, and opens up a tirade of abuse and

accusation, declaring that Christ is unfair in protecting these souls, and in lifting up a standard against him. But the Lord says unto him, "The Lord rebuke thee O Satan, even the Lord that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee is not this a brand plucked out of the fire? Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments and stood before the angel" verses 2,3).

In the Final Conflict Satan Claims God's People Are Undeserving of Mercy. Joshua is charged with being a transgressor of the law, and Satan is at hand to present his sins in the most aggravated light, although he himself has through his subtlety led him to commit the sin. Satan claims Joshua as his subject. He represents him as one who is undeserving of the care and mercy and love of God. This will be Satan's plea, this his determined purpose in the last great conflict....

Christ Removes From the Righteous the Filthy Garments With Which Satan Has Clothed Them. In the presence of the worlds unfallen, in the presence of the universe of heaven, in the presence of the angry adversary, who has painted them in robes of blackness and moral defilement, urging that they be given into his hands, Jesus answered Satan's malignant charge whereby he accused them before God day and night. To those who stood before Him, earnestly watching the controversy and marking the determination of Satan to destroy the righteous, Jesus spoke, saying, "Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him He said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment. And I said, Let them set a fair mitre upon his head, and clothe him with garments [Christ's righteousness]. And the angel of the Lord stood by" (verses

A Warning Against Exposing the Weaknesses of the Pioneers. Let none educate themselves in accusing Christ's living workmen or His precious sleeping saints whom He has sealed unto Himself. Be careful [on] whose side you are working. Would you present the weaknesses and mistakes of the dead before a world that are greedily watching for any semblance of a chance to make the Lord's chosen people appear in defiled garments? Remember that God claims these men as His. "Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments [in going over to the side of the accuser]; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy. He that overcometh [in this last great conflict], the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before His angels" (Revelation 3:4,5).

God's People Will Be Given a Place Among the Angels. "And the angel of the Lord protested unto Joshua, saying, Thus saith the Lord of hosts; if thou wilt walk in My ways, and if thou wilt keep My charge [in this present time of probation], then thou shall also judge My house, and shall also keep My courts, and I will give thee places to walk among these that stand by" (Zechariah 3:6, 7). Those that stand by are... angels that excel in strength, who surround the believing ones who stand in vindication of the law of God. God is the protection of His faithful ones. They shall have a place to walk among them that stand by. They shall be firm in God, standing in their lot and place to obey God at the loss of all things else....

Through Satan's deceptions a breach has been made in the law of God, but God has a loyal people, few in number, who will not trample upon the Sabbath.... All the people of God who are advocating His holy

law are brought distinctly before us in the prophecy concerning Joshua and the angel. "Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee: for they are men wondered at: for, behold, I will bring forth My servant the Branch" (Verse 8).

Words Disparaging the Pioneers Are Recorded in Heaven. Let us fear and tremble at the very thought of speaking light concerning the name or experience of those who are sleeping in Jesus. Speak one word that shall lead anyone to disparage them and it is recorded in the books of heaven as spoken against Christ in the person of His saints, whose lives are hid with Christ in God. When you give over these precious ones, the dead or the living, to be maligned by false and wicked tongues, God will hold you to an account for these things...

The Souls Under the Altar. "And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost Thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? And white robes were given unto them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow-servants and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled" (Revelation 6:10, 11).

God's Maligned People Will Be Clothed in Change of Raiment. Those who have suffered for the truths sake, those who have been maligned by Satan and his host, shall be clothed in change of raiment, and their reproach shall be taken away.--Manuscript 27, 1894, pp. 4, 5, 12-17. (To "Dear Brethren in the Seventh-day Adventist Faith," June 7, 1894 .)

LATTER-DAY PERILS.

America Can Become the Place of Greatest Peril Because of Light Neglected. America,... where the greatest light from heaven has been shining upon the people, can become the place of greatest peril and darkness, because the people do not continue to practice the truth and walk in the light....

Satan Will Use Every Species of Deception. The more nearly we approach the closing scenes of this earth's history, the more pronounced will be the work of Satan. Every species of deception will take the lead to divert the mind from God through Satan's devices.

Misspending of Funds in Building Will Divert Means From Proclaiming the Warning Message. The imagination will be intensely awakened in human minds to absorb money in buildings for convenience, or to expend it unnecessarily through some excuse or invention of Satan, so that there will be less money to support laborers in the field, and less money for the opening of new fields; and money will be unwisely appropriated, to do things that are really good works, but by doing [of] which the larger and more essential work is cramped, and many things cannot be undertaken at all in the lifting of the banner of truth in new fields with the proper dignity that should characterize the proclamation of warning to be given to our world.--Letter 23c, 1894, pp. 2,3. (To I. H. Evans, July 20, 1894.)

THE SPIRITUAL NATURE OF THE FINAL CONFLICT.

Many Battles to Be Fought in the Hearts of Believers. We are in the very shadow of that time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation which is fast approaching. We are not safe now in indulging our own desires, in having our own way, in following the imagination of our own hearts. Those who have done this in times past have lessons to unlearn, and lessons to learn of Jesus our Pattern. The peril of believers is great. Unbelief in the soul will marshal her power while faith is striving to gain the mastery in the battle. Many battles will have to be fought in the heart of the believer.

The Invisible Conflict. Wonderful is the struggle and great are the issues, although the contending elements make but little outward noise. All heaven is looking on intensely interested to see what will be the result of these conflicts. The believer is fighting against a strong army. [Ephesians 6:12-18, quoted.]

These are the marching orders that are to be followed out by every loyal soldier of Jesus Christ. If we obey orders, we shall then exercise faith and trust, knowing that there is One who is watching every soul in his fierce struggle with the powers of darkness. Satan will set in operation every satanic invention to hold the soul in his grasp, but help is laid upon One that is mighty, One who will come to the help of every soul in peril and turn back the forces of darkness, and make us more than conquerors over our enemies. Our part in the conflict is to obey orders, and He who hath begun a good work in you will perform it unto the day of the Lord Jesus.--Letter 85, 1894, pp.

1. (To "Dear Children," July 27, 1894)

SIGNS THAT THE END IS NEAR.

God Will Use His Enemies to Punish Those Who Follow Their Own Pernicious Ways. There is such a time of trouble as there never was since there was a nation. Already nations are angry. Already Satan is working with signs and lying wonders, and this will increase until the end. God will use His enemies as instruments to punish those who have followed their own pernicious ways whereby the truth of God has been misrepresented, misjudged, and dishonored.

Oh, the solemnity of the day of God is upon us. The Lord cometh out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity, and the earth shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain.--Letter 44, 1894, pp. 6,8. (To H. W. Kellogg, August 3, 1894.)

SATAN'S NEFARIOUS WORK IN THE LAST DAYS.

The Conflict Between Truth and Error Is Deepening in Intensity. The stern conflict between light and darkness, between error and truth, is deepening in intensity. The synagogue of Satan is intensely active, and the deceiving power of the enemy is working in the most subtle way in this age. Every human mind that is not surrendered to God and is not under the control of the Spirit of God will be perverted through satanic agencies....

Satan's Putrid Fountain of Evil Continually Flowing. All the vast, complicated machinery of evil agencies is put into action in these last days. Through generation after generation, from age to age, Satan has gathered human agencies through whom to work his diabolical purposes, and to bring about the enforcement of his plans and devices in the earth. The great putrid fountain of evil has been continually flowing through human society. Though unable to expel God from His throne, Satan has charged God with satanic attributes, and has claimed the attributes of God as his own. He is a deceiver, and through his serpentine sharpness, through his crooked practices, he has drawn to himself the homage that man should have given to God, and has planted his satanic throne between the human worshiper and the divine Father....

Satan Personates Christ as the Second Advent Nears. The conflict is not ended, and as we near the close of time, the battle waxes more and more intense. As the second appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ draws near, satanic agencies are moved from beneath. Satan will not only appear as a human being, but he will personate Jesus Christ, and the world that has rejected the truth will receive him as the Lord of lords, and King of kings. He will exercise his power and work upon the human imagination. He will corrupt both the minds and bodies of men, and work through the children of disobedience, fascinating and charming as does a serpent. What a spectacle for heavenly intelligences to look upon! What a spectacle for God the Creator of the world to behold!

Satan Will Work With All Deceivableness of Unrighteousness to Delude. The form Satan assumed in Eden, when leading our first parents to transgress, was of a character to bewilder and confuse the mind. He will work in a subtle manner as we near the end of this earth's history. All his deceiving power will be brought to bear upon human subjects to complete the work of deluding the human family. So deceptive will be his working, that men will do as they did in the days of Christ, and when asked, "What will ye that I shall do unto Him whom ye call the King of the Jews?" the cry again will be, "Crucify Him."

Christ's Disciples Will Be Treated as He was Treated. Christ will be represented in the person of those who accept the truth, and who identify their interest with that of their Lord. The world will be enraged at them in the same way as they were enraged at Christ, and the disciples of Christ will know that they are to be treated no better than was their Lord. But Christ will surely identify His interest with that of those who accept Him as their personal Savior. Every insult, every reproach, every false accusation made against them by those who have turned their ears away from the truth, and are turned unto fables, will be charged upon the guilty one as done to Christ in the person of His saints.

Hatred Against God's People Will Be Manifested to the Fullest Extent Possible. Those who love and keep the commandments of God are most obnoxious to the synagogue of Satan, and the powers of evil will manifest their hatred towards them to the fullest extent possible. John foresaw the conflict of the remnant church and the powers of evil, and said, "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).

The Scenes of Christ's Trial, Rejection, and Crucifixion Will Be Revived. The forces of the powers of darkness will unite with human agents who have given themselves into the control of Satan, and the same scenes that were exhibited at the trial, rejection, and crucifixion of Christ will be revived. Through yielding to satanic influence men will be merged into fiends, and those who were created in the image of God, who were formed to honor and glorify their Creator, will become the habitation of dragons, and Satan will see in an apostate race his masterpiece of evil men who reflect his own image....

Christ Predicted the Persecution of His Followers Before the End Should Come. Christ said, "If they do these things in a green tree, what shall be done in the dry?" (Luke 23:31). "They shall deliver you up to councils; and in the synagogues ye shall be beaten: and ye shall be brought before rulers and kings for My sake, for a testimony against them.... Now the brother shall betray the brother to death, and the father the son; and children shall rise up against their parents, and shall cause them to be put to death. And ye shall be hated of all men for My name's sake: but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved" (Mark 13:9, 12, 13). "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come" (Matthew 24:14).

The agencies of Satan are having their last chance to develop before the world, before angels and men the true principles of their attributes. The people of God are now to stand as representatives of the attributes of the Father and the Son. "Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh. Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods" (Matthew 24 :42-47).--Manuscript 39, 1894, pp. 1, 4-8. ("The

CHRIST HAS SHOWN US THE BATTLE PLAN OF THE FINAL CONFLICT.

The Battle Plan Involves Death. We have a living Savior, and He has not left us in this world to fight the battles alone. No. But He has not flattered us [either]. He tells us... "that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service" (John 16:12). That is a terrible deception that comes on human minds. But here He has shown you the plan of the battle. He tells you what you are to meet: "We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places" (Ephesians 6:12).

Christ and His Angels Fight on the Side of Believers. This is what we have to meet. Then what does He say? "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand... in the evil day, and having done all, to stand" (verses 11, 13). You are to fight as in the presence of the universe of heaven. You are to fight the battles of the Lord. Then He tells you that the angels that excel in strength are the warriors

there. He tells you [that] as Captain of the Lord's host, He is there. They are to do the warring.

We Can Overcome by Divine Power. You are to stand in the army of God, and they will gain for you the victory. They will give power to everyone that is fighting the battles of the Lord to the very gate. The power of God shall be upon every soldier who is true and who will bear hardness as a good soldier. But we cannot meet the evil angels and overcome them. It is the divine power; it is the partaking of the divine nature that will enable us to overcome....

In Heaven Christ Will Explain Things He Would Have Opened to Our Understanding, Could We Have Borne It. When we are caught up to meet Him [Christ] and enter through the pearly gates into the city of God, He leads us by the living waters, and all the time He is educating and talking with us about the things that He would have opened to our understanding upon the earth, if we could have borne it.--Manuscript 49, 1894, pp 14-16. (Sermon Preached on the Ashfield, N.S.W. campground, November 3, 1894.)

REVELATIONS of CHRIST'S LOVE AMONG THE SECRETS DISCLOSED IN ETERNITY.

Christ loved the human race, and this love impelled Him to sacrifice His own happiness for the good of others. He took upon Himself human nature in order that He might unite divine power with human weakness. Although it cost Him a great sacrifice, He was willing to humble Himself, in order that He might elevate humanity and make all who believe in Him sharers of His own blessings, honor, and glory. Revelations of His love are among the great secrets that eternity will reveal.--Letter 30, 1895, pp. 15, 16. (To "Brother Hardy," January 29, 1895.)

CAUTIONS CONCERNING DEALINGS WITH THE WORLD.

All Sharp Thrusts Made Against Opponents Will Recoil Upon Us. All sharp thrusts will come back upon us in double measure when the power is in the hands of those who can exercise it for our injury. Over and over the message has been given to me that we are not to say one word, not to publish one sentence that will stir up our enemies against us and arouse their passions to a white heat, unless [it is] positively essential in vindicating the truth. Our work will soon close up, and soon the time of trouble such as never was of which we have but little idea, will come upon us....

Satan is standing ready, burning with zeal to inspire the whole confederacy of satanic agencies that he may cause them to unite with evil men, and bring upon the believers of truth speedy and severe suffering. Every unwise word that is uttered by our brethren will be treasured up by the prince of darkness. But I would like to ask how dare finite human intelligences speak careless and venturesome words that will stir up the powers of hell against the saints of God, when Michael, the archangel, "durst not bring against" Satan a railing accusation," but said, "The Lord rebuke thee, O Satan"? (see Zechariah

3:2 and Jude 9).

Warn the Deceived With Pitying Tenderness. The deceptive errors

that are widespread, and that are leading the world captive, are to be unveiled. Every effort that is possible is being made to ensnare souls with subtle reasonings, to lure them from the truth to fables, and to prepare them to be deceived by strong delusions. But, while these deceived souls turn from the truth of God to error, do not speak to them one word of censure. Seek to show these poor deluded souls their danger, and to reveal to them how grievous is their course of action toward Jesus Christ, but let it all be done in pitying tenderness. By a proper manner of labor some of these souls that are ensnared by Satan may be recovered from his power. But do not blame and condemn them. To ridicule the position held by those who are in error will not open their blind eyes, nor attract them to the truth....

Satan Turns His Weapons Against Those Who Use His Weapons. When men lose sight of Christ's example, and do not pattern after His manner of teaching, they become self-sufficient, and go forth to meet Satan with his own manner of weapons. The enemy knows well how to turn his weapons upon those who use them....

If Ever a People Needed Humility, It is God's People Today. If ever a people needed to walk in humility before God, it is His church, His chosen ones in this generation. We all need to bewail the dullness of our intellectual facilities, the lack of appreciation of our privileges and opportunities. We have nothing whereof to boast. We grieve the Lord Jesus Christ by our harshness, by our unchristlike thrusts. We need to become complete in Him. It is true that we are commanded to "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew My people their transgressions, and the house of Jacob their sins" (Isaiah 58:1); this message must be given, but while it must be given, we should be careful not to thrust and crowd and condemn those who have not the light that we have. We should not go out of our way to make hard thrusts at the Catholics. Among the Catholics there are many

Perplexities Will Increase, but There May Be a Little Respite. Solemn, serious times are upon us, and perplexities will increase to the very close of time. There may be a little respite in these matters, but it will not be for long. The movements they [Adventists in Battle Creek] have made to pay taxes on the property of the Sanitarium and [Dime] Tabernacle have manifested a zeal and conscientiousness that in all respects is not wise or correct. Their ideas of religious liberty are being interwoven with suggestions that do not come from the Holy Spirit, and the religious liberty cause is sickening, and its sickness can only be healed by the grace and gentleness of Christ....

The Need for SDA Leaders to Have a Broader Vision. I am often greatly distressed when I see our leading men taking extreme positions, and burdening themselves over matters that should not be taken up or worried over, but left in the hands of God for Him to adjust. We are yet in the world, and God keeps for us a place in connection with the world, and works by His own right hand to prepare the way before us in order that His work may progress along its various lines. The truth is to have a standing place, and the standard of truth is to be uplifted in many places in regions beyond....

God Does Not Move on His Workers to Bring on the Time of Trouble Prematurely. Just as long as we are in the world, we shall have to do a special work for the world, and yet not be contaminated with the spirit

of the world. The message of warning is to go to all countries, tongues, and peoples. The Lord does not move upon His workers to make them take a course that will bring on the time of trouble before the time. Let them not build up a wall of separation between themselves and the world by advancing their own ideas and notions.... The message of warning has not [yet] reached large numbers of the world in the very cities that are right at hand, and to number Israel is not to work after God's order.

Maintain Good Relations With the World so Long as We Are in It. Just as long as we are in the world, and the Spirit of God is striving with the world, we are to receive as well as to impart favors. We are to give to the world the light of truth as presented in the sacred Scriptures, and we are to receive from the world that which God moves upon them to do in behalf of His cause. God has not closed the door of mercy yet. The Lord still moves upon the hearts of kings and rulers in behalf of His people, and it becomes us who are so deeply interested in the religious liberty question not to cut off any favors, or withdraw ourselves from the help that God has moved men to give for the advancement of His cause....

It is very strange that some of our brethren should feel that it is their duty to bring about a condition of things that will bind up the means that God would have set free. God has not laid upon them the responsibility of coming in conflict with the authorities and powers of the world in this matter. The restraining power of God has not yet been withdrawn from the earth. The four angels are holding the four winds.-- Letter 11, 1895, pp. 1, 3- 6, 11-14. (To S. N. Haskell, January 30, 1895.)

DOUBTERS WILL FIND IT DIFFICULT To BELIEVE WHEN TROUBLE COMES.

Those who feel at liberty to question the word of God, to doubt everything where there is any chance to be unbelieving, will find that it will require a tremendous struggle to have faith when trouble comes. It will be almost impossible to overcome the influence that binds the mind that has been educated in the line of unbelief, for by this course the soul is bound to Satan's snare, and becomes powerless to break the dreadful net that has been woven closer and closer about the soul.-- Manuscript 3, 1895, p. 9. (Untitled, February, 1895.)

(Entire journal entry for Sabbath, February 9, 1895, written at Granville, N.S.W.; and partial entry for Sabbath, February 16, 1895).

Thursday, February 7, Brethren Rousseau and Mckenzie came from Dora Creek to Granville. Brother Rousseau had business to do in the interest of the school grounds.

Sabbath Brother Rousseau went to Ashfield. Byron Belden, Sarah Belden, and Sister May Lacey accompanied me to my appointment at Prospect. I had freedom in speaking upon the invitation given to the marriage supper of the Lamb and the excuses made refusing the invitation. Then I read letters from Brother Haskell which deeply interested them, and our meeting closed quite late. Read letters also

from Edson White.

As we left the house we saw a storm coming. The blackness grew deeper--so portentous that we drove with our colts as fast as we dared. When we were almost home the fury of the gale struck. Large hailstones began to fall--as large around as a hen's egg, but not as long. The horses could not keep their footing and twice slipped down on their haunches, for the road was slippery clay. The great hailstones frightened the young horse, for they were striking her with terrible force.

I said, "Byron, get out at once." He had not considered this the best thing to do, thinking he could control the horse better where he was, in the carriage. I said, "Go to her head; talk to her. Let the horses know it is not you that are beating them." He jumped out at this suggestion. I said, "May Lacey and Sarah, get out." They did but they cannot tell how. The colt was about frantic. She is a strong, sound colt, but broken to the harness only a few months. But she did not kick, neither did she break into a run, but tried to get away from something terrible.

I got out next, May and Sarah helping me. Then they helped me, one on one side and one on the other. The wind was blowing with such force that hats were taken from our heads and cushions were blown from the wagon. The heavy carriage cushions, umbrellas, and heavy carriage robes were blown into the field, and were flying in every direction. But we were all out from the carriage, Byron firmly holding the young frightened horse. Had it known its power, it could have freed itself from his grasp and torn everything to pieces and killed itself.

What a scene! Sister Belden, May Lacey, and I reached the house hatless. I grasped my hat in my hand as it was blowing before me on the ground. All of us three women were in the home drenched. Byron was with the poor terror-stricken new horse. Sarah Belden caught up a shawl and ran out again in the fast-falling hail. We could not see them although they were in full sight of the house. The fast-falling rain made it impossible to discern anything distinctly. We could only lift up our hearts to God for His help.

Byron said afterwards he did not dare to stir up the horses, fearing my horse would become uncontrollable. The colt was finally led close to the paddock fence, and Sarah Belden tried to unhitch the traces but could not. She then climbed over the fence and held the horse's head over the fence while Byron unhitched the traces and let the horse free. He then led her down to the yard, taking her through the front yard grounds. Sarah Belden came into the house drenched to the skin. After the storm had spent its force, Byron again took the colt and attached her to the wagon and picked up the scattered things which had been blown about, and brought them to the house.

This is the sharpest experience I have ever had in a carriage in a storm. When the blackness deepened, with the clouds in the south, I supposed it would be no ordinary storm that we should have, and I thought of the day when the judgment of God would be poured out upon the world, when blackness and horrible darkness would clothe the heavens as sackcloth of hair. We have no question but our prayers were answered and the angel of God stood by the horses' heads. Nothing was

broken. The Lord preserved us, and His name shall be glorified. But I was deeply impressed. My imagination anticipated what it must be in that period when the Lord's mighty voice shall give commission to His angels, "Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth" (Rev. 16:1).

Thy right hand, O God, shall dash in pieces Thine enemies. Revelation 6 and 7 are full of meaning. Terrible are the judgments of God revealed. The seven angels stood before God to receive their commission. To them were given seven trumpets. The Lord was going forth to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity, and the earth was to disclose her blood and no more cover her slain. Give the description in chapter 6.

When the plagues of God shall come upon the earth hail, will fall upon the wicked about the weight of a talent. The hail had struck Brother Belden. One stone struck him on the back of the head, raising a large lump. Another stone struck him very near the temple. The bruise still shows upon the hands of Sister Belden. But what must it be when the hail shall be so much increased in size, falling upon those who would not care for and obey God but insulted Him and despised all His mercies?

But there are mercies mixed with judgment. Revelation 7 and 8:3,

4. The Lord has a people whom He will preserve. John beheld the "four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree" (Rev. 7:1, 3) till the seal of the living God shall be placed upon those who love God and keep His commandments. The elements of nature are to be placed in the power of angels of God. He holdeth the winds in His fists; He gathereth the waters in the hollow of His hand; He maketh the clouds His chariot; "The Lord sitteth upon the flood; yea, the Lord sitteth King forever"(Prov. 30:4; Isa. 40:12; Ps. 104:3; Ps. 29:10).

The Lord is ruler of nations. The sequence of nature is under God's jurisdiction. God works by His own laws, for He is a God of order. God works; Jesus worked when He was upon earth, holding back the impatient winds, controlling the tempests, calming the angry sea, and rolling up the mighty deep, piling up the walls, making a path for the more than a million of His people that He was delivering from Egyptian slavery, suffering not the hurricane of waters to pursue their natural course until every soul of Israel whom He had delivered was safely on the other side of the sea. Then the impetuous waters that had been held back for the saving of Israel, at His word, through the human agent lifting that rod--that simple stick--rushed on as before, and not one soul escaped of that vast army. Pharaoh and all his host were slain.

God gives the sea its decree. He walketh on the wings of the wind. And if we have been mercifully shielded from accident, if lightning and tempest have passed us by unharmed, if the waves that talked with death have submerged the proud vessels but have brought the one on which we sailed to the harbor, let us bow in gratitude to God and thank Him that the power of mighty angels, at His bidding, have held back the winds and waves that they did not destroy.

And what a representation is given in Revelation 7 for our consideration and comfort and encouragement! The four angels are commissioned to do a work upon the earth. But One who purchased the world by giving Himself for its ransom has a chosen few. Who? Those who are keeping all of the commandments of God and have the faith of Jesus.

John's attention was called to another scene: "And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God" (Rev. 7:2). Who is this? The Angel of the covenant. He comes from the sunrising. He is the Dayspring from on high. He is the Light of the world. "In Him was life; and the life was the light of men" (John 1:4). This is the One Isaiah describes: "Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder; and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace" (Isa. 9:6). He cried, as One who had superiority over the hosts of angels in heaven "to whom it was given to hurt the earth, and the sea, saying, "hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads" (Rev. 7:2, 3).

Here is the divine and human united. The command is given to the four angels to hold in check the four winds until they receive His summons. Read the entire chapter. The cry, "Hurt not," is uttered by the Restorer, the Redeemer.

Judgment and wrath were to be repressed only for a little space until a certain work was done. The message, the last message of warning and mercy, has been retarded in doing its work by the selfish love of money, the selfish love of ease, and the unfitness of man to do a work that needs to be done. The angel that is to lighten the earth with His glory has waited for human instrumentalities through whom the light of heaven could shine, and they thus cooperate to give, in its sacred, solemn importance, the message which is to decide the destiny of the world.

But the churches are not awake. New life must enter into the churches. The last work of warning and mercy for a fallen world is being done. None are to be deceived, thinking to lay their individual work on somebody else. When this probationary time shall close, there is no opportunity for those who have received the warning message, the proclamation of pardon and salvation, and have refused--have turned from light and truth and accepted fables--to be justified. There is no second bidding to the marriage feast, no intermediate state when another call will be made to come to the heavenly feast.

Now is the time to work, just now. There is not a moment to lose. All national, denominational, and sectarian distinctions between rank and rank, between caste and caste, are lost. The message is to be proclaimed in the highways and byways and hedges. Every human agent is merging his character under one of two heads--the Prince of Life and the prince of darkness. To those who receive Christ He gives power to become loyal sons of God. They keep His commandments. The benediction rests upon them, "Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city" (Rev. 22:14). The commandment breakers are left outside with the false shepherds whom they believed, and with "whosoever loveth and maketh a lie" (Rev. 22:15).

The work is before us individually. Our moral identity cannot be submerged in any human being. We shall be called of God to do our work according to our several ability. The vineyard is large and requires every jot of moral power everyone has had entrusted to him or her. Partition walls will be broken down. Everyone who will hear the message and believe the truth will no longer be confined, bound to creeds, but will take the Bible as his guide, as the very creed of life, as the waters of salvation. The very intensity of the light shining from heaven makes men messengers of truth and salvation. They cannot hold their peace. They have accepted the truth and emerged into the light, the light shining in these last days.

The message of warning is to be given with a deep sense of individual responsibility. Wealth, fame, renown, selfish exaltation will be extinguished, to be forever in the dust. The lifegiving power from Christ in the human agent will not die. Saints will appear just what grace has made them. They praise God who sitteth on the throne, and the Lamb. They live forever and forever through the ceaseless ages of eternity.

If we serve sin we shall meet the reward of the transgressor of the law of Jehovah, before the judgment seat of Christ. The Lord Jesus is to judge the world. He can read the purpose of every life, see through every soul, discern the thought of every heart, estimate the feelings that prompt to every action. All the invitations of a gracious God--given, but slighted and refused and rejected--will be presented to every individual, and the sentence which will fix the destiny of the soul in eternal bliss or to be punished with the fiery element of the wrath of God which will close the history of the wicked forever.

The condition given to the Hebrews in Egypt on that night when the firstborn were slain was that every family should manifest that faith in the message given them of God that would lead them to act in perfect obedience to the directions given them of God. Every member of the family was to be gathered into the dwelling place of the Hebrews. They were to eat the Passover with their preparations all made for their departure, even with their staffs in their hands. God was about to do His work in judgment, and this was to bring Pharaoh to understand that the Lord, He was God, and beside Him there was none else.

The angel of God was to pass over the houses of the Hebrews with the blood sprinkled on the lintels and doorposts. This sign was to be respected.

But suppose that the inmates of the house were careless and did not gather their children with them in the house? Or suppose the children who had been born and brought up in Egypt thought this only a whim, and altogether unnecessary, and should refuse the entreaties of their parents, making some excuse as did those called to the marriage supper? Then the judgment of God would not spare, but the stroke would as surely come upon the firstborn of the Hebrews as the firstborn of the Egyptians.

What is the condition of those who keep the commandments of God and have the faith of Jesus? If in families there are those who are refusing obedience to the Lord in keeping His Sabbath, then the seal

cannot be placed upon them. The sealing is a pledge from God of perfect security to His chosen ones (Ex. 31:13-17). Sealing indicates you are God's chosen. He has appropriated you to Himself. As the sealed of God we are Christ's purchased possession, and no one shall pluck us out of His hands. The seal given in the forehead is God, New Jerusalem. "I will write upon him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God" (Rev. 3:12).

Parents, are you awake to gather your children with you into the fold? Are you making the salvation of Jesus Christ your first business? Do you educate and train your children to be obedient to you, their earthly father, that they may be obedient to God, their heavenly Father? This is your work--to leave nothing undone that you can do to cooperate with the Holy Spirit.

Sabbath, February 16, 1895--May Lacey accompanied me to Petersham, eleven miles, the new place of meeting. A neat hall was filled to overflowing. Brother Mccullagh had spoken at Ashfield in the forenoon, Brother Hare had been at Parramatta, and both were at the meeting in Petersham. The Lord gave me much freedom in speaking upon the fourteenth of Luke, the first portion of the chapter. There was then a testimony meeting. Those newly come to the faith came from Ashfield, and they bore witness for Jesus. The blessing of the Lord rested upon us. Brethren Humphrey and Hardy appear entirely changed men in spirit. They were bearing the change in their very countenance. I thought of the words spoken by God, "A new heart will I give you" (Eze. 36:26).

I was much pleased to hear the assuring testimony given from the believers who came from Ashfield. Oh, that everyone would praise the Lord for His goodness! Meeting lasted three hours. Many testimonies were borne, and the Spirit of the Lord was resting upon the people. May and I then returned to Granville. We did not arrive at home until after dark. Brother Rousseau was unable to attend meeting. He has had an acute attack of fever and dizziness. He has overworked. Heroic treatment has been given him.--Manuscript 59, 1895.

The Angel of Revelation 18 Awaits the Cooperation of Human Agents.
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salvation, and have refused--have turned from light and truth, and accepted fables--to be justified. There is no second bidding to the marriage feast, no intermediate state when another call will be made to come to the heavenly feast.

The Decisiveness of the Final Message. Now is the time to work, just now. There is not a moment to lose. All denominational and sectarian distinctions between rank and rank, between caste and caste, are lost. The message is to be proclaimed in the highways and byways and hedges. Every human agent is merging his character under one of two heads--the Prince of Life or the prince of darkness....

The Seal Indicates You Are God's chosen. If in families there are those who are refusing obedience to the Lord in keeping His Sabbath, then the seal cannot be placed upon them. The seal is a pledge from God of perfect security to His chosen ones. (See Exodus 31:13-17.) Sealing indicates you are God's chosen. He has appropriated you to Himself. As the sealed of God, we are Christ's purchased possession and no one shall pluck us out of His hands. The seal given in the forehead is: God, New Jerusalem.--"I will write upon him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God" (Revelation 3:12).--Manuscript 59, 1859, pp. 1-10, 12. ("Diary: February 1895," February 9, 1895.)

HOW THE CHRISTIAN IS KEPT BY THE POWER OF GOD IN THE VERY CLOSE OF EARTH'S HISTORY.

How the Christian Is Kept by the Power of God. You cannot keep yourself one moment. You are kept by the power of God through faith. Let your faith rest in His merits, rely upon His mercy, trust in the sufficiency of His grace to keep you every moment. Never allow the enemy to obtain an advantage over you because you do not think you are good enough to be called a child of God. By faith you are constantly to repose in the righteousness that God has provided you through His Substitute, Jesus Christ the Righteous. He forgiveth sins, and pardoneth iniquities and transgressions. He takes away our sin and in its place imputes His own righteousness. What a blessing this is for us! It is only as you take God at His Word, accept Jesus as your Redeemer, that you preserve the honor of God, that you show that you "are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be

God's Power Revealed in a Special Manner in the Very Close of Earth's History to Offset the Working of Satan. Why this revelation of the power of faith in the last time? Why is it to be revealed in the very close of this world's history?--because iniquity abounds, and the love of many waxes cold through the deceptive workings of satanic agencies, who especially oppose the commandment-keeping people of God at this time, and bring trial and sorrow upon them. In these closing days of probation, days of great trial of faith, you cannot keep yourself. You are kept alone by the power of God, which is revealed in a special manner to offset the working of Satan through the children of disobedience. He would grieve and hurt the soul of everyone who would be loyal and true, who would keep the way of the Lord and do His commandments. manifold temptations will come to all who believe in

The Conflict Between Truth and Error the Cause of the Tribulation God's Children Will Experience. The warfare against God's law commenced in heaven. Satan was determined to bring God to his ideas, his way, to

force Him to change the law of His government. This was the cause of the war in heaven. Satan worked upon the sympathies of the angelic host by his deceptive attitude, but he was expelled from heaven, and now he is determined to carry out on this earth the plans he instituted in heaven. If he can persuade man to be disloyal to the laws of God, he will feel that he is revenged upon God. He strives to instill into the minds of men his masterly deceptions, thus perverting judgment and justice, and trampling down the law of God. This work--the conflict between truth and error---lies at the foundation of the trials and tribulations that the children of God will experience. This is the

ESCHATOLOGICAL EVENTS.

The Message of the Angel of Revelation 18 Follows the Third Angel's Message. We read that the earth shall be lighted with the glory of that angel that shall come down from heaven, which follows the proclamation of the third angel, which proclamation is the commandments of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Last-day Trials Permitted in the Providence of God. Do we realize that not a trial shall come upon a saint...but it is [permitted] in the providence of that God who wants to work out for us individually an experience that is of the highest value for us to stand in this time. It is of the highest consequence to us that we are prepared for the manifold temptations that shall come upon us....

The Wicked Go Into the Caves of the Earth During the Mighty Earthquake. When the earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, when it shall be removed as a cottage, when the great men and the proud men, and those who have made the world their god shall cast their idols of gold and silver to the moles and the bats, and shall go into the caves and the dens of the earth, there will be those who will cry for rocks and mountains to fall on them, and hide them from "the face of Him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb" (Revelation 6:16)....

Satan Will Oppose God's People With All the Forces From Beneath, but Christ Will Be With His People. [Do you] think that Satan will not oppose our way? Do you think he will not meet us with his hellish army? Why, he will work with all the forces that are beneath. Shall we stop because we see [that] the whole world has chosen to be under his banner?--No. We have decided that the Captain of our salvation, who took down the walls of Jericho without the touch of a human hand, can be with His people. He will arm them with sufficiency, He will arm them with power. He will give them grace, that they can walk through the fiery trials that the enemy has prepared wherewith to tempt every soul upon the face of the earth....

Angels on Either Side of New Jerusalem Gates Welcome the Redeemed. We see a retinue of angels on either side of the gate, and as we pass in, Jesus speaks, "Come, ye blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world" (Matthew 25:34). Here He tells you to be a partaker of His joy; and what is that? It is the joy of seeing that your efforts, mothers, are rewarded. Here are your children. The crown of life is upon their heads, and the angels of God immortalize the name of the mother whose efforts have won their children to Jesus Christ.--Manuscript 12, 1895, pp. 1-3, 6, 16. (Sermon

by Mrs. E. G. White, Williamstown, [S. Australia], May 19, 1895.)

THE COMING JUDGMENT.

The Judgments on Jerusalem Are Symbolic of the Second Advent Judgment. The judgments upon Jerusalem were a symbol of the events of Christ's coming judgment in the last day, when before Him shall be gathered all nations. "He shall send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather His elect From one end of heaven to the other" (Matthew 24:31)....

The Majority Will Not Heed the Warning of the Third Angel's Message. Many who hear the message--by far the greatest number--will not credit the solemn warning. Many will be found disloyal to the commandments of God, which are a test of character. The Lord's servants will be called enthusiasts. Ministers will warn the people not to listen to them...

Character Is Not Transferable. Now is the time to entreat, that souls shall not only hear the word of God, but without delay secure oil in their vessels with their lamps. That oil is the righteousness of Christ. It represents character, and character is not transferable. No man can secure it for another. Each must obtain for himself a character purified from every stain of sin....

Then shall be fulfilled the words of Christ: "Two men shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left" (Lake 17:36) . "Two women shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left" (verse 35). The righteous and the wicked are to be associated together in the work of life. But the Lord reads the character, He discerns who are obedient children, who respect and love His commandments....

The Wheat and the Tares Are Separated During the Judgment. The time of the judgment is a most solemn period, when the Lord gathers His own from among the tares. Those who have been members of the same family are separated. A mark is placed upon the righteous: "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). Those who have been obedient to God's commandments, will unite with the company of the saints in light. They shall enter in through the gates into the city, and have right to the tree of life.

"One shall be taken." His name shall stand in the book of life, while those with whom he associated shall have the mark of eternal separation from God.--Letter 64a, 1895, pp. 4-7. (To O. A. Olsen and wife, September 1, 1895.)

PALESTINE ONLY BECOMES THE HOLY LAND AFTER it IS PURIFIED OF EVERY STAIN OF SIN.

When the sin-cursed earth is purified from every stain of sin, when the Mount of Olives is rent asunder and becomes a great plain, when the Holy City of God descends upon it, the land that is now called the Holy Land will indeed become holy.--Letter 26, 1895, p. 9 (To S. N. Haskell, October 11, 1895.)

HOW UNITY AND SEPARATION WILL DEVELOP In SDA RANKS.

Cautions Against Rash Moves That Will Close up Our Way Prematurely. If we speak unguardedly, we shall be treated as disloyal to government before the crisis comes that will put us to the test. We are not required to defy authorities. We shall be treated as traitors at some time in the future in advocating Bible truth, but let it not be because we have moved unadvisedly, and have stirred up animosity and strife... by uttering things that will close up our way before the work is done.

Time Specified When We Cannot Obey Human Authorities. We are to go forward in the name of the Lord, unfurling His banner,--the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus,--advocating His word. When the authorities command that we shall not do this work, when they forbid us to proclaim the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, it will be time enough for us to say, as did the apostles, "Whether it be right in the sight of God to harken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard. (Acts 4:19, 20)....

The Crisis Begins in America, but Comes to God's People in All Parts of the World. The less you make direct charges against the authorities and powers, the greater work you will be able to accomplish in America and in foreign countries. Foreign nations will follow the example of America. Though she leads out, yet the same crisis will come upon our people in all parts of the world.

Cautions Against Continually Opposing Governments and Rulers. It is not our work to continually charge against governments and rulers. Through the inculcation of spiritual truth, we are to prepare a people who shall be able to give a reason for their faith in meekness and fear before the highest authorities in our world....

Let God Control at All Times and Under Every Circumstance. The manifestations of... a [Christian] spirit will have the very best influence upon our own souls and upon those who hear. Give the Lord a chance to work through His own human agents. Let everyone in responsible positions remove their hand of authority, and let God work as He wills. Do not imagine that it will be possible to lay out your plans for the future. Let God be acknowledged as standing at the helm to guide and control at all times and under every circumstance....

Tribulations Will Come That Will Test God's People and Drive Them to Desire to Be His and His Alone. Stormy times will come rapidly enough upon us without our taking any special course of our own that will hasten them. Tribulation will come of such a character as will drive all those to God who wish to be His and His alone. We do not know ourselves until we are tested and proved in the furnace of trial, and it is not proper for us to seek to measure the characters of men and condemn those who have not yet had the light of truth. Some who are now so ready to take up the weapons of warfare will in times of real peril make manifest the fact that they have not built upon the solid Rock, and they will yield to temptation....

Let Unbelievers Make the Raid, Not Us. Our work is a most solemn

one. We are in danger of presenting to our brethren and to those who are ignorant of our faith themes that are not in season and that are objectionable; ideas that are not likely to attract to the truth as it is in Jesus. In doing this way we may erect for our own selves stumbling blocks that may greatly hedge up the progress of the truth in the most important centers.

Work quietly. Let unbelievers make the raid. Satan is presenting every worldly attraction to allure the souls of men. The churches are teaching for doctrine the commandments of men. Ministers in the churches are declaring that there is no law. But many do not see their error nor understand that if there is no law there is no sin in the world, for sin is the transgression of the law.

As Trials Thicken Separation and Unity Will take place in SDA Ranks; Self-denying Efforts Will Be Put Forth to Save the Lost. As trials thicken around us, separation and unity will both take place in our ranks. Those who have had great light and precious privileges and who have not improved them will, under one pretext or another, go out from us, for all will be tested. Not receiving the love of the truth, they will be taken in the delusions of the enemy, they will give heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils, and will depart from the faith. But on the other hand, when the storm of persecution really breaks upon us, the true sheep will hear the true Shepherd's voice. Self-denying efforts will be put forth to save the lost, and those who have strayed from the fold will come back to follow the great Shepherd. The people of God will draw together and present a united front to the

Our Enemies Will Use Unguarded Expressions We Have Made to Condemn Us. The time will come when unguarded expressions of a denunciatory character that have been carelessly spoken or written by our brethren will be made use of by our enemies to condemn us. These will not be used merely to condemn those who have made the statements, but will be charged upon the whole body of Adventists. They will say, "On such and such a day one of your responsible men said thus and so against the administration of the laws of this government." Many will be astonished to see how many things have been cherished and remembered that will give pain to the argument of our adversaries. Many will be surprised to hear their own words strained into a meaning that they never designed them to have. Then how carefully should our workers be that they do not speak impulsively, but that they speak guardedly in all

Many Bitter Opponents Will Be Won Over and Many Who Now Ridicule Them Will Fall Under Temptation. Plainly unfold the Word in all its impressiveness. Many who are now the bitterest opponents of truth are acting upon their honest convictions of duty, but they will yet see the truth and become its warm advocates. Those who now treat them with ridicule, who manifest a harsh spirit toward them, will fall under temptation and bring reproach upon the cause of God and cause the loss of souls through their indiscretion. Many who go into the field at the call made at the eleventh hour will through the grace of Christ so present the truth, that they will be accounted first.--Letter 36, 1895, pp. 2-7, 14. (To A. T. Jones, October 18, 1895. Cf. Testimonies for the Church, vol. 6, pp. 399- 402.),

RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN SDAS AND NON-SDAS.

How SDAS Are to Relate to Worldly Authorities. We are not to be bribed or to attain the world's favor by bowing to the laws of men and setting aside the law of God. We are not to be brought in bondage to the world. And yet, we are in the world, to live as long as God shall permit, and the Lord has given us a special work to do to save the world.

Warning Against Provoking the Wrath of Our Enemies. In this, the closing period of the earth's history, let not men be careless in words or acts; let them not indulge a masterful spirit and provoke the wrath of their enemies. Let not any soul who claims to believe the truth give others occasion to conclude that he is not a Christian because he talks and acts like a sinner.

God Still Works With Those Who Have Never Had the Light. There are many who have never had the light. They are deceived by their teachers, and they have not received the mark of the beast. The Lord is working with them. He has not left them to their own ways. Until they shall be convicted of the truth, and trample upon the evidence given to enlighten them, the Lord will not withdraw His grace from them....

Let none who have received the truth cherish the spirit of the Pharisees and make it appear prominent that they want nothing from the powers that be. God does not give any such burden. We may make a very hard time for ourselves, and bring reproach upon the cause of God, if we feel that we are to put on the armor and battle to arouse the combative spirit of our enemies, and to provoke them to fight and destroy. Our influence is to be of such a character that we shall not unnecessarily stir up angry feelings and arouse the enmity of those who do not believe as we do.--Letter 7, 1895, pp. 1, 3, 4. (To C. P. Bollman, October 1895.)

HOW SOUTHERN BLACKS ARE to DEAL WITH THE SUNDAY question.

Children Will Proclaim Present Truth When Adults Fail to Proclaim It in Its Simplicity. When the heavenly intelligences see that men will no longer present the truth in simplicity as did Jesus, the very children will be moved upon by the Spirit of God and will go forth proclaiming the truth for this time....

The Need to Work Differently for Southern Blacks Because of the Spirit of Slavery. There is a terrible crisis just ahead of us. There is one point I wish to lay before those who work in the Southern field, that is, among the colored people. They will have to labor in different lines from those followed in the Northern field. They cannot go there and encourage the colored people to work on Sunday, for the same spirit that held the colored people in slavery is alive today. In the minds of many of the white people the same spirit of oppression is still working....

Do Not Encourage Southern Black Converts to Labor on Sunday. Just as soon as the truth is proclaimed in the South, a marked difference, is made in regard to Sunday-keeping, and unless great care is exercised not to do anything to arouse prejudice, we might just as well leave the field entirely, for we shall have all the whites against us. They will not work openly, but in secret organizations, and will hinder our work

in every possible way. If we [are to] get the truth before the Southern people [i.e., blacks], we must not encourage them to work on Sunday.... Not a word must be spoken to create prejudice in their minds, or in the minds of the whites, for, if prejudice is created, the spirit of the enemy will work in the children of disobedience. The work will be hindered, and an opposition will be aroused that will endanger the lives of the workers and the believers. An effort must not be made to

Conform to Customs When They Do Not Conflict With the Law of God. When the practices of the people do not come in conflict with the law of God, you must conform to them. If you do not do this, you will not only stop your own work, but will hinder those for whom you are laboring from accepting the truth....

We cannot work so freely among those whose prejudices are so entirely different from those of white people. We must let the Holy Spirit work, for men and women cannot convince others of their wrong traits of character. When introducing the truth, we must, as far as possible, accommodate to the situation....

At Present Sunday Is Not the Mark of the Beast in the South, but That Time Will Come. There is danger that as opposing elements can get the slightest chance, they will stir up one another, and pick off those they hate. At present Sunday is not the mark of the beast in such a field as the Southern states. The time will come when this test will be made, but it is not now. The truth must come more fully before the people....

Slavery Will Be Revived in the South. Slavery will again be revived in the South, for the spirit of slavery still lives, and it will not do for the whites who labor for the colored people to take their stand as boldly and openly as they would be free to do were they in other places. If they [the colored people] feel that they have a right and the sanction of those who have brought them the truth, some of the colored people will take the opportunity to defy their oppressors. They will become presumptuous, but it will be to their sorrow.

Maintain a Low Profile Working in the Southern Field. A terrible condition of things is certainly opening before us. According to the light given me in regard to the Southern field, I see that the work must be done as wisely and carefully as possible, and in the lines in which Christ worked. The people will soon find out what you believe, for they will question you. Then you can teach them, but do not [teach them] in so prominent a manner as to attract attention to your work, thus cutting you off from other work....

Teach Sabbath Observance, but Be Careful How You Deal With the Sunday Idol. The light that I have is that God's servants should go quietly to work, preaching the grand truths of the Bible--Christ and Him crucified,--showing that the reason Christ died was because the law is eternal. The Spirit of the Lord will awaken those with whom you work, bringing the commandments to their remembrance.... The Sabbath must be taught in a decided manner, but be cautious how you touch their idol, Sunday. A word to the wise is sufficient....

Refraining From Sunday Work Does Not Incur the Mark of the Beast.

Refraining from work on Sunday is not receiving the mark of the beast, and where it will advance the interests of the work it should be done. We should not go out of our way to work on Sunday. We need not take our sawhorse and set it out on the front sidewalk and saw wood there in order to let out light shine....

Christ said, "Be ye wise as serpents, and harmless as doves" (Matthew 10:16). If you see that by doing things, which you have a perfect right to do, you hinder the work of the truth, refrain from doing these things. Do nothing that will close the minds of others against the truth. There is a world to save, and we gain nothing by cutting loose from those we are trying to help. All things may be lawful, but not all things are expedient....

Caution Against Precipitating the Final Crisis Over the Sabbath Prematurely. The final issue on the Sabbath question has not yet come, and by imprudent actions we may bring on the crisis before the time. You may have all the truth, but you need not let it all flash at once upon minds, lest it become darkness to them....

When we begin to work with parliaments, the enemy is roused to exert all his strength against us, and, if he cannot make the work hard for us, who can? Do not let your work be known any more than is necessary. The best course to follow is that which will avoid all opposition. The least said about the foolish errors of others the better. Satan and all his hosts are working to make of none effect the law of God, and when we begin to work on controversial lines, he will lead men to believe that we do not regard their laws or obey their decrees. Believing this, they will make it as hard as possible for all who will not worship their idol, Sunday.

SDAS Not to Disclose All Their Plans and Purposes, or Satan Will Take Advantage. We are not to reveal all our purposes and plans to men. Satan will take advantage of any indiscretion shown on this point. He does not work openly and above board. He works in an underhanded manner, and will continue to do so. Before the people are prepared for it, he leads men to set on foot a powerful movement by working on their minds....

Cultivate Good Relations With Rulers; Uplift Christ. We should fear lest rulers take their position against our work. If they do this, they will act like the enemy of all good. Every opportunity to become acquainted with these men should be embraced, but we should do nothing that will produce anything prejudice. It means a great deal to be as wise as serpents and as harmless as doves. We have so much determination in us that often we do things unguardedly and rashly. We must appear before these men as trying to help others, working on the lines of Christian help work. As they see the good work we do in these lines, their prejudice in a measure will be removed; their hearts will be opened to the truth. Do not abruptly present the Sabbath; present Christ. Should they begin to oppose you, saying, "Oh, he is a Seventh-day Adventist," lift up Christ higher, and still higher....

When Required to Answer for Your Faith, Let the Spirit Bring Words to Your Remembrance. We have nothing to do with the actions of the government. Our duty is to obey God. When you are arrested, take no

thought what you shall do. You are to follow Christ step by step. You need not commence weeks beforehand to examine the question, laying plans as to what you will do when the powers shall do this or that, neither need you think what you are to say. Study the truth, and the Spirit of the Lord will bring to your remembrance what you shall say. Our minds should be a treasure house, filled with the Word of God.

When the enemy begins to work, we need not resort to strange fire. We need not become combative. By doing this, we may thus betray the cause at the very point where victory is ours....

The world is not to be condemned until after it has had the light. We must tell the people the simple story of the cross. They are to be pitied, and just as much as possible, we must soften the message we bring them. This will soften their hearts so that the Spirit of the Lord can mold them....

Surrender Your Rights Unless Doing So Brings You Into Collision With God. When brought before courts, we are to give up our rights, unless by doing so we are brought into collision with God. We are not pleading for our right, but for God's right to our service. Instead of resisting the penalties imposed unjustly upon us, it would be better to take heed to the Savior's words, "When they persecute you in this city, flee ye unto another: for verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of Man be come" (Matthew 10:23). Manuscript 22, 1895 Copy 1, pp. 1-7, 9-12. (Untitled Manuscript, Interview, November 20, 1895.)

THE SABBATH-SUNDAY ISSUE AND THE 144,000. 1d96m007a

The Kind of Unity That Will Exist Between Those Who Make Void the Law of God. John in the Revelation writes of the unity of those living on the earth to make void the law of God: "These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for He is Lord of

lords, and King of kings: and they that are with Him are called, and chosen, and faithful" (Revelation 17:13, 14). "And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet" (Revelation 16:13). All who will exalt and worship the idol sabbath, a day that God has not blessed, help the devil and his angels with all the power of their God-given ability, which they have perverted to a wrong use. Inspired by another spirit, which blinds their discernment,

Time Coming When All Will Take Sides in the Sabbath-Sunday Issue. A corrupt union has been formed to tear down God's memorial of creation, the seventh day, which he hallowed and blessed, and gave to men to be a sign between God and His people, to be observed throughout their generations forever. A period is coming when everyone will take sides between the Sabbath of the fourth commandment, which the Lord has sanctified and blessed, and the spurious sabbath instituted by the man of sin.

The Decree Demanding Worship of the Idol Sabbath Will Be Enforced by Imprisonment and Death, but God Will Intervene. An idol sabbath has been set up as the golden image was set up on the plains of Dura, and, as Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon issued a decree that all who would not bow down and worship this image should be killed, so a proclamation will be made that all who will not reverence the Sunday institution will be punished with imprisonment and death. Thus the Sabbath of the Lord is trampled underfoot. But the Lord has declared, "Woe unto them that decree unrighteous decrees, and write grievousness which they have prescribed" (Isaiah 10:1). The great day of the Lord is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly, even the voice of the day of the Lord: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly. That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and

All Must Take Sides in the Sabbath-Sunday Issue. The Lord of heaven permits the world to choose whom they will have as ruler. Let all read carefully the thirteenth chapter of Revelation, for it concerns every human agent, great and small. Every human being must take sides, either for the true and living God, who has given to the world the memorial of creation in the seventh-day Sabbath, or, for a false sabbath, instituted by the men who have exalted themselves above all that is called God or that is worshipped; who have taken upon themselves the attributes of Satan in oppressing the loyal and true, who keep the commandments of God. This persecuting power will compel the worship of the beast by insisting on the observance of the sabbath he has instituted. Thus he blasphemes God, sitting "in the temple of God shewing himself that he is God" (2 Thessalonians 2:4)....

The Nominal Churches That Persecute God's Loyal Subjects Show Contempt for His Laws. Satan who was expelled from heaven is leading the world blindfolded by his sophistry, in the same way that he led the angels who accepted his theology before a "Thus saith the Lord." Already the [nominal] churches are naked, and without a covering. (See Revelation 16:15.) Like the arch deceiver, they are without excuse, for they have the Word of God, plain and clear and pointed. While they would rein up the faithful and loyal subjects of the kingdom of God, depriving them of their liberty of conscience, bringing them before magistrates and judges, and pronouncing sentence against them, delivering them unto prison, putting them into the chain gang, and even

condemning them to death; they themselves, before the universe, are showing determined and obstinate contempt of the laws of the eternal

The 144,000 Follow the Lamb Whithersoever He Goeth. "And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with Him an hundred and forty and four thousand, having His Father's name written in their foreheads. And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps: And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth. These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb" (Revelation 14:1-4).

The 144,000, Who Follow Christ Wherever He Goes First Learned to Follow Him Here on Earth. One of the marked features in the representations of the one hundred and forty-four thousand is that in their mouth there was found no guile. The Lord has said, "Blessed is the man... in whose spirit there is no guile" (Psalm 32:2). They profess to be children of God and are represented as following the Lamb "whithersoever He goeth." They are prefigured before us as standing on Mount Zion, girt for holy service, clothed in white linen, which "is the righteousness of the saints" (Revelation 19:8). But all who follow the Lamb in heaven will first have followed Him on earth in trustful, loving, willing obedience; followed Him, not fretfully and capriciously, but confidently, truthfully, as the flock follows the shepherd.

Persecutors Not the 144 000 Are on Satan's Side. Are these the ones who are bruising and imprisoning their fellowmen, humiliating them to the depraved association of those who compose the chain gang? Is this [spirit] the sign of those who follow the Lamb? No, no. All who do this work evidence that they have chosen the side of the one who was expelled from heaven, who was a falsifier of God, and who, by oppression, tries to compel God's chosen ones to worship an idol sabbath which is without one text of Scripture for its authority. Did Christ give His followers any such lesson or example? No; He came, not to break down the moral power of men, but to restore it. He came to break the power of oppression. His work was to release those who were in bondage to Satan. Those who say, "I am a child of God," yet do work that will grieve and oppress, executing cruel actions against their

These are the ones who have guile in their mouths. These are the ones who profess to be followers of Christ, while they are following a leader who was expelled from the courts of heaven. These men, who are working unrighteousness with such zeal, show before the whole world and universe that, if Christ were upon the earth as at His first advent, they would do as did the unbelieving Jews--follow Him as spies, seeking to get Him to say something which they could use against Him to condemn Him to death. If they had opportunity and power, they would do as did Nebuchadnezzar, when he set up his golden image on the plains of Dura.

Those Who Conceal Their Convictions for Fear of Suffering Persecution Are Not Following Christ. It is the spirit that dwells in the children of disobedience that decides their future eternal destiny.

Men who conceal their convictions of duty, because they are afraid of suffering persecution, are not following the true, but the false shepherd. To maintain principles at all hazards is the highest path one can travel, because by doing this we follow Jesus. That which has a "Thus saith the Lord" is right and expedient. God has said, "He that walketh uprightly walketh surely" (Proverbs 10:19). If you suffer for the truth's sake, you are partakers with Christ in His suffering, and will be partakers with Him in His glory.

Only the Pure in Heart Will Be Permitted to Ascend Into the Hill of the Lord. God is weary of professional falseness and hollow hypocrisy. "And in their mouth was found no guile; for they are without fault before the throne of God" (Revelation 14:5). What grand words; how cheering and uplifting. "Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in His holy place? He that clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully [--he hath walked uprightly and worked righteousness, and kept the truth in his heart--]. He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation" Psalm 24:3-5.

Relation Between the Three Angels' Messages and the Angel of Revelation 18. The third angel's message, following the first and second, which have proclaimed the hour of God's judgment and the fall of mystical Babylon, is proclaimed in louder and more explicit tones, giving a warning to all co-workers in the great antichristian apostasy. "And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. 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 the cage of every unclean and hateful bird. 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

Opponents of the Seventh-day Sabbath Are Satan's Agents. The whole [of this] chapter [Revelation 18] is full of importance, and is of consequence to every human agent. Consider this matter; it will bear close searching. The men who are denying the Sabbath instituted by God Himself, who are trampling upon the commandments of God, are the devil's spies, who seek to find accusation against those who will not reverence a man-made institution and worship an idol sabbath. The observance of the seventh day according to the commandment, reveals to them a neglect of duties which they owe to God. If there were not a people voicing the third angel's message, they would have no conscientious scruples for Sunday observance, but it is the truth that they do not wish to receive. The Jews did not want their customs and practices to be disturbed; neither do the professed Christian world of

Christian Churches Are in Partnership With the World in Making Void God's Law. The world is in co-partnership with the professed Christian churches in making void the law of Jehovah. God's law is set aside; it is trampled underfoot, and from all the loyal people of God, the prayer will ascend to heaven, "It is time for Thee, Lord, to work: for they have made void Thy law" (Psalm 118:126). Satan is making this last and most powerful effort for the mastery; his last conflict against the principles of God's law. A defiant infidelity abounds.

In Revelation 16:15 the Prophetic Symbols Are Dropped. After John's description of Revelation 16 of that miracle-working power which was to gather the world to the last great conflict, the symbols are dropped, and the trumpet voice once more gives a certain sound: "Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame" (Revelation 16:15). After the transgression of Adam and Eve, they were naked, for the garments of light and security had departed from them. The world will have forgotten the admonition and warnings of God, as did the inhabitants of the Noachian world as did also the dwellers of Sodom. They [the Sodomites] awoke with all their plans and inventions of iniquity, but suddenly the showers of fire came from heaven and consumed the godless inhabitants. "Thus shall it be in the day when the

Scorners and Rejectors of The Truth Will Be Taken Unawares. The world, full of rioting, full of godless pleasure, is asleep; asleep in carnal security, putting afar off the coming of the Lord, laughing at warnings, calling those who try to arouse their attention almost fanatics, enthusiasts, not level headed. The lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God are taken unawares. This is the proud boast that is made: "All things remain as they were from the beginning. Tomorrow shall be as this day, only much more abundant. (See 2 Peter 3:4 and Isaiah 56:12.) We will go deeper into pleasure-loving ."But said Christ, "Behold, I come as a thief."

When the scorner, the rejector of truth has become presumptuous; when the routine of work in the various money-making lines is being carried on without regard to principle; when the student is fully engaged in ambitious aims to obtain knowledge of everything but the Bible, Christ comes as a thief. The warning has been given, "Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up" (Matthew 24:42, 43). Every hour that passes is one less for you to make preparation of character for this great event.--Manuscript 7a, 1896 pp. 2- 11. (Untitled Manuscript February 1896.)

THE NATURE OF THE BATTLE OF THE FINAL CONFLICT.

God Has Revealed to His People His Battle Plan for the Coming Conflict. The Lord has not concealed from His followers the plan of the battle. He has presented before His people the great conflict, and He has given them words of encouragement. He charges them not to enter into the battle without counting the cost, while He assures them that they do not fight alone, but that supernatural agencies will enable the weak, if they trust in Him, to become strong against the vast confederacy of evil arrayed against them.

Holy Spirit Comes Down to Direct the Battle. He points them to the universe of heaven, and assures them that holy beings are wrestling against principalities and powers and the rulers of the darkness of this world, and against spiritual wickedness in high places. The children of God are cooperating with all the invisible hosts of light. And more than angels are in their ranks. The Holy Spirit, the representative of the Captain of the Lord's host, comes down to direct

the battle. Our infirmities may be many, our mistakes and sins numerous, but forgiveness is for all who, with contrition of heart, will confess and forsake their sins. Angels of light are sent to render them all the help that is required.--Letter 102a, 1896, p. 8. (To A. O. Tait, March 9, 1896.)

DANGERS AND OPPORTUNITIES AHEAD.

The Sabbath is God's memorial of His creative work, and is a sign that is to be kept before the world. There is to be no compromise with those who are worshiping an idol sabbath.... Men will employ every policy to make less prominent the differences between the faith of Seventh-day Adventists and those who observe the first day of the week. In this controversy the whole world will be engaged, and the time is short. This is no time to haul down our colors. A company was presented before me under the name of Seventh-day Adventists, who were advising that the banner of ensign which makes us a distinctive people should not be held out so strikingly, for they claimed it was not the best policy in securing success to our institutions.... I saw some reaching out their hands to remove the banner and obscure its significance.

When the U.S. Fully Places Divine Honors on Sunday, Persecution Will Break out. The land that has been abundantly blessed of God is fast filling up the cup of its iniquity.... When the people accept and exalt a spurious sabbath and turn souls away from obedience and loyalty to God, they will reach the point that was reached by the people in the days of Christ.... How shortsighted is the policy that is being brought in by the rulers in the land to restore to the man of sin his lost ascendancy!... They are placing upon a false sabbath divine honors, and when this is fully done, persecution will break forth upon those who observe the [true] Sabbath. Then the commandments of men will be clothed with sacred garments and will be pronounced holy....

As the Church and the World Unite to Make Void God's Law by National Act, the Zeal of God's People Increases. When the law of God is made void, when His holy name is dishonored, when it is considered disloyal to the laws of the land to keep the seventh day as the Sabbath, when wolves in sheep's clothing, through blindness of mind and hardness of heart, are seeking to compel the conscience, shall we give up our loyalty to God?--No, no. The wrongdoer is filled with satanic hatred against those who are loyal to the commandments of God, but the value of God's law as a rule of conduct must be manifested. The zeal of those who obey the Lord will increase as the world and the church unite in making void the law. They will say with the Psalmist, "I love Thy commandments above gold; yea, above fine gold" (Psalm 119:127). This is what will be sure to occur when the law of God is made void by a

Objections Against God's Commandments Will Open Opportunities for the Advancement of Truth. The law of God cannot be made void by the law of a nation. When the law is trampled in the dust, the sacredness of the commandments of God will be vindicated by those who are loyal to Him. We are to make no railing accusations against the nations, for this would close our way so we could not set the light before the people. Every objection raised against the commandments of God will make a way for the advancement of truth, and enable its advocates to present its value before men. There is a beauty and force in the truth that nothing can make so apparent as opposition and persecution. When

this is revealed, many will be converted to the truth.--Manuscript 15, 1896, pp. 13-16. ("Revelation," March 27, 1896.)

THE TERROR OF THE LOST AT THE SECOND COMING.

Rejectors of the Straight Testimony Will Be Left to Their Own Ways. The straight testimony must be borne whether men will hear or whether they will forbear. Those reprov'd who will not be warned, counseled, or reformed, but who justify their own course of actions, will be left to their own ways, to be filled with their own doings. Like the inhabitants of the old world, they will follow with persistent zeal the imagination of their own hearts, and they will perish in their sins.

The Unsaved Will Utter Wild Imprecations to Dumb Nature at the Second Coming. When the earth is reeling to and fro like a drunkard, when the heavens are shaking, and the great day of the Lord is come, who shall be able to stand? One object they behold in trembling agony, from which they will try in vain to escape. "Behold, He cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see Him" (Revelation 1:7). The unsaved utter wild imprecations to dumb nature--their god: "Mountains and rocks, fall on us, and hide us from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb" (Revelation 6:16).

The Unsaved Rush From Place to Place in Search of a Hiding Place. Creation is loyal to her God, and deaf to the frenzied call. That unrequited love is now turned to wrath. Sinners who would not let Jesus take away their sins are rushing from place to place in search of a hiding place, crying, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and our souls are not saved!" (Jeremiah 8:26). Oh that they had seen the Rock of shelter and perfect safety--the Cleft of the Rock--whither they might flee until the indignation be overpast! "A man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest" (Isaiah 32:2). That Lamb whose wrath will be so terrible to the scorers of His grace, will be grace, and righteousness, and love, and blessing to all who have received Him.

God's Presence Means Salvation for His People, but Judgment to the Rejectors of His Mercy. The pillar of cloud that was dark with terror and avenging wrath to the Egyptians, was to the people of God a pillar of fire for brightness. So will it be to the Lord's people in these last days. The light and glory of God to His commandment-keeping people are darkness to the unbelieving. They see that it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. The arm, long stretched, strong to save all who come unto Him, is strong to execute His judgment upon all who would not come unto Him that they might have life.... The sure provision has been made to shelter every soul, and shield those who have kept His commandments until the indignation be overpast.--Letter 137, 1896, pp. 3,4. (To Dr. J. H. Kellogg, April 6, 1896.)

GOD BINDS OFF THE WORK WHEN HIS LAST-DAY MESSAGE GOES FORTH AS A WITNESS TO ALL NATIONS.

The third angel's message is to be sounded by God's people. It is to swell to a loud cry. The Lord has a time appointed when He will bind off the work. But when is that time? when the truth to be 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.--Letter 83, 1896, p. 6. (To O. A. Olsen, May 22, 1896.)

CONSISTENT CHRISTIAN LIVING DISTINGUISHES The TRUE FROM THE APOSTATE Church.

Justification by faith will be manifest in transformation of character. This is the sign to the world of the truth of the doctrines we profess. The daily evidence that we are a living church is seen in the fact that we are practicing the Word. A living testimony goes forth to the world in consistent Christian action. It declares to a world apostatized that there is a people who believe that our safety is in clinging to the Bible. This testimony is in unmistakable distinction from that of the great apostate church, which adopts human wisdom and authority in place of the wisdom and authority of God.--Letter 83, 1896, pp. 13, 14. (To O. A. Olsen, May 22, 1896.)

THE COMING SUNDAY-SABBATH Controversy.

Sunday Advocates Inspired by a Power From Beneath. All who advocate truth in distinction to error have a special work to do in vindicating the law of God. Men inspired by a power from beneath have considered it their duty to uphold as the Sabbath of the Lord the first day of the week. By thus disregarding the claims of God, ministers who claim to preach the gospel are voicing the words of Satan who told Adam and Eve that, if they transgressed the law, they would not die, but would be as gods, knowing good and evil.

Though Sunday-keeping Is Hoary With Age, It Remains Error. By their influence and example these false shepherds have caused a lie to be received as truth. With persevering energy they have labored to establish a spurious sabbath, and this man-made institution has received the homage of the greater part of the [Christian] world. But this does not make a day holy which God has given as a common working day. Though this error be hoary with age, though the world bow in reverence to it, it still remains; an error and a delusion, for God says, "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them" (Isaiah 8:20).

Duty of God's People to Magnify His Law. Well-nigh universal contempt is shown to the law of God, and all who are loyal to Him have a sacred and solemn work to do in magnifying the law and making it honorable. God placed His sanctity upon the seventh day, and gave it to man to keep holy; and He says, "My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips" (Psalm 89:34). By rendering obedience to His commandments, we uphold the honor of God in the earth.

The Work of Sabbath Reform Must Advance or It Will Retrograde. Satan works against the law with untiring energy, and God calls upon His people to be witnesses for Him by pressing the battle to the gates. This work must advance or it will go backward. In this war there is no release. Those who take part in it must put on the whole armor of God, that they may fight manfully the warfare against evil.--Letter 24, 1896, pp. 13, 14. ("To the Church at Cooranbong," May 23, 1896.)

THOSE WHO REFUSE TO BE TAUGHT OF GOD FIND ANTICHRIST THE CENTER OF THEIR UNION AND AT LAST AND PASS OVER TO HIS SIDE.

Those Who Refuse to Be Taught of God at Last Pass Over to the Enemy's Side. Men are taking sides, according to their choice. Those that are feeding on the Word of God will show this by their practice. They are on the Lord's side, seeking by precept and example to reform the world. All that have refused to be taught of God will hold the traditions of men. They at last pass over to the side of the enemy, against God, and are written--"Antichrist."

While God's People and Satan's Followers Are Standing in Collision, the Lord Appears. The people of God, [we] who understand our position in this world's history, are with ears open and hearts softened and subdued pressing together in unity--one with Jesus Christ. Those who will not practice the lessons of Christ, but keep themselves in hand, to mold themselves, find in Antichrist the center of their union. While the two parties stand in collision, the Lord will appear and shine before His ancients gloriously. He will set up a kingdom that shall stand forever.

EARTHQUAKES Will OCCUR WHEN LEAST EXPECTED.

The time is now come when one moment we may be on solid earth, the next the earth may be heaving beneath our feet. Earthquakes will take place when least expected.--Letter 13, 1896, p. 17. (To "Brother and Sister Maxson," October 12, 1896.)

EVENTS CONNECTED WITH THE THREE ANGELS' Messages.

The Time of the Giving of the Three Angels' Message Not to Be Relocated. The proclamation of the first, second, and third angels' messages has been located by the Word of Inspiration. Not a peg or a pin is to be moved. No human authority has any more right to change the location of these messages than to substitute the New Testament for the Old.... The first and second messages were given in 1843 and 1844, and we are under the proclamation of the third, but all three messages are still to be proclaimed.... There cannot be a third without the first and second. These messages we are to give to the world in publications, in discourses, showing in the line of prophetic history the things that have been, and the things that will be....

IF Heeded the Third Angel's Message Will Focus Attention on the Papacy's Change of the Sabbath. This message, if heeded, will call the attention of every nation and kindred and tongue and people to a close examination of the Word, and to the true light in regard to the power that has changed the seventh-day Sabbath, to a spurious sabbath. The only true God has been forsaken, His Law has been discarded, His sacred Sabbath institution has been trampled in the dust by the man of sin. The [Sabbath] memorial, declaring who the living God is, the Creator of the heavens and the earth, has been torn down, and a spurious sabbath has been given to the world in its place. Thus a breach has been made in the law of God. A false sabbath could not be a true standard.

God Promises Increased Knowledge Regarding the Sabbath. In the

first angel's message men are called to worship God, our Creator who made the world and all things that are therein. They have paid homage to an institution of the papacy, making of no effect the law of Jehovah, but there is to be an increase of knowledge on this subject.

Line of Distinction Is Being Drawn Between the Children of Obedience and the Children of Disobedience. Satan has gained on earth that which he could not gain in heaven. He has prepared his delusive snare, hoping to take captive the church and the world. Not all will be taken in the snare. A line of distinction is being drawn between the children of obedience and the children of disobedience; the loyal and true, and the disloyal and untrue. Two great parties are developed, the worshipers of the beast and the worshipers of the true and living God.

Relationship of the First Angel's Message and the Angel of Revelation 10. The message of Revelation 14, proclaiming that the hour of God's judgment is come, is represented as having one foot on the sea and one foot on the land, showing that the message will be carried to distant lands; the ocean will be crossed, and the islands of the sea will hear the proclamation of the last message of warning to our world.

The Great Disappointment of 1844 as Well as All Other Counterworkings That Come to the Church Are in God's Order. "And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven, and swore by Him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and things that are therein, that there should be time no longer" (Revelation 10:5). This message announces the end of the prophetic period. The disappointment of those who expected to see our Lord come in 1844 was indeed bitter to those who had so ardently looked for His appearing. It was in the Lord's order that this disappointment should come, that hearts should be revealed.

Not one cloud has fallen upon the church that God has not prepared for; not one opposing force has risen to counterwork the work of God but He has foreseen. All has taken place as He has predicted through His prophets. He has not left His church in darkness, forsaken, but has traced in prophetic declarations what would occur, and though His providence, acting in its appointed place in the world's history, He has brought about that which His Holy Spirit inspired the prophets to foretell. All His purposes will be fulfilled and established.

Truth Will Triumph Though at Times It May Appear to Be Overshadowed. God's law is linked to His throne and satanic agencies combined with human agencies cannot destroy it. Truth is inspired and guarded by God. It will live and succeed, although it may at times appear to be overshadowed. The gospel of Christ is the law exemplified in character. The deceptions practiced against it, every device for vindicating falsehood, every error forged by satanic agencies, will eventually be eternally broken, and the triumph of truth will be like the appearing of the sun at noon day. The Sun of righteousness shall shine forth with healing in His wings, and the whole earth shall be filled with His glory....

Old Controversies Will Be Revived, New Theories will Arise. In history and prophecy the Word of God portrays the long continued conflict between truth and error. That conflict is yet in progress.

Those things which have been, will be repeated. Old controversies will be revived and new theories will be continually arising. But God's people, who in their belief and fulfillment of prophecy have acted a part in the proclamation of the first, second, and third angels' messages, know where they stand. They are to stand firm as a rock, holding the beginning of their confidence steadfast unto the end.

Transforming Power Attends the Three Angels' Messages and Will Prepare People to Stand in the Day of the Lord. A transforming power attended the proclamation of the first and second angels' messages, and it attends the message of the third angel.... These messages, received and acted upon, are doing their work to prepare a people to stand in the great day of God. If we search the Scriptures to confirm the truth God has given His servants for the world, we shall be found proclaiming the first, second, and third angels' messages....

Divisions Will Come Between the Wheat and the Tares Which Will Grow Deeper and More Earnest Till the Close of Time. The work to be done now is that of sounding this last message of mercy to a fallen world. A new life is coming from heaven and taking possession of all of God's people. But division will come in the church. Two parties will be developed. The wheat and the tares grow together until the harvest. The work will grow deeper and become more earnest to the very close of time. And all who are laborers together with God will contend most earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints. They will not be turned from the present message which is already lightening the earth with its glory. Nothing is worth contending for but the glory of God. The only rock that will stand is the Rock of Ages. The truth as it is in Jesus is the refuge in the days of error.

The Three Unclean Spirits of Revelation 16 Represent a Company That Has Been Deceiving. God has warned His people of the perils before them. John beholds the things that will be in the last days and he sees a people working counter to God. (Read Revelation 12:17; 14:10-12; and chapters 17 and 13.) John sees a company who have been deceiving. He says, "I saw three unclean spirits like frogs came out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them together to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame" (Revelation 16:13-15).

The Message to the Laodiceans Will Do Its Work. From those who have rejected truth, the light of God has departed. They did not heed the messages of the true Witness, "I counsel thee to buy of Me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness to not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see" (Revelation 3:18). That message will do its work, and a people will be prepared to stand without fault before God. John beheld this company, and he says, "Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to Him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and His wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints" (Revelation 9:1,8).

We Must Be Under the Spirit's Influence in Order to Understand the Prophecies. Prophecy has been fulfilling, line upon line. The more firmly we stand under the banner of the third angel's message, the more clearly shall we understand the prophecy of Daniel, for the Revelation is the supplement of Daniel. The more fully we accept the light presented by the Holy Spirit through the consecrated servants of God, the deeper and surer (even as the eternal throne) will appear the truths of ancient prophecy. We shall be assured that men of God spoke as they were moved upon by the Holy Ghost. Men must themselves be under the influence of the Holy Spirit in order to understand the Spirit's utterances through the prophets. These messages are given, not for those who uttered the prophecies, but for us who are living amid the scenes of their fulfillment.

We Are to Proclaim the Third Angel's Message, Not Theories That Mislead. We are to sound the messages of the angels, which are represented as flying in the midst of heaven, with the last warning to a fallen world. If we are not called upon to prophesy, we are called to believe the prophecies, and to cooperate with God in giving light to other minds. This we are trying to do....

Theories will be continually agitated to divert the mind, to unsettle the faith. Those who have had the actual experience in the unfolding of the prophecies that have made them what they are today,-- Seventh-day Adventists,--are to stand with their loins girt about with truth, and with the whole armor on....

"Here is the patience of the saints here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus" (Revelation 14:12). Here we stand, under the third angel's message. [Revelation 18:1-5, quoted.]

The Angel of Revelation 18 Repeats the Substance of the Second Angel's Message. Thus the substance of the second angel's message is again given to the world by that other angel who lightens the earth with his glory. [See Revelation 18:1-3.] These messages all blend in one [and are] to come before the people in the closing days of this earth's history. All the world will be tested, and all who have been in the darkness of error in regard to the Sabbath of the fourth commandment will understand the last message of mercy that is to be given to man.--Manuscript 32, 1896, pp. 1, 2, 4-7, 11-17, 19-21. ("Testimony Concerning the Views of Prophecy Held by Bro. John Bell," n.d., 1896.)

WARS AND CALAMITIES In THE LAST SCENES OF THIS EARTH'S HISTORY.

In the last scenes of this earth's history, war will rage. There will be pestilence, plague, and famine. The waters of the great deep will overflow their boundaries. Property and life will be destroyed by fire and flood. Disasters will come unexpectedly upon the world. This should show us that the souls for whom Christ has died should be fitting up for the mansions that He has gone to prepare for them. There is rest from earth's conflict. Where is it?--"That where I am, there ye may be also" (John 14:3). Heaven is where Christ is. Heaven would not be heaven to those who love Jesus, if He were not there.--Manuscript 41, 1896, p. 4. ("Words of Christ," n.d., 1896.)

WHEN THE PUNISHMENT OF TRANSGRESSORS BEGINS, THERE WILL BE NO
RESPIRE UNTIL THE END.

That world is soon to be left by the angel of mercy and the seven last plagues are to be poured out. Sin, shame, sorrow, and darkness are on every side. God still holds out to men the precious privilege of exchanging darkness for light, error for truth, sin for righteousness, but His patience and mercy will not always wait. The storm is gathering; the bolts of God's wrath are soon to fall, and, when He shall begin to punish transgressors, there will be no period of respite until the end. He shall come forth "to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain" (Isaiah 26:21). Only those will stand who are sanctified through the truth in the love of God. They will be hid with Christ in God until the desolation shall be overpast.--
Manuscript 51, 1896, p. 5. ("Canvassers Reducing Debt on the Publishing

THE COMING CONFLICT OVER THE SABBATH-SUNDAY QUESTION.

The Third Angel's Message Is to Be Sounded Forth During the Loud Cry. Are we voicing the message of the third angel? "The third angel followed them [the first and second angels], saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of His indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name: here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus" (Revelation 14:9-12).

The Seal of God is Sabbath-keeping. This is the message given by God to be sounded forth in the loud cry of the third angel. The sign or seal of God is the observance of the seventh-day Sabbath, the Lord's memorial of His work of creation. "The Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily My Sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the Lord that doth sanctify you" (Exodus 31:12, 13). Here the Sabbath is clearly defined as a sign between God and His people.

The Mark of the Beast is Sunday-keeping. The mark of the beast is the opposite of this--the observance of the first day of the week. This mark distinguishes [between] those who acknowledge the supremacy of the papal authority, seen in the man of sin,--thinking to change times and laws,--and those who acknowledge the authority of God..

There Will Be, Not Only a Demand for Sunday Rest, but Acknowledgment That Sunday Is the Sabbath Will Be Required. A refusal to obey the commandments of God, and a determination to cherish hatred against those who proclaim these commandments leads to the most determined war on the part of the dragon, whose whole energies are brought to bear against the commandment-keeping people of God. "He causeth all, both small and great,... to receive a mark in their right

hand, or in their foreheads" (Revelation 13:16). Not only are men not to work with their hands on Sunday, but with their minds they are to acknowledge Sunday as the Sabbath. "And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name" (Verse 17)....

The Three Spirits of Revelation 16 and the Sunday-Sabbath Controversy. On which side are we ranging ourselves?--on the side of the dragon, who was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ? "I saw three unclean spirits like frogs," writes John, "come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty" (Revelation 16:14). On which side are you standing?--on the side of those that worship the beast and his image? Christ died to make it possible for you to be allied with angels, heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ.--Manuscript 1, 1897,

THE SPIRIT OF ANARCHY AND WILD UNCERTAINTY In THE WORLD WILL SEEK TO PERVADE SDA RANKS.

This world seems to be going mad. We are fast approaching a condition of anarchy and wild uncertainty, and it... will seek to pervade all our ranks of Seventh-day Adventists.--Letter 40a, 1897, p.

1. (To A. G. Daniels, January 14, 1897.)

THE NIGHT OF TRIAL THAT AWAITS THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD.

Some Will Recognize the Light of Truth Amid the Midnight Darkness of Apostasy. The great apostasy is working to a point, and will develop into darkness deep as midnight, impenetrable as sackcloth of hair.... Darkness will become more dense in human minds after the truth has penetrated and been rejected. But there are some minds where the darkness will be removed. They will recognize the light. Apostasy will exist in this night of spiritual darkness. It will be destroyed by the brightness and exceeding glory of Christ's coming....

The Night of Trial, Weeping, and Persecution Is Not Far Distant. The powers of deception are working upon minds in every country to gain a foothold.... The night of trial, the night of weeping, the night of persecution for the truth's sake is not far distant. It is through much tribulation that we shall stand as faithful sentinels for God, not swerving one hair from truth and righteousness. Famines will increase. Pestilences will sweep away thousands. Dangers are all around us from the powers; without and satanic workings within, but the restraining power of God is now being exercised....

Those Who Know the Truth Are to Discern God's Glory in His Chastisement of the World. The night of trial is nearly spent. Satan is bringing in his masterly power because he knoweth that his time is short. The chastisement of God is upon the world to call all who know the truth to hide in the cleft of the Rock and view the glory of God.

The truth must not be muffled now. Plain statements must be made. Unvarnished truth must be spoken in leaflets and pamphlets, and these

must be scattered like the leaves of autumn....

Those Not Sanctified by the Truth Will Be Satan's Most Successful Allies. Those who have not been sanctified through the truth will be subject to Satan's temptations. They will be his most successful allies to criticize, to speak evil, and work unrighteousness. There are now those who will show just what they will do under temptation and in an emergency, they cannot be depended upon....

When the Holy Spirit Descends in Power on God's People, He Will Explain Many Mysteries. The clouds with which human agencies have covered the truth will soon be dissipated. The truth that has not been clearly discerned, will be opened before those who search for it as for hidden treasure. The Holy Spirit will descend in power upon the His people, explaining many mysteries.--Letter 31, 1897, pp. 5-8. (To W. A. Colcord, February 28, 1897.)

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The wicked rulers, the apostate churches, have been converted to the world, and they show just exactly what they would do in this age of the world, if they dared. If Christ were on the earth today, they would have no more desire for Him than had the Jewish nation at His first advent.... Rulers and teachers, who have caused souls to stumble over their perverted teachings; statesmen, senators; governors, all people who might have understood the prophecies, but who did not read and search to see if they were applicable for this time and concerned their individual selves, will be taken in the snare. They will reap eternal loss. They will suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy....

Transgression Against God's Law Is Always Leagued Against Good. There is no warfare between Satan and the sinner, between fallen angels and fallen men. Both possess the same attributes, both are evil through apostasy and sin. Then let all who read these words understand for a surety that, wheresoever transgression against God's holy law exists, there will always be a league against good. Fallen angels and fallen men will unite in desperate companionship. Satan inspires the disloyal elements to work in harmony with his spirit.--Manuscript 104 1897 pp. 3-6, 9. "Condemned by the Jews," n.d., 1897)

GOD INTERPOSES On BEHALF OF HIS PEOPLE WHEN THE SUNDAY-SABBATH ISSUE REACHES a CRISIS.

Soon There Will Be a Change in God's Dealings With Man's Perversity. A vast reformation would be wrought upon the world if the veil of the future could be lifted, and all could see and understand that very soon there is to be a change in the attitude of God in His dealings with the perversity of man....

Diligent Bible Students Among All Peoples Will Replace Those More Privileged but Disobedient. There are diligent students of the word of prophecy in all parts of the world who are obtaining light and still greater light from searching the Scriptures. This is true of all nations, of all tribes, and all peoples. These will come from the grossest error and will take the places of those who have had opportunities and privileges, and have not prized them. These have worked out their own salvation with fear and trembling, lest they

become deficient in doing the ways and will of God, while those who have had great light, have through the perversity of their own natural hearts, turned away from Christ, because [they were] displeased with their requirements.

But God will not be left without witness. The one-hour laborers will be brought in at the eleventh hour and will consecrate their entrusted means to advance the work. These will receive the reward for their faithfulness, because they are true to principle and shun not their duty to declare the whole counsel of God. When those who have had abundance of light throw off the restraint which the Word of God imposes and make void His law, others will come in to fill their places and [will] take their crowns....

Men are choosing sides. Even those supposed to be heathen will choose the side of Christ, while those who become offended, as did the disciples, will go away and walk no more with Him, and others will come in and occupy the places they have left vacant.

God's Law Will Become More Precious to True Believers in the Face of Universal Scorn Heaped on It. What effect will the attempt of men to make void the law of God have upon the righteous? Will they be intimidated because of the universal scorn that is put upon the holy law of God? Will the true believer in the "Thus saith the Lord" become wavering and ashamed because the whole world seems to despise His righteous law? Will they be carried away by the prevalence of evil? No! To those who have consecrated themselves to God to serve Him, the law of God becomes more precious, when the contrast is shown between the obedient and the transgressor.

In proportion as the attributes of Satan are developed in the despisers and transgressors of the law of God, the holy precept will become more dear and valuable to the faithful adherent. He will declare, "They have made void Thy law. Therefore I love Thy commandments above gold; yea, above fine gold" (Psalm 119:126, 127). [These are] the ones who have been faithful stewards of the grace of God, whose love of God's commandments grows with the contempt that [those] all around them would put upon them.

The Crisis is Reached When Wicked Men and the Church Harmonize in Their Hatred of God's Law. Wicked men and the church harmonize in this hatred of the law of God, and then the crisis comes. Then we see the class specified in Malachi 3:13-15--"Your words have been stout against Me, saith the Lord. Yet ye say, What have we spoken so much against Thee? Ye have said, It is vain to serve God: and what profit is it that we have kept His ordinance, and that we have walked mournfully before the Lord of hosts? And now we call the proud happy; yea, they that work wickedness are set up; yea, they that tempt God are even delivered." Here are a company of disaffected professed Christians, whose chief business is to murmur and complain and accuse God by accusing the children of God. They see nothing defective in themselves, but very much to displease in others.

But while they are murmuring and complaining and falsely accusing and doing Satan's work most zealously, another class is brought to our notice--"Then they that feared the Lord spoke often one to another; and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written

before Him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon His name. And they shall be Mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in the day when I make up My jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him. Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth Him not" (Verses 16-18). We are now making our choices, and we shall soon discern between him that serveth God, and him that serveth Him not....

Protestants Will Persuade the Rulers of the Land to Adopt Roman Catholic Principles. The day of God is right upon us. The world has converted the church. Both are in harmony and are acting on a shortsighted policy. Protestants will work upon the rulers of the land to make laws to restore the lost ascendancy of the man of sin, who sits in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. Roman Catholic principles will be taken under the care and protection of the state. This national apostasy will be speedily followed by national ruin. The protest of Bible truth will no longer be tolerated by those who have not made the law of God their rule of action. Then will the voice be heard from the graves of the martyrs, represented by the souls that John saw slain for the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ which they held. Then the prayer will ascend from every true child of

God Permits Matters to Reach a Crisis That His Interposition May Be More Marked. From time to time the Lord has made known the manner of His working. He is mindful of what is passing upon the earth. And when a crisis has come; He has revealed Himself, and has interposed to hinder the working out of Satan's plans. He has often permitted matters with nations, with families, and with individuals to come to a crisis, that His interference might become marked. Then He has let the fact become known that there is a God in Israel who sustains and vindicates His people.

The Point at Which God Intervenes. When the defiance of the law of Jehovah shall be almost universal, when His people shall be pressed in affliction by their fellowmen, God (will) interpose. The fervent prayers of His people will be answered. for He loves to have His people seek Him with all their heart and depend upon Him as their Deliverer. He will be sought unto to do things for His people and He will arise as the Protector and Avenger of His people. The promise is: The Lord will avenge His own elect, which cry unto Him day and night. (See Luke 18:7).

U.S. Protestants Will Work to Make Falsehood and Apostasy the Law of the Nation. The Protestant government [of the United States] will reach a strange pass. They will be converted to the world. They will also, in their separation from God, work to make falsehood and apostasy from God the law of the nation. In place of those who have the light of truth allowing jealousy and evil surmising to come in and weaken their love and union one with another, their united prayers should ascend to heaven for the Lord to arise and put an end to the violence and abuses that are practiced in our world.--Letter 123, 1897, pp. 6, 7, 9-14. (To Philip Wessels, March 8, 1897.)

ELEVENTH-HOUR LABORERS TAKE THE PLACES OF APOSTATES.

Those Who Are Ignorant of the True Reasons of the Genuine Faith

Will Be Replaced by Those Who Appreciate Truth. Because some have not been diligent students, because they do not understand the true reasons of the genuine faith, there will be no less power or fewer laborers. Others will take the places in the ranks made vacant, who will be receptive, and who will appreciate the sacred character of truth.

Young People Will Fill the Vacancies Made by Death and Apostasy. At the eleventh hour, when the work grows harder and the people are more hardened, there will be a variety of talent brought in. These workers will prove faithful and receive their penny. Sacrificing men will step into the places made vacant by those who would not be fitted for a place in the heavenly temple. These resources will continue to come in. The Lord will provide openings and facilities. He will call upon the youth to fill up the places made vacant by deaths and apostasies. He will give young men and women, as well as those who are older, the cooperation of the heavenly intelligences. They will have converted characters, converted minds, converted hands, converted feet, and converted tongues. Their lips will be touched with a living coal from the divine altar. If they will learn the lesson of walking humbly

All Who Join the SDA Ranks Should Understand Prophetic History. All who join the ranks of Sabbath-keepers should become diligent Bible students, that they may know the pillars and groundwork of the truth. They should study prophetic history, which has brought us down point by point to where we are at the present time. Young men should attend [our school at Avondale] who desire to become educated for any line of work, who have capabilities and see the necessity of learning more and still more [concerning] where we stand today in prophetic history, uniting link after link in the prophetic chain, even from Genesis to Revelation. Christ is the Alpha, the first link, and the Omega, the last link of the gospel chain, which is welded in Revelation. These young men will not have fixed habits of wrong or defects in disposition and character that will make them inflexible.

We Should Know the Reasons for Our Faith, Especially the Doctrines of the Sanctuary and the Three Angels' Messages. With what care should everyone come to the study of the Scriptures! With what a determination to know all that it is possible for him to know of the reasons of every point of the faith. Especially should he study the Sanctuary question, and the first, second, and third angels' messages....

Those Once Established in the Truth Who Yield It up Can Do God's Cause the Greatest Harm. There are souls to be saved, souls who must have the truth for this time from the Word of God, to prepare them for that which is opening before us. Satan is moving with intensity from beneath, and is bring all his forces to bear to unsettle those who have once been established in the truth. These are the very ones who, by yielding up the truth which they have once advocated, can do the greatest harm to the cause of God. Quite a large number will enter this path, because the truth they once believed has not been brought into their life-practice. But those who depart from the faith and refuse to give the last message of warning to the world will walk in paths in which the Lord does not lead. Satan goes before them, clothed as an angel of light. They will follow on in false paths until they shall

SATAN'S LAST-DAY DECEPTIONS.

There Will Be Many Apostasies; False Prophets Will Deceive Many. The light given me has been very forcible that many would go out from us, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. The Lord desires that every soul that claims to believe the truth shall have an intelligent knowledge of what is truth. False prophets will arise and will deceive many. Everything is to be shaken that can be shaken....

Unless We Hang Our Helpless Souls on Christ, We Shall Be Deceived When Satan Personates Christ. Rebellion and apostasy are in the very air we breathe. We shall be affected by it unless we by faith hang our helpless souls upon Christ. If men are so easily misled, how will they stand, when Satan shall personate Christ and work miracles? Will we be unmoved by his misrepresentations, professing to be Christ, and apparently working the works of Christ? What will hold God's people from giving their allegiance to false Christ's?--"Go ye not after them" (Luke 21:8)....

We Must Meet Satanic Agencies That Go to Make War With the Saints. You are not meeting men only, but principalities and powers. We wrestle not against flesh and blood.... We have to meet the satanic agencies who went to make war with the saints. "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).--Letter 1, 1897, pp. 1, 4, 5. ("To the Church in Adelalde," April 22, 1897.)

THE SEALING DELAYED BY THE FAILURE OF GOD'S PEOPLE TO COOPERATE WITH HIM.

If the people of God had walked in His counsel, the work of God would have advanced, the message of truth would have been borne to all people that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Had the people of God believed Him and been doers of His Word, had they kept His commandments, the angel would not have come flying through heaven with the message to the four angels... , crying, "Hold, hold the four winds, that they blow not upon the earth, until we have sealed the servants of God in their foreheads." (See Revelation 7:1-3). But because the people are disobedient, unthankful, unholy, as were ancient Israel, time is prolonged that all may hear the last message of mercy proclaimed with a loud voice. The Lord's work has been hindered, the sealing time delayed.--Letter 106, 1897, p. 10. (To G. B. Starr and wife, May 14, 1897.)

GOD MOVES IN THE STRAIGHT LINE OF JUSTICE AFTER PROBATION CLOSES.

When the test is over, when men have taken sides for or against the law of Jehovah, the season of mercy and probation is ended. Then God will move in the straight line of justice to give to every man as his works have been. Some will receive the reward of well-doing, others, the reward of their evil deeds.--Manuscript 58, 1897, p. 4. (Untitled Manuscript, June 1, 1897.)

THE SABBATH COMMANDMENT MADE VOID BY HUMAN TRADITIONS.

Persecutors of Commandment-keepers Will Think They Do God Service.

The religious world is, to a large degree, following in the track of the Jews. The Pharisees taught for doctrine the commandments of men, making the Word of God void by their traditions, and this the religious teachers of today are doing by upholding the first day of the week, a day that bears not the divine credentials. They clothe their false sabbath with a garb of sanctity, and many would compel the observance by imprisonment and fines. Under the enemy's training their zeal will grow until, like the Jews, they will think they are doing God a service by heaping reproach upon those who keep the commandments of God....

Satan Has Stolen the Livery of Heaven to Exalt Himself in the False Sabbath. Satan has taken the world captive. He has introduced an idol sabbath, giving to it great piety and importance. He has stolen the homage of the Christian world for this idol. They do homage to a tradition, a man-made commandment. As Nebuchadnezzar set up his golden image in the plains of Dura, and so exalted himself, so Satan exalts himself in the false sabbath, for which he has stolen the livery of heaven.

God Bears With the Exalters of the False Sabbath Until Light Comes. Man has no permission from God to nullify one precept of the decalogue and make it of none effect. He has no permission to lead the minds of others to bow to an idol or make laws compelling them to worship it. Of those who do this, God says, "This people honoureth Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me" (Mark 7:6). They place the commandments of men on a level with the divine requirements. Yes, they exalt a spurious sabbath above the Sabbath of the fourth commandment. Their obedience to man-made requirements makes their worship null and void. But God bears with their ignorance till light comes to them.

Men Make God's Commandments Void by Their Traditions. In this work Satan's principles are deep and deceiving and Christ's words are appropriate,--"Laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men." (Mark 7:8). The worship of a common working day and the multitudinous ceremonies in connection with the false sabbath are of the same nature as the wrongs pointedly exposed by Christ when He said, "And many other such things ye do" (verse 8). The plain evidence of truth is not discerned. Laying aside the commandments of God as altogether unimportant, men follow tradition. They reject the commandments of God, that they may keep their own traditions. Common things are exalted above those which are sacred and heavenly.

The heavenly universe is amazed that in their credulity people transfer the benediction given to the seventh day to the first day of the week. The Sabbath is God's memorial of creation and rest, and at the beginning of the Sabbath commandment, He gives the word of warning, "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy".--Manuscript 65, 1897, pp. 2-4. ("Tradition, " n.d., 1897.)

THE FOUR WINDS ARE KEPT in CHECK UNTIL GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SEALED.

All Injurious Influences, Like an Angry Horse, Are Held in Check Until God's People Are Sealed. Angels are holding the four winds, represented as an angry horse seeking to break loose and rush over the face of the whole earth, bearing destruction and death in its path....

I tell you in the name of the Lord God of Israel that all injurious, discouraging influences are held in control by unseen angel hands until everyone that works in the fear and love of God is sealed in his forehead.

A Narrow-minded Government Legislates for the Suppression of God's

Law. The whole heavenly universe is interested, and the law of God is exercised in behalf of His faithful, commandment-keeping people. It is only a narrow-minded government that legislates for the suppression of God's law.--Letter 138, 1897, pp. 7, 8. (To W. C. White June 10, 1897.)

PERILOUS TIMES AHEAD.

False Messiahs Will Again Appear Declaring the Time Has Come for Deliverance of the Jewish Nation. [Christ declared that] Many false Messiahs will appear, claiming to work miracles, and declaring that the time of the deliverance of the Jewish nation has come. These will mislead many.... The same deceptions practiced prior to the destruction of Jerusalem will be practiced again. The same events that took place at the overthrow of Jerusalem will take place again....

The U.S. and Other Countries Will Make Laws Restricting Religious Liberty. Seventh-day Adventists will fight the battle over the seventh-day Sabbath. The authorities in the United States and in other countries will rise up in their pride and power, and make laws to restrict religious liberty.... They will assume the right that is God's alone, and like Nebuchadnezzar, will think they can force the conscience, which God only can control. Even now they are making a beginning which they will confine to carry forward till they reach a boundary over which they cannot step. God will interpose on behalf of His loyal, command-keeping people....

Whenever Persecution Takes Place There Will Be Conversions and Apostasies. On every occasion that persecution takes place, the witnesses make decisions, either for Christ or against Him. Those who show sympathy for the men wrongly condemned, who are not bitter against them, show their attachment for Christ. Many will be offended because the principles of truth cut directly across their practices. Many will stumble and fall, apostatizing from the faith they once advocated. Many who have professed to love the truth will then show that they had no vital union with the true vine. They will be cut away as branches that bear no fruit, and will be bound up with unbelievers, scoffers, and mockers....

In the Coming Time of Trial Apostates Will Put the Wolves on the Track of God's People. Those who apostatize in time of trial will, to secure their own safety, bear false witness and betray their brethren. They will tell where they are concealed, putting the wolves on their track. Christ has warned us of this, that we may not be surprised at the unnatural and cruel course of friends and relatives.

False Prophets and False Christs Will Appear. "And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many" (Matthew 24:11). False Christs did arise [before the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70], deceiving the people and leading great numbers into the desert. Magicians and sorcerers, claiming miraculous power, drew the people

after them into mountain solitudes. But this prophecy was also spoken for the last days. This sign is given as a sign of the second advent. Companies inspired by Satan will be formed to deceive and delude.-- Manuscript 78, 1897, pp. 13, 15, 16. ("The Blessing of Obedience," July 28, 1897.)

CONDITIONS IN THE COMING CONFLICT THAT PARALLEL CONDITIONS IN PAUL'S DAY.

Oppression and Persecution Soon to Come. The same work of oppression and persecution, which was suffered by the saints of God in Paul's day, is soon to come. ... In sowing the seed beside all waters, we are to meet the same difficulties that the followers [of Jesus] encountered in Paul's time. But the Lord did not then leave His persecuted ones to be overcome. He gave them the opportunity and privilege of being overcomers. ...

Watch for Opportunities for Doing Good to Our Brethren Who Shall Be Persecuted. We are living in a very solemn period of this earth's history. Then, how appropriate for this time that we watch unto prayer. In prayer for our oppressed ones who will feel the opposition and test and trial of persecution the most severely, we shall find comfort and consolation. We are to keep the lamp of faith burning brightly. We are to watch for opportunities for doing good to those who are called [upon] to suffer, for our afflicted brethren will need our words of consolation, of courage and hope. ...

Satan Is Pleased When False, Fanatical SDAS Set Dates for the Fulfillment of Prophecy, Which Fail. There will be false and fanatical movements made by persons in the church who claim to be led of God,-- those who run before they are sent--who will give day and date for the occurrence of unfulfilled prophecy. The enemy is pleased to have them do this, for their successive failures and leading into lines [will] cause confusion and unbelief....

God Has Concealed the Day and Hour of Christ's Appearing to Keep Us in a State of Expectance and Preparation. We are not now back in Paul's time. We are nearing the great day of God. The signs are fulfilling, and yet, we have no message to tell us of the day and hour of Christ's appearing. The Lord has wisely concealed this from us, that we may always be in a state of expectancy and preparation for the second appearing our Lord Jesus Christ in the clouds of heaven.

We are to search the prophecies that point to the roll of fast fulfilling events, which Christ has plainly told us will take place prior to the end of this earth's history. We are to watch and pray, wait patiently and work faithfully to save the perishing....

The Day and Hour of Christ's Coming Is Beyond Our Ken. The day and hour of Christ's Coming is pronounced, by lips that speak the truth, and the truth only, to be beyond the ken of man. Even the angels, the heavenly intelligences, are not informed of this. "But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but My Father only" (Matthew 24:36).

Satan is watching his chance to destroy those souls who have not developed characters that will fit them to rise in the first

resurrection and be numbered with the redeemed.

Contemplate the Second Appearing, But Don't Neglect Present Duties. Christ would have everyone educate himself calmly to contemplate His second appearing. He is to search the Word of God daily, but not neglect present duties.--Letter 28, 1897, pp. 1, 3-6. (To "Brother and Sister Belden," July 29, 1897.)

OUR FAITH IS TO BE TRIED AS IN A FURNACE.

Human Laws Manufactured to Replace God's Laws Are Not to Be Respected. We are in no case to swerve from our allegiance [to God]. No duties that God presents before us will cause us to work at cross purposes with Him. The Word of God is to be our counsellor. The word of finite man is fallible. Human, manufactured laws, which are supposed to take the place of the law of God, are not to be respected.

Leaders of Nations Will Be Involved in Greater Perplexities Than They Every Thought Possible. Henceforth in our day, the nations are to be in a very uncertain state. Kings and rulers will be involved in greater perplexities than they ever thought possible, and this is because they are disobedient to the word of the Lord and work entirely contrary to His principles. The question now comes home to all who have their Bible: "Are we prepared to follow the Word of God?" "Whosoever will come after Me," said Christ, "Let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me" (Mark 8:34).

Cannot Depend On Priests, Rulers, or Lawmakers, but Must Cling Steadfastly to Christ. You cannot depend upon priests, rulers, human lawmakers, for, as in Christ's day they teach for doctrines the commandments of men. They know not the Scriptures nor the power of God. Man-made theories are placed above a plain "Thus saith the Lord." But the searching of the soul has come: Are we obedient to the law of God? Will every soul look up in faith and answer to God, as did Elisha, "As the Lord liveth, . . . I will not leave thee"? (2 Kings 2:2).--Whatever may come--persecution, reproach, falsehood, or anything that shall arise,--we will not leave the Source of our strength. We are to be proved and tried as in a furnace. Those who endure to the end will be saved. If our religious faith is spurious, it is of no manner of value.--Letter 12, 1897, pp. 14, 15. (To "Dear Brethren and Sisters,"

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS AND THE COMING IDOL SABBATH.

Church and State Unions Foreshadow a Recognition of Sunday. When religion is mixed with civil government, it means much to Seventh-day Adventists. A union of church and state means a recognition of a spurious sabbath, and a failure to respect conscientious observance of the fourth commandment.

As Nebuchadnezzar Tried to Induce the Worship of the Golden Image, so Men Will Try to Turn God's People From Their Allegiance to Him. This movement, demanding that all observe as sacred an idol sabbath, resembles the act of Nebuchadnezzar in making the golden image and setting it up for all to worship. . . . Human laws demand that it [the idol sabbath] be worshipped as sacred and holy, thus putting it where God's holy Sabbath should be. . . . As the advisers of Nebuchadnezzar hit upon the scheme of ensnaring the Hebrew captives and causing them to

bow to the idol by leading the king to proclaim that every knee should bow to the image, so men will strive today to turn God's people from their allegiance [to Him].... When power is allied with wickedness, it is allied to satanic agencies, and it will work to destroy those who are the Lord's property.

God's People Need to Move out Into the Country Because of the Setting up of the Idol Sabbath. The Protestant world have set up an idol sabbath in the place where God's Sabbath should be, and they are treading in the footsteps of the papacy. For this reason, I see the necessity of the people of God moving out of the cities into retired... [country places], where they may cultivate the land, and raise their own produce. Thus they may bring their children up with simple, healthful habits.--Letter 90, 1897, pp. 5-7. (To "Brother and Sister Lindsay," August 10, 1897.)

GLIMPSES of THE PERILS AND TRIUMPHS OF GOD'S PEOPLE IN THE COMING CONFLICT.

As God's Work Progresses the Great Controversy Will Wax Fiercer and Fiercer. There never will be a time in the history of the church when God's worker can fold his hands and be at ease, saying, "All is peace and security;" [for] then it is that sudden destruction cometh. Everything may move forward amid apparent prosperity, but Satan is wide awake, and is studying and counseling with his angels [with regard to] another mode of attack where he can be successful. The contest will wax more and more fierce on the part of Satan, for he is moved with a power from beneath. As the work of God's people moves forward with sanctified resistless energy, planting the standard of Christ's righteousness in the church, moved by a power from the throne of God, the great controversy will wax stronger and stronger, and will become more and more determined. Mind will be arrayed against mind, plan against plan,

God's Spirit Will Make Itself Felt on a Degenerate Christianity. The Spirit from the throne of God will make itself felt upon a degenerate Christianity--a corrupt world, ready to be consumed by the long deferred judgments of an offended God....

Many Will Stand in SDA Pulpits With the Torch of False Prophecy. Many will stand in our pulpits with the torch of false prophecy in their hands, kindled from the hellish torch of Satan. If doubts and unbelief are cherished, the faithful ministers will be removed from the people who think they know so much....

God Will Intervene to Bring Victory to the Third Angel's Message. God Himself will work for Israel. Every lying tongue shall be silenced. Angel hands shall overthrow the deceptive schemes that have been formed. The bulwarks of Satan will never triumph. Victory will attend the third angel's message. As the Captain of the Lord's host tore down the walls of Jericho, so will the Lord's commandment-keeping people triumph, and opposing elements be defeated....

Some Will Apostatize Who Bear the Ark No Longer, but Truth Will Triumph. Some will go out from among us who will bear the ark no longer. But these cannot make walls to obstruct the truth, for it will go onward and upward to the end....

As the Conflict Waxer Fiercer Satan Will Take the Field and Personates Christ. The conflict is to wax fiercer and fiercer. Satan will take the field and personate Christ. He will misinterpret, misapply, and pervert everything he possibly can, to deceive, if possible, the very elect....

False Believers Will Prove to Be Stumbling Blocks to God's People. Under the zeal of Satan, some have for a time the appearance of being in a flourishing condition, but it is only for a season. Satan carries them so far that they do despite to the Spirit of God....

Many who now claim to believe the truth, but who have no anchor, will be bound up with Satan's party. Those who have not worked on God's side of the question will be left to prove a stumbling block to those who have gained a living experience for themselves....

The purging and cleansing of the Lord will surely pass through every church in our land that has had great opportunities and privileges, and has passed them by unheeded.--Manuscript 92, 1897, pp. 4, 5, 8-12 God's Messengers, August 12, 1897.)

GROSS INJUSTICE WILL BE DONE TO SABBATH-KEEPERS IN THE COURTS.

"We Have a Law and by Our Law He Ought to Die," Will Be Repeated in the Courts in the Last Days. The Sabbath of the Lord is discarded and scorned, while a spurious sabbath, the child of the papacy, is accepted by the Protestant world and is cherished as supreme. But it has not a vestige of sacredness more than has any common working day. Men trample underfoot God's law and say to the people, as the Jews said of Christ, "We have a law, and by our law He ought to die" (John 19:7). Over and over this will be repeated in the courts. Christ tells us that in the world we shall have tribulation, but that in Him we shall have peace.

Those who live in the last days of this world's history will know what it means to be persecuted for the truth's sake. Injustice will prevail in the courts. The judges will refuse to listen to the reasons of those who are loyal and true to the commandments of God, and will say, "We have a law, and by our law he ought to die." God's law is nothing to them; "our law" with them is supreme. Those who respect this human law will be favored, but those who will not bow to the idol sabbath have no favors shown them. Those by whom they are tried utterly refuse to listen to their reasons, because they know that [the Sabbath-keepers] arguments in favor of the fourth commandment are unanswerable. All that is brought against the validity of the fourth commandment is of human invention....

As Long as Probation Lasts God's People Will Witness. The Lord has not left the world without witness. He has His loyal, chosen people. They do not make this world their home, but they are here, to witness for God, and, as long as probation lasts, a living witness will be borne by these faithful messengers. Satan and his angels confederate with men who yield to temptation against God's remnant people, the champions of righteousness. They strive to counteract their testimony and [endeavor] to destroy them....

Many Will be Cut off From House and Heritage. Many, because of their faith, will be cut off from house and heritage here, but they may still be filled with joy, if they will give their hearts to Christ.-- Manuscript 90, 1897, pp. 3-6, 9. ("God's Chosen People," August 1897.)

SATAN-CAUSED CALAMITIES Will COME WHEN GOD'S RESTRAINING HAND IS WITHDRAWN.

Calamities Coming on Cities Because Men Have Trampled on God's Law. The Lord gives warnings to the inhabitants of the earth, as in the Chicago fire, and the fires in Melbourne, London, and the city of New York. When God's restraining hand is removed, the destroyer begins his work. Then in our cities the greatest calamities will come. Is this because people do not keep Sunday?--no! but because men have trampled upon the law of Jehovah....

Coming, a Sudden Change in God's Dealings, Because Sunday Is Substituted for the Sabbath. Ere long there will be a sudden change in God's dealings. The Lord is prepared to visit the earth, for the iniquity of men is swelling to terrible proportions. "because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil" (Ecclesiastes 8:11). The Sabbath of the Bible is transgressed, and an idol sabbath framed to take its place. The common takes the place of the sacred. God's memorial of creation is torn down, and trampled under unholy feet. "Shall I not visit for these things? saith the Lord" (Jeremiah 5:9). The false has been placed where the true Sabbath should be, and those who have accepted this institution of papacy with religious frenzy act as did those who thought they had Christ in their power....

The Lord is teaching men that there are limits to His forbearance. In fires, in floods, in earthquakes, in the fury of the great deep, in calamities by sea and land, the warning is given that God's Spirit will not always strive with men. The times in which we live are times of great depravity and crime of every degree. Why?--because men, whom God has blessed and favored, have reduced His holy law to a dead letter, making void the law of God by the traditions and inventions of the man of sin....

Two Classes Are Developing Over Commandment-keeping. In proportion as the commandments of God are despised and set aside for the commandments of men, which bear not the least sanctity, the appreciation of those who have come out from the world, and have separated from it, is strikingly developed. On the other side, Satan through his masterly power will seek to obtain the supremacy. It is the last of the great controversy and will end in his destruction. There is a point in the iniquity of men when it is necessary that God shall interfere, and this point is being reached; and those who are loyal to God's commandments are more than ever bound to prize and love the law of God.

When the Time of Calamity Comes, the Nations Will Act on a Shortsighted Policy to Restore Papal Ascendancy. It As a terrible thing for a nation to wear out the patience of God. Each century of profligacy has treasured up wrath for its iniquity against the day of wrath. Christ is now bidding the abandoned of our day to fill up the

measure of their fathers in their iniquity When that time shall come, and their cup of iniquity is filled up, it will be demonstrated that to wear out the patience of God brings tremendous consequences to the disobedient. The nations of earth will act upon a shortsighted policy. Through their own course of action the priests and rulers will restore the lost ascendancy of the man of sin.--Manuscript 127, 1897, pp. 6-9. (Untitled Manuscript, November 22, 1897.)

LIVE WITH REFERENCE TO THE COMING FINAL JUDGMENT.

God's Glory Is Revealed as Much in Punishing Sinners as in His Merciful Dealings. It is the glory of God to be merciful, full of forbearance, kindness, goodness, and truth. But the justice shown in punishing the sinner for his iniquity is as verily the glory of the Lord as is the manifestation of His mercy....

The Vast Majority of Mankind Will Disregard God's Message of Mercy. The Lord has sent us, by His ambassadors, messages of warning, declaring that the end of all things is at hand. Some will listen to these warnings, but by the vast majority they will be disregarded. When Lot warned the members of his family of the destruction of Sodom, they would not heed his words, but looked upon him as a fanatical enthusiast. The destruction that came found them unprepared. Thus it will be when Christ comes--farmers, merchants, lawyers, tradesmen, will be wholly engrossed in business, and upon them the day of the Lord will come as a snare....

The Thoughts, Purposes, and Acts of God's Workers, Though Now Unseen, Will Reappear in the Day of Judgment. God's messengers are to hold aloft the standard of truth until the hand is palsied in death. When they sleep in death, the places that once knew them know them no more. The churches in which they preached, the places they visited to hold forth the word of life still remain. The mountains, the hills, the things seen by mortal vision, are still there. All these things must [also] at last pass away. The time is coming when the earth shall reel to and fro, and shall be removed like a cottage, but the thoughts, the purposes, the acts of God's workers, although now unseen, will appear at the great day of final retribution and reward. Things now forgotten will then appear as witnesses, either to approve or to condemn....

Those Who Retain Human Imperfections Will Not Be Vindicated in the Judgment. In the day of judgment, the course of the man who has retained the frailty and imperfection of humanity will not be vindicated. For him there will be no place in heaven. He could not enjoy the perfection of the saints in light. He who has not sufficient faith in Christ to believe that He can keep him from sinning, has not the faith that will give him an entrance into the kingdom of God....

Keep Before the People the Nearness of the End. At this time the message of mercy and warning is to go forth to awaken the world from its sleep of death. A work is to be done today that will live through the eternal ages. As watchmen entrusted with a special message, we are to keep before the people the nearness of the end. "Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of Him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that everyone may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath

done, whether it be good or bad" (Corinthians 5:9,10).

The Danger of Neglecting to Heed the Spirit's Appeals. The fast-fulfilling signs of the times declare that the great day of the Lord is right upon us. In that day, shall it be said of any of us, "This man was called by God, but he would not hear; he would not give heed? Again and again the Spirit moved upon his heart, but he said, 'Go thy way for this time; and when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee' (Acts 24:25). This man saw the Savior's sacrifice in a beautiful light, but some matter of minor importance came in, and his heart was captivated. When the Spirit spoke again, the call was not respected. Every gracious, heavenly influence was dismissed"--Manuscript 161, 1897, pp. 1, 3, 6, 8-10. ("Laborers Together With God," December 16, 1897.)

MYSTICAL BABYLON WARNED AND JUDGED.

Churches That Have Drunk Babylon's Wine Are to Hear a Startling Message. John [the Revelator] was directed by the "Alpha and Omega" to a people who in the last days were making void the law of God. But these churches which have drunk deeply of the wine of Babylon are to hear a startling message of truth which will reveal to them their true position. The loud cry, "Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication" (Revelation 14:8), has been [given], and will again be given. [Revelation 14:9-11, quoted.]

Revelation 13 Explains About the Apostate Power That Opposes God's Law. This is the judgment appointed in that great day to be executed upon all who have deceived the inhabitants of the earth, and caused them to believe the fatal lies that have been presented as truth. This is plainly brought to view in Revelation 13. Let all who will, read this definite explanation of the apostate power against the law of God: "And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, and His tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven, And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the earth. If any man have an ear, let him hear. He that leadeth into

In Revelation 14 John Sees a People Who Are Loyal to God's Law. In Revelation 14 John beholds another scene. He see a people whose fidelity and loyalty to the laws of God's kingdom grows with the emergency. The contempt placed upon the law of God only makes them reveal more decidedly their love for that law. It increases with the contempt that is placed upon it.

The Oppression Practiced by Nations Against God's People Comes Back Upon Them. By the Lord's appointment, all the evil that is countenanced and vindicated by a nation,--all injustice and oppression practiced against God's people for the truth's sake, all the device made to hinder and oppress them,--will return upon themselves. Mark God's dealings with nations, as recorded in His Word. Selfishness and oppression practiced by one nation on another has always brought the sure result. That oppression which they have made others to suffer, has come upon the oppressors themselves. One part of the nation rises

against the other part, and God allows that nation to destroy itself....

Those who have allowed officers to rule and govern by despotic power, have created a spirit of retaliation, and this will react upon those who have caused pain and suffering to their fellow men. Those who for many years rested on the seventh, and who sanctified and blessed the day of His rest. {note that here there is a page of the manuscript missing from our files}

The Protestant World Is Angry Because the Whole World Does Not Observe Sunday. The Protestant world has taken this child of papacy and cherished it, and called it Christ's day--the Christian Sabbath. But it is a spurious sabbath, an idol, placed where the Lord's day should be. And, like Cain the transgressor, [the Protestant world] is exceedingly angry, because the whole world does not regard it with the sacredness of the Sabbath of the Lord....

Worldwide Attention to Be Aroused Over the Sabbath Question. The everlasting gospel is to be proclaimed. "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment is come: and worship Him that made heaven, and earth, the sea, and the fountains of waters" (Revelation 14:6, 7). The attention of the people is to be called to the long neglected oracles of God. All kindreds and nations and people are to be aroused. Their minds are to be stirred, their attention called to the Word of God. Men are to hear the message that proclaims the soon coming of Christ. All are to open their eyes, and unstop their ears, and hear the message of the first angel, "Fear God, and give glory to Him, for the

The Man of Sin Is Worshipped in the Person of the Pope and His Representative the Cardinal. That God who made the world is the only object to whom human beings should bow. God has not given to human beings the power the power to claim homage to themselves. He has given to none the power to become an object of worship.... The man of sin is worshipped in the person of the pope and his representative, the cardinal. But God has not given this power to pope or prelate. The pope is not regarded by God as anything more than a man who is acting out in our world the character of the man of sin (see 2 Thessalonians 2:3, 4), representing in his claims that power and authority which Satan claimed in the heavenly courts.

The Saints to Whom Men Pray Are in the Grave Awaiting the Resurrection. Satan inspires these men who claim to be Christ's vicegerents upon earth. Prayers are offered to private saints in heaven for many favors. But these men are not in heaven. They lie in their graves until the coming of the Son of man in the clouds of heaven. Mary, the mother of our Lord, has not been raised. She is waiting the sound of the trump of God, which shall call the dead from their prison house. All the prayers offered to Mary fall to the ground. Mary's ears have not yet been pierced by the sound of the trump of God.

The question has been asked, "Do you not believe that we should pray to the dead apostles and saints?" No; for this would teach for doctrine, not a "Thus saith the Lord," but the "Thus saith" of the man

of sin, the son of perdition, "who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God" (2 Thessalonians 2:4).

"The mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the Spirit of His mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of His coming: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness (verses 7-12)....

Persecutors of Sabbath-keepers Cannot Understand Importance of the Sabbath. Those who trample upon God's law, make human laws which they will force the people to accept. Men will devise and counsel and plan what they will do. "The whole world keeps Sunday," they say, "and why should not this people, who are so few in number, do according to the laws of the land?" Because they are blinded by error, because they take their words from the lips of priests and human law-makers, they suppose that it does not matter if they do not keep the law of God instituted in Eden, when the foundations of the earth were laid, and all the sons of God shouted for joy. God's memorial was then given to man that he might honor the name of the living God who made the world in six days and sanctified and blessed the day of his rest.--Manuscript 163, 1897, pp. 2, 3, 5-10. ("The Third Angel's; Message." December 17, 1897.)

WHEN MEN FACE THE DAY OF JUDGMENT.

Christ's Thieflike Coming Overtakes Men Engaged in Their Various Occupations. Farmers, merchants, lawyers, tradesmen, will be wholly engrossed in business, and the day of the Lord will come upon them as a snare. When men are at ease, full of amusement, absorbed in buying and selling, then the thief approaches with stealthy tread. So it will be at the coming of the Son of Man....

Things Now Unseen Again Appear in the Day of Final Retribution, Either to Approve of to Condemn Those Judged. The time is coming when the mountains shall be shaken and removed as a cottage, but the thoughts, the purposes, the action, of the faithful worker for the Master, although now unseen, will appear again at the great day of final retribution. Things that now may seem a light matter, will then appear as witnesses, either to approve or condemn....

Faith Insufficient to Believe Christ Can Keep From Falling Will Be Insufficient to Save. In the great day of judgment, no man who has retained the frailty and imperfection of natural humanity, will be vindicated, for he could not enjoy the perfection of the characters of the saints in light. He who has not sufficient faith in Christ to believe that He can keep him from sinning, has not that faith that will give him an entrance into the kingdom of God.--, pp. 3, 7, 10. (To "My Ministering Brethren," December 19, 1897.)

THE NATURE AND SIDES OF THE FINAL CONFLICT.

Every Human Being Will Be Either in Christ's Army or Satan's Army in the Final Conflict. We are nearing the close of this earth's history, when two parties alone can exist; and every man, woman, and child, will be in one of these armies. Jesus will be the General of one army; of the opposing army, Satan will be the leader. All who are breaking and teaching others to break the law of God, the foundation of His government in heaven and earth, are marshaled under one superior chief, who directs them in opposition to the government of God. And "the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation," are rebels against the law of God, and enemies of all who love and obey His commandments. These subjects, with Satan their leader, will gather others into their ranks through every possible means, to strengthen his forces and urge his claims.

Satan's Deceptive Tactics to Deceive, If Possible, the Elect. Through his deceptions and delusions, Satan would, if possible, deceive the very elect. His is no minor deception. He will seek to annoy, to harass, to falsify, to accuse and misrepresent all whom he cannot compel to give him honor and help him in his work. His great success lies in keeping men's minds confused and ignorant of his devices, for then he can lead the unwary, as it were, blindfolded....

The Sabbath Is the Great Test Question That Will Distinguish the Loyal From the Disloyal. The Sabbath is the great test question. It is the line of demarcation between the loyal and true, and the disloyal and transgressor. This Sabbath God has enjoined, and, those who claim to be commandment-keepers, who believe that they are not under the proclamation of the third angel's message, will see the important part the Sabbath of the fourth commandment holds in that message. It is the seal of the living God. They will not lessen the claims of the Sabbath to suit their business or convenience.--Manuscript 34, 1897, pp. 1, 12. (Untitled Manuscript, n.d., 1897.)

PARALLELS BETWEEN CHRIST'S BETRAYAL, TRIAL, And CRUCIFIXION AND THE HORRIBLE PERSECUTION OF THE LAST DAYS.

The Jews, the Most Pious People on Earth, Crucified Christ. [In Matthew 27:26] we have a picture portrayed before us. Here the Light of the world, the Way, the Truth,, and the Life, without one charge proved against Him, without being convicted of a single crime, is given by the ruler [Pilate] to a shameful death. But who is responsible? In the day of God, before the assembled universe, who will suffer punishment for this act?--those who claimed to be the most pious people on earth....

When Christ Is Finally Rejected, the Religious World Will Take Satan's Side. The scene transacted in Jerusalem at the betrayal and rejection of Christ represents the scene that will take place in the future history of the world, when Christ is finally rejected. The religious world will take sides with the first great rebel, and will reject the message of mercy in regard to the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus....

There Are Only Two Classes, One Stamped With God's Seal, the Other

the Mark of the Beast. There are only two classes. Each party is distinctly stamped, either with the seal of the living God, or with the mark of the beast or his image. Each son and daughter of Adam chooses Christ or Satan as his general. All who place themselves on the side of the disloyal are under Satan's black banner and stand charged with rejecting and despitefully using Jesus Christ. They are charged with deliberately crucifying the Lord of life and glory.

God has a controversy with the world and with the professed Christians, who accept the fallacies of the great apostate, which are prepared to suit every class in the Christian world, and who discard the law of God pronounced by the inspiration of God's Spirit to be "holy, and just, and good."...

The Scenes of Christ's Trial Symbolize What Will Take Place at the End of Time. The scene of the judgment hall in Jerusalem is a symbol of what will take place in the closing scenes of the earth's history. The whole world will [either] accept Christ, the truth, or they will accept Satan, the first great rebel, and apostate, robber, and murderer. If they accept Satan, they identify their interests with the chief of all liars and with all who are disloyal, while they turn from a no less personage than the Son of the infinite God.

At the Final Judgment Rejectors of God's Law Will Be Condemned With Those Who Crucified Christ. When the world is at last brought up for trial before the great white throne, to account for their rejection of Jesus Christ, God's own Messenger to our world, what a solemn scene it will be. What a reckoning will be made for nailing to the cross One who came to our world as a living epistle of the law. He lived the law of God's government; He was an expression of God's character. And men who now reject God's law crucify the Son of God afresh. They identify themselves with those who crucified Him on the cross of Calvary between two thieves.

The World Will Not Improve Until God Punishes It for Its Iniquity.

The world is not improving. "Evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived" (2 Timothy 3:13). The world will not improve till God goes out of His place to punish the world for her iniquity. Then the earth shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain....

Christ's Betrayal, Rejection, and Crucifixion Will Be Re-enacted by Satan's Followers in the Last Days on an Immense Scale. The scenes of the betrayal, rejection, and crucifixion of Christ will again be re-enacted on an immense scale. People will be filled with the attributes of Satan. The delusions of the arch enemy of God and man will have great power. Those who have given their affections to any leader but Christ will find themselves under the control, body, soul, and spirit, of an infatuation that is so entrancing that under its power souls turn away from hearing the truth to believe a lie....

We Are Not to Be Surprised at Any Developments of Horror That Will Take Place. The scenes enacted at the cross are being re-enacted. In the churches that have departed from truth and righteousness, it is being revealed what human nature will be and do when the love of God is not an abiding principle in the soul. We need not be surprised at

anything that may take place now. We need not marvel at any developments of horror. Those who trample under their unholy feet the law of God have the same spirit as had the men who insulted and betrayed Jesus. Without any compunctions of conscience they will do the deeds of their father the devil. They will ask the question that came from the traitorous lips of Judas, "What will ye give me, if I betray unto you Jesus, the Christ?"...

By rejecting the divine Son of God, the personification of the only true God, who possessed goodness, mercy, and untiring love, and accepting a murderer in His place, the people showed what human nature can and will do, when the restraining Spirit of God is removed and men are under the great apostate. Just to that degree that light is refused and rejected will there be misconception and misunderstanding. Those who reject Christ and choose Barabbas will work under a ruinous deception. Misrepresentation, the bearing of false witness, will grow under open rebellion....

Some Judges, Lawyers, Jurors Will Embrace the Truth and in Turn Will Witness Before Kings and Rulers. From those who boldly witness for Christ, men will hear sacred truth that they never before heard it. In some hearts the seed will take root. The converting power of God will win souls from darkness to light. Some of the very men on the judgment seat, lawyers and jurors, will embrace the truth, and in their turn will confess Christ before kings and rulers by their loyalty to all the commandments of God, especially the Sabbath command, which will be made, as it always has been, the test question....

Men and Women Who Appear to Believe the Truth Will Be Demoralized. Christ showed that, without the controlling power of the Spirit of God, humanity is a terrible power for evil. Unbelief, hatred of reproof, will stir up satanic influences. Principalities and powers, the rulers of the darkness of this world, and spiritual wickedness in high places will unite in a desperate companionship. They will be leagued against God in the person of His saints. By misrepresentation and falsehood they will demoralize both men and women who to all appearances believe the truth. False witnesses will not be wanting in this terrible work.

Christ Will Restore the Life Taken. "And ye shall be betrayed by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolk, and friends; and some of you shall they cause to be put to death. And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake. But there shall not an hair of your head perish. In your patience possess ye your souls" (Luke 21:16-19). Christ will restore the life taken, for He is the Life-giver, and He will beautify the righteous with salvation and immortal life. ...

The Sea Will Pass Its Borders; Ships and Passengers Will be Hurried Into Eternity. Christ's eye takes in the retribution that will be visited upon all the adversaries of God.... A world is represented in the destruction of Jerusalem, and the warning given then by Christ comes sounding down the line to our time: "And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring" (Luke 21:25). Yes... [the sea and the waves] shall pass their borders, and destruction will be in their track. They will engulf the ships that sail upon their broad waters, and with the burden of their living freight, they will be hurried into eternity, without time to repent.

There will be calamities by land and sea, "men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory" (Luke 21:26, 27).--Manuscript 40, 1897, pp.. 4, 6, 8-11, 13. ("Christ or Barabbas," n.d., 1897.)

SATAN-INSPIRED MEN WHO TORTURE And KILL GOD'S SAINTS WILL SUFFER DIVINE VENGEANCE In THE FINAL JUDGMENT.

Satan inspired Men May Take Temporal Life, but Cannot Touch the Life Hid in Christ. With Satan at their head to imbue them with his spirit, men may afflict God's people; they may cause pain to the body; they may take away the temporal life, but they cannot touch the life that is hid with Christ. We are not our own. Soul and body, we have been bought with the price paid upon the cross of Calvary, and we are to remember that we are in the hands of Him who created us. Whatever Satan may inspire evil men to do, we are to rest in the assurance that we are under God's charge, and that by His Spirit He will strengthen us to endure.

Religious Persecution Is the Greatest Evidence That Professed Christians Are Controlled by Satan. There is no greater evidence that Satan is working than that men who profess to be sanctified to God's service persecute their fellow-beings, because they do not believe the same doctrines that they themselves believe. These will rush with fury against God's people, falsifying, stating things they know are untrue, thus showing that they are inspired by him who is an accuser of the brethren and a murderer of the saints of God.

If God Permits Persecution It Is No Evidence That He Does Not Care. But if God permits tyrants to do with us as the priests and rulers did to His Son, shall we give up our faith and go back to perdition? It is not because God does not care for us that He permits these things to be, for He declares, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints" (Psalm 116:15). "He shall deliver the needy when he crieth; the poor also, and him that hath no helper. He shall spare the poor and needy, and shall save the souls of the needy. He shall redeem their soul from deceit and violence: and precious shall their blood be in His sight" (Psalm 72:12-14).

All Wrongs Done to God's People Will Be Avenged at the Final Judgment. The time is soon to come when the Lord will say, "Come, My people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thee 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: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain" (Isaiah 26:20, 21). Let the many who claim to be Christians be full of satanic hatred, because they cannot force the consciences of God's people; not long hence they will stand before, not earthly judges, but before the Judge of all the earth, to render an account for the pain they have caused the bodies and souls of God's heritage. They may indulge now in false accusations; they may deride those whom God has appointed to do His

For every drop of blood drawn forth by torture, for all they have

burned by fire, they will receive punishment. God will reward them double for their sins. They have drunk the blood of the saints, and have become intoxicated with exultation. God says to His ministers of judgment, "Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double. How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her; for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow. Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord who judgeth her" (Revelation 18:6-8).--Manuscript 45, 1897, pp. 8, 9. ("The Crucifixion," n.d., 1897.)

DEMON INTELLIGENCE UNITED WITH WICKED MEN Will PERSECUTE
COMMANDMENT-KEEPERS.

Rejectors of Truth, Though Apparently Pious, Will Enact Oppressive Laws. The followers of Christ should bear in mind that all the evil speeches made against Christ, all the abuse that He received, they must, as His followers, endure for His name's sake. The piety of the church may professedly be of a high order, but when the truth of the word of God is brought to bear upon the heart, and when conviction of truth is rejected and despised, that they may keep in friendship with the majority, they place themselves--that humanity which might be sanctified, refined, purified, ennobled, by obedience to the commandments of God--as rejecters of truth and light, on the side of the enemy. Satan stirs them up by a power from beneath, with an intensity that reveals his enmity to God and His laws. They enact human laws that are oppressive and galling.

Christ's People Will Be Hated Without Cause as He Was Hated Without Cause. As Christ was hated without cause, so will His people be hated without cause, merely because they are obedient to the commandments of God and do His works in place of working directly contrary to them. If He who was pure, holy, and undefiled, who did good and only good in our world, was treated as a base criminal, and condemned to death without a vestige of evidence against Him, what can His disciples expect but similar treatment, however faultless may be their life and blameless their character.

Commandment-keepers Must Be Prepared to Be Arrested and Hailed Before Councils. Human enactment, laws manufactured by satanic agencies under a plea of goodness and restriction of evil, will be exalted, while God's holy enactments are despised and trampled underfoot. And all who prove their loyalty by obedience to the law of Jehovah must be prepared to be arrested, to be brought before councils that have not for their standard the high and Holy law of God, but have made stringent laws inspired by him whose attributes were manifested at the trial of Christ. "We have a law," these men said, "and by our law he ought to die" (John 19:7)....

In these religious zealots we have a sample of what humanity will do when they have the word that lighteth every man that cometh into the world, and work directly contrary to it, irrespective of the consequence, the future retribution upon their neighbors or themselves....

Demon Intelligence Will Rend and Destroy Those Whose Consciences It Cannot Control. The kingdom of darkness is extending over the world, and is embracing every sphere of action of men. There are evil spirits working effectually upon every mind that can be led into apostasy through any cause whatever. The spirit of evil energizes the children of rebellion.... A demoniacal spirit takes possession of men, in our world. They combine the perverted animal life with the perverted human animal-intelligence, making them human demons, detestable in the sight of God in proportion as they manifest the attributes of the satanic. Demon intelligence by culture, will rend and destroy man formed in the divine similitude, because he cannot control the conscience of his brother and make him disloyal to God's holy law...

Satan was not a rough specimen of humanity. He had been one of the highest angels next to Christ. All his beauty and intelligence and excellence were derived from God. But he misapplied his powers... He has an ever increasing energy in using that acquired knowledge. Thought is poisoned, and the force of wickedness, the abuse of his powers to hurt and destroy God's heritage, will measure the daring of humanity, and their cruel satanic treatment of man against his fellow man. The more pain they can cause, the more complete is their work in destroying God's heritage, and the more joy they give to the fallen apostate.

Trampers on God's Law Do Not Realize the End of the Dark Tunnel They are Passing Through. The world is represented in the apostate churches who are trampling upon the word of God, transgressing His holy law. They know not what spirit they are of, nor the end of the dark tunnel through which they are passing. They are hastening forward, deceived, deluded, blind, to the first and second deaths. The vast tide of human will and human passion is leading to things they did not dream of when they discarded the law of Jehovah for the inventions of man, to cause oppression and suffering to human beings....

The wicked rulers, the apostate churches, have been converted to the world, and they show just exactly what they would do in this age of the world, if they dared. If Christ were on the earth today, they would have no more desire for Him than had the Jewish nation at His first advent. Ruler's and teachers, who have caused souls to stumble over their perverted teachings; statesmen, senators, governors, all people who might have understood the prophecies, but who did not read and search to see if they were applicable for this time and concerned their individual selves, will be taken in the snare. They will read eternal loss. They will suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy....

Transgression Against God's Law Is Always Leagued Against Good. There is no warfare between Satan and the sinner, between fallen angels and fallen men. Both possess the same attributes, both are evil through apostasy and sin. Then let all who read these words understand for a surety that, wheresoever transgression against God's holy law exists, there will always be a league against good. Fallen angels and fallen men will unite in desperate companionship. Satan inspires the disloyal elements to work in harmony with his spirit.--Manuscript 104, 1897, pp. 3-6, 9. ("Condemned by the Jews," n.d., 1897)

THE SECOND ADVENT JUDGMENT And THE POSTMILLENNIAL JUDGMENT, WHEN THOSE WHO TORTURED THE SAINTS Will SUFFER BODILY PAIN. 1d97m137

The Publicity of the Second Advent Judgment When Sentence Is Passed Upon the World. The Lord Jesus would have all understand the publicity of His second appearing. The judgment scene will be held in the presence of all the worlds, for in this judgment the government of God will be vindicated and His honor, His law, stand forth as "holy, and just, and good" (Romans 7:12). Then every case will be decided, and the judgment sentence passed upon the whole world. Sin will not then appear attractive, but will be seen in all its hideous magnitude. Then will be seen the relation in which we stand to God and each other....

When God's people are clothed with white robes, and crowned as true subjects of His kingdom, those who have been disloyal will see the inconsistency of their [not] uniting with the loyal to honor and magnify the law of God, which they have educated themselves to disregard....

All Who Cause God's People to Suffer Will Experience Suffering in Their Bodies. Christ had such an experience in His humanity that He would be close beside everyone who passes through suffering for the truth's sake--those who are tortured, imprisoned in dungeons, and bound in chains. And all who cause His people to suffer, will experience this suffering in their own bodies, be they pope, legate, priest, or people. They will understand in that day that they were dealing with Christ in the person of His saints. Then they will understand what these words mean, "the wrath of the Lamb" (Revelation 6:16). Those who have tried to lay their plans in councils, and by their superior numbers gained power to oppress the saints of God, to compel them to dishonor and disobey their Redeemer, will understand the work they have done upon the earth as enemies of God, betrayers of sacred trusts. They will then

The General Judgment Takes Place at the End of the Millennium. [Jesus] says, "Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear His voice, And shall come forth" (John 5:28, 29). This voice is soon to resound through all the nations of the dead, and every saint who sleeps in Jesus shall awake and leave his prison house. The general judgment shall take place at the end of the one thousand years. Whoever has disowned Christ, betrayed Him in the person of His saints, will then see the result of his work....

Pilate and Herod Will Be Judged by Christ Whom They Condemned. Christ will then sit on the throne of judgment. He will not stand before the bar of Pilate or Herod. He is the judge, and Pilate and Herod stand before the Man whom they scourged and delivered up to the will of His enemies, while priests and rulers clamored for the death of their Messiah. Pilate and Herod, who suffered the Lord to be scourged, and those who scourged Him, those who struck Him in the face and mocked Him, will understand what it means to meet the wrath of the Lamb.--Manuscript 137, 1897, pp. 1-3, 5, 6. ("The Judgment," n.d., 1897.)

SDAS SHOULD AVOID POLITICAL STRIFE AND REMAIN DISTINCT.

The present time will bring dangers which we must individually be prepared to meet. The Lord has a work which is above the world's seeking. To those who have not the mind of Christ, the features of our faith and our work, the great object to be accomplished, is far above

their comprehension and unseen. But we are not to come down from our position of ever remaining a people distinct and peculiar from the world. Our vocation is high, holy, and elevated. Our faith, if appreciated, will keep all true believers from political strife. We are to work for the spiritual recovery of mankind to God, to bring them under His theocracy. Then only are we a safe people... --Manuscript 139, 1897, pp. 6, 7. ("The Work Before God's People," n.d., 1897)

IF THE CHURCH IS AWAKE, IT WILL DISCERN THE MOVEMENTS OF THE ENEMY.

Peculiar and rapid changes will soon take place, and if the church is not asleep, if the followers of Christ watch and pray, they may have light to comprehend and appreciate the movements of the enemy.-- Manuscript 151, 1897, p. 4. ("An Appeal to Our Churches in Behalf of Home Missionary Work," n.d., 1897.)

LUKEWARM ADVENTISM a CANDIDATE FOR THE SEVEN LAST PLAGUES.

If God's Church Becomes Lukewarm, It Stands in as Much Disfavor as Apostate Churches. The third angel's message is the last message of mercy, the last message of warning to a fallen world. If the church of God becomes lukewarm, it does not stand in favor with God any more than do the churches that are represented as having fallen and become the habitation of devils and the hold of every foul spirit, and the cage of every unclean and hateful bird....

Professed SDAS Without Consecration and Vitality Receive the Plagues. Those who have had opportunities to hear and receive the truth, and who have united with the Seventh-day Adventist church, calling themselves the commandment-keeping people of God, and yet possess no more vitality and consecration to God than do the nominal churches, will receive of the plagues of God just as verily as the churches who oppose the law of God.--Letter 35, 1898, pp. 6, 7. (To J.

E. White, January 1, 1898.)

SDAS AND INVOLVEMENTS IN POLITICS.

Men Who Have Trampled on God's Rights Will Accept Unreasonable Beliefs. Divisions will constantly arise. Unholy principles will be brought to the front. All classes will be called to take their stand on one side or the other. Christ says of one class, "Let them alone." Men who have so long trampled upon the rights of God, who have accepted the idol sabbath, will accept very strong and unreasonable beliefs.

Alliances Found With Political Movements Bring Confusion and Entanglements. The Lord is not in the alliances that are being formed with political movements. They are bound to bring confusion and great entanglement.

If God Calls You to Political Work, Do It, Your Arm Linked 'With Christ's. If God has a work for any of His commandment-keeping people to do in regard to politics, reach the position and do the work with your arm linked in the arm of Christ. The salvation of your own souls should be your greatest study.--Letter 4, 1898, pp. 7, 11-13. (To "My brethren," February 20, 1898.,)

THE SUNDAY LAW, The LAW AGAINST THE SABBATH, AND THE MARK OF THE BEAST.

Satan to Exercise His Power Above Anything Known Satan is coming down in great power. He is now in the world and is to exercise his power above anything you know of...

Difference Between Sunday Closing Laws and Laws Forbidding Sabbath-keeping. With regard to the Sunday question: If they should come here [the Echo Publishing House] and say [that] you must close up your work and your presses on Sunday, I would not say to you, .."Keep your presses going," because the conflict does not come between you and your God. When they go a little further and say, "You must keep Sunday and you shall not observe Saturday," then everyone that took... [that] position would have the mark of the beast.

If the authorities should say, "Don't you carry on work here on Sunday"... You can go on missionary work and make that a day in which you will see what you can accomplish in the work of drawing souls to Jesus Christ, for God, does not want us to gratify the devil by defying the powers....

Drawing the Line Regarding the Sunday Law. Then there are other things that they may draw the line on, but we are not ready for the line to be drawn here in regard to the Sunday law. You just go to work, everyone of you, to disappoint the devil and see how much you can do, how many souls you can bring into the truth.--Manuscript 163, 1898, pp. 3, 7, 8. ("Address by Mrs. E. G. White to Echo [Publishing House] Employees," April 14, 1898.)

LABORERS THAT CONTINUE TO COUNTERWORK GOD'S WORK WILL BE PURGED OUT.

At the eleventh hour the Lord will gather a company out of the world to serve Him. There will be a converted ministry. Those who have had privileges and opportunities to become intelligent in regard to the truth, and yet who continue to counterwork the work God would have accomplished, will be purged out, for God accepts the service of no man whose interest is divided. He accepts the whole heart, or none.--Manuscript 64, 1898, p. 9. ("The Danger of Rejecting Light," May 6, 1898.)

WHO RECEIVE POWER FROM THE ANGEL OF REVELATION 18 AND WHO CATCH THE FIRST LIGHT OF THE SECOND COMING.

Those Who Follow the Lamb Whithersoever He Goeth Receive Power From the Angel of Revelation 18. The whole earth is to be lightened with the glory of the Lord. The pure in heart shall see God. It is those who are following the Lamb whithersoever He goeth that will receive power from the angel that came down from heaven "having great power" (Revelation 18:1). The first message [of Revelation 14] is to be repeated, proclaiming the second advent of Christ to our world. The second angel's message is to be repeated, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. 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

This prophecy will be fulfilled, and the earth will know that the Heavens do rule. Christ is coming with power and great glory. He will come with all the holy angels with Him. He will come with His own glory and with the glory of the Father.

The Saints Will Catch the First Light of Christ's Second Appearing. While all the world is plunged in darkness, there will be light in every dwelling of the saints. They will catch the first light of His second appearing. What a day that will be, when the unsullied light will shine from His splendor, and Christ, the Redeemer, will be admired by all who have received Him. All who have served Him will catch the undimmed rays of the glory and brightness of the King in His majesty.--Manuscript 91, 1898, pp 2,3. (Untitled Manuscript, June 17,1898.)

EXPLANATION CONCERNING The BOOK WITH SEVEN SEALS.

The Book Contained in Symbolic Language a Detailed History of the World Including the Church. "And I saw in the right hand of Him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the back side, sealed with seven seals. And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof? And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth was able to open the book, neither to look thereon" (Revelation 5: 1-3).

There in His open hand lay the book, the roll of the history of God's providences, the prophetic history of nations; and the church. Herein was contained the divine utterances, His authority, His commandments, His laws, the whole symbolic counsel of the Eternal, and the history of all ruling powers in the nations. In symbolic language was contained in that roll the influence of every nation, tongue, and people from the beginning of earth's history to its close.

This roll was written within and without. John says: "I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon" (Verse 4) The vision as presented to John made its impression upon his mind. The destiny of every nation was contained in that book. John was so distressed at the utter inability of any human being or angelic intelligence to read the words, or even to look thereon, his soul was wrought up to such a point of agony and suspense, that one of the strong angels had compassion on him, and laying his hand on him assuringly, said, "Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book.

John continues: "I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth. And He came and took the book out of the right hand of Him that sat upon the throne" (Verses; 6, 7).

The Book Contained No Blank Spaces. As the book was unrolled, all who looked upon it were filled with awe. There were no blanks in the book. There was space for no more writing. "And when He had taken the

book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for Thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by Thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation. And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth. And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; Saying with a loud voice,

The Fourth Horseman and the Souls Under the Altar. "And I looked, and behold a pale horse and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with the sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth. And when He had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost Thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow-servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled" (Revelation 6:8-11).

The Seventh Seal Broken--Silence in Heaven for Half an Hour" And when He had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour. And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets. And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand" (Revelation 8:1-4).

The Spirit of Dissension and Confusion Seen in the Church Under the Third and Fourth Seals Will Be Repeated Among Those Who Refuse to Follow the Light Given in Living Oracles. The same spirit is seen today that is represented in Revelation 6:6-8). History. is to be repeated. That which has been will be again. This spirit works to confuse and to perplex. Dissension will be seen in every nation, kindred,, tongue, and people, and those who have not had a spirit to follow the light that God has given through His living oracles, through His appointed agencies, will become confused. Their judgment will reveal weakness. Disorder and strife and confusion will be seen in the church.---Letter 65, 1898, pp. 6-9, 12. (To Brethren "Griggs and Howe," August 23, 1898.)

THE ANGEL OF REVELATION 18 JOINS AND DIRECTS THE LOUD CRY OF THE THIRD ANGEL.

Some Will Want to Bind About God's Work When the Loud Cry Is Sounded. Unless those who can help are roused to a sense of their duty, they will not recognize the work of God when the loud cry of the third angel shall be heard. When light goes forth to lighten the earth, instead of coming up to the help of the Lord, they will want to bind about His work to meet their narrow ideas. Let me tell you that the

Lord will work in this last work in a manner very much out of the common order of things, and in a way that will be contrary to any human planning.

The Angel of Revelation 18 Joins the Third Angel in Giving the Message. There will be those among us who will always want to control the work of God, to dictate even what movements shall be made when the work goes forward under the direction of the angel who joins the third angel in the message to be given to the world. God will use ways and means by which it will be seen that He is taking the reins in His own hands. The workers will be surprised by the simple means that He will use to bring about and perfect His work of righteousness.--Manuscript 121b, 1898, p. 2. ("Danger of Restricting the Work," October 1, 1898.)

MYSTERIES CONCERNING The RESURRECTION AND THE BIBLE REVEALED.

Christlikeness Does Not Destroy the Individual Appearance of Our Resurrected Loved Ones. God's greatest gift is Christ, whose life is ours, given for us. He died for us, and was raised for us, that we might come forth from the tomb to a glorious companionship with heavenly angels to meet our loved ones and to recognize their faces, for the Christlikeness does not destroy their image, but transforms it into His glorious image. Every saint connected in family relationship here will know each other there.

We Shall Have a Better Understanding of the Bible When We Get to Heaven. When we are redeemed, the Bible will be understood in a higher, broader, and clearer sense than it now is. The veil that has hung between mortality and immortality will be rent away. We shall see His face.--Letter 79, 1898, p. 7. (To Harmon Lindsay, October 3, 1898)

JUST AS SOON AS GOD'S SPIRIT IS WITHDRAWN SATAN MOVES IN WITH HIS CALAMITIES.

Already the Spirit of God, insulted, refused, abused, is being withdrawn from the earth. Just as fast as God's Spirit is taken away, Satan's cruel work will be done upon land and sea. The air is filled with the poison malaria. Judgments by fire and flood will increase in fearfulness, for Satan claims his harvest of souls in the destruction.--Manuscript 134, 1898, p. 8. ("The Youth to Improve Their Capabilities," October 19, 1898.)

WHEN ALL THE WORLD WONDERS AFTER THE BEAST.

The Whole Human Creation Seems to Wonder After the Beast. Satan is working to the utmost to make himself as God, and to destroy all who oppose his power.... It seems that the whole human creation wondered after the beast. The kings and rulers of the earth, those who are called noblemen, think themselves altogether too great to submit to the yoke of Christ, but they are willing to bow at Satan's bidding.

The Restless Activity of the Forces of Evil. Behold Satan's miracle-working power. Every object in the earth, in the air, and in the water has been employed to confirm his claims. Those who yield to these claims are alive with intense activity, one influencing and stimulating another by confirming, the greatness and glory of their

kingdom. See the activity, the restless surging of the masses in their determination to take and occupy the place of the throne of God. What eagerness, what rage they exhibit in their religious enthusiasm. Mark the defiant rebellion written in their countenances. Their warfare is against their Creator and Redeemer. How vast is the procession they form! How mighty they think themselves to be in their countless numbers.

Amid the Scene of Demon-worship John Saw God's Commandment-keeping People. But they do not see all things. The cloud of judicial wrath hangs over them containing the elements that destroyed Sodom. John saw this multitude. This demon-worship was revealed to him, and it seemed as if the whole world was standing on the brink of perdition. But as he looked with intense interest, he beheld a company of God's commandment-keeping people. They had upon their foreheads the seal of the living God, and he exclaimed: "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them" (Revelation 14:12, 13). [Revelation 14:14-20, quoted.]

The Revelation for Souls When the Storm of God's Wrath Breaks Upon the World. When the storm of God's wrath breaks upon the world, it will be a terrible revelation for souls to find that their house is being swept away, because it is built upon the sand.--Manuscript 139, 1898, pp. 12-14. ("An Appeal for Missions," October 21, 1898.)

MEN IN POSITIONS OF POWER, WHO MISUSE THIS POWER, WILL BE BROUGHT INTO JUDGMENT.

God Will Bring Into Judgment Unjust Men in the Legal Profession. At the present time there are those placed as jurors, senators, lawyers, and judges, who forget that God is a party to all their transactions, and that He will call them to give an account of all their injustice toward their fellowmen in causing the innocent to suffer and the guilty to escape. Men have so long done this that they have forgotten God. "Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil" (Ecclesiastes 8:11). But the God of truth is a witness to every false oath, and the Holy One that inhabiteth eternity will not serve with their sins.

The Divine Watcher Is Aware of Injustices Practiced. No man can violate justice in the common courts of today, but he will sooner or later understand that all fraud, all deception, will stand open to the universe of heaven and to the inhabitants of earth. God has given to men the talents of reason, of speech, of discrimination, and if they pervert God's gifts and use them to work fraud and unrighteousness and injustice, the Lord will surely bring them into judgment. God is either served by the reason and talents He has entrusted to men, or He is dishonored by them. He sees the transactions of the children of men. No one can practice falsehood, no one can receive a bribe to clear men from the consequences of their guilt and fasten the wrong upon the innocent, but the Lord will bring them into judgment for it.

Transgressors of God's Law Holding High Positions Will Be Brought to Judgment. This will be a serious matter for those who have assumed the responsibility of administering justice, and who for the sake of gain have done injustice to their fellowmen. Those men who are standing in responsible positions may know that whatever dishonors God is a transgression of His law, and places them at the bar of God, to render an account for their deeds. These men who have supposed that they can violate the principles of righteousness, and that it will come out right in the end, may know that for all these things the Lord will bring them into judgment...

Those That Corner the Grain Market, Causing the Poor to Suffer, Will Be Judged. Men have chosen to stand, not under the bloodstained banner of Prince Immanuel, but under the rebel flag to do the works of a rebellious prince. They may have sold their souls for money; they may have taken the Lord's money to purchase wheat and the facilities whereby poor men live, that they may extort from the Lord's creatures the highest prices; they make for themselves princely fortunes, but for all this the Lord says He will bring them into judgment....

The cries of starving humanity are coming up before God, while these men bow down to their senseless idols as verily as do the heathen to their gods of wood and stone. Though the whole world were in league to prove it otherwise, ever dollar gained in this unholy traffic wraps a curse up with it. The larger the bank stock, the more surely will be the judgment of God.--Letter 89, 1898, pp. 8-10.)

CHRIST DISPENSES THE REWARDS AND PUNISHMENTS In THE JUDGMENT OF THE LAST DAY.

The Coming General Judgment Is Held in the Presence of All the Worlds. In His teachings, Christ sought to impress human minds with the coming judgment and its publicity. This is not the judgment of a few individuals, or a nation, but of a whole world of human intelligences of accountable beings. And that judgment must be held in the presence of the world, that the love, integrity, the service of man for God may be glorified and honored on the largest scale.

Christ Has Authority to Execute Judgment Because of His Superadded Humanity. "The Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son" (John 5:22). He was given His authority to execute judgment, "because He is the Son of man" (Verse 27). In His superadded humanity consists the reason of Christ's appointment. God hath committed all judgment unto the Son, for without controversy He is God manifest in the flesh. (See 1 Timothy 3:16.)

The Words Spoken to the Jewish Leaders at Jesus' Trial Will Appear to Them in the Judgment of the Last Day as if Written in Letters of Fire. God designed that the Prince of sufferers in humanity should be judged of the whole world. He who submitted to be arraigned before an earthly tribunal; He who came from the heavenly courts to save man from eternal death; He whom men despised, rejected, and upon whom they heaped all the contempt of which human beings, inspired by Satan, are capable He who suffered the ignominious death of the cross, He alone was to pronounce the sentence of reward or of punishment. When every man shall be judged as his works have been, then the words spoken to...

[the Jewish leaders] in the judgment hall, "Hereafter shall the Son of man sit on the right hand of the power of God" (see Matthew 26:64), will appear before them as if written in letters of fire. Under the

Every Crown Given to the Saints Will Be Bestowed Upon Them by Christ's Own Hand. Every crown that is given to the saints of the Most High will be bestowed by the hand of Christ--those hands that cruel priests and rulers condemned to be nailed to the cross. The marks of those wounds will be as bright as beams coming from His hands....

The Scene of the First Sabbath and the Giving of the Law Will Be Presented to Men at the Second Advent Judgment. The Son of man will come in the clouds of heaven in His own glory and the glory of His Father, and all the holy angels. There will be no lack of honor and glory. In that day the law of God is to be revealed in its majesty, and men who have broken that law, and stood in defiant rebellion against its holy precepts, will understand that law which they have despised, discarded, and trampled underfoot is God's standard of character. Every commandment-keeping soul, every transgressor, will have placed before him the scene when the Sabbath was first given to man in Eden, when the foundations of the earth were laid, and all the sons of God shouted for joy. Then it was that the Sabbath was instituted. This scene will be vividly brought before every mind. Those who have administered in word

Christ's Second Coming Will Not Lack Glory. All heaven recognized the first advent of Christ.... And will Christ's second coming be wanting in glory?--No! He comes in triumph. At His death creation shrouded itself in darkness, and all nature sympathized with His sorrow and humiliation; and nature will testify her triumph at His second appearing....

The same Jesus whose atonement has been rejected, whose followers have been despised and reviled, will be "revealed from heaven with the mighty angels, in flaming fire talking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of His power" (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9). Then shall "all the kindreds of the earth... wail because of Him" (Revelation 1:7)

The Wail of the Lost Reaches Heaven, But Is Echoed Back. Too well do the unprepared inhabitants of earth know what to expect. Satan cannot pay a ransom for their souls, and poor, deluded professed Christians, who have been content to let the ministers do their searching of the Scriptures, see that they will receive as their works have been. Those, too, who have wrested the Scriptures and taught for doctrines the commandments of men, see that they must answer for the souls of those whom they have led into error and apostasy. A wail of despair and agony reaches heavenward, but it is echoed back to earth. Louder, far louder than any human cry, is the last trumpet's sound, and far above all is heard the voice of Omnipotence: "Depart from Me, ye that work iniquity" (Matthew 7:23).--Manuscript 39 1898 pp. 1-3,6-9. ("The Day of Reckoning," November 22, 1898.)

LESSONS FROM THE VISION OF ZECHARIAH 4.

Satan Will Use Unconsecrated Hearts to Present the Characters of God's People as Stumbling Blocks. "Who art thou, O great mountain?"

(Zechariah 4:7). Satan is constantly at work to make as forbidding as possible the establishment of God in our world. There will be difficulties to obstruct the work of God, for Satan through his masterly power will use unconsecrated hearts to present the characters of the professed people of God to the world as a stumbling block. The precious truths which they hold are not practiced in their lives. While there are those who will advance, there are others who think so much of their individual selves, that they cannot see that which needs to be done at the right time. There is no harmony of spirit of action. They magnify the difficulties. But as those who seek to carry out God's plans advance, the great mountain becomes a plain....

Those Whose Souls Are Purified of All Defilement Triumph With the Third Angel's Message. All the powers of darkness, represented by the great mountain, will melt away as God's people move forward with the mind of Christ.... The truth of the third angel's message is bound to triumph, and those who purify their souls from all defilement will triumph with it. When the human agent will give up his own important ideas in regard to himself, when he will bear in mind that he is working in sight of the universe of heaven, then his piety will be sweet and fragrant. It will not be of that kind which tastes so strong of the dish--one's own human feelings and attributes...

The Meaning of the Two Olive Trees of Zechariah 4. Here is the explanation of the olive trees [of Zechariah 4:3]: They take of the Holy Spirit of God and empty the holy oil out of themselves into the clean, pure, sanctified souls that are prepared to receive it. This is the kind of oil that the wise virgins had,--oil that one could not communicate to another. Each individual must prepare his soul for himself through humbleness of mind, by wearing Christ's yoke, and learn of Him.--Letter 108, 1898, pp. 2-5. ("To the Brethren and Sisters in Rockhampton," November' 25, 1898.

THE DANGER OF MINGLING WITH THE WORLD.

The Peace and Safety Cry Will Hush Many to Slumber. Those who hide their light will soon lose all power to shine. They are represented by the foolish virgins, and when the crisis comes and the last call is made, "Behold, the Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet Him," they will find that while they have been mingling with the world, their light has gone out. They did not continue to provide themselves with the oil of grace. The peace and safety cry hushed them to slumber and made them careless in regard to their light....

Those Awaiting Christ's Appearing Will Not Be Mingling With Pleasure Societies. Those who are watching and waiting for the appearing of Christ in the clouds of heaven will not be mingling with the world in pleasure societies and gathering merely for their own amusement. As faithful watchmen they will be found proclaiming, "The morning cometh, and also the night."...

The time is coming when it will be too late to use the light we may have. Then the decree will go forth: "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him, be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. And, behold, I come quickly; and My reward is with Me, to give to every man according as his work shall be. I am Alpha and

Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city" (Revelation 22:11-14).--Manuscript 4, 1898, pp. 2-4. ("The Christian's Duty," n.d. 1898.)

CHRIST PROMISES TO BE WITH HIS PEOPLE.

Christ Promises to Be the Refuge of His Elect When They Stand Before Unprincipled Officials. The elect people of God will stand before men in official position, who do not make the Word of God their guide and counsellor, but who follow their unconsecrated, undisciplined impulses. Those who have taken a position to be loyal and true, to do the commandments of God, will understand their own experience, that they have adversaries who are moved by a power from beneath.... Christ's disciples, like their Master, will be followed by continual temptation, but Christ is their refuge, as He was the refuge of the importunate widow...

God Takes Greater Pleasure in His Struggling Church Than in Heavenly Angels. He who dwelleth in the heavenly sanctuary judgeth righteously. His pleasure is more in His church, struggling with temptation here below, than in the imposing host of heavenly angels that surround His throne. Those who wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places, are His special care...

Christ the General of the Heavenly Armies, Is on the Field of Battle Leading His People. The General of armies, with His angels that excel in strength, is with His people on the field of battle. The adversary of souls is determined to oppose all who plant their feet on the platform of eternal truth, who in this perilous time uplift the banner on which is inscribed, "The commandments of God and the faith of Jesus." But rest assured that Christ fights with His army. He Himself leads His followers to the battle. In this hour of peril be steadfast. Christ will renew the strength of every faithful soldier.--Manuscript 33, 1898, pp. 4, 9, 10. ("The Unjust Judge," n.d., 1898.)

COUNTERACT FALSEHOOD AND PREJUDICE In THE COMING CONFLICT BY UPLIFTING CHRIST.

Caution Against Awakening Prejudice by Ill-advised Words. We should be careful to avoid leaving an impression on human minds that will cut off our influence with them and hedge up our way. We may tie our hands and hinder our work because by some unadvised word or action of ours, we may have awakened prejudice. "For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: As free, and not using your liberty for a cloak of maliciousness, but as the servants of God" (1 Peter 2:15,16).

Avoid Retaliating Against Those Who Are Ignorant of Our Work, But Stand Firmly for the Sabbath. There must be no sharp retaliation between brother and brother, or against those who know not God, or Jesus Christ whom He has sent. These men are in darkness and error, and what we as a people restrain from doing that we may leave a correct impression upon their minds will do more to give a correct knowledge of

the work in which we are engaged than all efforts to maintain the liberty given us by God. But when any requirement is made that shows disrespect to the seventh-day Sabbath, we are to refuse compliance. Here eternal interests are involved, and we are to know the ground we should occupy.

Do Not Fly Into a Passion Because Your Liberty to Work on Sunday Is Taken Away. Those who compose our churches have traits of character that will lead them, if they are not very careful, to feel indignant because, on account of misrepresentation, their liberty in regard to working on Sunday is taken away. Do not fly into a passion over this matter, but take everything in prayer to God. He alone can restrain the power of rulers. Walk not rashly. Let none boast unwisely of their liberty, using it for a cloak of maliciousness, but as the servants of God. "Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king" (Verse 17).

This advice is to be of real value to all who are to be brought into straight places. Nothing that shows defiance, or that could be interpreted as maliciousness, must be shown. [1 Peter 2:18-24, quoted.]

God Will Give Words to Speak in the Perplexing Ordeals Before Us. This instruction is given to us all. Ministers are to take heed, and with pen and voice echo the words of God. When we are called upon to violate the law of God, we shall be given wisdom from above to answer as did Christ,--"It is written." Speak as few words of your own arrangement as possible, but have your heart supplied with the sharp arrows of God's furnishing. If God, the great master-workman, is with us, we shall pass through the perplexing ordeals before us, as firm as a rock to principle, obeying God rather than man. This attitude will bring victories which our lack of faith has led us to regard as hopeless and impossible. These definite instructions were for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.

How to Deal With Falsehoods That Will Be Circulated Against Us. Our greatest necessity is a pure, clean heart, and an understanding mind. All kinds of malicious falsehoods were circulated against Christ, and they will be circulated against God's commandment-keeping people. How shall we prove these to be false? Shall it be by building up a wall between us and the world? Christ's prayer answers this point: "I pray not that Thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that Thou shouldest keep them from the evil" (John 17:15). While our work is aggressive, it must be conducted on Bible principles. All our enterprises are to be carried forward with Christlike simplicity, patience, forbearance, and love for God and for Christ. Our work is to convince, not to condemn. The human beings around us possess like infirmities with ourselves. They have been educated by the clergy that

Hurling Thunderbolts Will Not Disarm Prejudice. We must stand on the platform of eternal truth, as laborers together with God. We are not to hurl thunderbolts at those in error, but uplift Christ before them, and bid them behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. We are not to storm their ears with prejudice, because this is not the way to break down prejudice. Paul, the faithful witness for Christ, gave this dying charge to Timothy: Timothy 4:1-8, quoted.

Do Not Come Down to the Same Level as Unreasonable, Wicked Men. In dealing with unreasonable and wicked men, those who believe the truth are to be careful not to bring themselves down to the same level, where they will use the same satanic weapons that their enemies use, by giving loose rein to strong personal feelings, and arousing against themselves and against the work the Lord has given them to do--passions and bitter enmity. Keep Jesus uplifted. We are laborers together with God. We are provided with spiritual weapons, mighty to the pulling down of the strongholds of the enemy. We must in no case misrepresent our faith by weaving unchristlike attributes into the work. We must exalt the law of God, as binding us up with Jesus Christ and all who love Him and keep His commandments.--Manuscript 46, 1898, pp 1-11. "The Work Before God's People," nd., 1898.)

RELATION BETWEEN THE ANGEL OF REVELATION 18 AND THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON.

Satan Inspired Persecution and the Meaning of the Work of the Angel Revelation 18. Satan's agents have not been sparing of the blood of the saints. Christ's true followers are kind, tender, pitiful. They will realize the meaning of the work of the angel of Revelation eighteen, who is to lighten the whole earth with his glory, while he cries with a loud voice, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen" (Revelation 18:2). Many will heed this call.

The Religious Elements, Good and Evil, Awaken for Armageddon When the Angel of Revelation 18 Lights the Earth With His Glory. We need to study the pouring out of the seventh vial. The powers of evil will not yield up the conflict without a struggle. But Providence has a part to act in the battle of Armageddon. When the earth is lighted with the glory of the angel of Revelation eighteen, the religious elements, good and evil, will awake from slumber, and the armies of the living God will take the field.--Manuscript 175, 1899 pp, 4,5. (Diary, copied January 28, 1902.)

THIS LIFE IS OUR LAST AND ONLY OPPORTUNITY TO PREPARE FOR HEAVEN.

We are living in the last days. God will be our strength, our support, our ever present helper, if we will only trust in Him. We are to make the best of our present opportunities. There will be no other probation given to us in which to prepare for heaven. This is our only and last opportunity to form characters which will fit us for the future home which the Lord has prepared for all who are obedient to His commandments.--Letter 20, 1899, pp. 8, 9. (To Philip Wessels, February 3, 1899.)

THE ANGEL OF REVELATION 18 AND THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON.

Health Reform, Promoted by Medical Missionaries, to Be Part of the Last Great Effort to Proclaim the Gospel Message. Health reform is to stand out more prominently in the proclamation of the third angel's message.... It is the Lord's design that the restoring influence of health reform shall be a part of the last great effort to proclaim the gospel message. Our physicians are to be God's workers. They are to be men whose powers have been sanctified and transformed by the grace of Christ. Their influence is to be knit up with the truth that is to be

given to the world. In perfect and complete unity with the gospel ministry, the work of health reform will reveal its God-given power. Under the influence of the gospel great reforms will be made by medical missionary work....

The Message of the Angel of Revelation 18 Is a Link in a Series That Began in Eden. The message in regard to the fall of Babylon must be given. God's people are to understand in regard to the angel who is to lighten the whole world with his glory, while he cries mightily, with a loud voice, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen" (Revelation 18:2). The solemn events which are now taking place belong to a series of events in the chain of history, the first link of which is connected with Eden. Let the people of God prepare for what is coming upon the earth. Extravagance in the use of means, selfishness, heresies, have taken the world captive. For centuries satanic agencies have been at work. Will they now give up without a struggle?

Satan and His Angel's Have Come Down With Power to Deceive Earth's Dwellers. There are only two parties in our world, those who are loyal to God, and those who stand under the banner of the prince of darkness. Satan and his angels will come down with power and signs and lying wonders to deceive those who dwell on the earth, and, if possible, the very elect. The crisis is right upon us. Is this to paralyze the energies of those who have a knowledge of the truth? Is the influence of the powers of deception so far-reaching that the influence of the truth will be overturned?

Christ Is Soon to Lead Forth the Armies of Heaven in the Battle of Armageddon. The battle of Armageddon is soon to be fought.. He on whose vesture is written the name, King of kings and Lord of lords, leads forth the armies of heaven on white horses, clothed in fine linen, clean and white. John writes: "I saw heaven open, and behold a white horse; and He that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He doth judge and make war. His eyes are as a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns; and He had a name written, that no man knew, but He Himself.. And He was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood, and His name is the Word of God.

"And the armies which were in heaven followed Him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of His mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it He should smite the nations: and He shall rule them with a rod of iron: and He treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And He hath on His vesture and on His thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS. "And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; that ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great." "And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered

TWO SIDES In THE FINAL CONFLICT OVER THE SABBATH OF GOD'S LAW.

Satan's Efforts to Exalt Himself by Substituting Sunday for the Sabbath. We are nearing the close of this earth's history. Satan is making desperate efforts to make himself God, to speak and act like God, to appear as one who had a right to control the consciences of men. He strives with all his power to place a human institution in the position of God's holy rest day. Under the jurisdiction of the man of sin, men have exalted a false standard in complete opposition to God's enactment. But God had put His seal upon His royal requirement. Each Sabbath institution bears the name of its Author--an ineffaceable mark that shows the authority of each. The first day of the week has not one particle of sanctity. It is the production of the man of sin, who strives in this way to counteract God's purposes.

Sabbath-keeping Distinguishes the Loyal From the Disloyal. God has designated the seventh day as His Sabbath, the memorial of the creation.... This is the distinction drawn between the loyal and the disloyal. Those who have the seal of God in their foreheads must keep the Sabbath of the fourth commandment. This is what distinguishes them from the disloyal, who have accepted a man-made institution in the place of the true Sabbath. The observance of God's rest-day is the mark of distinction between him that serveth God and him that serveth Him not....

When the False Sabbath Is Substituted for the True Universally, God Will Shake Terribly the Earth. The substitution of the false for the true is the last act in the drama. When this substitution becomes universal, God will reveal Himself. When the laws of men are exalted above the laws of God, when the first day of the week is exalted above the seventh, know that the time has come for God to work. He will arise in His majesty to shake terribly the earth. He will come out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the world for their iniquity,--the transgression of His law,--and the earth shall disclose her blood and shall no more cover her slain....

Professing Christians Who Are Willing to Be Led by False Theories Will Be Lost. Professing Christians think that the more contempt they place upon the law [of God], the more commendable are they in God's sight.... Those who are willing to be led by false theories and unsound doctrines, who build their hopes for eternity on sliding sand will find, when trial comes, that storm and tempest will sweep away their refuge of lies. Their structure falls and they perish; they are lost, lost for eternity....

Mighty Works Done Under Satan's Inspiration Will Become Increasingly Apparent. "Many will say unto me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Thy name: and in Thy name have cast out devils? and in Thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from Me, ye that work iniquity" (Matthew 7:22, 23). Many mighty works are done under the inspiration of Satan, and these works will be[come] more apparent in these last days....

The Two Opposing Sides Disclosed in the Last Great Day of Battle. There are only two classes in the world today, and only two classes are recognized in the judgment--those who violate God's law, and those who keep that law. Two great opposing powers are revealed in the last great

day of battle. On one side stands the Creator of heaven and earth, all on His side bear His signet, they are obedient to His every command. On the other side stands the prince of darkness with those who have chosen apostasy and rebellion.

In the Judgment God's Law Will Be Seen to be Holy, Just, and Good. When the judgment shall sit and everyone shall be judged by the things written in the books, the authority of God's law will be looked upon in a light altogether different from that in which the Christian world now regards it.... In the judgment it will be recognized as holy, just, and good in all its requirements. Those who transgress this law will find that they have a serious account to settle with God, for His claims are decisive.--Manuscript 27, 1899 , pp. 1-3, 8-10. ("The Great Standard of Righteousness," March 19, 1899.)

COUNSELS REGARDING SDA WORK In THE SOUTHERN UNITED STATES.

Counsels and Cautions in the Face of Persecution in the Southern Field. Yesterday [November 20] extracts were read from letters from your pen in reference to our brethren in the Southern field. This subject is a very delicate one to handle, and I would not have anything to say upon it if I did not feel that I dare not withhold light that has been given to me... How carefully we should be in giving advice, lest our counsel should result in great evil and suffering. It is much better for the families to go out into other cities or some other country, but never encourage [in them to show] a spirit of defiance and resistance, even if they are placed in the chain gang. The bigotry that exists, the prejudice against truth to sustain religious error is firm, for the human agent is stirred, with hellish power from beneath.

Caution Regarding the Evangelization Of Blacks in the South. There is a matter in regard to which I have written--the introduction of the truth among the colored people. This cannot be done in any haphazard way; neither can advice be given to the believers and those who teach the truth to be presumptuous. When the period comes in the Southern states to do as did the three worthies, who refused to bow to Nebuchadnezzar's image, that time will present decisions for or against the commandments of God.

Do not make prominent the objectionable features of our faith, which strike most decidedly against the customs and practices of the people, until the Lord shall give the people a fair chance to know that we are believers in the divinity of Christ and in His pre-existence....

"And He shewed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him" (Zechariah 3:10). These things are written for our benefit, and we are to study the Word in all these things now, for they concern us particularly. There is [coming] a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation. Our work is to study to weed out of all our discourses everything that savors of retaliation and defiance and making a drive against the churches and individuals, because this is not Christ's way and method. He did not pronounce scathing rebukes against those who knew not the truth, but against those whom God had made depositories of sacred responsibilities, [against] people chosen

and favored with every temporal and spiritual advantage, and yet bearing no fruit.--Letter 35, 1895, pp. 1, 3. (To A. T. Jones, November

THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL REVEAL HIMSELF In UNEXPECTED TIMES AND WAYS.

The Comforter is to reveal Himself, not in any specified, precise way that man may mark out, but in the order of God--in unexpected times and ways that will honor His' own name.--Letter 6, 1896, p. 3. (To "Brethren Who Occupy Responsible Positions in the Work," January 16, 1896.)

THE DECEPTIVENESS OF COMING DELUSIONS.

Everything is to be shaken that can be shaken, that those things that cannot be shaken may remain. ... The delusions that are coming upon a world that has turned from the truth will be of such a deceptive power that the apostle, under the inspiration of the Spirit of God, declares, "If it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect" (Matthew 24:24).--Letter 6, 1896, pp. 7, 8. (To "Brethren Who Occupy Responsible Positions in the Work," January 16, 1896.)

LATTER-DAY REJECTORS OF LIGHT

Rejectors of the Messages God Has Sent Will Hear Most Startling Declarations [In the future] there will be a message borne, and those who have rejected the messages God had sent, will hear most startling declarations. The Holy Spirit will invest the announcement with a sanctity and solemnity that will appear terrible in the hearts of those who, would not hear the pleadings of Infinite Love, and who have not responded to the offer of pardon and forgiveness. Injured and insulted deity will speak, proclaiming the sins that have been hidden.

Rebuked, Rejectors of Light Will Have No Power to Act. As the priests and rulers, full of indignation and terror, sought refuge in flight at the cleansing of the temple, so will it be in the work for these last days. The woes that will be pronounced upon those who have had light from heaven, and did not heed it, will feel [hatred], but will have no power to act.--Letter 6, 1896, p. 5. (To J. H. Kellogg, January 19, 1897.)

THOSE WHO FAIL TO RECEIVE THE EARLY RAIN WILL NOT UNDERSTAND THE VALUE OF THE LATTER RAIN.

We may be sure that, when the Holy Spirit is poured out those who did not receive and appreciate the early rain will not see or understand the value of the latter rain.--Letter 8, 1896, p. 9. ("To My Brethren in America," February 6, 1896.)

EVERY MAN'S RESPONSIBILITY WILL Be REVEALED IN THE JUDGMENT.

I urge you to consider what the opening of the Books of heaven will reveal. The book of remembrance will confront you in the judgment bar, revealing in distinct lines the longsuffering of God. God could cut you down as a cumberer of the ground, but instead He points you to an open door, and says, "Repent ... and be converted, that your sins

may be blotted out" (Acts 5:19).

In the judgment, when every case is decided, there will be revealed in its fullness the responsibility of every man. You will realize the influence you might have held over other souls, had you stood under the blood stained banner of Jesus Christ. How interwoven is the web of human influence. The course of action followed by every man has a direct bearing upon the lives of others. I have had presented to me the solemn scenes of the judgment, and I now ask you to stop and consider, "How is it with my soul?"--Letter 52, 1899, p. 3. (To a friend, March 23, 1899.)

The Wicked Will Confess That God Is Just.

In the Last Great Conflict the Man of Sin Will Fully Work out the Principles of Disobedience. Mighty, invisible powers are acting their part in the affairs of men in the last great conflict. The warfare will be so conducted that the power that has exalted itself above God, and has enlisted souls in rebellion against God, will work out fully the principles of disobedience. Every mouth shall confess [to] the glory of God. (See Philippians 2:10.) It will be plainly seen that the principles of righteousness and obedience to God's law are above all powers and [that] the retribution that falls upon transgressors is just.

Though the Wicked Confess That God Has Dealt Righteously, They Receive No Second Probation. The unfallen worlds and the heavenly universe will see the true result of the apostasy of Satan, and will acknowledge God as the living and only true God. The forces of rebellion will confess God's righteousness, but their acknowledgment will not give them another probation. Their cases are forever settled. After the second resurrection, Satan, the root, and his children, the branches, will perish together.--Letter 25, 1900, pp. 2-4. (To "My Dear Sister Wessels," February 15, 1900.)

LOYALTY AND DISLOYALTY TO GOD'S, COMMANDMENTS.

A Mark Is Placed on God's People Today as a Mark Was Placed Over the Doors of the Hebrews. The Israelites placed over their doors a signature of blood to show that they were God's property. So every child of God in this age will bear the signature God has appointed. They will place themselves in harmony with God's holy law. A mark is placed upon every one of God's people, just as verily as a mark was placed over the doors of the Hebrew dwellings to preserve the people from the general ruin. God declares, "I gave them My Sabbaths, to be a sign between Me and them, that they might know that I am the Lord that sanctify them" (Ezekiel 20: 12)....

Efforts of the Man of Sin to Exalt the False Sabbath. We are living in a momentous period of this earth's history. The great conflict is just before us. We see the world corrupted under the inhabitants thereof. The man of sin has worked with a marvelous perseverance to exalt a spurious sabbath, and the disloyal Protestant world has wondered after the beast, and has called obedience to the Sabbath instituted by Jehovah disloyalty to the laws of the nation. Kingdoms have confederated to sustain a false sabbath institution, which has not a word of authority in the oracles of God.

Satanic Agencies Have Made the Earth a Stage for Horrors. In the record of the vision given to John, we read, "And the dragon was wroth with the woman [the church], 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). Satanic agencies have made the earth a stage for horrors which no language can describe. War and bloodshed are carried on by nations claiming to be Christians. A disregard of the law of God has brought the sure result.

The Two Sides in the Spiritual Conflict. The great conflict now being waged is not merely a strife of man against man. On the one side stands the Prince of life, acting as man's substitute and surety; on the other, the prince of darkness, with the fallen angels under his command. "We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand." "Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil" (Ephesians 6:12, 14, 10, 11).

God's Commandment-keeping People Should Maintain Their Loyalty in Spite of Attempts to Make Void His Law. There will be a sharp conflict between those who are loyal to God and those who cast scorn upon His law. The church has joined hands with the world. Reverence to God's law has been subverted. The religious leaders have taught for doctrines the commandments of men. As it was in the days of Noah, so it is in this age of the world. But shall the prevalence of disloyalty and transgression cause those who have revered the law of God to have less respect for it, to unite with the powers of earth to make void God's law? The truly loyal will not be carried away by the current of evil. They will not throw scorn and contempt on that which God, has set apart as holy. The test comes to everyone. There are only two sides. Which are you on?--Manuscript 39, 1899, pp. 6-8. ("Loyalty or

PERSECUTORS OF GOD'S PEOPLE WILL BE PUNISHED IN PROPORTION TO THE SUFFERING THEY CAUSE.

Satan Inspired Men Can Persecute Unto Death, But Can Do No More. Today men may persecute even unto death in an effort to make their fellowmen worship an idol sabbath which had been brought into existence by the man of sin, who thinks to change times and laws. But to torture and put to death the body is all they can do.... Under his direction men have inflicted untold pain and misery on their fellowmen. But they have never been able to harm the soul....

God's Punishment of Persecutors Will Be Proportional to the Pain They Cause. The ruler of the universe bears long with the perversity of men, but He keeps a record of their works, and in proportion as they have caused pain to others, they will themselves be punished....

Satan Imbues His Followers With His Own Spirit of Malignity. A spirit of exasperation, of revenge, of hatred, works in the children of disobedience, as it worked in the first great rebel. He imbues his followers with every species of malignity against those who cannot be

induced to join his ranks. Gaping prisons are opened before them. They are threatened with the chain gang and the stocks. Thus men treat those who worship God according to the dictates of their own conscience. Have they forgotten that as they judge and punish, so will they be judged and punished?

Persecutors of Commandment-keepers Will Be Punished in Proportion to the Pain They Have Inflicted. God has said, "Touch not mine anointed, and do My prophets no harm" (1 Chronicles 16:22). Men have borne false witness against God's chosen ones. They have bruised their limbs with fetters and burnt them at the stake. The Lord will avenge his children. As men have carried out the spirit and purposes of Satan in causing pain to human beings, so will they suffer. Thus will they perish who have done all in their power to compel men to transgress the law which God has commanded all to obey.--Manuscript 42, 1899, pp. 1-3. ("Kept in Trial," March 28, 1899.)

THE WORK OF ADVANCING THE GLORY OF CHRIST BEGUN IN THIS LIFE WILL BE TAKEN UP IN THE LIFE HEREAFTER.

Your work, my work, will not cease with this life. For a little while we may rest in the grave, but when the call comes, we shall take up our work in the kingdom of God to advance the glory of Christ. But this holy work must be begun upon earth.--Manuscript 42, 1899, p. 7. ("Work in Christ's Lines," March 29, 1899.)

THE UNION OF ROMANISM WITH PROTESTANTISM AND THE MARK OF THE BEAST.

Rome Is Confident She Will Eventually Bring the Protestant World Under Her Banner. The Roman Church has not relinquished her claim to infallibility, and, when the world and the Protestant churches accept a spurious sabbath of her creating, while they reject the Sabbath of Jehovah, they virtually acknowledge this claim. They may cite the authority of the apostles and fathers as evidence and authority for this change, but the fallacy of their reasoning is easily discerned. The papist is sharp enough to see that Protestants are deceiving themselves, willingly closing their eyes to the facts in the case. As the Sunday institution gains favor, he rejoices, feeling assured that it will eventually bring the whole Protestant world under the banner of Rome....

The Mark of the Beast Will Be Received by Those That Obey the Decree Enforcing the Counterfeit Sabbath. But the time to receive the mark of the beast, as designated in prophecy, has not yet come. There are true Christians in every church, not excepting the Roman Catholic communion. None are condemned until they have had the light and have seen the obligation of the fourth commandment. But, when the decree shall go forth enforcing the counterfeit sabbath, and the loud cry of the third angel shall warn men against the worship of the beast and his image, the line will be clearly drawn between the false and the true. Then those who still continue in transgression will receive the mark of the beast.

A Union of Protestant Churches With the State, Resulting in the Enforcement of Sunday, Ends in National Ruin. With rapid steps we are approaching this period. When Protestant churches shall unite with the

secular power to sustain a false religion, for the opposing of which their ancestors endured the fiercest persecution, then will the papal sabbath be enforced by the combined authority of church and state. There will be a national apostasy, which will end only in national ruin....

Though Clothed in Christlike Garments, the Papacy Remains Unchanged. The papacy is still the same. She may clothe herself in Christlike garments, the better to carry forward her purposes, but she still retains the venom of the serpent. Her principles are exerting their influence in legislative halls, in churches, and in the hearts of men, but she is the same as in the days of the Reformation, when men of God stood up at the peril of their lives to expose her iniquity. Popery is the same as when it assumed the power to control kings and princes, and claimed the prerogatives of God. Its spirit is no less cruel and despotic now than when it crushed out human liberty and slew the saints of the Most High.

Papists Are Surprised at the Compromises and Concessions Made by Protestants. Protestants have tampered with, and patronized popery by compromises and concessions, giving her vantage ground which papists themselves are surprised to see and fail to understand. The Protestant world needs to be aroused to resist the advances of this most dangerous foe to civil and religious liberty.

The Image of the Beast Is Formed When Protestant America Enforces Papal Decrees. When the state shall enforce the decrees and sustain the institutions of the church, then will Protestant America have formed an image of [the] papacy. Then the true church will be assailed by persecution as were God's people in ancient times.

Satan Will Excite Apostate Christendom to Crush Liberty Of Conscience. Satan will excite the indignation of apostate Christendom against the humble remnant who conscientiously refuse to accept their customs and traditions. Blinded by the prince of darkness, popular religionists will see only as he sees, and feel as he feels. They will determine as he determines, and oppress as he oppresses. Liberty of conscience, which has cost this nation so great a sacrifice, will no longer be respected. The church and the world will unite, and the world will lend to the church her power to crush out the right of the people to worship God according to His word.

The Decree That Goes Forth Against God's People Will Be Similar to Ahasuerus's Decree. The decree which is to go forth against the people of God in the near future is in some respects similar to that issued by Ahasuerus against the Jews in the time of Esther. The Persian edict sprang from the malice of Haman toward Mordecai. The same masterful mind that plotted against the faithful in ages past is now at work to gain control of the fallen churches, that through them he may condemn and put to death all who will not worship the idol sabbath. We have not to battle with men, as it may appear; we war not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against wicked spirits in high places. But if the people of God will put their trust in Him, and by faith rely upon His power, the devices of Satan will be defeated in our time as

The Decree Against Those Who Refuse the Mark of the Beast Will

First Boycott Then Condemnation to Death. The decree is to go forth that all who will not receive the mark of the beast shall neither buy nor sell, and finally, that they shall be put to death. But the saints of God do not receive this mark. The prophet of Patmos beheld those that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having the harps of God and singing the song of Moses and the Lamb...

Live Peaceably With All Men, If Possible, But When National Laws Conflict With God's Law, Obey Him. Paul writes to the Romans, "If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men" (Romans 12:18). But there is a point beyond which it is impossible to maintain union and harmony without the sacrifice of principle. Separation then becomes an absolute duty. The laws of nations should be respected when they do not conflict with the laws of God. But when there is collision between them, every true disciple of Christ will say, as did the apostle Peter, when commanded to speak no more in the name of Jesus, "We ought to obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29).--Manuscript 51, 1899, pp. 6-12. ("The Seal of God," April 2, 1899.)

GOD PROTECTS EVERY INDIVIDUAL SOUL That BEAR HIS SIGN OR MARK.

Each individual soul is on trial for his life. Has he given God that which belongs to Him? Has he surrendered to God all that is His as His purchased possession? All who cherish the Lord as their portion in this life will be under His control, and will receive the sign, the mark of God, which shows them to be God's special possession. Christ's righteousness will go before them, and the glory of the Lord will be their rearward. The Lord protects every human being who bears His sign.

WHEN THERE IS INTENSE ACTION By THE POWERS OF DARKNESS GOD'S PEOPLE ARE TO COOPERATE WITH him.

Great deception will come to the minds of men. They will acquiesce in the theory of the truth, but they do not apply the truth to the life. Therefore they do not become one with Christ. Our day is signalized by an intensity of action on the part of the powers of darkness, for the enemy sees that he has but a short time to work. The Lord would have us wide awake and gathering with Christ, preparing His truth to go from nation to nation, until it belts the world. The intensity of Satan is setting in operation every evil work to counteract the efforts of the heavenly universe. God's people are to cooperate with Him and no longer retard the final completion of His eternal plan.--Letter 77, 1899, p. 6, 7. (To Brother and Sister John Wessels, May 1, 1899.)

THE DESTRUCTION OF JERUSALEM a FORESHADOWING OF THE DESTRUCTION OF THE WORLD BY FIRE.

The ceremonial piety of the Jews was of no value with God, and calamity was permitted to come upon the nation, because they refused the only means which could bring them light and knowledge. Christ forewarned His disciples of the destruction of Jerusalem and the signs to take place prior to the coming of the Son of man. The whole of the

twenty-fourth chapter of Matthew is a prophecy concerning the events to precede this event, and the destruction of Jerusalem is used to typify the last great destruction of the world by fire.

ALL WILL RECEIVE SUFFICIENT LIGHT TO MAKE DECISIONS REGARDING THE Sabbath.

If Satan Can Induce a Union of the Church and the World, Man-made Commandments Will Supplant the Sabbath. Men do not seem to understand that they are taken in Satan's snare when they attempt to tamper with the law of God. Satan has them in just the position he wants them when they manufacture laws to control the world and place those laws where God's laws should be. The enemy knows that, if the church can be controlled by political enactments, she will lose her garments of light as did Adam and Eve. If he can lead the church to unite with the world and accept worldly enactments, they virtually acknowledge him as their head. Then the authority of man-made commandments will work to oppose the rule of the government of heaven. Under the leadership of Satan the knowledge of good and evil will work to dispense with the righteous, holy enactments of God concerning the Sabbath, the observance of which

Satan Has Gained in the Professed Christian World What He Hoped to Gain in Heaven. Satan's plan has taken with the religious world. He has created an order of things entirely his own, making void the law of God. He sits in the temple as God. Through his deceptive workings he has gained in the professedly Christian world all that he thought to gain in heaven--an abrogation of the law of Jehovah. Through the Roman power he has worked to remove God's memorial and has erected a memorial of his own, to sever God from His people; and today the Protestant world is estranged from God by their worship of a spurious sabbath. They cannot find one iota of divine authority for doing this, yet, full of zeal, they assert that the Lord's memorial given at creation should be ignored, despised, and trampled upon, and the first day of the week... [substituted in] its place....

God's People Not to Assume Power to Enforce the Sabbath of the Fourth Commandment. There must be no assumption of power on the part of God's chosen people. Those who take their orders from Christ must not snatch at power and seek to compel everyone else to observe the law of Jehovah. This is not to be. Even Christ, as the prince of life, would not seize the scepter of power and carry out His laws of righteousness. Man must wait patiently until the time when the work shall be accomplished, and every human being has had an opportunity to decide upon the light given. Decisions will be made for and against God. The Sabbath of the fourth commandment will be the test.

The Separation of the Righteous and the Wicked Will Be Based on Their Decision Regarding God's Law. Every man will decide his own case by his decision in regard to the law of Jehovah, then the world will ripen for the harvest. Both classes will be developed, the sentiment of every heart will be revealed. Each party will gather under its chosen leader, as loyal to God and His commandments, or as transgressors of the law, with the first great rebel at their head.

All Will Be Judged According to the Light They Received. All must wait for the appointed time, until the warning shall have gone to all parts of the world, until sufficient light and evidence has been given

to every soul. Some will have less light than others, but each one will be judged according to the light received. Not until the fullness of the time shall come will the crucified and risen Saviour assume His equality with God. Patiently He has waited in the heavenly courts in behalf of His people who have suffered for their loyalty to Him. Patiently He waits for the gospel of the kingdom to be preached to all parts of the world until all nations, kindreds, tongues, and people have received the light of God's word.--Manuscript 77, 1899, pp. 12-

15. ("God's Law Immutable," May 14, 1899.)

THE SECRET WORKING OF SATAN THROUGH THE MAN OF SIN REVEALED

The Efforts of the Man of Sin to Induce All to Accept His Mark. He who endeavored to change God's law by instituting a spurious sabbath uses every device to induce men and women to unite with him in his apostasy and, under his leadership, the Christian world has chosen another mark than that of God....

Satan's Strategy Unmasked. God has declared that the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord. But the great apostate says, "I will work at cross purposes with God. I will empower by delegate, the man of sin, to take down God's memorial, the seventh-day Sabbath. Thus I will show the world that the day sanctified and blessed by God has been changed. That day shall not live in the minds of the people. I will obliterate the memory of it. I will place in its stead a day bearing not the credentials of God, a day that cannot be a sign between God and His people. "

I will lead the people to accept this day, to place upon it the sanctity that God placed upon the seventh day. Through my vice-gerent I will exalt myself. The first day [of the week] will be extolled, and the Protestant world will receive this spurious sabbath as genuine. Through the non-observance of the Sabbath God instituted, I will bring His law into contempt. The words, "A sign between Me and you throughout your generations," will make to serve on the side of my sabbath. Thus the world will be mine. I will be the ruler of the earth, Prince of this world.

"I will so control the minds under my power that God's Sabbath will be an object of contempt. A sign? I will make the observance of the seventh day a sign of disloyalty to the authorities of earth. Human laws will be made so stringent that men and women will not dare observe the seventh-day Sabbath. For fear of wanting food and clothing, they will join with the world in transgressing God's law, and the earth will be wholly under my dominion.--Manuscript 82, 1899, pp. 6, 8, 9. ("In the Master's Service," May 21, 1899.)

WHEN EVERY CASE IS DECIDED IN THE HEAVENLY COURTS, GOD WILL BRING FORTH HIS TEN-COMMANDMENT covenant

When every case is decided in the courts of heaven, this covenant [, the ten commandments,] will be brought forth, plainly written with the finger of God. The world will be arraigned before the bar of Infinite Justice to receive sentence--a life measuring with the life of God for obedience, and death for transgression.--Manuscript 82, 1899, p, 10. ("In the Master's Service," May 21, 1899.)

CAUTIONS CONCERNING THE BUILDING OF OUR INSTITUTIONS NEAR THE
RULERS OF THE LAND AND LIVING IN THE CITIES

Do Not Build a Sanitarium in a Beautiful Location Near the "Grandeess," For It Will Arouse Prejudice. We who cannot read the future may make plans for the present which appear altogether consistent--the very plans in our human judgment: which should be made. But with our finite judgment, we cannot discern the future perplexities involved in our selection of a location for a sanitarium [in Sydney, Australia]....

Beautiful locations are fascinating, and from a human standpoint it would seem to the very best thing we could possibly do to select a site among the wealthy. We might think this would give character to the work and secure patronage. But this is only seeing things from a human standpoint. If the grandeess living near such a locality have religious prejudices, they will communicate this to their friends, and in the place of favorable results, just the reverse will be seen....

The Fewer Grand Buildings Around Our Institutions the Better. The fewer grand buildings that surround our institution, the less vexation we shall experience...

Work the Cities From Outposts But Do Not Live in Them. As God's commandment-keeping people, we must leave the cities. As did Enoch, we must work in the cities, but not dwell in them. Nothing that savors of extravagance is to be seen in the outlay of means for building or for furnishings, because we have a prospect of receiving donations.

Keep Away From the Residences of the Rulers of the Land and the Wealthy. Find a location that has a favorable atmosphere and carry on your work, but keep away from the residences of the rulers of the land. Exert your God-given powers for the people who need to be uplifted. Place not your institutions in the midst of the homes of wealthy men.-- Manuscript 85, 1899, pp. 1, 3. ("The Sanitarium--Where Shall It Be Located?" June 5, 1899.)

CALAMITIES AND THE INCREASING EXALTATION OF SUNDAY.

Leading Men, Thinking That Calamities Are the Result of Sunday Violation, Will Exalt Sunday Higher and Higher. Satan put his interpretation upon events, and... [the leading men] think as he would have them [think], that the calamities which fill the land are a result of Sunday-breaking. Thinking to appease the wrath of God, these influential men make laws enforcing Sunday observance. They think that by exalting this false rest day higher and still higher, compelling obedience to the Sunday law, the spurious sabbath, they are doing God service. Those who honor God by observing the true Sabbath are looked upon as disloyal to God, when it is really those who thus regard them who are themselves disloyal, because they are trampling underfoot the Sabbath originated in Eden....

God Will Execute His Judgments on the Gods of This World as He Did on the Gods of Egypt. The Lord God of Israel is to execute judgment upon the gods of this world as [He] did upon the gods of Egypt. With fire and flood, plagues and earthquakes, He will spoil the whole land.

Then His redeemed people will exalt His name and make it glorious in the earth. Shall not those who are living in the last remnant of earth's history become intelligent in regard to God's lessons?-- Manuscript 85, 1899, pp. 7-8a. ("The Sanitarium--Where Shall It Be Located?" June 5, 1899.)

THE OUTPOURING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE SEALING OF THOSE WHO COME TO THE POINT OF EVER REACHING HIGHER AND HIGHER.

The Holy Spirit Will Work With Power, If He Is Not Limited by Unbelief. We have the assurance that in this age of the world the Holy Spirit will work with mighty power, unless by our unbelief we limit our blessings, and thus lose the advantage we might obtain....

Those Who Are Not Under the Working of the Holy Spirit Will Not Stand Amid the Last-day Perils. Personal religious experience is needed in every church. Why?--because those who are not under the working of the Holy Spirit will not stand amid the perils of the last days....

God Cannot Manifest His Power Unless Sinners in Zion Are Transformed by the Holy Spirit's Influence. Unless [the] converting power [of Christ] shall go through our churches, unless the revival of the Spirit of God shall come, all their professions will never make the members of the church Christians. There are sinners in Zion who need to repent of sins that have been cherished as precious treasures. Until these sins are seen and thrust from the soul, until every faulty, unlovely trait of character is transformed by the Spirit's influence, God cannot manifest Himself in power....

When God's Servants Come to the Point of Ever Reaching Higher, They Will Be Sealed. What kind of witnesses are we for truth and righteousness? Are we striving with all our God-given powers to reach the measure of the stature of men and women in Christ? Are we seeking for His fullness, ever reaching higher and higher, trying to attain the perfection of His character? When God's servants reach this point, they will be sealed in their foreheads. The recording angel will declare, "It is done." They will be complete in Him whose they are by creation and by redemption.--Manuscript 148, 1899, pp. 2, 4, 6, 12, 13. ("The Need of Self Surrender," October 8, 1899.)

SOON FEARFUL CONFEDERACY IMBUEWED WITH SATANIC IMPULSES WILL BE FORMED.

The time is at hand when a fearful confederacy will be formed, a brotherhood inaugurated by Satan. Unholy human agencies will combine with demon forces, and the whole will be imbued with satanic impulses. Satan has come down with great power, and he is working with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish. He is now marshaling the hosts who will be ready to voice his words: "Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?" (Revelation 13:4).-- Manuscript 154, 1899, p. 1. ("Restitution Due to the Southern Field," November 18, 1899.)

THE STUDY OF DANIEL WILL GREATLY INCREASE OUR KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST AND THE PROPHECIES. ld99m176

The Time Has Come for Daniel to Stand in His Lot. To Daniel many

wonderful things were presented in vision. "I heard, but I understood not," he said; "then said I, O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things?" The angel answered, "Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end." "Shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased." "Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand." "Go thou thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days" (Daniel 12:9, 4, 10, 13).

The Knowledge of Christ and the Prophecies Will Greatly Increase Near the Close of Earth's History Through the Study of Daniel. The time has come for Daniel to stand in his lot. The time has come for the light given him to go to the world as never before. If those for whom the Lord has done so much will walk in the light, their knowledge of Christ and the prophecies relating to Him will be greatly increased as they near the close of this earth's history.--Manuscript 176, 1899, p.

10. (Untitled Manuscript, "Diary," November 4, 1899.)

FALSE TEACHINGS CONCERNING The PHYSICALLY INCAPACITATED AND THE SEALING.

The Great Pillars of Our Message Will Bear All the Weight That Can Be Placed Upon Them. We must let the great principles of the third Angel's message stand out clear and distinct. The great pillars of our faith will hold all the weight that can be placed upon them....

The Idea That the Blind, Deaf, Lame, and the Deformed Will Not Be Sealed Is False. The enemy tries to warp and twist human minds. To the one who will listen to him, he present ideas that are odd and peculiar, which create a sensation. ... Those who present the idea that the blind, the deaf, the lame, the deformed, will not receive the seal of God, are not speaking words given them by the Holy Spirit.... The Lord has afflicted ones, dearly beloved in His sight, who bear the suffering of bodily infirmities. To them special care and grace is promised....

Many Past the Age of Ninety, Who Will Die, Have God's Seal. There are living upon our earth men who have passed the age of four score and ten. The natural results of old age are seen in their feebleness. But they believe God, and God loves them. The seal of God is upon them, and they will be among the number of whom the Lord has said, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord" (Revelation 14:12). With Paul they can say, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also which love His appearing" (2 Timothy 4:7, 8). There are many whose gray hairs God honors, because they have fought a good fight and kept the faith....

Hearts Touched by the Divine Spirit Will Not Seek Human Tests. There are those who need in their hearts the touch of the divine Spirit. Then the message for this time will be their burden. They will not search for human tests, for something new and strange. The Sabbath of the fourth commandment is the test for this time, and therefore all connected with this great memorial [are to keep it] before the people....

We Should Not Strive for Black Hair, But for the White Robe of Christ's Righteousness. It is not our service to pray that colored hair shall become black, or that gray hair, which God pronounces honorable, shall become black. It is the white robe of Christ's righteousness that gives the sinner admittance into the presence of the heavenly angels. Not the color of his hair, but.. perfect. obedience to all God's commandments, opens for him the gates of the Holy City....

The Idea That the Deformed Must Be Healed in Order to Be Sealed Is False. Let none of God's people believe the fables advanced by some regarding the color of the hair. The idea that persons who are deformed must be healed in order to be saved is a fable originated by someone who needs inward cleansing before he can receive the seal of God.

The Divine Restorer Will Remove Every Deformity in the Great Day of God. In the great day of God, all who are faithful and true will receive the healing touch of the divine Restorer. The Life-giver will remove every deformity and will give them eternal life. In God's Word, the question is not, "What is the color of the hair or the form of the body," but, "Has the heart been purified, made white, and tried?"-- Letter 207, 1899, pp. 2-4, 7, 9, 10. (To S. N. Haskell and G. A. Irwin, December 15, 1899.)

AFTER THE PLAGUES BEGIN TO FALL THERE WILL BE NO RESPITE UNTIL THE END.

The world is soon to be left by the angel of mercy and the seven last plagues are to be poured out.... The storm is gathering. The bolts of God's wrath are soon to fall, and, when He shall begin to punish the transgressors, there will be no period of respite until the end. He shall come forth to punish the inhabitants of the world for their iniquity, and "the earth shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain" (Isaiah 26:21). Only those stand who are sanctified through the truth in the love of God. They will be hid with Christ in God until the desolation shall be overpast.--Manuscript 122, 1899, p.

5. ("The Canvasser and His Work," n.d., 1899.)

THE TIME IS SOON COMING WHEN GOD'S JUDGMENTS WILL BEGIN AT HIS SANCTUARY.

The world will not do the work that God has committed to His people. He requires us to be wide awake in preparing the way for Christ's second coming.... The time is soon coming when the work of God's judgments will begin at His sanctuary. God Himself is now drawing the separating line. He says, "As for Me also, Mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity, but I will recompense their way upon their head" (Ezekiel 9:10) .--Letter 3, 1900, p. 5. (To G. A. Irwin and wife, January 1, 1900.)

PROTESTANTS URGED TO LEAGUE WITH CHRIST THE CENTER OF POWER OF A REDEEMED WORLD.

Satan's Throne Is at the Center of Earthly Power. The central power of the earth is a demon. His throne is in the midst of the world, where should have been seen the throne of God. He has been patronized by the church, for the church has been conformed to the world, and is

living in transgression of the holy law of God.

Christ Broke Satan's Power to Become the Center of the Redeemed World. Christ gave Himself to ransom man from the power of the destroyer. By becoming the Sin-bearer, He broke the power of Satan. He says, "I will become the center of the redeemed world..." "All holy agencies," saith God, "will I set in operation to oppose the armies of the invisible foe, to destroy his power. The eternal agency of the Holy Spirit shall rescue man from the effects of sin, and restore in him the image of God."

The Protestant World Should Become Leagued With Jesus Christ. It is the duty of all the Protestant World to become leagued with Jesus Christ whom they profess to accept as their Redeemer and Saviour. The Lord will not let His human treasure, with Christ, its Head, go into the enemy's ranks without every effort [being] made in their behalf. Their only hope is to do the commandments of God. This is the gospel that has been sounding down along the lines to our time.--Letter 78, 1900, pp. 3, 4. (To "Bro. and Sr. Haysmer," January 30, 1900.)

THERE WILL BE NO SECOND PROBATION AFTER THE FINAL CONFLICT, ONLY THE EXECUTIVE JUDGMENT.

The Coming Conflict Will Be the Most Terrible Ever Seen, But Satan Will Be Defeated. We are living amid the perils of the last days. The conflict which is right upon us will be the most terrible ever seen. But though Satan is represented as being as strong as the "strong man armed," his overthrow will be complete, and everyone who unites with him in choosing apostasy rather than loyalty will perish with him....

All Will Be Tested and Tried According to the Light Received; There Will Be No Second Probation. All will be tested and tried, according to the light they have had. Those who turn from the truth to fables can look for no second probation. There will be no temporal millennium. If, after the Holy Spirit has brought conviction to their hearts, they resist the truth and use their influence to block the way so that others will not receive it, they will never be convinced. They did not seek for transformation of character in the probation given them, and Christ will not give them [an] opportunity to pass over the ground again. The decision is a final one.

The Good We Have Done Will Be Seen Recognized in the Day of Judgment by Those we benefited. In the day of judgment, the good we have done humanity, not only spiritually, but temporally, will be recognized. Gratitude will be expressed for what men and women and children have done by unselfish actions for the saving of souls....

THE BATTLE BETWEEN THE THREE ANGELS' MESSAGES AND THE THREEFOLD UNION.

The Loud Voice of the Third Angel's Message Means It Is Given With the Holy Spirit's Power. The Sabbath truth is to be the message to be proclaimed with a loud voice, as represented in the fifty-eighth chanter of Isaiah. And in the fourteenth chapter of Revelation we read, "The third angel, followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God,

which is poured out without mixture into the cup of His indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb" (Rev. 14:9,10). This message embraces the two preceding messages. It is represented as being given with a loud voice, that is, with the power of the Holy Spirit. The impression made by this message will be proportionate to the

Commandment-keepers Will Show Patience and Faith Even If It Costs Them Their Lives. John beholds the loyal people of God, and he exclaims, "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus" (Revelation 14:12). Babylon is represented as holding a wine cup in her hand, from which she makes all nations drink. The nations commit spiritual fornication by divorcing themselves from God and trampling on His commandments. The time in which the saints live is a trying one for those who refuse to receive the mark of the beast and his image. But through it all the saints show their patience. They continue to be steadfast in the faith, even should their firmness cost them their lives.

The Third Angel's Message Is a Life and Death Question, and Must Not Be Toned Down. We know that now everything is at stake. The third angel's message is to be at this time regarded as of the highest importance. It is a life and death question. The eighteenth chapter of Revelation reveals the importance of presenting the truth in no measured terms, but with boldness and power. There must be no toning down of the truth, no muffling of the message for this time. Satan has devised a state of things whereby the proclamation of the third angel's message shall be bound about. We must beware of his plans and methods. The third angel's message is to be strengthened and confirmed.

The Fourth Angel Repeats the Call to Come Out of Babylon in Revelation 18. John writes, "After these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. 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. 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. 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. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities"

Satan Will Create Side-issues to Divert Attention From God's Last-day Test. Satan will so mingle his deceptions with truth that side issues will be created to turn the attention of the people from the great issue, the test to be brought upon the people of God in these last days...

Rulers and Kings Will Not Be Able to Ward off God's Judgments. The Lord is coming in judgment, and... neither rulers nor kings, wealth nor influence, will be able to stand against or ward off the judgments soon to fall. In many places these judgments are already falling, yet by their attitude worldlings and church members say plainly, "We want none

of these rebukes. We want none of your warnings. We will not hear."
"And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in His temple the ark of His testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunders, and an earthquake, and great hail" (Revelation 11:18).

Only Two Parties on the Earth. There are only two parties upon the earth--those who stand under the bloodstained banner of Jesus Christ and those who stand under the black banner of rebellion. Those who stand under Christ's banner bear the sign of obedience spoken of in Exodus 31:12-18....

Revelation 12 and 13 Represent the Last Great Conflict. In the twelfth chapter of Revelation is represented the last great conflict between the obedient and the disobedient. "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). "I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell

The Work of Spiritualism, Apostate Protestantism, and the Papacy in the Coming Conflict. Satan will work miracles to deceive those who dwell upon the earth. Spiritualism will do its work, by causing the dead to be personated. Those religious bodies who refuse to hear God's message of warning will be under strong deception, and will unite with the civil power to persecute the saints. The Protestant churches will unite with the papal power in persecuting the commandment-keeping people of God. This is that power which constitutes the great system of persecution that will exercise spiritual tyranny over the consciences of men.

The Lamb-like Power Unites With the Dragon to Persecute the Saints. "He had two horns like a lamb, and he spoke like a dragon." Though professing to be followers of the lamb of God, men become imbued with the spirit of the dragon. They profess to be meek and humble, but they speak and legislate with the spirit of Satan, showing by their actions that they are the opposite of what they profess to be. This lamb-like power unites with the dragon in making war upon those who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Satan Unites With Protestants and Papists, Acting as the God of This World. And Satan unites with Protestants and papists, acting in concert with them as the god of this world, dictating to men as if they were the subjects of his kingdom, to be handled and governed and controlled as he pleases. If men will not agree to trample underfoot the commandments of God, the spirit of the dragon is revealed. They are imprisoned, brought before councils, and fined. "He causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads." "He had power to give life to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the beast should be killed." Thus Satan usurps the prerogatives of Jehovah. The man of sin

sits in the seat of God, proclaiming himself to be God, and acting

When the Last Decision Is Made, God will Arise and Punish Every Opposing Power. There is a marked contrast between those who bear the seal of God and those who worship the beast and his image. The Lord's faithful servants will receive the bitterest persecution from false teachers, who will not hear the word of God, and who prepare stumbling blocks to put in the way of those who would hear. But God's people are not to fear. Satan cannot go beyond his limit. The Lord will be the defense of His people. He regards the injury done to His servants for the truth's sake as done to Himself. When the last decision has been made, when all have taken sides, either for Christ and the commandments, or for the great apostate, God will arise in His power, and the mouths of those who have blasphemed against Him will be forever stopped. Every opposing power will receive its punishment.--Letter 28,

THE BATTLE BETWEEN THE THREE ANGEL'S MESSAGES AND THE THREEFOLD UNION. 1d00m016

The Loud Voice of the Third Angel's Message Means That It Will Be Given With the Power of the Holy Spirit. The Third angel's message is to be given to our world in clear, distinct lines... This message embraces the two preceding messages. It is represented as being given with a loud voice, that is, with the power of the Holy Spirit. Everything is now at stake. The third angel's message is to be regarded as of the highest importance. It is a life and death question. The impression made by this message will be proportionate to the earnestness and solemnity with which it is proclaimed.

There Must Be No Muffling of the Third Angel's Message. Satan has devised a state of things whereby the proclamation of the third angel's message shall be bound about. We must beware of his plans and methods. There must be no toning down of the truth, no muffling of the message for this time. The third angel's message must be strengthened and confirmed.

The Message of the Angel of Revelation 18 to be Presented With Boldness and Power. The eighteenth chapter of Revelation reveals the importance of presenting the truth in no measured terms, but with boldness and power. John writes, "After these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. 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. 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. And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, My people, that ye be not

Though the Nations Commit Spiritual Fornication by Trampling on God's Commandments, God's People Remain Faithful to Him, Even If It Means Death. Babylon is represented as holding a wine cup in her hand, from which she makes all nations drink. The nations commit spiritual fornication by divorcing themselves from God and trampling on His commandments. But there are some who remain true to their allegiance to Jehovah. John beholds the loyal people of God, and he exclaims, "Here

is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus" (Revelation 14:12). The time in which the saints live is a trying one for those who refuse to receive the mark of the beast, but through it all the saints show their patience. They continue steadfast in the faith, even should their firmness cost them their lives.

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God Will Punish Opposing Powers. Every opposing power will receive its punishment. "Therefore prophesy thou against them all of these words, and say unto them, The Lord shall roar from on high, and utter His voice from His holy habitation; He shall give a shout, as they that

tread the grapes, against all the inhabitants of the earth. A noise shall come even to the ends of the earth; for the Lord hath a controversy with the nations, He will plead with all flesh; He will give them that are wicked to the sword... Thus saith the Lord of hosts, Behold, evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and a great whirlwind shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth. And the slain of the Lord shall be at that day from one end of the earth even to the other end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried" (Jeremiah 25:30-33)....

Satan Will Create Side Issues to Divert Attention From the One Great Issue. Satan will so mingle deception with truth that side issues will be created to turn the attention of the people from the one great issue, the test to be brought upon men and women in the last days....

Workers Are Not Encouraged to Work for Converts in the Slums and Filth of the Cities. Our work is to put on the armor and make aggressive warfare, Laborers are not to be encouraged to work in the slums and filth of the cities, where they will only secure converts who need watching, and that continually.

Neither Kings Nor Rulers, Wealth Nor Influence Will Be Able to Ward Off God's Judgments. Tell the people that the Lord is coming in judgment, and that neither kings nor rulers, wealth nor influence, will be able to stand against or ward off the judgments soon to fall. In many places these judgments are already falling, yet by their attitude worldlings and church members say plainly, "We want none of these rebukes. We want none of your warnings. We will not hear."...

When the Leaders of God's Church Purify Themselves, His Work Will Go Forth With Power. When those to whom the Lord has entrusted responsibilities as leaders show their faith by their works, God's power will be manifested. When those who bear the burden of the work purify themselves from all that is displeasing to God, when they plead with God until they know that they have forgiveness and peace, the work of God will go forward with power. When those who occupy positions of trust fear and tremble before God, because of the responsibility of their work, when they feel their own unworthiness and realize that it is time to seek the Lord with humility of heart, God will work through them. No unfaithfulness will then be seen.--Manuscript 16, 1899, pp. 1-6, 10, 11. ("The Word for This Time," February 20, 1900.)

THE NATIONS ARE WATCHING TO TAKE SELFISH ADVANTAGE OF EACH OTHER.

Call the attention of the people to the signs of the times. There are wars and rumors of wars. Nation is rising against nation. Selfishness and covetousness lead to violence, crime, and all kinds of wickedness. Nation is watching nation, to see if there is not some advantage to be gained. A concession made by one nation only opens the way for another concession to be called for. The presumptuous, daring deeds of unholy ambition, done to gain strength by robbery, show that men do not realize that those who take the sword must perish by the sword.--Manuscript 16, 1900, pp. 19, 20. ("The Word for This Time," February 20, 1900.)

IN THE DAY WHEN EVERY CASE IS DECIDED, THE TABLES OF GOD'S LAW

WILL Be PLACED FOR ALL THE WORLD To SEE, AND THE LOST WILL TURN AGAINST THEIR SHEPHERDS.

The Acceptance of Sunday While the Sabbath Is Trampled on Puts the Man of Sin's Stamp Upon the World. The seventh-day is the Sabbath of the Lord, and man has no moral right to dishonor it by failing to do upon it the work which he should do. God has set this day apart for His honor and glory.... Men have insulted God by accepting as holy a common working day. Nothing can put the stamp of the man of sin so definitely upon the world as the acceptance of a spurious sabbath, while the day God has set apart is trampled underfoot.

In the Day When Every Case Is Decided, the Tables of Stone Will Be Placed So All the World Will See and Understand. With His own finger God wrote His commandments on two tables of stone. These tables were not left in the keeping of men, but were placed in the ark; and in the great day, when every case is decided, these tables, inscribed with the commandments, will be placed so that all the world will see and understand. The witness against them will be unanswerable.

The Heaviest Judgments Will Fall on the False Shepherds. And upon those who have taken upon them the work of shepherds of the flock will be visited the heaviest judgments, because they have presented to the people fables instead of truth. Children will rise up and curse their parents. Church members, who have seen the light and been convicted, but who have trusted the salvation of their souls to the minister, will learn in the day of God that no other soul can pay the ransom for their transgression. A terrible cry will be raised, "I am lost, eternally lost!"

The Ire of the Lost Against Their False Shepherds. Men will feel as though they could rend in pieces the ministers who have preached falsehoods and condemned the truth. The pure truth for this time requires a reformation in the life, but they separated themselves from the love of the truth, and of them it can be said, "O Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself" (Hosea 13:19). The Lord sends a message to the people, "Set the trumpet to thy mouth. He shall come as an eagle against the house of the Lord, because they have transgressed My covenant, and trespassed against My law" (Hosea 8:1)--Letter 30, 1900, pp. 5, 6. (To "Brother and Sister Hickox," February 25, 1900.

LATTER-DAY MARRIAGES AMONG SDAS CONDONED.

In regard to marriage, I would say, "Read the Word of God." Even in this time, the last days of this world's history, marriages take place among Seventh-day Adventists. Believers are not to marry unbelievers. This is God's injunction, and no human advice contrary to this should be accepted. There is need of close searching of the Word of God, and of obedience to "It is written." We have, as a people, never forbidden marriage, except in cases where there were obvious reasons that marriage would be a misery to both parties. And even then, we have only advised and counseled.--Letter 60, 1900, p. 3. (To Charlesy Mcdaniel, April 21, 1900.)

THE MINISTRATION OF ANGELS In THE LAST GREAT CONFLICT.

Angels Have Far More to Do With the Human Family Than Many

Suppose. As invisible agencies, angels are working through human beings to proclaim the commandments of God. Angels have far more to do with the human family than many suppose. Speaking of the angels [the Bible says]: "Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?" (Hebrews 1:14).

Angels Will Join in the Song of the Redeemed Although They Cannot Sing From Experience. Holy angels will join in the song of the redeemed. Though they cannot sing from experimental knowledge, "He hath washed us in His own blood, and redeemed us unto God," yet they understand the great peril from which the people of God have been saved. Were they not sent to lift up for them a standard against the enemy? They can fully sympathize with the glowing ecstasy of those who have overcome by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony.

Four Angels Hold Back the Powers of Earth Until the Time Comes for the Battle of Armageddon. John writes, "I beheld,, and I heard the voice of many angels round about ... the throne" (Revelation 5:11). Angels were united in the work of Him who had broken the seals and taken the book. Four mighty angels hold back the powers of this earth till the servants of God are sealed in their foreheads. The nations of the world are eager for conflict, but they are held in check by the angels. When this restraining power is removed, there will come a time of trouble and anguish. Deadly instruments of warfare will be invented. Vessels with their living cargo will be entombed in the great deep. All who have not the spirit of truth will unite under the leadership of satanic agencies. But they are to be kept under control till the time shall come for the great battle of Armageddon.

Angels Keep Satan's Armies at Bay Until the Sealing Is Accomplished. Angels are belting the world, refusing Satan his claim to supremacy, made because of the vast multitude of his adherents. We hear not their voices, we see not with the natural sight the work of these angels, but their hands are linked about the world, and with sleepless vigilance they are keeping the armies of Satan at bay till the sealing of God's people shall be accomplished.

The ministers of Jehovah, angels, have skill and power and great strength, being commissioned to go forth from heaven to earth to minister to His people. They are given the work of keeping back the raging power of him who has come down like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. The Lord is a refuge for all who put their trust in Him. He bids them hide in Him for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast. He is soon to come out of His place to punish the world for its iniquity. Then the earth shall disclose her blood and shall no more cover her slain.--Letter 79, 1900, pp. 11-13. (To William Kerr, May 10, 1900.)

THE CONFLICT BETWEEN The THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE AND THE FORCES OF EVIL.

God's Hand Falls Most Heavily Upon Unfaithful Watch-men. The day of woe, of wasting and destruction, is upon all who do unrighteousness. Especially will the Lord's hand fall upon the watchmen who have failed to place before the people in clear lines their obligation to God, who by creation and by redemption is their Owner....

The World Is Soon to Meet the Great Lawgiver Over His Broken Law. The third angel's message, embracing the messages of the first and second angel, is the message for our time. We are to lift the banner on which is inscribed, "The commandments of God and the faith of Jesus." This is not the time to put out of sight the great issues before us. The work to be done is solemn and important....

Satan Will Bring up Every Device Possible to Nullify the Third Angel's Message. Opposition we shall have as we voice the message of the third angel. Satan will bring up every device he possibly can to make of none effect the truth once delivered to the saints. "Many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not" (2 Peter 2:2, 3). But, in spite of opposition, all are to hear the words of truth.--Letter 74, 1900, pp. 2, 4, 12. (To J. H. Kellogg, May 20, 1900.)

WHEN THE REDEEMED STAND BEFORE THE THRONE TO ANSWER TO THEIR NAMES And RECEIVE THEIR REWARD, THERE WILL Be SOULS PRESENT WHOM THEY WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN Saving.

When the redeemed stand before the throne of God to answer to their names, there will be precious souls there who will respond because of the faithful, patient efforts made in their behalf, the entreaties and urgent persuasions to flee to the stronghold. Thus those who are laborers together with God will receive their reward.--Letter 74, 1900, pp. 8, 9. (To J. H. Kellogg, May 20, 1900.)

WHEN SATAN GAINS CONTROL OF MINDS, IT MEANS OPPRESSION.

It is a soul-periling sin to desecrate that which God has made holy. Satan has managed by his subtlety to manage the matter [so] that God's memorial is made a thing of naught. The invention of the papacy has become supreme. He has worked to make the churches and the world a unit in transgression. Sunday observance is made an oppressive power in the hands of those who are under the control of the enemy, for, when Satan gets control of men's minds, it means oppression and compulsion.--Letter 83, 1900, p. 4. (To G. A. Irwin, June 5, 1900.)

REACTION OF THE LOST WHEN THEY ENTER THE CAVES WHERE GOD'S PEOPLE HAVE BEEN HIDING And FIND THERE THE LETTERS And PUBLICATIONS CONTAINING THE TRUTH.

The Deliverance of God's People Who Are Hidden in the Dens and Caves of the Earth. "Kings shall see and arise, princes also shall worship, because of the Lord that is faithful, and the Holy One of Israel, and He shall choose thee" (Isaiah 49:7). The hidden ones have been scattered because of man's enmity against the law of Jehovah. They have been oppressed by all the powers of the earth. They have been scattered in the dens and caves of the earth through the violence of their adversaries, because they are true and obedient to Jehovah's laws. But deliverance comes to the people of God. To their enemies God will show Himself a God of just retribution. From the dens and caves of the earth that have been the secret hiding places of God's people, they are called forth as His witnesses, true and faithful.

The Wicked Enter the Caves the Saints Have Left and Find the Letters and Publications Containing the Truth. The people who have braved out their rebellion will fill the description given in Revelation 6:15-17. In these very caves and dens they find the very statement of truth in the letters and in the publications as witnesses against them.

The Lost Begin to Heap Recriminations Upon Their False Shepherds. The shepherds who lead the sheep in false paths will hear the charge made against them, "It was you who made light of truth. It was you who told us that God's law was abrogated, that it was a yoke of bondage. It was you who voiced the false doctrines when I was convicted that these Seventh-day Adventists had the truth. The blood of souls is upon your priestly garments. The persecution brought upon those who kept God's commandments did not destroy them or their influence. I could not read my Bible with its condemnatory words, and I laid it aside. Now will you pay the ransom for my soul? You said you would stand between my soul and God, but you are now filled with anguish yourself. What shall we do who listened to your garbling of the Scriptures and your turning into a lie the truth, which if obeyed would have saved us?"

The Lamentations of the Lost Will Be in Vain. When Christ comes to take vengeance on those who have educated and trained the people to trample on God's Sabbath, to tear down His memorial, and tread down with their feet the feed of His pastures, lamentations will be in vain. Those who trusted in the false shepherds had the Word of God to search for themselves, and they find that God will judge every man who has had the truth and turned from the light because it involved self-denial and the cross. Rocks and mountains cannot screen them from the indignation of Him that sitteth on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb.-- Letter 86, 1900, pp. 10, 11. (To A. G. Daniells, June 18, 1900.)

MOVEMENTS OF THE THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE, AND THE MESSAGE OF THE ANGEL OF REVELATION 18.

The Message Must Go From East to West and Back Again. The message must go from east to west, and from west to east again. A great shaking must come up. The professed believers in the truth for this time are asleep. They need to awake and shine anew, because the light of truth has not only flashed upon them, but rightly done its work. God will have representatives in every place in all parts of the world.

The Message That Follows the Third Angel's Message Is God's Last Call of Mercy to the World. The message of the angel following the third is now to be given to all parts of the world. It is to be the harvest message, and the whole earth will be lighted with the glory of God. The Lord had; this one [last] call of mercy to [give to] the world, but the perversity of men diverts the work from its true bearing, and the light has to struggle amid the darkness of men who feel themselves competent to do a work that God has not appointed them to do.--Letter 86, 1900, pp. 8, 9. (To A. G. Daniells, June 13, 1900.)

IN THE DAY OF JUDGMENT THE TABLES OF GOD'S LAW WILL CONDEMN THE FALSE SHEPHERDS AND THEIR FOLLOWERS.

God Will Punish the World for Its Iniquity When Sabbath-keeping Is Made a Crime. [The Lord declares,] "When it is made a crime for My

people to keep holy the Sabbath, then I will arise out of My place and punish the world for its iniquity. The earth shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain."...

The False Shepherds Refuse to Examine the Scriptures Fairly But Take the Word of Apostates. When God sends His messengers to speak His words and warn the people that they are trampling under their unhallowed feet the law of God, [the] false shepherds refuse to accept the message. They will accept the falsehoods of those who have apostatized from God and taken sides with the first great rebel, but they utterly refuse to investigate the Scriptures fairly to see if the things which God's messengers say are true....

When the Lord sends His servants with a message to warn the members of the church, to open before them the truth, many of those who claim to be shepherds refuse to examine the word of the Lord for themselves, and commence a tirade against the messenger and the message of truth, circulating falsehoods originated by those who have apostatized from the truth. They receive these falsehoods and make every possible use of them in opposing those whom the Lord has sent with a message of warning to lead the people to search the Bible for themselves with a sacred awe, fearing lest they shall be found fighting against God and committing blasphemy. God's messengers are charged with doing the work of Satan. But as they follow the example of the great Teacher, their work bears witness of them....

Those That Permit Themselves to Be Deceived Will Not Be Excused. Those who have permitted themselves to be deceived will not be excused for neglecting to search the Word of God for themselves. They committed their souls to the minister, who was not diligent in searching the Word to know the truth. But the minister cannot pay the ransom for their souls....

In the Day of Judgment the Tables of God's Law Will Condemn the Lost. Ministers have taught the people that the law of God is not binding. But God certainly does not say so, and in the day of judgment that law, written with the finger of God on tables of stone, will condemn all impenitent transgressors.--Manuscript 33, 1900, pp. 5, 6, 8-10, 18. ("Unfaithful Shepherds," June 25, 1900.)

PERSECUTION AND TROUBLE PERMITTED BY GOD TO PURIFY THE CHURCH.

We Shall Be Severely Persecuted, But as Long as Life Is Spared We Are to Work for God. A season of great trial is before us. It becomes us now to use all our capabilities and gifts in advancing the work of God. The powers the Lord has given us are to be used to build up, not to discourage and tear down.... The time is right upon us when persecution will come to those who proclaim the truth. Those who teach the truth, opening the Word of God to others, must surrender self entirely to God. To them the truth will bring its own reward, filling the soul with joy.... The outlook is not flattering, but notwithstanding this, let us not give up our efforts to save those who have had an experience and are ready to perish, for whose ransom the Prince of heaven offered up His precious life. When one means fails, try another way. Our efforts must not be dead and lifeless. As long as

Soon There Will Be Trouble All Over the World. Soon there will be trouble all over the world. It becomes everyone to know God. We have no time to delay. With earnestness and fervor the message must be given: "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price" (Isaiah 55:1)....

God Permits Nothing to Afflict His Church But Such as Is Needed to Purify It. God's love for His church is infinite. His care over His heritage is unceasing. He suffers no affliction to come upon the church but such as is essential for her purification, her present and eternal good. He will purify His church, even as He purified the temple at the beginning and close of His ministry on earth....

In all its power the truth is to be proclaimed. Those who faithfully do this work, keeping the commandments of God in deed and in truth, will be acknowledged as laborers together with God.--Manuscript 34, 1900, pp. 1-14. ("Faithful Stewards," June 28, 1900.)

THE THREE ANGELS' MESSAGES PREPARE THE CHURCHES For THE COMING OF THE ANGEL OF REVELATION 18.

The last message of mercy is to be given in clear, simple lines. The message of truth, lifting up the downtrodden Sabbath, is to be translated into different languages. In no one place is all the time and money and talent to be abundantly and exhaustively absorbed.... [God] wants His servants to voice the first, second, and third angel's messages. Thus the churches are to be prepared for the coming of another angel from heaven [who is] to lighten the earth with his glory. (See Revelation 18:1-3.)--Letter 92, 1900, pp. 8, 9. (To J. H. Kellogg, July 2, 1900.)

GOD'S PEOPLE MUST RESIST SATAN'S EFFORTS To BLUR THE SABBATH AS A DISTINGUISHING SIGN.

A Warning Against Cries of: "Christ Is Here; There; in the Wilderness; in the Cities." Never was there a period of time when I have felt more deeply the necessity of decidedly carrying the work of the gospel ministry in its own elevated, sacred character than today. Every kind of voice is heard: "Christ is here," and "Christ is there;" "Christ is in the wilderness," and "Christ is in the cities." We may open our ears to every call, if we will, but Christ has told us, "Go not ye after them, nor heed them." (See Luke 17:23.)

Satan's Deceptive Efforts to Blur the Sign of God's Commandment-keeping People. We have our work outlined in the prophetic word, and we will not be diverted from God's way and methods of bringing the truth before the world. Satan will set everything possible in operation to divert the work into wrong lines. The reason for this is that it shall, under the devising of human methods and human inventions, lose its peculiar, holy, select character to represent its efficiency and power to our world--the order and sanctification and elevated character of those who shall compose the chosen, commandment-keeping people of God.

Satan would [like] so [to] commingle the righteous with the wicked that the distinction [between them] will be so indistinct as not to have the sign of God's commandment-keeping people appear as God's

distinguishing sign of the sanctification of the spirit in true humility and holiness. "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according this word, it is because there is no light in them" (Isaiah 8:20)....

It Is the Proclamation of the Truth That Brings on the Crisis. We have the truth, which in its proclamation is to bring the crisis for this world's history. The observance of the Lord's memorial, the Sabbath instituted in Eden, the seventh-day Sabbath, is the test of our loyalty to God. Those who bring in, as there will be brought in, lords many and gods many, so that there is no distinct recognition of acknowledged loyalty to the Lord God, cannot have His mark, His seal of obedience.--Letter 94, 1900, pp. 1-3. (To "Bro. and Sr. Smith," July 3, 1900.)

REVELATIONS AT THE LAST JUDGMENT.

For a Few Moments the Lost Will See Scene After Scene of the Record of Their Lives. In the day when everyone shall be rewarded according as his work has been, how will transgressors appear in their own sight as for a few moments they are permitted to see the record of their lives as they have chosen to make them--regardless of the law, which through eternal ages will govern the universe? They will then see what God desired them to do. They will realize that they should have used their blood-bought privileges in behalf of truth and righteousness. They will see that instead of placing their talents and influence on the side of rebellion, thus strengthening the forces of the enemy, they should have devoted their powers to being and doing good....

The Lost Will See What They Might Have Become Through Divine Grace. In the day of judgment men will see what they might have become through the power of Christ. They will see the robbery that they have practiced toward God. They will realize that they have apostatized from their Creator. They will see the good they might have done, but did not do. They utterly refused to be made better. The efforts put forth in their behalf were in vain. They knew the claims of God, but they refused to comply with the conditions laid down in His Word. By their own choice they were united with demons....

As Plain as Noonday, the Impenitent See That They Have Leagued With Fallen Angels. Fallen men and fallen angels are to join in a desperate companionship. He who fell because of apostasy works constantly against goodness and obedience. He is leagued with those who refuse to keep God's law. In the day of judgment, all this opens before the impenitent. Scene after scene passes before them. As plainly as the light of the noonday sun, they see what they might have been, had they cooperated with God instead of opposing Him.

Fallen Angels, Endowed With Higher Intelligence Than Man Will Realize What They Have Done. The picture cannot be changed. Their cases are forever decided. They must perish with the one whose ways and works they followed. A flash will come to all lost souls. They will see clearly the mystery of godliness, which during their lifetime they despised and hated. And fallen angels, endowed with higher intelligence than men, will realize what they have done in using their powers to lead human beings to choose deception and falsehood. All who have

united with the deceiver, all who have learned his ways and practiced his deceptions, must perish with him.--Manuscript 37, 1900, pp. 1-4. ("The Revelation of the Judgment, July 3, 1900.)

CONFRONTATIONS WITH EVIL ANGELS.

Some Human Agents Will Be Imbued With the Spirit of Satan. Men will spring up, men who are remarkably sharp, with whom those who have not an intelligent knowledge of the truth or who do not have special help from God, can in no way contend. Some human agents will be imbued with the spirit of the great fallen angel, who will be present in every meeting to help the human agent to voice his words and to speak in such a manner that many will be deceived, if possible, the very elect....

We Should Not Seek to Cast Out Devils, Lest We Ourselves Be Cast Out. The brother who may suppose that he can meet the adversaries of the truth is to know that he is directed of the Lord. What can be done, may be asked?--unless we know that we have a commission from on high, we are to refuse to enter into controversy with anyone, because this is not our work. We are none of us to seek to cast out devils, lest we ourselves be cast out...

In Debates Over the Bible We Fight, Not With Men, but With Evil Angels. I wish I might make all upon whom rest responsibilities, whom Satan shall tempt to do things to prove that their position is impregnable, see in all the presumptuous ventures the hand of a foe to whom they should not yield. For several reasons the Lord is not pleased that any of his workers shall join in issues of controversy with the wily deceiver. Keep out of controversy. In a debate over questions of Bible truth, you do not fight with men, but your warfare is with principalities and powers.--Letter 96, 1900, 1, 2, 4. (To S. N. Haskell 1, July 3, 1900.)

THE BATTLE OVER THE SABBATH QUESTION.

Everything in the Political World Is in Agitation. There is a great work to be done. The last message of mercy is being given to the world. Everything in the political world is stirred with agitation. There are wars and rumors of wars. The nations are angry, and the time of the dead that they should be judged. (See Revelation 11:18.)

A Solemn Work Is to Be Done by the Three Angels' Messages. A most solemn and important work is to be done in our world by God's people. This work is represented by the third angel flying in the midst of heaven. The third angel's message is preceded by the messages of the first and second angels. The first angel's message proclaims the hour of God's judgment. The second declares the fall of Babylon. [Revelation 14:6-10, quoted.]

Liberality Urged; God Restrains His Judgments Until His Watchmen Give the Warning Message. These messages must go to all the inhabitants of the world. The Lord is soon to come, and He calls upon all whom He has entrusted His capital to invest it in His work as it demands help. His money is not to be shut up in banks and buildings and lands, when there is such a great work to be accomplished. The Lord will not send His judgments for disobedience and transgression upon the world until He has sent His watchmen to give the message of warning.

The Lord has been pleased to give His people the third angel's message to bear to the world. John beholds a people distinct and separate from the world, who refuse to worship the beast or his image, who bear God's sign, keeping holy His Sabbath. Of them the apostle writes, "Here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus" (Revelation 14:12).

The Angel of Revelation 18. "After these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. 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 the cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with them, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. 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; For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities" (Revelation 18:1-5).

Sabbath Desecration Is the Wine of Babylon's Wrath. What is sin?-

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"the transgression of the law" (1 John 3:4). God denounces Babylon, "because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication" (Revelation 14:8). This means that she has disregarded the only commandment that points out the true God, and has torn down the Sabbath, God's memorial of creation.

God made the world in six days and rested on the seventh, sanctifying this day, and setting it apart from all others as holy to Himself, to be observed by His people throughout their generations. But the man of sin, exalting himself above God, sitting in the temple of God, and showing himself to be God, [has] thought to change times and laws. This power, thinking to prove that it was not only equal to God, but above God, changed the rest day, placing the first day of the week where the seventh should be. And the Protestant world has taken this child of the papacy to be regarded as sacred. This is called in the Word of God her "fornication."

The People Drink the Wine of Babylon Exalting the False Sabbath Above God's Sabbath. God has a controversy with the churches of today. They are fulfilling the prophecy of John. "All nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. (See Revelation 14:8.) They have divorced themselves from God by refusing to receive His sign. They have not the spirit of God's true commandment-keeping people. And the people of the world, in giving their sanction to a false sabbath, and in trampling under their feet the Sabbath of the Lord, have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.

God set the seventh day apart as the day of His rest. But the man of sin has set up a false sabbath, which the kings and merchants of the earth have accepted and exalted above the Sabbath of the Bible. In doing this, they have chosen a religion like that of Cain's, who slew his brother Abel....

God's Judgments Coming on Mystical Babylon. By accepting a spurious rest day the churches have dishonored God. The people of the world accept the falsehood, and are angry because God's commandment-keeping people do not respect and reverence Sunday. God says, "Her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities. Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double. How much she glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow. Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her" (Revelation 18:5-8).

The Law Requiring Sabbath Work and Demanding Sunday Rest. God declares, "If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God" (Revelation 14:9, 10). God will punish those who attempt to compel their fellowmen to keep the first day of the week. They tempt them to deny their allegiance to God. They accept the fruit of the forbidden tree, and try to force others to eat of it. They will try to compel their fellow men to work on the seventh day of the week and rest on the first. God says of them, "They shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation" (Revelation 14:10).

Obstacles Will Be Placed in the Way of Sabbath Observance. "Verily My Sabbaths ye shall keep," the Lord says, "for it is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the Lord that doth sanctify you" (Exodus 31:13). Some will seek to place obstacles in the way of Sabbath observance, saying, "You do not know what day is the Sabbath;" but they seem to understand when Sunday comes, and have manifested great zeal in making laws for its observance, as though they could control the consciences of men.

The Mark of the Beast Imposed After the Light on the Sabbath Has Come During the Great Crisis Before Us. God has given men the Sabbath as a sign between Him and them; as a test of their loyalty. Those who, after the light regarding God's law comes to them, continue to disobey, and exalt human laws above the law of God in the great crisis before us; will receive the mark of the beast. The prosperity of God's people is dependent on their obedience. The Lord declares, [Deuteronomy 11:13-17, quoted].

Why the Earth Does Not Produce as It once Did, And Why Cattle Are so Full of Disease. God's curse for disobedience is upon man and beast and the fruit of the earth. Why do not those who claim to obey God study His Word and learn why the earth does not produce as it once did? why the cattle are so full of disease?...

The Second Tables of the Ten Commandments Were Hidden in the Ark and Have Been Preserved to Justify the Obedient and Condemn the Disobedient. "At that time the Lord said unto me, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first, and come up unto Me into the mount, and make thee an ark of wood. And I will write on the tables the words that were in the first tables which thou brakest, and thou shall put them in the ark. And I made an ark of shittim wood, and hewed two tables of

stone like unto the first, and went up into the mount, having the two tables in mine hand. And He wrote on the tables, according to the first writing, the ten commandments, which the Lord spoke unto you in the mount of out the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly: and the Lord gave them unto me. And I turned myself and came down from the mount, and put the tables in the ark which I had made; and there they

Israel an Example of How God Withdraws His Protection From the Disobedient. In His dealing with ancient Israel God has given us an illustration of the result that will follow an unrighteous, disobedient course. He will punish all who make His glory to be reproached, even as He punished the children of Israel. Those who exalt themselves will be humbled, even as Jerusalem, by her own course of action, was humiliated and brought low. Her people chose Barabbas, and God left them to their choice....

Christ warned the Jews of their danger, and entreated them to return to God, but they were too proud to accept His overtures of mercy. They persisted in a course of rebellion, and as a result the protection of God's heavenly intelligences was withdrawn from them. When Christ predicted the destruction of Jerusalem, He predicted also the destruction of the world, for He saw that till the end of this earth's history men would continue to refuse God's mercy....

The Worst of Sinners Are to Hear God's Last Message of Mercy; Those Who Receive the Seal of God Will Be Proved. Appeal after appeal is made in the last message of mercy given to the world. Loath to give up, hoping, sorrowfully hoping, Christ knocks for the last time at the door of the heart. Men and women are given a final test. The worst of sinners are to hear the message of mercy. God will prove those who will receive His seal or mark.

Christ's Reluctance to Close the Door of Mercy. When Christ saw in the Jewish people a nation divorced from God, He saw also a professed Christian church united to the world and the papacy. And as He stood upon Mount Olivet, weeping over Jerusalem till the sun sank behind the western hills, so He is watching over, and pleading with sinners in these last moments of time. Soon He will say to the angels who are holding the four winds, "Let the plagues loose. Let darkness, destruction, and death come upon the transgressors of My law." Will He be obliged to say to those who have had great light and great knowledge, as He said to the Jews, "O that thou hadst known, even thou, in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes." (See Luke 19:42.)--Letter 98, 1900, pp. 1-6, 9-11, 17. (To "My Brethren," July 10, 1900.)

THE THREE ANGEL'S MESSAGES, THE MESSAGE OF THE ANGEL OF REVELATION 18, AND SATAN'S COMPLETE AND FINAL OVERTHROW.

A Mass of Man-made Tests Will Be Brought in. Influences of various kinds and orders will come in to sway the people of God from the saving tests for this time... There will be brought in a vast amount of man-made tests that have not the least bearing upon the work given us of God to prepare a people to stand with the whole equipment of the heavenly armor on, without leaving off one piece.

Members of Other Churches Will Be Brought Face to Face With Truth. The Word of God and His downtrodden law are to {be} made prominent in so marked a manner that men and women, members of other churches, shall be brought face to face, mind to mind, heart to heart with truth. They will see its superiority over the multitudinous errors that are presented and are pushing their way into notice to supplement, if possible, the truth for this time. Every soul is taking sides. All are ranging themselves under the banner of truth and righteousness or under the banner of the apostate powers that are contending for the supremacy....

The Third Angel's Message Is to Be Proclaimed With Increasing Power as We Approach the Great Final Test. The truth for this time, the third angel's message, is to be proclaimed with a loud voice, meaning with increasing power as we approach the great final test.. This test must come to the churches in connection with the true medical missionary work a work that has the Great Physician to dictate and preside in all it comprehends...

The Third Angel's Message to Be Maintained in All Its Increasing Importance to the Close of Probation. The present truth for this time comprises the messages [given us to proclaim]--the third angel's message succeeding the first and the second. The presentation of this message with all it embraces is our work. We stand as the remnant people in these last days to promulgate the truth and swell the cry of the third angel's wonderful, distinct message, giving the trumpet a certain sound. Eternal truth, which we have adhered to from the beginning, is to be maintained in all its increasing importance to the close of probation. The trumpet is to give no uncertain sound....

The Message of the Angel of Revelation 18 Follows the Message of the Third Angel. The Third angel's message in its clear, definite terms is to be made the prominent warning. All that it comprehends is to be made intelligible to the reasoning minds of today. While we bind ourselves to the development of the truth in the past angel's messages, we are announcing the message of the third angel and of the other angel's that follows the third, the second time proclaiming the fall of Babylon.

The Message of Revelation 18 Is to Come to the Churches. We are to give the message, "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 bind.... Come out of her, My people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues" (Revelation 18:2, 4). This message is to come to the churches. We are to consider the best plans for accomplishing this. The message must be so presented as to command the attention of reasoning minds....

The Last Conflict With Satan Will Be the Most Decisive, But His Overthrow Will Be Complete. As the last conflict with Satan will be the most decisive, the most deceptive and terrible that has ever been, so also will his overthrow be the most complete.... The final resurrection to judgment will complete on the one hand the triumph of Christ and His church, and on the other will be the destruction of Satan and his followers.--Letter 121, 1900, pp. 4 -8. (To S. N. Haskell and wife, August 13, 1900 .)

THE JUDGMENT THAT FALLS WHEN THE PROPHECY OF REVELATION IS
FULFILLED IS A REACTION TO THE TEACHINGS OF THE FALSE SHEPHERDS.

Backslidden Conditions of the Religious World Today. In this age of the world the masses of the people have turned away their ears from hearing the word of the Lord, lest they should be disturbed by His plainly specified requirements....

The Present Evil Conditions in the World Are the Result of the False Shepherds Making God's Word of None Effect. The prevalence of sin is alarming. The world is being filled with violence as in the days of Noah. Would the world be in this present condition if those who claim to be the people of God had revered and obeyed the law of the Lord? It is the rejection of the truth, man's dispensing with the commandments of God, that has produced the condition of things which now exists. God's Word is made of none effect by false shepherds.

The decided opposition of the shepherds of the flock to the law of the Lord reveals that they have rejected the word of the Lord, and have put their own words in its place. In their interpretation of the Scriptures, they teach for doctrines the commandments of men. In their apostasy from the truth they have encouraged wickedness, saying, "We are wise, and the law of the Lord is with us" (Jeremiah 8:8). The words of Christ to the Pharisees are applicable to them. Christ said to these teachers, "Ye are both ignorant of the Scriptures and of the power of God" (see Matthew 22:29)....

When the Work of the False Shepherds Reacts Upon Themselves, the Prophecy of Revelation 18 Will Be Fulfilled and the Judgment of God Will Fall Upon Mystical Babylon. It is coming now to be seen that the false shepherds have turned men away from the laws of the kingdom of God to exalt their own theories and suppositions.... Their work will soon react upon themselves. Then will be witnessed the scenes described in Revelation 18, when the judgment of God shall fall upon mystical Babylon.

Then will be seen the fulfillment of the word of the Lord by the prophet Hosea: "There is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land. By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out, and blood toucheth blood. Therefore shall the land mourn, and every one that dwelleth therein shall languish....

"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou has rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, seeing thou has forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children. As they were increased, so they sinned against Me: therefore will I change their glory into shame. They eat up the sin of My people, and they set their heart on their iniquity. And there shall be, like people like priest: and I will punish them for their ways, and reward them their doings" (Hosed 4:1-3, 6-9) .--Manuscript 60, 1900, pp. 1, 3, 8, 9. ("The Transgression of God's Law," August 20, 1900.)

SOME WORKERS WILL PRESENT NONSENSICAL FALSEHOODS As TESTING
TRUTHS.

Those who exalt self place themselves in Satan's power, preparing to receive his deceptions as truth. There are ministers and workers who will present an issue of nonsensical falsehood as testing truths, even as the Jewish rabbis presented the maxims of men as the bread of heaven.--Letter 131, 1900, p. 2. (To A. G. Daniells, October 14, 1900.)

THE POST MILLENNIAL JUDGMENT.

God's Government Will Be Vindicated on the Largest Possible Scale at the Final Judgment. The final judgment is a most solemn, awful event. This must take place before the universe. To the Lord Jesus the Father has committed all judgment. He will declare the reward of loyalty to all who obey the law of Jehovah. God will be honored and His government vindicated and glorified, and that in the presence of the inhabitants of the unfallen worlds. On the largest possible scale will the government of God be vindicated and exalted. It is not the judgment of one individual or of one nation, but of the whole world. Oh, what a change will then be made in the understanding of all created beings. Then all will see the value of eternal life.

All the Righteous and All the Wicked Will Be Present. When God honors His commandment-keeping people, He would not have one of the enemies of truth and righteousness absent. And when the transgressors of His law receive their condemnation, He would have all the righteous behold the result of sin....

Christ, Bearing the Marks of His Crucifixion, Will Be the Judge. He who occupies the position of Judge is God manifest in the flesh. What a consolation it will be to recognize in the judge our Teacher and Redeemer, bearing all the marks of the crucifixion, from which shine forth beams of glory, giving additional value to the crowns which the redeemed receive from His hands, the very hands outstretched in blessing over His disciples as He ascended.

The Realization of the Hopes of the Righteous Will Exceed Their Expectation. The very voice which said to them, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" (Matthew 28:20), bids them welcome to His presence. The very One who gave His precious life for them, who by His grace moved their hearts to repentance, who awakened them to their need of salvation, receives them now into His joy. Oh how they love Him! The realization of their hopes is so much greater than their expectation! They take their glittering crowns and cast them at His feet. Their joy is complete.

The Jewish Leaders Will Recall Their Rejection of the Saviour. When sinners are compelled to look upon Him who clothed His divinity in the garb of humanity, and who still wears that garb, their confusion is indescribable. They remember how His love was slighted and His compassion abused. They think of how Barabbas, a murderer and a robber, was chosen in His stead; how Jesus was crowned with thorns and scourged and crucified; how in the hours of His agony on the cross the priests and rulers taunted Him, saying, "Let Him come down from the cross, and we will believe Him. He saved others, Himself He cannot save." (See Matthew 21:42, 43; Mark 15:31.) All the insults and despite offered to Christ, all the suffering caused to His disciples, will be as fresh in their recollection as when the satanic deeds were done. The voice which

they heard so often in entreaty and persuasion will again sound in

"The wrath of the Lamb."--One who ever showed Himself full of infinite tenderness, patience, and longsuffering; who having given Himself up as a sacrificial victim, was led as a lamb to the slaughter to save sinners from the doom now falling upon them... makes them realize what they might have had, had they received Christ and improved the opportunities granted them....

In the Last Great Day the Character of Each Individual Will Be Distinctly Revealed. In that great day, all will see that their course of action decided their destiny. They will be rewarded or punished according as they have obeyed or violated the law of God. In that great day the character of each individual will be plainly and distinctly revealed. God will look into all the feelings and motives. No one can then occupy middle ground. Men and women are either saints or sinners, either entitled to a glorious life of eternity, or doomed to eternal death. What a scene that will be! The aggravated guilt of the world will be laid bare, and the voice of the eternal Judge will be heard saying, "Depart from Me. I never knew you."

The judgment will be conducted in accordance with the rules given in order that man might have eternal life. The law of God, which men are now called upon to obey and make their rule of life, but which many refuse to accept, is the law by which they will be judged. We are judged by our works. Obedience or disobedience means everything to us.

In the Last Great Day the Lost Will See That God's Law Is as Exalted as His Throne. The last great day will witness the triumph of the law of Jehovah. As the impenitent look upon the cross of Calvary, the scales fall from their eyes, and they see that which before they would not see. The law, God's standard of righteousness, is exalted, even as His throne is exalted. God Himself gives reverence to His law.--Letter 131, 1900, pp. 2, 3, 5-9. (To A. G. Daniells, October 14, 1900.)

THE PUNISHMENT OF THE WICKED WILL BE COMMENSURATE WITH THE DEGREE OF LIGHT THEY HAD AND EXTENT OF THEIR EVIL INFLUENCE ON OTHERS.

We have been given great light in regard to God's law. This law is the standard of character. To it man is now required to conform, and by it he will be judged in the last great day. In that day men will be dealt with according to the light they have received. He who knew his Lord's will, and did it not, will be beaten with many stripes. But he who knew it not, yet committed things worthy of stripes, will be beaten with few stripes. (See Luke 2:47, 48.) The number of talents... entrusted will determine the returns expected. The sinner's guilt will be measured by the opportunities and privileges [granted him] which he failed to improve. He will not be punished merely for his own rejection of the offer of salvation. He will be called to account for the influence he has exerted in encouraging others in sin... The punishment of the sinner will be measured by the extent to which he has

LAST DAY PERILS FROM PERSECUTION AND CALAMITIES ON LAND AND SEA.

When Opposition Becomes Pronounced and Lives Are Endangered, Go to Another Place. In some places where the opposition is very pronounced, the lives of God's messengers may be endangered. It is then their privilege to follow the example of their Master and go to another place....

As the End Approaches the Cords of Human Sympathy Will Become Fewer and Fewer. Those in the world, having lost their connection with God, are making desperate, insane efforts to make centers of themselves. This causes distrust of one another, which is followed by crime. The kingdoms of this world will be divided against themselves. Fewer and fewer will become the sympathetic cords which bind man in brotherhood to his fellowman. The natural egotism of the human heart will be worked upon by Satan. He will use [to his own ends] the uncontrolled wills and violent passions which were never brought under control of God's will....

Internecine Strife and Secret Plotting to Destroy the Lives in the Last Days. Every man's hand will be against his fellowman's. Brother will rise against brother, sister against sister, parents against children, and children against parents. All will be in confusion. Relatives will betray one another. There will be secret plotting to destroy life. Destruction, misery, and death will be seen on every hand. Men will follow the unrestrained bent of their hereditary and cultivated tendency to evil....

Fireproof Buildings Will Burn and Passenger Ships Will Sink as Part of God's Retributive Judgments. God has a store of retributive judgments which He permits to fall upon those who have continued in sin in the face of great light. I have seen the most costly structures erected, and supposed to be fireproof, and just as Sodom perished in the flames of God's vengeance, so will these proud structures become ashes. I have seen vessels, seeking to breast the angry billows. But with all their treasures of gold and silver, and with their human freight they sink into a watery grave. Man's pride will be buried with the treasures he has accumulated by fraud. God will avenge the widow and orphans who in hunger and nakedness have cried to Him for help from oppression and abuse.

Man's Flattering Monuments Will Be Crumbled Before the Last Great Destruction. The time is right upon us when there will be sorrow in the world that no human balm can heal. The flattering monuments of men's greatness will be crumbled in the dust, even before the last great destruction comes upon the world.... Only by being clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness can we escape the judgements that are coming upon the earth.--Letter 20, 1901, pp. 6, 1-13. (To J. H. Kellogg, January 28, 1901.)

DURING The LAST JUDGMENT MEN Will HAVE CLEAR, SHARP REMEMBRANCES Of ALL THEIR TRANSACTIONS.

We cannot now enter into the many transactions that have made up the life-record of church members. [But] These transactions are registered in God's book of records. How will this record appear in the great day when everyone shall receive according as his works have

been?... "And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works" (Revelation 20:12). Then men will have a clear, sharp remembrance of all their transactions in this life. Not a word or a deed will escape their memory.--Letter 22, 1901, p. 4. ("To My Brethren and Sisters in California," February 3, 1901.)

THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT UNDER THE LATTER RAIN.

The Latter Rain Is the Great Hope of God's People. The promised outpouring of God's life-giving Spirit has been and is still the great hope of God's people. It is the hope and glory of Zion. In this time of spiritual declension God's ministry is to stand in dignity, efficiency, and power.... The enemy will control minds that are not subdued by the grace of God. In times of test and trial there will be those who will walk and work in strange paths....

God Will Work for His People, If They Will Submit to Be Worked by the Holy Spirit. The whole earth is to be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea. The praise and thanksgiving that will go forth from human lips will be a sign that those who keep the commandments are chosen and precious in the sight of God.... The Lord will work for His people, if they will submit to be worked by the Holy Spirit, not thinking that they must work the Spirit.--Manuscript 14, 1901, pp. 1, 2, 6, 11. ("Diary," February 21, 1901.)

THE INVENTION AND PRODUCTION OF HEALTH FOODS BY GOD'S PEOPLE IN THE LAST Days.

The Minds of God's People Are to Be Open to Impressions Regarding the Invention and Production of Health Foods. The food question has not yet reached perfection. There is still much to [be] learn[ed] in this line. The Lord desires the minds of His people all over the world to be in such a condition that they can receive His impressions regarding the combining of certain articles in the production of foods, which will be a necessity, but are not yet produced...

Those Who Receive Knowledge From God in the Making of Health Foods

Are Not to Put a Price on It. The Lord has much more for those who will use the knowledge He shall give. The Lord will give understanding to many minds. No man, after receiving knowledge from God, is to put a price upon that knowledge, and so bind the movements of his fellowmen that he [alone] will receive the benefits....

The Production of Health Foods Will Be Greatly Simplified. As famine and want and distress in the world shall increase more and more, the production of health foods will be greatly simplified. Those who are engaged in this work should learn constantly of the great Teacher, who loves His people,, and keeps their good ever in view.--Manuscript 14, 1901, pp. 4, 5. ("Diary," February 21, 1901.)

THE THEORY THAT GRAY HAired PEOPLE CANNOT Be SAVED IS RUBBISH.

I have received letters expressing great anxiety. Someone has been teaching those in our churches that men and women with gray hair cannot be saved with other foolish theories. It seems singular that those who have their Bible do not have a decided message for those who teach these fables. Such teachers are described in Paul's words: "Evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived" (2 Timothy 3:13).--Manuscript 21, 1901, p. 2. ["Diary," March 3, 1901.]

IN HEAVEN ALL WILL Be AS WHITE AS CHRIST HIMSELF.

In heaven there will be no color line, for all will be as white as Christ Himself.--Manuscript 27, 1901, p. 8. (A talk given to the Vicksburg, Mississippi, church, March 16, 1901. Published in the Gospel Herald, March 1901.)

AT PRESENT WE ARE UNABLE ACCURATELY To DESCRIBE THE SCENES OF THE FUTURE.

We are not now [1901] able to describe with accuracy the scenes to be enacted in our world in the future, but this we do know, that this is a time when we must watch unto prayer, for the great day of the Lord is at hand. Satan is rallying his forces. We need to be thoughtful and still, and contemplate the truths of revelation. Excitement is not favorable to growth in grace, to true purity and sanctification of the spirit.--Manuscript 76a, 1901, PP. 8, 9. ("Regarding the Late [Holy Flesh] Movement in Indiana," April 17, 1901.)

THE NEED FOR VIGILANCE AND HARMONY; The TIME WILL COME WHEN OUR PUBLISHING HOUSE PRESSES WILL Be SOLD AND THE PROCEEDS PUT INTO THE LORD'S WORK.

There Is Need for Alertness and Harmony in the Last Days. We are living amid the perils of the last days. Our safety lies in holding the beginning of our confidence firm unto the end. Ordinary, halfhearted service does not please God. I would that the perceptive faculties of the people of God were sharp and clear, that they might see the need of cultivating righteousness. Difficult work is before us. Let us seek to harmonize, to love one another as Christ has loved us....

Warning Against SDA Publishing Houses Taking in Out-side Work.
The great trouble in our publishing houses has been [in the 1890s] that those at the head of the work have taken on themselves too many burdens. The outside work which has been brought in has caused backsliding from God. It has led the workers to hurry and drive. They have had no time to pray.

The Time Will Come When the Presses in Our Publishing Houses Will Not Be Needed and Hence Will Be Sold, and the Proceeds Put in the Lord's Work. The time will come when the many presses in our publishing houses will not be needed. They will be disposed of and the proceeds will go toward the advancement of the Lord's work.--Manuscript 101, 1901, pp. 1, 10. ("The Need of the Grace of Christ," April 1901.)

AS GOD'S CURSE RESTS EVER MORE HEAVILY On THE EARTH, HOUSES AND LANDS WILL BE OF NO BENEFIT TO US.

It is not too late to cling to worldly treasures. Soon houses and lands will be of no benefit to anyone, for the curse of God will rest more and more heavily upon the earth. The call comes, "Sell that ye have, and give alms" (Lake 12:33). This message should be faithfully borne--urged home to the hearts of the people, that God's own property may be passed on in offerings to advance His work in the world.--Letter 177, 1901, pp. 9, 10. ("To the Brethren and Sisters Who Compose the Iowa Conference," May 7, 1901.)

GOD REFUSES TO HEAR SATAN'S ACCUSATIONS, EVEN THOUGH HIS CHURCH IS IMPERFECT.

(Zechariah 3:4-7 quoted.) God will rebuke Satan, refusing to hear his accusations against His church, even though she is far from what she should be. Standing before God in filthy garments, Joshua well represents the condition of God's ministers and the lay members of the church. They need to be revived and reformed. They need to be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. Those who continue in the service of God will, through the revival of God's appointed agencies, return to wholehearted obedience, depending on the merits of a crucified Saviour and trusting in His atonement for salvation....

The church has failed, sadly failed, to meet the expectations of her Redeemer, and yet the Lord does not withdraw Himself from His people. He bears with them still, not because of any goodness found in them, but that His name shall not be dishonored before the enemies of truth and righteousness, that the satanic agencies may not triumph in their punishment and destruction. He has borne long with their waywardness and unbelief and folly. With wonderful forbearance and compassion He has disciplined them. If they will heed His instruction, He will cleanse away their perverse tendencies, saving them with an everlasting salvation and making them eternal monuments of the power of His grace.--Manuscript 51, 1901, pp. 7, 10, 11. (Watch and Pray," June 26, 1901.)

HEALTH FOODS THAT WILL YET BE INVENTED SHOULD NOT BE MONOPOLIZED.

God does not give a man a monopoly of His goods in any line of work. Experiments will be made and tests made by men to whom the Lord has given wisdom. They will prepare food to take the place of that which is injurious that the poor may have a benefit of His goods to support themselves and their families. This is the Lord's order, and no one is permitted to close the door to that which will sustain life. God can set a table in the wilderness, and this will be more properly understood in the future.--Letter 53, 1901, p. 2. (To "Brother and Sister Farnsworth," June 12, 1901.)

AVOID ENTANGLEMENTS With SEEMINGLY BENEFICIAL RELIGIOUS MOVEMENTS.

We need to be wide awake, that we may distinguish between the true and the false. Movements will be made by religious organizations which, though apparently designed to benefit the world, are not in accordance with God's mind. In these movements we are to take no part. Many will give them their sympathy, thereby becoming entangled....

Many will agree to half-concealed plans and will find themselves working on the enemy's side. The Lord desires His servants to be wise in regard to the working of the enemy, to know when to speak and when to keep silent.... In all that we do or say we are to be guided by the inspired Record. "Thus saith the Lord" is to be our rule of action. That which God forbids we are not to endorse. The instruction of His Word is to be brought into every transaction of life....

The Lord desires those who take part in His work to be men of spiritual understanding, sensible men, who will follow His way and make known His will. Their voices are to be heard amid the din and confusion of unconsecration. Those in the synagogue of Satan will profess to be converted and, unless God's servants have keen eyesight, they will not discern the working of the power of darkness.--Letter 98, 1901, pp. 2-

4. (To Dr. D. H. Kress and wife, June 19, 1901.)

REFORMS SUCH As DISCARDING MILK, EGGS, AND BUTTER, WHICH PERTAIN TO THE FUTURE, SHOULD NOT BE BROUGHT INTO THE Present.

Great reforms are to be made [in the future]. Many changes will be required as we advance the cause of reform. But reforms which belong to the future must not be brought into the present. We are to advance step by step.... As the situation now is, we cannot say that milk and eggs and butter should be entirely discarded.--Manuscript 98, 1901, p. 6. (To Dr. D. H. Kress and wife, June 19, 1901.)

GOD WILL GIVE MEN THE ABILITY To PRODUCE NEW HEALTH FOODS.

God has been giving me instruction [to the effect] that He will give men in various countries ability to produce healthful foods, so that the human machinery can be kept in good order without the use of any food which contains injurious properties. By His Holy Spirit the Lord will guide His workers in the preparation of [health] foods.--Letter 98, 1901, pp. 6, 1. (To Dr. D. H. Kress and wife, June 19, 1901.)

THE FEELINGS OF THE LOST AFTER PROBATION CLOSES.

The Rejectors of God's Mercy Will Realize That They Have Lost Eternal Life. At any moment God can withdraw from the impenitent the tokens of His wonderful mercy and love. O, that human agencies might consider what will be the sure result of their ingratitude to Him, and of their disregard of the infinite gift of Christ to our world! If they continue to love transgression more than obedience, the present blessings and the great mercy of God, which they now enjoy but do not appreciate, will finally become the occasion of their eternal ruin. They may for a time choose to engage in worldly amusements and sinful pleasures, rather than check themselves in their course of sin and live for God and for the honor of the Majesty of heaven; but, when it is too late for them to see and understand that which they have slighted as a thing of naught, they will know what it means to be without God,

The Wicked Will Envy the Lot of the Righteous After Probation Closes. In the time when God's judgments are falling without mercy, oh, how enviable will be the position of those who abide "in the secret place of the Most High"--the pavilion in which the Lord hides all who

have loved Him and have obeyed His commandments! The lot of the righteous is indeed an enviable one at such a time to those who are suffering because of their sins. But the door of mercy is closed to the wicked. No more prayers are offered in their behalf, after probation ends.--Manuscript 151, 1901, pp. 4, 5. ("Diary: 'The Reward of the Obedient,'" September 2, 1901.)

FALSE TEACHERS IN THE LAST DAYS.

False Teachers, Appearing Righteous, Will Lead Minds Into Heresy. There are false teachers, bearing false doctrines, coming under the guise of godliness, but bearing Satan's science, which once received, pollutes the whole being, body, soul, and spirit. These teachers are wells without water. They put on an appearance of righteousness, but they lead minds into heresy and darkness. They speak great swelling words of vanity about their own power. Thus did Satan, when he promised Eve, "Ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil" (Genesis 3:5). They turn men and women from obedience to disobedience, from the pure doctrines of Christianity, which make men loyal and true to God's commandments, to the doctrines of unrighteousness, which drag them down to ruin.

In the Future False Teachers Will Increase in Number and Deceptive Power. False teachers have always abounded, and in the future they will increase in number and power to deceive, apparently working miracles. All should beware of placing themselves in association with such teachers. Their doctrines are attractive, and their deceptions so carefully hidden under a garb of righteousness that, if it were possible, they will deceive the very elect.--To E. R. Palmer, September 15, 1901.)

The Final Judgment.--

Christ Qualified Himself to Be Judge of the World by Assuming Human Nature. To His Son the Father has committed all judgment. To prepare Himself to be Judge of all the world, Christ endured the hardships and trials of mankind, suffering in all points like as we suffer, thus familiarizing Himself with the power of Satan's temptations....

Heaven's Books Contain an Exact Record of the Life of Every Individual. Accurately recorded in the books of heaven are the sneers and trivial remarks made by sinners who pay no heed to the call of mercy, when Christ is represented to them by a servant of God. As the artist takes on the polished glass a true picture of the human face, so God daily placed upon the books of heaven an exact representation of the character of every individual.--Manuscript 105, 1901, pp. 2, 6. (A sermon preached at St. Helena Sanitarium, September 28, 1901.)

SATAN'S PREPARATIONS FOR THE FINAL CONFLICT.

Wars, Rumors of Wars, Strikes, Murders, Robberies, and Accidents Tell That the End is Near. The signs of the times--the wars and rumors of wars, the strikes, murders, robberies, and accidents--tell us that the end of all things is at hand. God's Word declares, "As the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying

and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be" (Matthew 24:37-39).

Marriages After Divorce and Other Activities Which Christ Condemned. How true a description this is of the condition of the world today. The daily papers are full of notices of marriage after divorce--the marriage condemned in the words of the Saviour,--full of accounts of amusements and games, of pugilistic contests in which human beings maim and disfigure one another to exhibit their brutal strength.

Under Satanic Guidance Men Have Lost Their Horror for Bloodshed. Under their great leader, Lucifer, men are educating themselves to represent him. Who can doubt the truth of the prophets words, "The wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand" (Daniel 12:10). There is an awful development of moral degeneracy. Under the guidance of Satan, men have lost their horror for bloodshed and murder....

Satan Is Striving to Perfect His Forces to Wreak Vengeance Upon God's People. It is not only human agencies filled with the spirit of Satan that are arrayed against God. Satan himself stands at the head of his army, striving with all his power to perfect the force over which he rules, that he may wreak his vengeance on God's people. Knowing that his time is short, he has come down with great power, to work against all that is good. He fills the minds of his instrumentalities with hatred against God and with an intense desire for revenge. In the Scriptures he is represented as walking up and down as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

Human Beings Given Over to Satan Aid Him in His Conspiracies. The inhabitants of the world have largely given themselves into Satan's control. He acts as the god of this earth. Human beings, wholly given over to evil, cooperate with him in his conspiracies, helping him to carry out his plans against the government of God....

All the Strength of God's People Is to Be Directed Against the Enemy. Among the people of God there is to be no dissension, no controversy, no warfare against one another. The forces of righteousness are to be a unit in their conflict with evil. All the strength of God's people is to be directed against the forces of the enemy. The will of every child of God is to be placed on the side of God's will. Satan's strong efforts against God's agencies, show the need of union and harmony among the forces of righteousness.

The Angel of Mercy Is Preparing to Leave the World to Satan's Control. A terrible contest is before us. We are nearing the battle of the great day of God Almighty. That which has been held in control is to be let loose. The angel of mercy is folding her wings, preparing to step down from the golden throne and leave the world to the control of Satan, the king they have chosen, a murderer and a destroyer from the beginning.

Soon the Last Great Battle Will Be Fought. The principalities and powers of earth are in bitter revolt against the God of heaven. They are filled with hatred against all who serve Him; and soon, very soon, is to be fought the last great battle between good and evil. The earth

is to be the battlefield, the scene of the final contest and the final victory. Here, where for so long Satan has led men against God, rebellion is to be forever suppressed.--Letter 153, 1901, pp. 2-5. (To "Dear Brethren and Sisters in Australia," October 26, 1901.)

IN THE EXECUTIVE JUDGMENT SIN WILL BE PUNISHED In PROPORTION TO DISHONOR BROUGHT GOD.

Sodomitish Impurity Will Not Escape God's Wrath at the Execution of the Judgment. Church members need to obtain the Spirit--the Holy Spirit,--to fast and pray, striving earnestly to overcome by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony. Not one particle of Sodomitish impurity will escape the wrath of God at the execution of the judgment. Those who do not repent and forsake all uncleanness will fall with the wicked. Those who become members of the royal family and who form God's kingdom in the earth made new will be saints, not sinners. (See Isaiah 30:1-3.)

The Punishment of Sinners Will Be Proportionate to Their Dishonor of God. Those who have had great light and have disregarded it stand in a worse position than those who have not been given so many advantages. They exalt themselves but not the Lord. The punishment inflicted on human beings will in every case be proportionate to the dishonor they have brought on God. Many by a course of self-indulgence have put Christ to open shame.--Letter 159, 1901, pp 7, 8. (To S. N. Haskell, November 3, 1901.)

DIVINE WISDOM PROMISED IN THE PREPARATION Of HEALTH FOODS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

Share Your Knowledge of Preparing Health Foods, for It Is God Who Gives Inventive Wisdom. To many in different places the Lord will give intelligence in regard to health foods. He can spread a table in the wilderness. Health foods should be prepared by our churches that are trying to practice principles of health reform. But as surely as they do this, some would say that they were infringing on their rights. But who gave them wisdom to prepare these foods?--the God of heaven. That same God will give wisdom to his people in different countries in preparing health foods. In simple inexpensive ways, our people are to experiment with the fruits and grains and roots in the country in which they live. In different countries inexpensive health foods are to be manufactured for the benefit of the poor, and for the benefit of the families of our people.

SDA'S Overseas Are Not to Depend on the Importation of American Health Foods. The message God has given me is that His people in foreign lands are not to depend for their supply of health foods on the importation of health foods from America....

God Promises Divine Wisdom in the Preparation of Meat Analogs; Don't Use Nuts Excessively. When the message comes to those who have not heard the truth for this time, they see that a great reformation must take place in their diet. They see that they must put away flesh-food, because it creates an appetite for liquor and fills the system with disease. By meat-eating, the physical, mental, and moral powers are weakened. Man is built up from that which he eats. Animal passions bear sway as the result of meat-eating, tobacco-using, and liquor-

drinking. The Lord will give His people wisdom to prepare from that which the earth yields, foods that will take the place of flesh-meat. Simple combinations of nuts and grains and fruits, manufactured with taste and skill, will commend themselves to unbelievers. But as a usual thing, too many nuts are used in the combinations made.--Manuscript

INTERPRETATION AND APPLICATION OF THE VISION OF JOSHUA AND THE ANGEL.

Ellen White Saw Zechariah 3 Portrayed Before Her. The whole of the third chapter of Zechariah was portrayed before me. The words were repeated: "And He shewed me Joshua the high priest standing before the Angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him. And the Lord said unto Satan, The Lord rebuke thee, O Satan; even the Lord that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?" (Zechariah 3:1, 2)....

Satan Accuses Those Whom He Has Led Into Sin. After Satan leads men into wrong positions, he stands at the right hand of the Angel as the adversary of man, to resist every effort made to save the purchase of the blood of the Lamb of God. The devil persecutes those whom he has caused to sin. He is the accuser of the brethren. Day and night he accuses them before God. This is his special work.

God's Law Must Be Obeyed, If We Are to Be Accepted by Him. A perversion of right principles is a transgression of God's Law. Those who in their actions pervert the grand principles of His holy law are under condemnation; for the righteousness of Christ cannot cover one unconfessed sin. The law has been lightly regarded. "Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil" Ecclesiastes 8:11). We must obey God's law, if we are loyal to Him and accepted by him.

The first step toward obedience is to examine ourselves in the light of the law, thus discovering the penalty of transgression. Those of God's people who do not purify their souls by coming into clearer and still clearer light are a reproach to His glorious cause. Too often those who should remain true and faithful to principle are obnoxious to God, because in His justice He cannot endure the sins that they cherish--sins that not only lead them into false paths, but cause others also to be led astray.

The Only Hope of God's People Is Reconversion. Carefully reread these two verses: "And He shewed me Joshua the high priest standing before the Angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him. And the Lord said unto Satan, The Lord rebuke thee, O Satan; even the Lord that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?" He was a representative of an imperfect, sinful people, those who had become contaminated with sin. Satan accused Joshua of being a criminal. What, then, is the only hope of the people of God in their defections of Christian character?--their only hope is reconversion, repentance toward God, and faith in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is made unto us righteousness and sanctification. In heaven Joshua was accounted as a justified sinner.

Christ Was the Angel Who Justified the Penitent Transgressor in Zechariah Chapter 3. Here, then, comes in the Redeemer's work. Satan

stood by the side of the Angel as an adversary, to accuse Joshua as a transgressor of the law. This Angel, who is our Saviour, was seen by John the Revelator represented as standing in the midst of the golden candlesticks, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girt about the breast with a golden girdle. Christ is represented in actual ministry for His people, as was Joshua on the day of atonement in behalf of the children of Israel. As at that time Satan pointed to the defilement of God's people and triumphed in their discomfiture, so he is doing now. Joshua was accused as a sinner, but Jesus Christ, the Sin-bearer, the Substitute for the offender, to whom all types point, cannot be thus accused. He is the one who takes away the sin of the

THE FULFILLMENT OF ZECHARIAH 3 TAKES PLACE WHILE SATAN CLAIMS TO Be CHRIST AND WORKS His DECEPTIVE MIRACLES.

Satan, Claiming to Be Christ, Strives to Act as Director of the Christian World. We are approaching the end of this earth's history, and Satan is working as never before. He is striving to act as director of the Christian world. With an intensity that is marvelous he is working with his lying wonders. Satan is represented as walking about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. He desires to embrace the whole world in his confederacy. Hiding his deformity under the garb of Christianity, he assumes the attributes of a Christian, and claims to be Christ Himself.

Satan Deceives by Apparently Healing Those Whom He Has Tormented. The Word of God declares that when it suits the enemy's purpose, he will through his agencies manifest so great power under a pretense of Christianity that, "if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect" (Matthew 24:24). The enemy is revealed in persons whom he has given power to work miracles. He creates sorrow and suffering and disease. Seeming to change his attributes, he apparently heals those whom he himself has tormented....

Higher Critics Will Try to Invalidate God's Word, but There Is a Still Higher Critic. Deceptions of every kind will be invented. So-called higher critics will set their ingenious minds to work in an attempt to invalidate the Word of God. But there is a Higher Critic, greater than any human mind....

Zechariah Depicts God's People as Loyal to His Law, While the Protestant World Shows Contempt for It. Zechariah pictures the elect of God, showing their allegiance to His holy law in a time of unrivaled depravity, when by pen and by voice the so-called Protestant world show marked contempt for the law of God, revealing by their actions that they have decided not to recognize His standard as the rule of life.

When Men Reach the Limits of God's Grace, He Will Intervene. Men are fast becoming imbued with an intense hatred of even hearing the law mentioned. They are fast approaching the bounds set by a long-suffering God. Soon the limits of His grace will be reached. Then He will interfere, vindicating His own name and before all the world magnifying His law as holy, just, and good, as unchangeable as His own character.

God's People Will Suffer for the Truth's Sake, Because They Have Not Always Been True to Principle. The eye of the Lord is upon His people. They will suffer for the truth's sake. They have not always

been firm and true to principle. Some have erected idols and served them. This has separated them from God....

Satan Leads People Into Sin, Then Pleads the Right to Treat Them Cruelly. Those who honor God and keep His commandments are subject to the accusations of Satan. The enemy works with all his energy to lead persons into sin. Then he pleads that on account of their past sins, he should be allowed to exercise his hellish cruelty on them as his own subjects. Of this work Zechariah has written: "And He showed me Joshua the high priest a representative of the people who keep the commandments of God standing before the angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him" (Zechariah 3:1).

Christ Has Made Atonement for Every Sinner Plucked as a Brand From the Fire. Christ is our High Priest. Satan stands before Him night and day as an accuser of the brethren. With his masterly power he presents every objectionable feature of character as sufficient reason for the withdrawal of Christ's protecting power, thus allowing him to discourage and destroy those whom he has caused to sin. But Christ has made atonement for every sinner. Can we by faith hear our Advocate saying, "The Lord rebuke thee, O Satan; even the Lord that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?"

Satan Clothes Those He Has Duped Into Sin With Garments of Shame. "Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments" (Verses 2, 3). Thus sinners appear before the enemy who by his masterly, deceptive power has led them away from allegiance to God. With garments of sin and shame the enemy clothes those who have been overpowered by his temptations, and then he declares that it is unfair for Christ to be their Light, their Defender.

Christ Clothes Repentant Sinners With His Imputed Righteousness. But, poor, repentant mortals, hear the words of Jesus, and believe as they hear: "And He answered [the accusing charge of Satan] and spoke unto those [angels] that stood before Him [to do His bidding], saying, Take away the filthy garments from him" (Verse 4). I will blot out his transgression. I will cover his sins. I will impute to him My righteousness. "And unto him He said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment" (Ibid.).

The filthy garments are removed, for Christ says, "I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee." The iniquity is transferred to the innocent, the pure, the holy Son of God; and man, all undeserving, stands before the Lord cleansed from all unrighteousness, and clothed with the imputed righteousness of Christ. Oh, what a change of raiment is this!

In Addition, Christ Honors Those Whom He Has Pardoned. And Christ does more than this for them: "And I said, Let them set a fair mitre upon his head. So they set a fair mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the Lord stood by. And the angel of the Lord protested unto Joshua, saying, 'Thus saith the Lord of hosts; If thou wilt walk in My ways, and if thou wilt keep My charge, then thou shall also keep My courts, and I will give thee places to walk among these that stand by' (Verses 5-7).

How Can Justified Sinners Continue to Sin? This is the honor that God will bestow on those who are clothed with the garments of Christ's righteousness. With such encouragement as this, how can men continue in sin? How can they grieve the heart of Christ?....

Christ Restores God's Moral Image in All Who Remain Loyal to All His Commandments. Two classes have ever been before the world, the obedient and the disobedient, the genuine and the counterfeit. Amid all the temptations and deceptions of Satan, let everyone remain loyal to all of God's commandments. Then Christ will restore in man the moral image of God, and will finish the work He has begun in the plan of redemption, presenting man before God clothed in His righteousness.-- Manuscript 125, 1901, pp. 6-9, 12-14, 21. ("The Unchangeable Law of God," December 9, 1901.)

GOD'S PEOPLE NOT To BE DIVERTED BY QUESTIONS SUCH AS "WHO ARE THE 144,000," BUT ARE To WORK HARDER AS THE CONFLICT INTENSIFIES.

The Conflict Will Wax More Severe as We Approach the Closing Struggle. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. Bring into the work an earnest desire to learn how to bear responsibilities. With strong arms and brave hearts go forth into the conflict all must enter, a conflict that will grow more and more severe as we approach the closing struggle....

Men, Women, and Youth Will Be Imbued With the Spirit of the Last Message. The Lord has instructed me that the time will come, when men, women, and youth will be imbued with the spirit of the last message of mercy to be given to our world.

The Need to Work Harder the Nearer We Approach the Coming of Christ. Remember that the nearer we approach Christ's coming, the more earnestly and firmly we are to work, for the whole synagogue of Satan is opposed to us. The prospect of Christ's near coming is not to hinder God's people from being industrious. None are to be idle. All are to be industrious for God....

God's People Will be Carrying on Life's Duties When Christ Comes. Christ declared that, when He comes, some of His waiting people will be engaged in business transactions. Some will be sowing in the field, others reaping and gathering in the harvest, and others grinding at the mill. It is not God's will that His elect shall abandon life's duties and responsibilities, and give themselves up to idle contemplation, living in a religious dream....

God's People Not to Be Diverted by Controversy Over the 144,000. Christ says that there will be those in the church who will present fables and suppositions, when God has given grand, elevating, ennobling truths, which should ever be kept in the treasure-house of the mind. When men pick up this theory and that theory, when they are curious to know something [which] it is not necessary for them to know, God is not leading them. It is not His plan that His people present something [concerning] which they have to suppose, which is not taught in the Word. It is not His will that they shall get into controversy over questions which will not help them spiritually, such as: Who compose the hundred and forty-four thousand? This, those who are the elect of God will in a short time know without question....

When the Churches Unite With the Papacy to Persecute, Flee to Places of Religious Freedom Opened by Canvassers. When the religious denominations unite with the papacy to oppress, places where there is religious freedom will be opened by evangelistic canvassing. If in one place the oppression becomes severe, do as Christ has told you to do: When they persecute you in one place, go to another place, and if persecution comes there go to still another. God will lead His people, making them a blessing in many places. Were it not for persecution, God's people would not be scattered abroad to proclaim the truth. and Christ declares, "Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come." (Matthew 10:23).--Manuscript 18a, 1901, pp. 1, 5, 1-10. (Untitled Manuscript, n.d., 1901.)

THOSE WHO WILL BE SEALED WILL BE TESTED.

Those who bear the seal of the living God will be tested, for we read: "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).--Letter 47, 1902, p.

5. (To S. N. Haskell and wife, February 5, 1902.)

THE TABLES OF THE LAW IN THE HEAVENLY TEMPLE WILL BE SEEN WHEN GOD'S PEOPLE Triumph.

When the Temple in Heaven Is Opened, the Ark Will Be Seen With the Tables of the Law. Writing of the last days, John says, "The nations were angry, and Thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that Thou shouldest give reward unto Thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear Thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth. And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in His temple the ark of His testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail" (Revelation 11:18, 19).

When God's temple in heaven is opened, what a triumphant time that will be for all those who have been faithful and true! In the temple will be seen the ark of the testament in which were placed the two tables of stone, on which were written God's law. These tables of stone will be brought forth from their hiding-place, and on them will be seen the ten commandments engraved by the finger of God. These tables of stone now lying in the ark of the testament will be a convincing testimony to the truth and binding claims of God's law.

Commandment-keepers From Every Society to Be Gathered Out in the Last Days. From every nation, kindred, tongue, and people is to be gathered out a people who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus. This is the work to be accomplished in these last days. Since Satan's rebellion in heaven against the commandments of God, he has kept up a continual warfare against these commandments, and he will continue to carry on his work relentlessly to the end.--Letter 47, 1902, pp. 6, 7. (To S. N. Haskell and wife, February 5, 1902.)

CALAMITIES AND THE SUNDAY LAW.

The Reason for Latter-day Calamities Is the Exaltation of the

False Sabbath. Is it true that the end of all things is at hand? What mean the awful calamities by sea--vessels shipwrecked and lives hurled into eternity without a moment's warning?... The Lord will not interfere to protect the property of those who transgress His law, break His covenant, and trample upon His Sabbath, accepting in its place a spurious rest day. As Nebuchadnezzar set up an image in the plains of Dura, and commanded all to bow before it, so this false sabbath has been exalted before the world, and men are commanded to keep it holy....

Calamities Are Permitted to Bring Professed Christians to Their Senses. The plagues of God are already falling upon the earth, sweeping away costly structures as if by a breath of fire from heaven. Will not these judgments bring professing Christians to their senses? God permits them to come that the world may take heed, that sinners may be afraid and tremble before Him.--Letter 21, 1902, pp. 4, 5. (To A. G. Daniells and E. R. Palmer, February 16, 1902.)

ESPECIALLY SHOULD SDA SANITARIUMS BE ESTABLISHED IN THE COUNTRY.
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There are troublous times before us, and while we can, we should place our work upon a proper basis, leaving the large cities, and securing land in the country. Especially is it essential that our sanitariums be established in the country.--Manuscript 44, 1902, p. 2. (Diary: "God's Plan for the Location of Our Sanitariums," March 12, 1902.)

COUNTRY LIVING IN THE LAST DAYS.

The Time Is Coming When God's People Will Have to Live in Small Companies Away From the Cities. The plagues of the last days are to be poured out on the inhabitants of the world, who have shown marked contempt for the law of God. God's people should seek to reach the people of the world, proclaiming the truth as it is found in His Word. But the time will come when they will have to move away from the cities and live in small companies by themselves.

Those Who Choose to Remain in the Cities Must Share in Their Coming Disasters. If our people regard God's instruction as of value, they will move out of the city, so that they will not be pained by its revolting sights, and so that their children will not be corrupted by its vices. Those who choose to remain in the cities, surrounded by the houses of unbelievers, must share [in] the disasters that will come upon them....

Rationalizing That There is Patronage for Our Sanitariums to be Gained in the Cities Is Not God-Inspired Reasoning. The time is not far distant when every city will be visited by the plagues of God. Those who suppose that the patronage to be gained [for our sanitariums] in the congested cities would be a great advantage, do not reason wisely. In this respect their reasoning is not inspired of God. Men should have less confidence in their finite wisdom.--Manuscript 41, 1902, pp. 3, 4, 10, 11 ("The Location of the Sanitarium in Southern California," March 14, 1902.)

Meaning of Calamities.

Can we not see that the judgments of God are in the world? As I think of godless men sailing the broad waters, with only a few boards between them and eternity, I am filled with awe, and with fear for them. Scene after scene has passed before me concerning the loss of vessels. I saw vessels lost in dense fogs. Angels of God were commissioned to withdraw from some of these vessels, and they withdrew. The officers and crew were cursing and swearing, and acting in a godless manner, as if there were no God. Those in charge were half drunk. Their reason was confused. There were ministers of the gospel among the passengers, but some of them were smoking and drinking, and their example was no restraint on officers or crew.

Vessel after vessel was lost that might have been saved had the men in charge been in possession of their reasoning powers. But the Lord did not work a miracle to save them. He did not say to the angry, tumultuous waters, "Peace, be still," neither did He give clear discernment to the men who by self-indulgence had robbed themselves of understanding. Disaster came, and nearly all were lost.

Years ago this scene passed before me as a representation of what would happen in the future.

I saw that costly buildings in the cities, supposed to be fireproof, would be consumed by fire. The fire that lately swept through Patterson, New York, and the fires that have been in other places, are a fulfillment in part of the warning. Yet God has not executed His wrath without mercy. His hand is stretched out still. His message must be given in Greater New York. The people must be shown how it is possible for God, by a touch of His hand, to destroy the property they have gathered together against the last great day.

God Still Extends His Invitation of Mercy to Cities Everywhere. A little longer will the voice of mercy be heard. A little longer will the gracious invitation be given, "If any man thirst, let him come unto Me and drink." God sends His warning message to the cities everywhere.-Letter 43, 1902.

The Message of the Angel of Revelation 18:1-5. John writes, "And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power: and the earth was lightened with his glory. 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. 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. 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. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities" (Revelation 18:1-5).

When the Last Test Comes, the Convicted Ones Range Themselves Under Christ's Banner. These words of this scripture are to be fulfilled. Soon the last test is to come to all the inhabitants of the earth. At that time prompt decisions will be made. Those who have been convicted under the presentation of the Word, will range themselves

under the bloodstained banner of Prince Emmanuel. They will see and understand as never before that they have missed many opportunities for doing the good they ought to have done. They will realize that they have not worked as zealously as they should to seek and save the lost, to snatch them, as it were, out of the fire.--Letter 43, 1902, pp. 1-4. (To "Brother Hart," March 19, 1902.)

IS COMING.

The Destruction of Supposedly Fireproof Buildings Is Imminent; The outlook in our world is indeed alarming. God is withdrawing His Spirit from the wicked cities, which have become as Sodom and Gomorrah. The inhabitants of these cities have been tested and tried. We have reached a time when God is about to punish the presumptuous wrongdoers who refuse to keep His commandments and disregard His message of warning. He who bears long with evildoers gives everyone an opportunity to seek Him and humble their hearts before Him. Everyone has opportunity to come to Christ and be converted that He may heal them. But there will come a time when mercy will no longer be offered. Costly mansions, marvels of architectural skill, will be destroyed without a moments notice, when the Lord sees that their owners have passed the boundaries of forgiveness. The destruction by fire of the stately buildings,

The Destruction of Jerusalem Was a Type of the Final Visitation of God's Wrath. Many of these judgments [mentioned in Luke 21] came upon Jerusalem. But it was not alone of Jerusalem that Christ spoke. He looked down the ages past the destruction of Jerusalem to the time when at the end of this earth's history the great and final visitation of God's wrath will be seen.

Matthew 24 Gives an Outline of What Is Coming. The twenty-fourth chapter of Matthew gives an outline of what is to come upon the world. We are living amid the perils of the last days. Those who are perishing in sin must be warned. The Lord calls upon everyone to whom He has entrusted the talent of means to act as His helping hand by giving their money for the advancement of His work....

A Warning Against Investing in Material Things. He who looks at earthly things as the chief good; he who spends; his life in an effort to gain worldly riches, is indeed making a poor investment. Too late he will see that in which he has trusted crumbling into dust.--Letter 90, 1902, pp. 1-3. (To "Brother Johnson," May 23, 1902.)

GOD PERMITS CALAMITIES TO BRING PEOPLE TO THEIR SENSES.

SDAS Should Gather to Christ in View of the Trouble That Is to Come Upon Them. Trouble is coming upon us as a people. In view of the common peril, let there be no more strife among us. True believers will not say, "I am of Paul, or, I am of Appolos." All will have one testimony to bear, "I cleave to Christ." When the storm of persecution comes, the true sheep, knowing the Shepherd's voice, will gather to Him....

God Will Not Intervene to Protect the Property of Transgressors of His Law. What mean the awful calamities by sea-vessels hurled into eternity without a moment's warning? What mean the accidents by land--

fire consuming the riches men have hoarded, much of which has been accumulating by oppression of the poor. The Lord will not interfere to protect the property of those who transgress His law, break His covenant, and trample upon His Sabbath, accepting in its place a spurious rest day.

God Permits Judgments to Come to Bring Professing Christians to Their Senses. The plagues of God are already falling upon the earth, sweeping away the most costly structures as if by a breath of fire from heaven. Will not these judgments bring professing Christians to their senses? God permits them to come, that the world may take heed, that sinners may be afraid and tremble before Him.--Manuscript 99, 1902, pp. 10-13. (Fragments: "The Coming Trial," July 12, 1902.)

MEETING OPPONENTS AND WITNESSING BEFORE THE WORLD'S GREAT MEN.

We Shall Meet Those Who Reject Light Because It Does Not Harmonize With Their Plans. Transgression is developing in a most marked manner. We shall meet those who have received light and evidence, but who in their perversity reject all that does not harmonize with their own plans, persisting in their determination to follow their own way. They refuse to receive good themselves, and do all in their power to lead others to regard with indifference the word of the Lord.

The Greatest Scholars, Statesmen, and Eminent Men Will Turn From the Light. The greatest scholars, the greatest statesmen, the world's most eminent men, will in these last days turn from the light, because the world by wisdom knows not God.... Men learned in the wisdom of the world may think they can explain the mysteries of the world, but in the explanation of the mysteries of the gospel, babes and children in Christ are far in advance of them. Unlearned and ignorant men are chosen by the Lord as teachers, because He sees that they are willing to learn as well as to teach....

The Truth Will Be Placed Before the World's Great Men, But God Does Not Force Them to Accept It. The truth is to be placed before the great men of this world, that they may choose between it and the world. God is not the author of their ignorance. He sets everlasting truth before them, truth that will make them wise unto salvation,--but He does not force them to accept it. If they turn from it, He leaves them to themselves, to be filled with the fruit of their own doings.--Manuscript 106, 1902, pp. 14, 15. ("An Aggressive Work," July 21, 1902.)

HOW SABBATH-KEEPERS ARE TO DEAL WITH SUNDAY LAWS.

SDA'S COUNSELED TO REFRAIN FROM SUNDAY WORK AND DO MISSIONARY WORK INSTEAD. I will try to answer your question as to what you should do in the case of Sunday laws being enforced: The light given me by the Lord at the time when we were expecting just such a crisis as you seem to be approaching was that, when people were moved by a power from beneath to enforce Sunday observance, Seventh-day Adventists were to show their wisdom by refraining from work on that day, devoting it to missionary effort.

The Mark of the Beast Is Not Received by Refraining From Work on

Sunday. To defy the Sunday laws will but strengthen in their persecution the religious zealots who are seeking to enforce them. Give them no occasion to call you lawbreakers. If they are left to rein up men who fear neither man nor God, the reining up will soon lose its novelty for them, and they will see that it is not consistent nor convenient for them to be strict in regard to the observance of Sunday. Keep right on with your [missionary) work, with your Bibles in your hands, and the enemy will see that he has worsted his own cause. One does not receive the mark of the beast because he shows that he realizes the wisdom of keeping the peace by refraining from work that gives offense, doing at the same time a work of the highest importance.

Disarm Sunday Advocates by Doing Sunday Missionary Work. When we devote Sunday to missionary work, the whip will be taken out of the hands of the arbitrary zealots who will be well pleased to humiliate Seventh-day Adventists. When they see that we employ ourselves on Sunday in visiting the people and opening the Scriptures to them, they will know that it is useless for them to try to hinder our work by making Sunday laws.

God Does Not Counsel Us to Place Ourselves Where We Are Forced to Dishonor the Sabbath. When a man, white or black, is arrested for Sunday-breaking, he is placed at a great disadvantage. He is humiliated, and it is well nigh hopeless for him to obtain a fair trial. Often, when Sabbath-keepers in the Southern States are arrested for working on Sunday, they are sent to the chain gang, where they are forced to work on the Sabbath. The Lord does not counsel them to place themselves where they are obliged to dishonor His holy rest day.

Avoid Violations of Sunday Laws by Doing Missionary Work. Our churches should understand the methods to be used in avoiding difficulty. Sunday can be used for carrying forward various lines of work that will accomplish much for the Lord. On this day open-air meetings and cottage meetings can be held. House-to-house work can be done. Those who write can devote this day to writing their articles. Whenever it is possible, let religious services be held on Sunday. Make these meetings intensely interesting. Sing genuine revival hymns, and speak with power and assurance of the Savior's love. Speak on temperance and on true religious experience. You will thus learn much about how to work, and will reach many souls.

Let the teachers in our schools devote Sunday to missionary effort. I was instructed that they would thus be able to defeat the purposes of the enemy. Let the teachers take the students with them to hold meetings for those who know not the truth. Thus they will accomplish much more than they could in any other way.

Enlighten the Ignorant, but Do Not Confederate With Worldly Men to Gain Financial Assistance. God has given us plain directions regarding our work. We are to proclaim the truth in regard to the Sabbath of the Lord, to make up the breach that has been made in His law. We are to do all that we can to enlighten those in ignorance, but we are never to confederate with men of the world in order to receive financial assistance....

Sunday Proponents Will Try to Compel Men to Obey Laws Created by Them. The Sabbath is the Lord's test, and no man, be he king, priest,

or ruler, is authorized to come between God and man. Those who seek to be conscience for their fellowmen, place themselves above God. Those who are under the influence of a false religion, who observe a spurious rest-day, will set aside the most positive evidence in regard to the true Sabbath. They will try to compel men to obey the laws of their own creating, laws that are directly opposed to the law of God. Upon those who continue in this course, the wrath of God will fall. Unless they change, they cannot escape the penalty.

God's People Are Not to Pay Homage to Sunday, But Neither Are They

to Defy Sunday Laws. The law for the observance of the first day of the week is the production of an apostate Christendom. Sunday is a child of the papacy, exalted by the Christian world above the sacred day of God's rest. In no case are God's people to pay it homage. But I wish them to understand that they are not doing God's will by braving opposition, when He wishes them to avoid it. Thus they create prejudice so bitter that it is impossible for the truth to be proclaimed. Make no demonstrations on Sunday in defiance of law. If this is done in one place, and you are humiliated, the same thing will be done in another place. We can use Sunday as a day on which to carry forward work that will tell on the side of Christ. We are to do our best, working with all meekness and lowliness.

The Faith of Christ's Followers Will Be Strengthened by Trials. Christ warned His disciples in regard to what they would meet in their work as evangelists. He knew what their sufferings would be, what trials and hardships they would be called upon to bear. He would not hide from them the knowledge of what they would have to encounter, lest troubles, coming unexpectedly, should shake their faith. "I have told you before it come to pass," He said, "that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe" (John 14:29). Their faith was to be strengthened, rather than weakened by the coming trials. They would say to one another, "He told us that this would come, and what we must do to meet it."

As Christ Was Hated Without Cause, so Will His Followers Be Hated.

"Behold," said Christ, "I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: Be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.... Ye shall be hated of all men for My name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved" (Matthew 10:16, 22). They hated Christ without a cause; is it any marvel that they hate those who bear His sign, who do His service? They are accounted as the off-scouring of the earth.

It Is Not God's Will That Our Lives Be Carelessly Sacrificed. "But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another." It is not the will of God that your lives shall be carelessly sacrificed. "Verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come" (Verse 23).

The Truth Must Be Clearly Presented, but in the Spirit of Christ. The people must be given the truth, straightforward, positive truth. But this truth is to be presented in the spirit of Christ. We are to be as sheep in the midst of wolves. Those who will not, for Christ's sake, observe the cautions He has given, who will not exercise patience and self-control, will lose precious opportunities of working for the

Master.

Make No Raid on Other Churches. The Lord has not given His people the work of making a tirade against those who are transgressing His law. In no case are we to make a raid on the other churches. Let us remember that as a people entrusted with sacred truth, we have been neglectful and positively unfaithful.--Letter 132, 1902, pp. 1-6. (To

A. G. Daniells and G. A. Irwin, August 17, 1902.)

CONFUSION IN THE CITIES, COVETOUS FOREIGNERS, AND THE SEALING.

The Judgments on Cities Will Be Proportional to Their Wickedness and the Light They Have Had. The end is near, and every city is to be turned upside down in every way. There will be confusion in every city. Everything that can be shaken is to be shaken, and we do not know what will come next. The judgments will be according to the wickedness of the people and the light of truth that they have had. If they have had the truth, according to that light will be the punishment.

The Danger of Building in Cities Where the Truth Has Been Known For Years. Christ pronounced His woes on the cities that had had most of His instruction. That is why I am so afraid of... [SDA'S] putting up a great [sanitarium] building in Battle Creek, or any other place where the truth has been known for years....

Our Sanitariums Should Be Located out of the Cities, Lest They Be Destroyed With Them. Here [in Los Angeles], you may say, the light has not been shining so long. No, it has not, but still the word has come that sanitariums should be located out of the cities.. God has a purpose in that. He told the children of Israel [that], when the plagues should come, they must go out of the Egyptians' houses, for, if they were found mingled with the Egyptians, they would be destroyed with them. They must be a separate people. So our institutions should have every advantage possible, not as far as grand buildings are concerned, but in location. The buildings are not half as much consequence as the space and grounds around a sanitarium....

Foreigners With Covetous Ideas Are Scheming to Get American's Wealth. [Americans] do not know what they are about in Oakland or San Francisco in entertaining all the foreigners that come there. These foreigners are laying their plans [as to] what they will do, just as in the case of Hezekiah and the Babylonians. Hezekiah thought it was going to give him influence to show the ambassadors all his treasures and advantages. But they went away, and began to plan what they would do. They would have those advantages for themselves.... There is a spirit of desperation, of war and bloodshed, and that spirit will increase until the very close of time.

The Shaking Will Come as Soon as God's People Are Sealed. Just as soon as the people of God are sealed in their foreheads--it is not any seal or mark that can be seen, but a settling into the truth, both intellectually and spiritually, so they cannot be moved;--just as soon as God's people are sealed and prepared for the shaking, it will come. Indeed, it has begun already. The judgments of God are now upon the land, to give us warning, that we may know what is coming.--Manuscript 173, 1902, Pp. 4-6. ("Medical Missionary Work in Southern California,"

a speech given at a counsel meeting in Los Angeles, California, September 15, 1902.

WARN THE CITIES FROM OUTPOSTS In THE COUNTRY.

Warn the Cities From Places of Retirement in the Country. Leave the cities, and like Enoch, come from your retirement to warn the people of the cities....

It Is Not God's Will That His People Settle in the Cities. As far as possible, our institutions should be located away from the cities. We must have workers for these institutions, and if... [the institutions] are located in the city, that means [that] the families of our people must settle near them. But it is not God's will that His people shall settle in the cities, where there is constant turmoil and confusion. Their children should be spared this, for the whole system is demoralized by the hurry and rush and noise.

God Desires His People to Move to the Country With Their Families. The Lord desires His people to move into the country, where they can settle on the land, and raise their own fruits and vegetables, and where their children can be brought in direct contact with the works of God in nature. Take our families away from the cities, is my message....

Work the Cities From Outposts. The cities are to be worked from outposts. Said the messenger of God, "Shall not the cities be warned?-- Yes; not by God's people living in them, but by their visiting them to warn them of what is coming upon the earth."--Letter 182, pp. 1, 5, 6. ((To "Dear Brethren," September 20, 1902.)

FEARFUL PERILS WILL FACE THE LEADERS OF GOD'S CAUSE, BUT GOD HAS THINGS UNDER CONTROL.

Fearful perils are before those who bear responsibilities in the cause of God--perils the thought of which make me tremble. But the word comes, "My hand is upon the wheel, and I will not allow men to control My work for these last days. My hand is turning the wheel, and My providence will continue to work out the divine plans, irrespective of human inventions." Men's plans will be overthrown, and the Lord God of heaven will reveal His glory. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit will work out heaven's law. These three great Powers have pledged Themselves to bring to naught the inventions of idolatrous minds. They have put the infinite treasures of heaven at the command of God's struggling people. [God says,] "As the wheel is turned by a divine hand, the philosophy of the wisest men who are working contrary to My purposes will become intricate and confused."...

In the great closing work we shall meet with perplexities that we know not how to deal with, but let us not forget that the three great powers of heaven are working, that a divine hand is on the wheel, and that God will bring His purposes to pass.--Manuscript 118, 1902, pp. 4,

5. ("Christ's Method of Imparting Truth," October 6, 1902.)

COUNSELS REGARDING DISEASE, CRIME And COUNTRY LIVING.

Misery Is Developing in a Startling Manner in Crimes of Every Description. The Lord will cut His work short in righteousness. The earth is corrupt under the inhabitants thereof. Disease of every kind is now afflicting the human family. The misery created by the corruption that is in the world through lust is developing in a startling manner in the commission of crime of every description. Robbery, murder, sensuality, and the cruelty of satanic powers, these and many other evils are seen on every hand. We are surrounded by unseen dangers....

Meat-eating Is Becoming Increasingly Unsafe. I am instructed to say that, if meat-eating ever was safe, it is not safe now. Diseased animals are taken to the large cities, and to the villages, and sold for food... Such a diet, contaminates the blood and stimulates the lower passions....

God Counsels Parents to Move out of the Cities With Their Children as Quickly as Possible. To parents who are living in the cities, the Lord is sending the warning cry, "Gather your children into your own houses; gather them away from those who are disregarding the commandments of God, who are teaching and practicing evil. Get out of the cities as fast as possible."

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God Will Help His People Find Country Homes. Parents can secure small homes in the country with land for cultivation, where they can have orchards, and where they can raise vegetables and small fruits, to take the place of flesh-meat, which is so corrupting to the life blood coursing through the veins.... God will help His people to find such homes outside the cities.--Manuscript 133, 1902, pp. 7-9. (Fragments: "The Results of Eating Flesh-meats," October 30, 1902.)

SYMBOLIC POWERS IN THE COMING CONFLICT.

Those Proclaiming the Third Angel's Message Need to Learn How to Guard Against the Mystery of Iniquity. The third angels message increases in importance as we near the close of this earth's history. God has presented to me the dangers that are threatening those who have been given the work of proclaiming the third angel's message. They are to remember that this message is of the utmost consequence to the whole world. They need to search the Scriptures diligently, that they may learn how to guard against the mystery of iniquity, which plays so large a part in the closing scenes of this earth's history.

John Saw in Symbols the Wicked Character of the Persecutors of God's People. There will be more and still more external parade by worldly powers. Under different symbols, God presented too him the wicked character and seductive influences of those who have been distinguished for their persecution of His people. The eighteenth chapter of Revelation speaks of mystic Babylon, fallen from her high estate to become a persecuting power. Those who keep the commandments

of God and have the faith of Jesus are the object of the wrath of this power.

Revelation 18 Shows How Completely Earthly Powers Will Give Themselves Over to Evil. This terrible picture [Revelation 18:1-8], drawn by John to show how completely the powers of earth will give themselves over to evil, should show those who have received the truth how dangerous it is to link up with secret societies or to join themselves in any way with those who do not keep God's commandments....

Religious Powers Claiming Lamb-like Characteristics, Will Reveal Dragon Hearts. Religious powers, allied to heaven by profession, and claiming to have the characteristics of a lamb, will show by their acts that they have the heart of the dragon, and that they are instigated and controlled by Satan. The time is coming when God's people will feel the hand of persecution because they keep holy the seventh day. Satan has caused the change of the Sabbath in the hope of carrying out his purpose for the defeat of God's plans. He seeks to make the commands of God of less force in the world than human laws. The man of sin, who thought to change times and laws, and who has always oppressed the people of God, will cause laws to be made enforcing the observance of the first day of the week. But God's people are to stand firm for Him, and the Lord will work in their behalf, showing plainly that He is the

Only Obedience Will Preserve Us From Apostasy. The message given man to proclaim in these last days is not to be amalgamated with worldly opinions. In these days of peril, nothing but obedience will keep man from apostasy. God has bestowed on man great light and many blessings. But unless this light and these blessing are received, they are no security against apostasy and disobedience. When those whom God has exalted to positions of high trust turn from Him to human wisdom, their light becomes darkness; and how great is that darkness! Their entrusted capabilities are a snare to them. They become an offense to God. There can be no mockery of God without the sure result.--
Manuscript 135, 1902, pp. 3-6, 9. ("Instruction to the Church," October 31, 1902.)

CALAMITIES AND THE SUNDAY MOVEMENT ARE RESTRAINED BY GOD UNTIL HIS SERVANTS ARE SEALED.

Four Angels Delegated to Hold in Check the Four Winds--the Forces of Earth. John the Revelator represented the forces of the earth as four winds, which are held in check by angels delegated to do this work. He declares: "I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the winds should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads" (Revelation 7:1-3).

God Holds the Winds From Their Death-mission Until His Servants Are Sealed. From this vision we can learn why so many are preserved from calamity. If these winds were allowed to blow upon the earth, they would create havoc and desolation. But the world's intricate machinery is running under the Lord's supervision. Hurricanes, threatening to

break forth, are held under controls by the regulations of the One who is the Protector of the trembling ones that fear God and keep His commandments. The Lord holds back the tempestuous winds. He will not suffer them to go forth on their death-mission of vengeance until His servants are sealed in their foreheads.

God Has a Purpose in Permitting Calamities. Frequently we hear of earthquakes, of tempests and tornadoes, accompanied by thunder and lightning. Apparently these are capricious outbreaks of seemingly disorganized, un-regulated forces. But God has a purpose in permitting these calamities to occur. They are one of His means of calling men and women to their senses. By unusual workings through nature, God will express to doubting human agencies that which He clearly reveals in His Word....

Calamities Foreshadow What Will Happen Worldwide When Angels Loose Winds. Local disturbances in nature are permitted to take place as symbols of that which may be expected all over the world when the angels loose the four winds of the earth. The forces of nature are under the direction of an eternal Agency.

Science Fails to Discern the Causes of Calamities. Science, in her pride, may seek to explain strange happenings on land and on sea, but science fails of tracing in these things the workings of Providence. Science fails of perceiving that intemperance is the cause of most of the frequent accidents so terrible in their results. Men on whom devolve grave responsibilities in safeguarding their fellowmen from accident and harm, are often untrue to their trust. Because of indulgence of tobacco and liquor, they do not keep the mind clear and composed....

If God Withdrew His Restraining Hand, Satan Would Begin His Destroying Work. The same hand that kept the fiery serpents of the wilderness from entering the camp of the Israelites until God's chosen people provoked Him with their constant murmurs and complaints, is today guarding the honest in heart. Were this restraining Hand withdrawn, the enemy of our souls would at once begin the work of destruction that he has long desired to accomplish. And because God's long-continued forbearance is not now recognized, the forces of evil are already, to a limited degree, permitted to destroy. How soon human agencies will see blotted out of existence their magnificent buildings, which are their pride!...

Physical Forces and Religious Movements Are Under God's Control. All these symbolical representations [Revelation 7:1-3; Proverbs 30:4; Psalm 135:7; 29:10; Proverbs 8:29; Psalm 104:32] serve a double purpose. From them God's people learn, not only that the physical forces of the earth are under the control of the Creator, but also that under His control are the religious movements of the nations. Especially is this true with reference to the enforcement of Sunday observance. He who gave His people, through His servant Moses, instruction in regard to the sanctity of the Sabbath, will in the hour of trial preserve those who keep this day as a sign of loyalty to Him....

When Satan as an Angel of Light Presents Sunday as a Test of Loyalty, Revelation 13 Will Be Fulfilled. In the last days Satan will

appear as an angel of light, with great power and heavenly glory, and claim to be the lord of the whole earth. He will declare that the Sabbath has been changed from the seventh to the first day of the week, and as lord of the first day of the week, he will present this spurious sabbath as a test of loyalty to him. Then will take place the final fulfillment of the Revelator's prophecy; "They worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him? And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, and

Warning of Revelation 14:9-11 Given by Those Mentioned in Revelation 12:17. In connection with this scripture, the entire fourteenth chapter of Revelation should be studied much by God's people. Verses nine to eleven bring to view the special message of warning against worshipping the beast and his image, and receiving his mark in the forehead or in the hand. This warning is to be given by those who are mentioned in the twelfth verse as keeping "the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus."--Manuscript 153, 1902, pp.1-6. ("Calamities," November 5, 1902.)

THE OPPRESSIVE POWER OF UNIONS AND GETTING OUT OF THE CITIES.

Gigantic Monopolies and Oppressive Trades Unions Will Be Formed. The work of the people of God is to prepare for the events of the future, which will soon come upon them with blinding force. In the world gigantic monopolies will be formed. Men will bind themselves together in unions that will wrap them in the folds of the enemy. A few men will combine to grasp all the means to be obtained in certain lines of business. Trades unions will be formed, and those who refuse to join these unions will be marked men.

Our Sanitariums Should Be Located as Far From Cities as Possible. It is time for us to take our work out of the cities. Our sanitariums should be furnished with facilities for giving the sick the best of care, and they should be properly conducted, but they should be as far as possible from the cities. The whole world is to be tested, and obedience to the law of God is to be the test.

Those Who Refuse to Join Labor Unions Will Feel Their Satanic Power. Unionism has revealed what it is by the spirit that it has manifested. It is controlled by the cruel power of Satan. Those who refuse to join the unions formed are made to feel this power. The principles governing the forming of these unions seem innocent, but men have to pledge themselves to serve the interests of these unions, or else they may have to pay the penalty of refusal with their lives.

Members of These Unions Cannot Possibly Keep God's Commandments. These unions are one of the signs of the last days. Men are binding up in bundles ready to be burned. They may be church members, but while they belong to these unions, they cannot possibly keep the commandments of God, for to belong to these unions means to disregard the entire decalogue. "Thou shall love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself" (Luke 10:27). These words sum up the whole

duty of men. They mean the consecration of the whole being, body, soul, and spirit, to God's service. How can men obey these words, and at the same time pledge themselves to support that which deprives their neighbor's freedom of action? And how can one obey these words, and form combinations that rob the poorer classes of the advantages that

Boycotting Those Who Refuse to Join Unions Is Predicted in Revelation 13. How plainly the words of God have predicted this condition of things. John writes, "I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spoke as a dragon.... And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name" (Revelation 13:11, 16, 17).

The Time Is Coming When We Shall Have to Get out of the Cities. The forming of these unions is one of Satan's last efforts. God calls upon His people to get out of the cities isolating themselves from the world. The time will come when they will have to do this. God will care for those who love Him and keep His commandments...

Get out of the Cities, yet Work Them. Advise our people to keep out of the cities, but the cities must be worked.--Letter 26, 1903, pp. 1-4. (To J. A. Burden, December 10, 1902.)

OPPRESSIVE LAWS AND LABOR UNIONS WILL MAKE It DIFFICULT TO OPERATE OUR SANITARIUMS AND HEALTH FOOD INDUSTRIES.

Increasingly Oppressive Laws One of the Reasons for Not Building Sanitariums in the Cities. The nearer we get to the large cities, the worse the evil is. My message is, "Do not build up sanitariums in the cities. The laws of the land will become more and more oppressive."...

God Forbids His People to Join Labor Unions. Those who claim to be children of God are in no way to bind up with the labor unions that are formed or that shall be formed. This the Lord forbids. Cannot those who study the prophecies see and understand what is before us? The transgressors of the law of God have taken sides with their leader, the general of rebellion.... He is striving to lead every soul to take sides with him, and under the influence of his temptations, thousands are binding themselves up in bundles, ready to be consumed by the fires of the last day. Those who yield to his temptations become in their turn tempters, standing among the ablest of his helpers....

Why Health Food Plants Should Be Established Overseas. In the future it will be impossible to transport health foods from America. And for [this and] other reasons, it will be better to make your foods where you are, as far as possible. We are living amidst the perils of the last days, and the Lord desires His people to establish industries in different countries....--Letter 201, 1902, pp. 3-5. (To J. A. Burden and wife, December 15, 1902.)

THE REVIEW AND HERALD PLANT NOT To BE LOCATED IN THE CITIES.

God means that we shall not locate [the Review and Herald

Publishing house] in the cities, for there are very stormy times before us.--Letter 2, 1903, p. 1. (To J. E. White, January 1, 1903.)

IT IS TIME TO TAKE FAMILIES OUT OF THE CITIES TO RETIRED LOCALITIES. ld031005

It is time for our people to take their families from the cities into more retired localities, else many of the youth, and many of those older in years, who put their trust in their own capabilities, will be ensnared and taken by the enemy.--Letter 5, 1903, p. 7. (To A. G. Daniells, January 5, 1903.)

INGENIOUS SCIENTIFIC PROBLEMS WILL TEMPT US.

Ingenious subterfuges and scientific problems will be held out to us, to tempt us to swerve from our allegiance [to God], but we are not to heed them.--Letter 5, 1903, p. 4. (To A. G. Daniells, January 5, 1903.)

WARN THE CITIES BUT DO NOT LIVE IN THEM.

Those in Unwarned Cities to Be Warned so They Can Avoid Receiving the Mark of the Beast. In every city in this land there are those who know not the truth. There are many new fields, in which we must plow the ground and sow the seed. God says to us: "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show My people their transgressions, and the house of Jacob their sins" (Isaiah 58:1). We are to make known to the men and women of the world what God's test is [so] that, if they will, they may refuse to receive the seal of the papacy....

The Promise of Divine Help for God's Church. When we see what God can do, and will do for us; when we know that His church is the supreme object of His regard in this world, why are we not more willing to believe His Word? The powers of darkness will assail us, but we have a God who is above all. He can take care of His people. He can make a refuge for His people wherever they are. What He wants us to do is to stand where He can reveal His glory through us, that it may be known that there is a God in Israel, and that in behalf of His people He will manifest His power.

In a Little While God's People Will Have to Get out of the Cities Because Strikes and Murders Will Become More and More Common. I look at these flowers, and every time I see them, I think of Eden. They are an expression of God's love for us. Thus He gives us in this world a little taste of Eden. He wants us to delight in the beautiful things of His creation, and to see in them an expression of what He will do for us. He wants us to live where we can have elbow room. His people are not to crowd into the cities. He wants them to take their families out of the cities, that they may better prepare for eternal life. In a little while they will have to leave the cities. These cities are filled with wickedness of every kind--with strikes and murders and suicides. Satan is in them, controlling men in their work of destruction. Under his influence they kill for the sake of killing, and

Every Mind Is Either Under the Control of God or of Satan. Every mind is controlled, either by the power of Satan or the power of God.

If God controls our minds, what shall we be?--Christians gentlemen and Christian ladies. God can fill our lives with His peace and gladness and joy. He wants His joy to be in us, that our joy may be full.

Get out of the Cities as Soon as Possible; Advantages of Country Living. If we place ourselves under objectionable influences, can we expect God to work a miracle to undo the results of our wrong course? No, indeed! Get out of the cities as soon as possible, and purchase a little piece of land, where you can have a garden, where your children can watch the flowers growing, and learn from the lessons of simplicity and purity. "Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: and yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these" (Matthew 6:28, 29). Parents, point your children to the beautiful things of God's creation, and from these things teach them of His love for them. Point them to the lovely flowers--the roses and the lilies and the pinks--and then join them to the living God.

God Does Not Want His People to Build Mammoth Institutions. God wants to work for His people and for His institutions--for every sanitarium, every publishing house, and every school. But He wants no more mammoth buildings erected. For years He has told His people this. He wants plants made in many places. Let the light shine forth. Do not try to show what great things you do. Let God work through you. Do all in your power to establish a memorial for God in every city where such a memorial has not been established....

Ways for Proclaiming the Third Angel's Message. Our question is to be: What can I do to proclaim the third angel's message? Christ came to this world to give this message to His servants to give to the churches. It is to be proclaimed to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people. How are we to give it? If we cannot gain entrance to the churches, we must give the message in our camp meetings. The distribution of our literature is another means by which the message is to be proclaimed. Let the workers scatter broadcast tracts and leaflets and books containing the message for this time. We need men who will stand with unswerving faith in Israel's God. We need colporteurs, who will go forth to circulate our publications everywhere....

Appeal to Give the Message to Prepare People for the Day of Trial Ahead. Are we standing on the platform of eternal truth? Are we giving the message that is to prepare a people to stand in the day of trial before us? God is calling upon everyone of us to stand in his lot and place. He is calling upon us to plant the standard of truth in places that have not heard the message.

The Message Is to Go to Every Country in the World. For years the word has been coming to this people telling them what to do. In every city in America the truth is to be proclaimed. In every country of the world the warning message is to be given. Remember that when churches are raised up in America, there are brought into the truth those who will help with their means to carry forward the work for the last days.--Manuscript 10, 1903, pp. 9-15. ("Lessons From the Sending out of the Spies," March 26, 1903.)

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE TO WARN THE CITIES FROM OUTPOSTS.

It is God's design that our people should locate outside the cities, and from these outposts warn the cities and raise in them memorials for God.--Manuscript 20, 1903, p. 1. ("Our Duty to Leave Battle Creek," April 3, 1903.)

WARNINGS AND COUNSELS CONCERNING THE CITIES.

Prediction That San Francisco and Oakland Would Soon Suffer God's Judgments. San Francisco and Oakland [California] are becoming as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the Lord will visit them. Not far hence they will suffer under His judgments.

Vegetarian Restaurants Should be Established in Cities as Missionary Centers. God would have restaurants established in the cities. If properly managed, these will become missionary centers. In these restaurants publications should be kept at hand, ready to present to those who patronize the restaurant.

Restaurants Not to Be Kept Open on Sabbath. The question often arises: Should these restaurants be kept open on the Sabbath? The answer is, "No, no." The Sabbath is our mark and sign, and should not become obliterated. I have recently had special light upon this subject. Efforts will be made to keep the restaurants open on Sabbath, but this should not be done.--Manuscript 30, 1903, p. 3. ("Instructions Regarding the Establishment of Institutions," April 20, 1903.)

THE SPIRIT OF THE WORLD AND THE PURIFICATION OF THE CHURCH.

The War Spirit and Moral Corruption Are Spreading and Infecting Some Church Members. The powers from beneath are stirred with deep intensity. War and bloodshed are the result. The moral atmosphere is poisoned with cruelty and horrible satanic doings. The spirit of strife is spreading. It abounds in every place. Many souls are being taken possession of by the spirit of fraud, of underhanded dealing. Many will depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. They do not discern what spirit has taken possession of them..

Self Deception Is the Strongest Delusion That Can Beguile Human Beings. What stronger delusion can beguile the mind than the pretense that you are building on the right foundation, and that God accepts your work, when in reality you are working out many things on a worldly policy, and regardless of the Bible standard, [you] are sinning against the law of Jehovah, which guards the interests of every being for whom Christ has given His life? Oh, it is a great deception, a fascinating delusion, that takes possession of minds, when men who have once known the truth, mistake the form of godliness for the spirit and power thereof; when they suppose that they are rich and increased with goods, and have need of nothing, whereas they are poor and in need of everything.

When Our Ranks Are Purified, We Shall No Longer Rest at Ease. God has not changed toward His faithful servants who are keeping their garments spotless. But many are crying, "Peace and safety," while sudden destruction is coming upon them. Unless there is a thorough repentance, unless men humble their hearts by confession, and receive the truth as it is in Jesus, they will never enter heaven. When

purification shall take place in our ranks, we shall no longer rest at ease and boast of being rich and increased with goods and in need of nothing.--Manuscript 32, 1903, pp. 4, 5. ("Found Wanting," April 21, 1903.)

HOW GOD'S PEOPLE SHOULD REACT TO THE COMING SUNDAY-LAW CRISIS.

Do Evangelistic work and Medical Missionary Work When Sunday Laws are Enforced. At one time while I was in Australia, those in charge of our school at Avondale came to me saying, "What shall we do? The officers of the law are being commissioned to arrest those working on Sunday." I said, "It will be very easy to avoid that difficulty. Give Sunday to the Lord as a day for doing missionary work. Take the students out to hold [evangelistic] meetings in different places, and do medical missionary work. They will find the people at home, and will have a splendid opportunity to present the truth. This way of spending Sunday is always acceptable to the Lord...."

The Activity of God's People Is to Increase as the Activity of Satan's Servants Increases. During the time of the end the activity of Satan's servants will greatly increase. The activity of God's servants is to increase proportionately. Christian is to unite with Christian, church with church, in the accomplishment of God's work, and all are under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Angels are ascending and descending the ladder of shining brightness, arrayed for the defense of God's people. They are commissioned to draw nearer and still nearer to those who are fighting in defense of their faith.

Encouragement to Those Who, Placing Themselves Under God's Control, Catch the Steady Tread of Events Foretold. Those who place themselves under God's control, to be guided and controlled by Him, will catch the steady tread of the events ordained by Him to take place. A holy, consuming emulation will take possession of them. Let the church have increased faith, catching zeal from their unseen, heavenly allies, from the knowledge of their exhaustless resources, from the greatness of the enterprise in which they are engaged, and from the power of the Leader. Let them gain from God strength for the accomplishment of the great work to be done for the most needy people in this Christian nation [the blacks].--Manuscript 38, 1903, pp. 2, 8-

10. ("The Southern Work," May 1, 1903.)

GOOD AND EVIL ANGELS WILL APPEAR ON EARTH AS HUMAN BEINGS.

Satan will use every opportunity to seduce men from their allegiance to God. He and the angels who fell with him will appear on the earth as men, seeking to deceive. God's angels also will appear as men, and will use every means in their power to defeat the purposes of the enemy. We have a part to act. We shall surely be overcome unless we fight manfully the battles of the Lord.--Letter 83, 1903, p 2, 3. (To

H. W. Kellogg, May 13, 1903.)

CITY LIVING A HINDRANCE ON THE HEAVENWARD WAY.

It is in order that those who love God and keep His commandments

may have as little hindrance as possible in their advancement in the heavenward way that they are warned not to live in the cities.--Letter 83, 1903, p. 3. (To H. W. Kellogg, May 13, 1903.)

THE COMING TIME OF CALAMITIES WILL BE A TIME OF OPPORTUNITY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NEVER HEARD THE TRUTH.

Many who have known the truth have corrupted their way before the Lord and departed from the faith. The broken ranks will be filled up by those represented by Christ as coming in at the eleventh hour. There are many with whom the Spirit of God is striving. The time of God's destructive judgments is a 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 [have had opportunity but] would not enter. Large numbers will be admitted who in these last days hear the truth for the first time.--Letter 103, 1903, p. 3. (To G. B. Starr and wife, June 3, 1903.)

AS EVIL ANGELS In HUMAN FORM MINGLED WITH CHRIST'S HEARERS, SO In THE COMING CONFLICT EVIL ANGELS In THE FORM OF MEN WILL TALK WITH THOSE WHO KNOW THE TRUTH.

Refuse to Link Arms With Satan and Make him Your Confidant. The message for this time is a most decided one. I call upon those to whom God has entrusted His work not to link their arms in the arm of Satan. Do not allow him to make a confidant of you. Keep away from his specious devices.

We have great and solemn truths to give to the world, and they are to be proclaimed in no hesitating, limping style. The trumpet is to give a certain sound. Some will come to hear the strange message out of curiosity; others with a longing to receive true knowledge, asking the question, "What shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?" (Mark 10:17)

Evil Angels in Human Form Mingled With Christ's Hearers. Thus men came to Christ. And mingling with His hearers were [evil] angels in the form of men, making their suggestions, criticizing, misapplying, and misinterpreting the Savior's words....

In Our Day Evil Angels in Human Form Will Talk With Those Who Know the Truth. In this time evil angels in the form of men will talk with those who know the truth. They will misinterpret and misconstrue the statements of the messengers of God.... Have Seventh-day Adventists forgotten the warning given in the sixth chapter of Ephesians? We are engaged in a warfare against the hosts of darkness. Unless we follow our Leader closely, Satan will obtain the victory over us.--Letter 140, 1903, pp. 3, 4, 6. (To "My dear Brethren," July 5, 1903.)

UNIONS AND TRUSTS In THE COMING CONFLICT, AND THE POSSIBILITY OF LOSING OUR LIVES.

If We Join Trusts and Unions We Shall Become Like the World. The wicked are being bound up in bundles, bound up in trusts, in unions, in confederacies. Let us have nothing to do with these organizations. God

is our Ruler, our Governor, and He calls us to come out from the world and be separate. "Come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing" (1 Corinthians 6:17). If we refuse to do this, if we continue to link up with the world, and to look at every matter from a worldly standpoint, we shall become like the world. When worldly policy and worldly ideas govern our transactions, we cannot stand on the high and holy platform of eternal truth....

We May Loose Our Lives in the Mighty Conflict Before Us. There is before us a mighty conflict. God calls upon His people to stand firm upon the platform of eternal truth. He calls upon them to stand in oneness, in unity; and He promises that He will be with us, to help us by His mighty power. We may lose our lives in the conflict, but at the last day we shall receive a crown of life, that fadeth not away.--Manuscript 71, 1903, pp. 4, 5, 12. ("To Every Man His Work," a talk to the California Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association, June 18, 1903.)

THINGS WE WILL SEE AND DO IN EDEN RESTORED.

Soon we shall be in our promised home. There Jesus will lead us by the side of the living stream flowing from the throne of God; and explain to us the dark providences through which He led us to perfect our characters. There we shall see on every hand the beautiful trees of Paradise, including the tree that bears twelve manner of fruit, one kind during each month of the year. There we shall behold with undimmed vision the beauties of Eden restored. There we shall cast at the feet of our Redeemer the crowns that He has placed on our heads, and touching our golden harps, we shall render praise and thanksgiving to Him that sitteth on the throne.--Manuscript 70, 1903, p. 12. ("Divine Sonship," July 16, 1903.)

IN THE COMING CONFLICT SOME WILL GO OVER TO SATAN'S SIDE AND SOME WILL COME TO THEIR SENSES.

SDA'S Who Go Over to Satan's Side First Give up Faith in the Testimonies. One thing is certain: Those Seventh-day Adventists who take their stand under Satan's banner will first give up their faith in the warnings and reproofs contained in the Testimonies of God's Spirit....

Some Who Hear the Message Will Come to Their Senses, Others Will Join Satan. Some who are now voicing Satan's suggestions will come to their senses. There are those in important positions of trust who do not understand the truth for this time. To them the message must be given. If they receive it, Christ will accept them, and will make them workers together with Him. But if they refuse to hear the message, they will take their stand under the black banner of the prince of darkness.--Letter 156, 1903, p. 2. (To P. T. Magan, July 27, 1903.)

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF CALAMITIES AND THE NEARNESS OF CHRIST'S COMING.

Those Discounting the Meaning of God's Judgments, Will Soon Be Forced to Acknowledge Their Significance. Those who seek to make it appear that there is no special meaning attached to the judgments that

the Lord is now sending upon the earth will soon be forced to understand that which now they do not choose to understand.

The Lapse of Time Till the Second Coming Is Short, But Its Exact Measure Is Unknown. The time before Christ's coming is short. We know not the exact measure of it, but God knows the hour of Christ's coming. Soon the consequences of transgression will become to wrongdoers a living reality, for God's judgments will fall upon a disobedient world. Before the minds of sinners will be brought vividly the realization that sin is the transgression of the law of God.--Manuscript 78, 1903, p. 5. ("Worldwide Message," July 24, 1903.)

DANIEL 12 IS A WARNING WE SEAL ALL NEED TO UNDERSTAND BEFORE THE END.

The people of God need to study what characters they must form in order to pass through the test and proving of the last days. Many are living in spiritual weakness and backsliding. They know not what they believe. Let us read and study the twelfth chapter of Daniel. It is a warning that we shall all need to understand before the time of the end.--Letter 161, 1903, p. 3. (To A. G. Daniells and W. W. Prescott, July 30, 1903.)

SATAN AND HIS EVIL ANGELS IN HUMAN FORM WILL BATTLE IN THE COMING CONFLICT.

Satan and His Angels in Human Form Will Work to Nullify God's Truth. The enemy works untiringly to deceive human beings and lead them away from God. He and his angels will in the future assume the shape of human beings, and will work to make the truth of God of no effect....

Revelation 12 Will Be Fulfilled in These Last Days. In these last days the representation made in the twelfth chapter of Revelation will be fulfilled. Satan will carry on the great conflict that he began in heaven, of which we read, "And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought, and his angels, and prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven" (Revelation 2:1, 8.)--Letter 165, 1903 p. 35. (To W. C. White, August 3, 1903.)

REVELATION 18 WILL BE FULFILLED DURING A TIME OF GOD'S JUDGMENTS ON CITIES; NEW YORK CITY MENTIONED.

Revelation 18:1-3 Will Be Fulfilled When God Arises to Shake Terribly the Earth. What terrible scenes will take place when the Lord shall arise to shake terribly the earth. Then the words of Revelation 18:1-3 [the announcement that Babylon is fallen] will be fulfilled. The whole of the eighteenth chapter of Revelation is a warning of what is coming on the earth. But I have no light in particular in regard to what is coming on New York, only that I know that one day the great buildings there will be thrown down by the turning and overturning of God's power. From the light given me, I know that destruction is in the world. One word from the Lord, one touch of His mighty power, and those massive structures will fall. Scenes will take place, the fearfulness of which we cannot imagine....

Cities Should Be Warned, Because Death Will Come in All Places. The destroying angels are today executing their commission. Death will come in all places. This is why I am so anxious for our cities to be warned. There is a work to be done by canvassing in our cities that has not yet been done.--Letter 176, 1903, pp. 4, 5. (To H. W. Kellogg, August 9, 1903.)

THE LAW AGAINST THE SEVENTH-DAY SABBATH And THE REMORSE AND DESPAIR OF THE LOST WHEN TABLES ARE TURNED.

Men Will Try To Enforce Sunday Observance and Force Sabbath Desecration. Men will exalt and rigidly enforce laws that are in direct opposition to the law of God. Though zealous in enforcing their own commandments, they will turn away from a plain "Thus saith the Lord." Exalting a spurious rest day, they will seek to force men to dishonor the law of Jehovah, the transcript of His character. Though innocent of wrongdoing, the servants of God will be given over to suffer humiliation and abuse at the hands of those who, inspired by Satan, are filled with envy and religious bigotry....

The Lost Will Be Filled With Hatred of God, Yet Will Be Filled With Remorse and Despair. When Christ suffered for the human race, He felt neither remorse, despair, or hatred. Far different will be the feelings of the sinner who has not availed himself of Christ's atoning sacrifice. Too late he will realize what he has lost by refusing to accept the salvation of God. His heart will then be filled with an agony of remorse and despair, even though still fired by satanic hatred against God.--Manuscript 87, 1903, pp. 2-4. ("The Hour of Satan's Triumph," August 11, 1903.)

ADVANCEMENT MADE On EARTH WILL BE CONTINUED IN HEAVEN.

When God's redeemed ones are called to heaven, they will not leave behind the advancement they have made in this life by beholding Christ. They will go on, learning more and still more of God. They will carry their spiritual attainments into the courts above, leaving nothing of heavenly origin in this world. As the books of heaven are opened, each overcomer is assigned his lot and place in heaven, in accordance with the advancement he made in this life.--Manuscript 31, 1903, pp. 6, 7. ("Lessons from the Third Chapter of First John," August 22, 1903.)

REVELATION 18 DESCRIBES THE GREAT POWER COMING To THE CHURCH UNDER THE LOUD CRY.

Under the proclamation of the third angel, great power is to come to the church. This is represented in the description given by John in Revelation 18: "And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lighted with his glory" (verse 1). This is the last call to Babylon--the fallen churches. It is the loud cry to be given at the closing up of the last message of mercy to a fallen world.---Manuscript 93, 1903, p. 10. ("Concerning the Signing of Contracts," August 31, 1903.)

GOD WILL FAVOR THE OBEDIENT BUT WILL Not SHIELD THE DISOBEDIENT FROM COMING CALAMITIES.

God Will Distinguish With the Marks of His Favor Those Who Submit

to Be molded by His Spirit. In this age, a time of satanic wonders, everything conceivable will be said and done to deceive, if possible, the very elect. Let believers say nothing to extol Satan's power. The Lord will distinguish His commandment-keeping people with signal marks of His favor, if they will be molded and fashioned by His Spirit, and built up in the most holy faith, harkening strictly to the voice of His word....

The Results of Uprooting the Spirit of Strife for Supremacy and of Refusing to Do So. If we stand in the great day of the Lord with Christ as our refuge, our high tower, we must put away all envy, all strife for the supremacy. We must utterly destroy the roots of these unholy things, that they may not again spring into life. We must place ourselves wholly on the side of the Lord. Tribulation and wrath will surely come upon those who profess to be Christians, yet who accept the principles of Satan, departing from the commandments of God in the daily life of living a lie.

Those That Act Like the Wicked and Make the Message an Uncertain Thing Cannot Be Shielded From Coming Calamities. Can we not see the uncertainty of time? There are many, many, who are unready for the Lord's appearing. They continue to act like the wicked, to cherish the principles of the wicked, they will be punished with the wicked. If they betray the truth of God, causing the messages given by Him to become an uncertain thing, can He shield them from the disasters by sea and by land? No, no!--Letter 105, 1903, pp. 6, 7. (To W. C. White, September 6, 1903.)

THE MESSAGES OF REVELATION TO BE STUDIED AND PROCLAIMED.

The Prophecies of Revelation, Soon to Be Fulfilled, Should be Studied. The closing scenes of this earth's history are near at hand. the unfulfilled predictions of the book of Revelation are soon to be fulfilled. This prophecy is now to be studied with diligence by the people of God, and should be clearly understood. It does not conceal the truth; it clearly forewarns, telling us what will be in the future....

Humble Men Will Be Called to Give the Last Message. The Lord Himself will call men, as of old he called the humble fishermen, and will Himself give them instruction regarding their field of labor and the method they should follow. He will call men from the plow and from other occupations to give the last note of warning to perishing souls.--Letter 210, 1903, pp. 1, 2. ("To Teachers in Emmanuel Missionary College," September 21, 1903.)

THE TRIUMPH OF THE THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE UNDER THE LATTER RAIN.

The Message of Revelation 14 Will Be Repeated With Distinct Utterance. We see before us a special work to be done in the time when the whole earth shall be filled with the light and the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea... The fourteenth chapter of Revelation is a chapter of deepest interest. This scripture will soon be understood in all its bearings, and the message given John the Revelator will be repeated with distinct utterance.

The Angel of Revelation 18 Comes Down With Great Power During the Proclamation of the Third Angel's Message. The prophecies of the eighteenth of Revelation will soon be fulfilled. During the proclamation of the third angel's message, "another angel" is to "come down from heaven, having great power," and the earth is to be "lightened with his glory." (See Revelation 18:1.) The Spirit of the Lord will so graciously and universally bless consecrated human instrumentalities, that men, women, and children will open their lips in praise and testimony, filling the earth with the knowledge of God, and with His unsurpassed glory, as the waters cover the sea.

During the Loud Cry the Church Will Proclaim the Message to Every City and Town. Those who have held the beginning of their confidence firm unto the end will be wide awake during the time that the third angel's message is proclaimed with great power. During the loud cry, the church, aided by the providential interpositions of her exalted Lord, will diffuse the knowledge of salvation so abundantly that light shall be communicated to every city and town. The earth will be filled with the knowledge of salvation. So abundantly will the renewing Spirit of God have crowned with success the intensely active agencies, that the light of present truth will be seen flashing everywhere.

During the Latter Rain Those Who Have Not Previously Received the Light Will Be Convicted. The saving knowledge of God will accomplish its purifying work on the mind and heart of every believer. The Word declares: "Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put My Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in My statutes" (Ezekiel 36:25-27). This is the descent of the Holy Spirit, sent from God to do its office-work.... All who have not received the light will be convicted. All who will turn unto the Lord with full purpose of heart will confess their sins.

Amid the Appearances of False Christs a Decisive Message will Be Proclaimed. Amidst the confusing cries, "Lo, here is Christ! lo, there is Christ!" will be borne a special testimony of truth appropriate for this time, which message is to be received, believed, and acted upon.... The eternal truth of the Word will stand forth free from all seductive errors and spiritualistic interpretations, free from all fancifully drawn, alluring pictures. Falsehood will be urged upon the attention of God's people, but the truth is to stand clothed in its beautiful, pure garments as the Spirit of truth....

As men, women, and children proclaim the gospel, the Lord will open the eyes of the blind to see His statutes, and will write upon the hearts of the truly penitent His law. The animating Spirit of God, working through human agencies, leads the believers to be as one mind, one soul, unitedly loving God and keeping His commandments--preparing here below for translation....

During the Day of Trial and Proving, Mercies and Judgments Will Be Sent From Heaven. Let not one believer, in the day of trial and proving, listen to the devising of the enemy. The living Word is the Sword of the Spirit. Mercies and judgments will be sent from heaven. The workings of Providence will be revealed both in mercies and

judgments. The judgments will sometimes precede the mercies and sometimes follow.--Manuscript 122, 1903, pp. 1-6. ("The Time of the End," October 9, 1903. Compare with Review and Herald, October 13, 1904.)

THE WORKINGS OF THE MYSTERY OF INIQUITY In THE LAST DAYS.

The Wicked Character and Seductive Influences of Persecutors of God's People Represented to John. As we near the close of time, there will be greater and still greater external parade of heathen power. Heathen deities will manifest their signal power, and will exhibit themselves before the cities of the world; and this delineation has already begun to be fulfilled. By a variety of images the Lord Jesus represented to John the wicked character and seductive influences of those who have been distinguished for their persecution of God's people. All need wisdom carefully to search out the mystery of iniquity that figures so largely in the winding up of this earth's history....

One of the marked characteristics of these false religious powers is that while they profess to have the character and features of a lamb, while they profess to be allied to heaven, they reveal by their actions that they have a heart of a dragon, that they are instigated by and united with satanic power, the same power that created war in heaven when Satan sought the supremacy and was expelled from heaven....

Agencies Through Which Satan Is Working in Crowded Cities. Satan is busily at work in our crowded cities. His work is to be seen in the confusion, the strife, and discord between labor and capital, and the hypocrisy that has come into the churches.... The lust of the flesh, the pride of the eyes, the display of selfishness, the misuse of power, the cruelty, and the force used to cause men to unite with confederacies and unions,--binding themselves up in bundles for the burning of the great fires of the last days,--all these are the working of satanic agencies....

The World Appears to Be Moving Toward Destruction in a Dance Macabre. The world, who act as though there were no God, absorbed in selfish pursuits, will soon experience sudden destruction, and shall not escape. Many continue in the careless gratification of self, until they become so disgusted with life that they kill themselves. Dancing and carousing, drinking and smoking, indulging their animal passions, they go as an ox to the slaughter. Satan is working with all his art and enchantments to keep men marching blindly onward, until the Lord arises out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquities, when the earth shall disclose her blood, and not more cover her slain. The whole world appears to be in a march of death.--Manuscript 139, 1903, pp. 5, 6. ("The Message in Revelation," October 23, 1903.)

ANGELS AS WELL AS MEN WILL TAKE PART In THE GREAT CLOSING WORK.

In this time, the last days of this earth's history, the people of God are to be invested with all power. Angels as well as men are to take part in the great closing work. all heaven is interested. God and Christ and the angels have united with human instrumentalities in

proclaiming the truth for this time.... Angels have received command to unite with human beings in giving the message, "Come, for all things are now ready."(see Matthew 22:4)--Letter 251, 1903, p. 5 (To J. J. Wessels, November 1, 1903.)

HOW TO ESCAPE BEING TAKEN BY SATAN'S DECEPTIONS IN THE LAST DAYS.

Wonderful Scenes With Which Satan Will Be Closely Connected Will Soon Take Place. The time will come, Christ tells us, when many deceivers will go forth declaring themselves to be Christ. The Saviour says, "Go ye not... after them" (Luke 21:8). We need not be deceived. Wonderful scenes, with which Satan will be closely connected, will soon take place. God's word declares that Satan will work miracles. He will make people sick, and then will suddenly remove from them his satanic power. They will then be regarded as healed. These works of apparent healing will bring Seventh-day Adventists to the test. Many who have had great light will fail to walk in the light, because they have not become one with Christ.

The Only Way to Distinguish Between the True and the False Is by Bringing God's Word Into One's Daily Experience. Let us study the Word of God. Let us make it a part of our lives, bringing its teachings into daily experience. Thus only can we gain the knowledge that will enable us in the days of peril to distinguish the true from the false.--Letter 57, 1904, p. 2. ("To Our Leading Medical Workers;," November 12, 1903.)

LABOR AND MOB VIOLENCE IN THE LAST DAYS.

Labor Union Violence Makes It Increasingly Clear That the World Is out of Harmony With God. Because of frequent triumphs, Satan is becoming more bold and defiant in his rebellion against God. The rapid development of evil, the confusion among the laboring classes, reveal that men are rapidly taking sides. They are being bound up in bundles to be burned. The labor unions are quickly stirred to violence if their demands are not complied with. Plainer and plainer it is becoming that the inhabitants of the world are not in harmony with God.

Evil Angels Are in Every Mob Inciting Men to Commit Deeds of Violence. No scientific theory can explain the steady march of evil workers under the generalship of Satan. In every mob wicked angels are at work rousing men to commit deeds of violence. Satan seems to have taken control of the minds of men. Murder, robbery, wickedness of every kind, reveal the leadership of the great enemy of souls.

Man's cruelty Will Reach Such Heights That God Will Reveal Himself. In the days of Noah, violence filled the land; and thus Christ has told us that it will be in the last days. The history of the old world is to be repeated. The perversity and cruelty of men will reach such a height that God will reveal Himself in His majesty. Very soon the wickedness of the world will have reached its limit, and as in the days of Noah, God will pour out His judgments.

When Wickedness Is at Its Height, God Will Be Close to Our Side. But even when wickedness is at its height, we may know that our Helper is close by our side.--Letter 250, 1903, pp. 3, 4. (To J. E. White,

November 16, 1903.)

THE WORK OF SATAN AND HIS EVIL ANGELS In THE LAST DAYS TO CONTROL MINDS.

Evil Angels Actively Seek to Control Human Minds. In the future great watchfulness will be needed. There is to be among the people of God no spiritual stupidity. Evil spirits are actively engaged in seeking to control the minds of human beings. Men are binding up in bundles, ready to be consumed by the fires of the last days. Those who discard Christ and His righteousness will accept the sophistry that is flooding the world. Christians are to be sober and vigilant, steadfastly resisting their adversary the devil, who is going about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

How Men Under the Influence of Evil Spirits Will Work Miracles. Men under the influence of evil spirits will work miracles. They will make people sick by casting their spell upon them, and will then remove the spell, leading others to say that those who were sick have been miraculously healed. This Satan has done again and again.

Satan Comes Down as a Beautiful Angel and Presents Lovely Pictures to Deceive. We are living in the great day of atonement, and we are to confess our sins and make diligent work for repentance. We are to put all our capabilities to work, that we may be delivered from wicked and unreasonable men. Satan comes down as a beautiful angel, and presents lovely pictures before the eyes of those who have so perverted their ways before God that they do not see what they are, or know what they need. The enemy has come down with great power, to work with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish.--Letter 259, 1903, pp. 5, 6. (To "Dear Sister Hall," November 23, 1903.)

HUMAN THEORIES DESIGNED TO UNDERMINE CONFIDENCE IN THE SDA MESSAGE

Delusive Influences That Will Work to Undermine Confidence of SDA'S in Past Experience and in the Testimonies. The world's opinion will oppose the very work that must be done in order that the safety of the flock of God shall not be imperiled. The fact that men are imperiled by the sophistries that are coming in shows that a power from beneath is making its imprint on human minds. Every movement made now is to be carefully guarded, for the forces of Satan have minds under their control, and [they] will strive through them to unsettle faith in the experience of the past, which bears the signature of heaven. The delusive influences working upon human minds are of a character to unsettle the faith of the people of God in the experience of the past, which has borne the signature of heaven.... [and] in the testimonies which the Lord has given His people.

Men, Whom God has Greatly Honored, Will Convert His Truth Into a Lie. In His Word the Lord declares what He would do for His people if they would obey His voice. But the leaders of the people yielded to the temptations of Satan, and God could not give them the blessings He designed them to have, because they did not obey His voice, but listened to the voice and policy of Lucifer. This experience will be repeated in the last years of the history of the people of God, who have been established by His grace and power. Men whom He has greatly

honored will, in the closing scenes of this earth's history, pattern after ancient Israel, because they are converting the truth of God into a falsehood. And many heresies will come from Lucifer that will bewilder, if possible, the very elect....

Human Theories Encountered During the 1840s Will Be Repeated. History is being repeated. The perils that God's people encountered in past ages... will be encountered again--intensified.... Unless we give the most earnest heed to the Word of God, human minds will work up theories according to their own deficient practices, which we met in 1842, 1843, and especially after the passing of the time [October 22, 1844], and will misrepresent and misapply a "Thus saith the Lord." A departure from the great principles [that] Christ has laid down in His teachings, a working out of human projects, using the Scriptures to justify a wrong course of action under the perverse working of Lucifer, will confirm men in misunderstanding, and the truth that they need to keep them from wrong practices will leak out of the soul like water from a leaky vessel.--Manuscript 5, 1904, pp. 3-5. (Diary, January 20,

THE TABLES OF STONE WRITTEN BY GOD AND PLACED IN THE ARK WILL APPEAR AT THE LAST GREAT Day.

The holy law of ten commandments, written on tables of stone by the finger of God, and placed in the ark, is the standard of righteousness. Before the obedient and the disobedient it will appear in the last great day, and all the wicked will be convicted. They will see that their actions proceeded from a depraved character. They will see that the part they acted served to carry on the rebellion begun in the heavenly courts. They will see all the cruelty and all the wickedness that have dishonored their Creator and brought about the wretchedness that fills the world.---Manuscript 5, 1904, pp. 5, 6. (Diary, January 20, 1904.)

UNPROFITABLE SPECULATIONS CONCERNING CONDITIONS In THE HEREAFTER.

Caution Against Speculating Concerning Conditions in Heaven. Be very careful not to entertain speculative ideas, or to teach that which does not properly represent the truth for this time. We are not to speculate regarding what will be in heaven. To pry into these mysteries and present fanciful theories regarding them is to do great harm. The people of God need not be aroused on this point. Suppositions regarding these mysteries are not to be received as truth. No one should dare pry into subjects that God has not revealed.

Warning Against the Theory of Births in the New Earth and "Spiritual Wifery." I am instructed to bear a message of warning against the theory that in the new earth children will be born. There is a strain of spiritualism coming in among our people, and it will undermine the faith of those who give place to it, leading them to give heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils.

I have seen the arch-deceiver tempting several of our ministers, teachers, and medical workers, presenting to them in the most subtle and charming manner, fanciful theories to wean their affection from those whom they should love and cherish. He shows them charming pictures of women whom they have found congenial, suggesting that in

the future life they will be united to the one who is so congenial.

The enemy of souls has gained much when he can lead the imagination of Jehovah's watchmen to dwell upon the possibilities of association with women in the world to come whom they love, and of them raising up families. We need no such pleasing picture. All such views originate in the mind of the tempter. We have the plain assurance of Christ that in the world to come the redeemed "neither marry, nor are given in marriage" (Matthew 22:30).--Letter 598 1904, pp. 1, 2. (To "Dear Brethren and Sisters in the South," January 22 1904.)

CHRIST IS OUR EXAMPLE IN AVOIDING PERSECUTION.

What Christ Did When He Was Persecuted. Jesus refrained from taking a course that would bring such a crisis in His life as to cut short His lifework. The opposition of the priests and rulers at Jerusalem had driven the mighty Healer from their midst. He restricted, for a time, His labors to Galilee. Often He left one field of labor for another, in order to escape from those who were seeking His life. When He was rejected at Nazareth, and His own townsmen tried to kill Him, He went down to Capernaum, where the people were astonished at His teaching, "for His word was with power" (Luke 4:32). He did not, by rushing into danger, hasten a crisis. He knew that He was to receive the world's hatred, He knew that His work would result in His death, but prematurely to expose Himself would not be the will of His Father.

The Need, Even Duty, to Flee From Place to Place to Escape Serious Persecution. From this we are to learn a lesson. As time goes by we shall have to encounter an opposition that will become more and more intense. As enmity is aroused in various places against those who observe the Sabbath of the Lord, it may become a necessity for God's people to move from those places to places where they will not be so bitterly opposed. God does not require His children to remain where, by the course of wicked men, their influence is made of no effect, and their lives are endangered. When liberty and life are imperiled, it is not merely our privilege, it is our positive duty to go to places where the people are willing to hear the word of life, and where the opportunities for preaching the word will be more favorable.

There is a large field in which to labor for the salvation of souls, and unless loyalty to God requires it, His servants are not to imperil their lives. They are not to be discouraged by persecution, but when their work is hedged up in one place, they are to seek a place where they can continue to labor for the salvation of souls, where there are people whose hearts have not, by unbelief, been hardened against the truth.

Many the Places Where Christ Went to Escape Persecution Subsequently Accepted Him. Christ moved quietly from one place to another, traveling on foot. He knew that some of those who heard His words would gladly receive the truths He taught. After His ascension, many who, during His ministry, had listened to His words, openly acknowledged their belief in Him as the Son of God.--Manuscript 26, 1904, pp. 1-3. ("Persecution Not to Be Needlessly Encountered," March 11, 1904.)

THE ALPHA AND OMEGA OF PANTHEISTIC SENTIMENTS.

In the Final Conflict Satan Comes, Not Only as a Roaring Lion, but Also as a Seducer. We need to understand what we are to meet and how we are to meet it. We must know what efforts we are to make, so that in this perilous time we shall not be taken by the enemy's devices. We know that the last great conflict will be Satan's most determined effort to accomplish his purpose. He will come, not only as a roaring lion, but as a seducer, clothing sin with beautiful garments of light, that he may take human beings in his snare.

Those Who Think That the Church Militant Is the Church Triumphant Make a Great Mistake. The Lord desire us to realizes that it is of great importance that we stand in these last days upon the platform of eternal truth. Those who think that the church militant is the church triumphant make a great mistake. The church militant will gain great triumphs, but it will also have fierce conflicts with evil that it may be firmly established upon the platform of eternal truth. And every one of us should be determined to stand with the church upon this platform....

Those Who Are Not Interested in Things That Are to Take Place Lack Wisdom. The enemy will bring in everything that he possibly can to carry out his deceptive designs. Are they not lacking in wisdom who have no desire to understand in regard to the things that are to take place on this earth?....

The Alpha and Omega of Pantheistic Sentiments. When [at the very beginning of my public work], I first left the state of Maine, it was to go through Vermont and Massachusetts to bear a testimony against these [pantheistic] sentiments. [The] Living Temple contains the alpha of these theories; the omega would follow in a little while. I tremble for our people....

Attempts to Tear Away the Pillars of Our Faith One by One Through Pantheism. In a representation which passed before me, I saw a certain work being done by medical missionary workers. Our ministering brethren did not seem to understand. The foundation of our faith, which was established by so much prayer, such earnest searching of the Scriptures, was being taken down, pillar by pillar. Our faith was to have nothing to rest upon--the sanctuary was gone, the atonement was gone....

Do you wonder that I have something to say, when I see the pillars of our faith beginning to be moved? Seductive theories are being taught in such a way that we shall not recognize them unless we have clear spiritual discernment.--Manuscript 46, 1904, pp. 1, 3, 6-8. ("The Foundation of Our Faith," a talk given at Berrien Springs, Michigan, May 18, 1904.)

MEN LIKE CORNELIUS, WHO REPLACE The UNFAITHFUL, WILL BE TAUGHT BY HEAVENLY ANGELS.

There are many men in our world who are like Cornelius.... As God worked for Cornelius, so He works for these true standard-bearers. He prepares the way for them to take the place of those who have been

given a knowledge of Bible truth, but who have disappointed the Lord our Saviour. These men will be true to pure, holy principles in their investigation of the laws which rule our world. They will obtain a knowledge of God as did Cornelius through the visitation of angels from heaven.--Letter 197, pp. 2, 3. (To I. H. Evans, June 15, 1904.)

BALLS OF FIRE COMING DOWN UPON THE WORLD CRUSH LARGE HOUSES; THE REACTIONS OF PEOPLE.

Last night a scene was presented before me. I may never feel free to reveal all of it, but I will reveal a little. It seemed that an immense ball of fire came down upon the world and crushed large houses. From place to place the cry arose, "The Lord has come! The Lord has come!" Many were unprepared to meet Him, but a few were saying, "Praise the Lord!"

"Why are you praising the Lord?" inquired those upon whom was coming sudden destruction.

"Because we now see what we have been looking for."

"If you believed that these things were coming, why did you not tell us?" was the terrible response. "We did not know about these things. Why did you leave us in ignorance? Again and again you have seen us; why did you not become acquainted with us and tell us of the judgment to come, and that we must serve God, lest we perish? Now we are lost!"...

May God help us to stand, like Daniel, in our lot and place during the days of probation that remain. Parents, teach your children regarding the things that are coming upon the earth and lead them to prepare to meet their Lord in peace.--Manuscript 102, 1904, p. 9. (Untitled Manuscript, a sermon preached in Nashville, Tennessee, July 2, 1904.)

IN THE NEW EARTH CHRIST WILL EXPLAIN TO US OBSCURE BIBLE PASSAGES.

In the new earth Christ will lead us by the side of the living waters, and explain the dark passages of Scripture that we have never been able to understand. All His providences will then be made plain.--Manuscript 102, 1904, p. 10. (Untitled Manuscript, a sermon preached in Nashville, Tennessee, July 2, 1904.)

IMMENSE BALL OF FIRE FALLS ON BEAUTIFUL MANSIONS, CAUSING THEIR INSTANT DESTRUCTION; REACTION OF PEOPLE.

Night before last a very impressive scene passed before me. I saw an immense ball of fire fall into the midst of some beautiful mansions, causing their instant destruction. I heard some say, "We knew that the judgments of God were coming upon the earth, but we did not know they would come so soon." Others said, "You knew! Why then did you not tell us? We did not know." On every side I heard such words spoken.--Letter 217, 1904, p. 4. (To W. R. Young, July 3, 1904.)

THE GENERAL RESURRECTION OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE SPECIAL

RESURRECTION OF THOSE WHO PUT CHRIST TO DEATH.

When Christ comes to gather to Himself those who have been faithful, the last trump will sound, and the whole earth, from the summits of the loftiest mountains to the lowest recesses of the deepest mines will hear. The righteous dead will hear the sound of the trump, and will come forth from their graves to be clothed with immortality and to meet their Lord. And those who pierced the Saviour, those who scourged and crucified Him, will also be raised to behold Him whom they mocked and despised, coming in the clouds of heaven, attended by the heavenly host, ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands.--Letter 257, 1904, p. 5, 6. (To J. H. Kellogg, July 21, 1904.)

OUR WORK IS NOT TO STOP THOUGH THERE Be A TURNING AND OVERTURNING.

There is to be a turning and an overturning, but our work is not to stop. We are to instruct and enlighten those who have not heard the truth for this time.--Letter 237. 1904, pp. 3, 4. (To G. I. Butler, July 14, 1904.)

HYPNOTISM USED In SOME SDA INSTITUTIONS BY THOSE WHO DEPART FROM THE FAITH.

The time has come when even in the church and in our institution, some will depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. But God will keep that which is committed to Him. Let us draw near to Him, that He may draw near to us. Let us bear a plain, clear testimony right to the point, that hypnotism is being used by those who have departed from the faith, and that we are not to link up with them. Through those who depart from the faith, the power of the enemy will be exercised to lead others astray.--Letter 237, 1904, p. 6. (To G. I. Butler, July 14, 1904.)

FUTURE DIFFICULTIES WILL Be SO SERIOUS THAT THEY WILL DEMAND WILLING, UNQUESTIONING OBEDIENCE TO CHRIST.

Future Difficulties Will Be Tenfold Greater Than Any Yet Experienced. In the future we shall have to contend with difficulties tenfold greater than any we have yet had. Do you ask why I say this? Do you not realize that... [Satan's] time is short [and] he is working and planning with intensity of effort to place obstacles in the way of God's people and to hinder their progress. We have the powers of darkness to meet. At this time, more than ever before, willing, unquestioning obedience is needed if we (are to) come off conquerors....

If You Look to Christ as Your Abiding Friend, You Will Not Be Led Astray. Every feature of our faith is to be tested. Sophistry will be brought in as it was to Adam and Eve. You will be strongly tempted, and unless you have a firm faith in the principles of truth for this time, you will be led astray. Look to Christ as your helper. Take Him into your heart as an abiding friend. As you do this, His blessing will rest upon you in large measure. You will be kept by the power of God. The enemy will not be able to lead you to swerve from your allegiance.--Manuscript 48, 1905, p. 8. ("Union With Christ," talk given December

11, 1904.)

IMPORTANT WORK IS TO BE DONE In WASHINGTON; SOONER OR LATER SUNDAY LAWS WILL BE ENACTED.

It is only the power of God that can hold the four winds, that they shall not blow until the servants of God are sealed in their foreheads. A most important work is to be done in Washington ... Sooner or later Sunday laws will be passed. But there is much for God's servants to do to warn the people. This work has been greatly retarded by their having to wait and stand against the devisings of Satan, which have been striving to find a place in our work....

We are to humble ourselves before the Lord and at the same time we are to be as firm as a rock to principle. God's law is to be vindicated by the obedience of heart and mind, and by strong arguments.--Letter 21, 1905, pp. 1, 2. (To W. W. Prescott and W. A. Colcord, January 16, 1905.)

THE CALAMITIES RECORDED In REVELATION 18 WILL CONTINUE UNTIL THE END.

Scene after scene has passed before me of what is about to take place, as recorded in the eighteenth chapter of Revelation... I read in yesterday's [news]paper of an accident that happened to a train crowded with people who were going to attend the inauguration of President [Theodore] Roosevelt. These calamities will continue till the end.-- Letter 93, 1905, pp. 1, 2. (To J. E. White, March 5, 1905.)

ENCOURAGEMENT In THE FACE OF THE PERILOUS CONFLICT AHEAD.

The Controversy Is Being Waged in Full View of the Heavenly Universe. Satan has come down with great power, knowing that his time is short. The controversy is being waged in full view of the heavenly universe; and angels stand ready to lift up for God's hard-pressed soldiers a standard against the enemy, and to put into their lips songs of victory and rejoicing....

Christ's Followers Are to Call Attention to the Fast-fulfilling Prophecies. The followers of Christ are to combine in a strong effort to call the attention of the world to the fast-fulfilling prophecies of the Word of God. Infidelity is gaining a strong hold in the churches. Shall those to whom great light has been given now be cold and faithless? A power from beneath is leading men to war against the truth. Church members have confederated with satanic agencies to make void the law of God.

A New Life Is Taking Possession of Those Who Have the Love of God in Their Hearts. At this time--a time of overwhelming iniquity--a new life, coming from the Source of all life, is to take possession of those who have the love of God in their hearts, and they are to go forth to proclaim with power the message of a crucified and risen Saviour.

The Activities Satan Uses to Divert Minds From Eternal Realities. The inhabitants of the world are fast becoming as the inhabitants of the world in Noah's day who were swept away by the flood, and as the

inhabitants of Sodom who were consumed by fire from heaven. The powers of Satan are at work to keep minds diverted from eternal realities. The enemy has arranged matters to suit his purposes. Horse racing, gambling, games of every kind, the fashions of the day--these things occupy the minds of men and women. In the broad road that leads to eternal ruin, there walks a long procession. The world, filled with violence, reveling, and drunkenness, is converting the church. The law of God, the divine standard of righteousness, is declared to be of no consequence....

We Are to Do the Work Given Us to Do in Spite of the Bitterness and Relentlessness of Enemies. We are traveling in the narrow way, and we shall meet with obstacles and difficulties, but as we follow on to know the Lord, we shall know that His going forth is prepared as the morning. Bitter and relentless will be our enemies, nevertheless, we are to do the work given us. Christ's presence is promised us. "Lo," He says, "I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" (Matthew 28:20).--Manuscript 38, 1905, pp. 1, 2, 4-6. ("Be of Good Cheer," March 27, 1905.)

THE REPRINTING OF EARLY ADVENT EXPERIENCES WILL HELP US WITHSTAND SATAN'S TEMPTATIONS.

I have had presentations regarding the deceptions that Satan is bringing in at this time. I have been instructed that we should make prominent the testimony of some of the old workers who are now dead. Let them continue to speak through their articles as found in the early numbers of our papers. These articles should now be reprinted, that there may be a living voice from the Lord's witnesses. The history of the early experiences in the message will be a power to withstand the masterly ingenuity of Satan's deceptions.--Letter 99, 1905, p. 2. (To

W. C. White, April 6, 1905,)

GOD'S PEOPLE WILL Be PROTECTED, THOUGH SOME MAY LOSE THEIR LIVES AS MARTYRS.

There are troublous times ahead for the world, but God's people will be protected, though some of them may lose their lives for the truths sake.--Letter 101, 1905, p.2. (To James Packham, April 7, 1905)

REASONS FOR ESTABLISHING INSTITUTIONS OUTSIDE The CITIES.

Parents to Place Their Children Under the Very Best Influences. Light has been given that the large cities are to become as Sodom and Gomorrah.... Parents should now do everything in their power to redeem their neglect, and place their children where they will be under the very best influences....

Don't Use Testimonies to Justify Establishing Institutions in Cities. God has sent warning after warning that our schools and publishing houses and sanitariums are to be established out of the city, in places where the youth may be taught most effectively what is truth. Let no one attempt to use the Testimonies to vindicate the establishment of large business interests in the cities....

It Will Become Very Hard for SDA'S to Remain in Cities. Conditions are arising in the cities that will make it very hard for those of our

faith to remain in them. It would therefore be a great mistake to invest money in the establishment of business interests in the cities.... The cities will become worse and worse. In them will be strife and bloodshed, and at last they will be visited by earthquakes. Buildings will be thrown down and will be consumed by fire from heaven....

Those Remaining in the Cities Will Be Expected to Observe Holidays. The cities must be worked. Those who are living in them must be warned of what is before us. Let time and means be wisely spent. See if you cannot do something in the highways and byways of the cities to proclaim the message of present truth. But do not locate your families in the city, and do not establish business interests there. If you do this, you will in the future be expected to conform to the observations of various holidays. Watchers will be set to seek occasion of complaint against the commandment-keeping people of God. Satan will exercise his power and enmity, and oppression will be the result. The larger the city, the greater will be the oppression.

Missionary Work to Be Done in Cities Does Not Require Establishment of Large Business in Them. Though stormy times are before us, much missionary work still remains to be done in the cities. But this does not require the establishment of large business enterprises [in them].--Manuscript 76, 1905, pp. 2-5 ("The Work in Melbourne, [Australia]" June 29, 1905.)

WHO MAY ABIDE THE JUDGMENT AT CHRIST'S COMING?

Commentary on Malachi 4; the Coming of the Lord to His Temple and the Purging of His People. "Behold, I will send My messenger, and He shall prepare the way before Me: and the Lord, whom ye seek shall suddenly come to His temple, even the Messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: He shall come, saith the Lord of hosts. But who may abide the day of His coming? and who shall stand when He appeareth? for He is like a refiners fire, and like fullers' soap: And He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and He shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness.

Events That Follow the Purging. "Then"--[after the purging]--
"Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the Lord, as in the days of old, and as in the former years. And I will come near to you in judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not Me, saith the Lord of hosts" (Malachi 4:1-5).

The Records of Unseen Agencies Are Involved in the Judgment Work. Those who profess to be sons and daughters of God should represent Him in character. As we read these words of Malachi, calling attention to the judgment work, we are impressed with the truth that there are unseen agencies who faithfully record in the books of heaven all our words and all our actions.--Manuscript 38.5, pp. 1, 2. ("Who May Abide the Day of His Coming," sermon preached at Sanitarium, California, April 1, 1905.)

THOUGH We FACE STORMY TIMES, DO NOT UTTER ONE WORD OF UNBELIEF.

The end of all things is at hand. The signs foretold by Christ are fast fulfilling. The nations are angry, and time of the dead has come, that they should be judged. There are stormy times before us, but let us not utter one word of unbelief or discouragement. Let us remember that we bear a message of healing to a world filled with sinsick souls.--Letter 191, 1905, p. 1. (To S. N. Haskell, July 5, 1905.)

IN THE FUTURE We SHALL SEE GOOD REASONS FOR WARNINGS AGAINST SEDUCING SPIRITS.

Temptations will come, but if we watch against the enemy, and maintain the balance of self-control and purity, the seducing spirits will not be able to obtain one jot of influence over us. In the future you will see good reasons for the warnings given in regard to seducing spirits.--Letter 211, 1905, p. 3. (To J. E. White, July 22, 1905.)

THE BATTLE BETWEEN THE FAITHFUL AND APOSTATES.

Apostates Will Go to Great Lengths in Departing From God. The Lord is in earnest with us. In His Word He has declared that many shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. They will go to great lengths in departing from God. ... Satan is wide awake, and he will lose no opportunity to bind men and women to his plans, and to fasten them in such a way that before they are aware of it, they will find a yoke of bondage upon them. ...

The Faithful Will Not Be Left to Perish Through Satan's Deceptive Work. Those who are purifying their souls through a belief of the truth have abundant assurance that they will not be left to perish through the deceptive working of the arch-deceiver. ...

Those Refusing to Stand on the Sure Foundation Can Have No Part With SDA'S. Tremendous is the wrath of God now hanging over the world. I call upon all in the name of Jesus Christ to take their stand on the sure foundation. Those who refuse to do this can have no part with Seventh-day Adventists....

Evil Angels in Human Form Will Present Glowing Representations. Satan has his allies in men, and evil angels in human form will appear to men, and present before them such glowing representations of what they will be able to do, if they will only heed their suggestions, that often they change their penitence for defiance.--Manuscript 122, 1905, pp. 2, 3, 5, 6. ("A Solemn Appeal." August, 1905.)

THE PUNISHMENT OF WICKED CITIES SHOWS HOW GOD FEELS ABOUT THOSE WHO MAKE VOID HIS LAW.

Wicked cities will be visited. They will have an expression from the God of heaven as to how He regards the works and ways of those who have made void His law. They may be called to a realization of the offense they have been guilty of before God, the great ruler of all worlds...

Our cities are soon to feel the great displeasure of God, because many have departed from the faith, and, while professing to be children of God, have been doing a work contrary to the work that God has specified should be done.--Manuscript 43, 1906, pp. 1, 5, 6. ("Gratitude to God for His Goodness and Mercy." September 11, 1905.)

THE FORCES OF GOOD AND EVIL AT WORK IN THE COMING CONFLICT.

Satan Will Try to Nullify Christ's Instruction to the Churches. In the future Satan's last exploits will be carried out with more power than ever before. He has learned much, and he is full of scientific scheming to make of no effect the work that is under the supervision of the One that came to the Isle of Patmos to educate John and give him instruction to be given to the churches.

Every Ingenious Device Will Be Used to Lead Men to Live a Lie. The miracles that Christ wrought gave to the world evidence of the divinity of His mission. This powerful evidence the Jews would not receive, because Christ's teachings did not harmonize with their preconceived ideas, or exalt the human agencies who continually exalted themselves... We are meeting the same unbelief today, and shall continue to meet it as we bear the last message of mercy to the world. Every ingenious device will be used, every possible method taken advantage of, to lead men to live a lie...

Angels Preserve the World From Destruction Because Some Have Never Yet Heard the Message. God's angels are preserving the world from destruction, because there are some who have never yet heard the message of truth....

Those Who Act a Part in Spiritualistic Deceptions Will Become as Mad Men When Their Deceptions Are Exposed. The development of these last days will soon become decided. When these spiritualistic deceptions are revealed to be what they really are,--the secret workings of evil spirits,--those who have acted a part in them will become as men who have lost their minds....

The world is to be flooded with specious fallacies. One human mind, accepting these fallacies, will work upon other human minds who have been turning the precious evidence of God's truth into a lie. These men will be deceived by fallen angels, when they should have stood as faithful guardians, watching for souls as they that must give an account. They have laid down the weapons of their warfare, and have given heed to seducing spirits. They make of no effect the counsel of God, and set aside His warnings and reproofs, and are positively on Satan's side, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils....

Through Satan's Cunning Device the Forms of the Dead Will Appear. History is to be repeated.... The forms of the dead will appear through the cunning device of Satan, and many will link up the the one who loveth and maketh a lie... Right among us some men will turn away from the faith and give heeds to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils, and by them the truth will be evil spoken of.

Professional Men, Making Lies Their Refuge, Will Misrepresent

God's Warning Message. A marvelous work shall take place. Ministers, lawyers, doctors, who have permitted these falsehoods to overmaster their spirit of discernment, will be themselves deceivers, united with the deceived. A spiritual drunkenness will take possession of them. ... Seeking deep to hide their counsel from the Lord, and making lies their refuge, they will misinterpret the warnings and messages God has sent, placing on these warnings their false statements, to make God's word of no effect...

Some Who Have Been Deceived Will Repent and Be Converted. Some who have been deceived by men in responsible places will repent and be converted. And in all our dealings with them, we must remember that none of those who are in the depth of Satan's snare know that they are there.--Letter. 311, 1905, pp. 2, 3, 5-7. (To A. G. Daniells and W. W. Prescott, and their associates, October 30, 1905.)

SATAN'S ANGELS ALL OVER THE WORLD WILL MINGLE AND TALK WITH MEN IN ORDER TO DECEIVE THEM.

Satan is using His science in playing the game of life for human souls. His angels are mingling with men, and instructing them in the mysteries of evil. These fallen angels will draw away disciples after them, will talk with men, and will set forth principles that are as false as can be, leading souls into paths of deception. These angels are to be found all over the world, presenting the wonderful things that will soon appear in a more decided light.---Manuscript 145, 1905,

p. 4. ("Diary," October 31, 1905.)

WITNESSING WITH POWER UNDER THE MESSAGE OF THE ANGEL OF REVELATION 18.

Beware of Those Who Endeavor to Bring in False Theories. There will be many voices to divert the minds of the people of God from the true issues, and Satan is leading them, disguised as an angel of light. Beware of those who would bring in false theories and would deceive, if possible, the very elect....

Those Who Should Be Catching the Life-giving Message Have Blinded Themselves. There is soon to be a tremendous crisis. It is making its way with mighty strides, while the men who ought to be catching the life-giving message from the Word of life, and sounding the last warning to a fallen world, have put out their spiritual eyesight and placed themselves with the deceivers.

[Revelation 18:1-4, quoted.]

The Prophecies of Revelation 18 and 19 Will Be Fulfilled. The whole of the eighteenth and nineteenth chapters of Revelation will surely be fulfilled. The Bible, the precious Bible, has become to some a cunningly devised fable, because Satan is deceiving them as an angel of light. There are those who have so long resisted the counsel of God that the Lord will soon give them up to cunningly devised fables. They will proclaim these fables with all their fraudulent influences.

The Truth of John 3:16 Is to Be Proclaimed. The truth that we are to proclaim is that God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but

have everlasting life. This truth is to be developed in the closing scenes of this earth's history....

Even the Illiterate Disciple Will Be Able to Withstand the Questionings of Infidelity. Those who receive Christ as a personal Saviour will stand the test and trial of these last days. Strengthened by an unquestioning faith in Christ, even the illiterate disciple will be able to withstand the doubts and questions that infidelity can produce, and put to blush the sophistries of scorners.

The Lord Jesus will give the disciples a tongue and wisdom that their adversaries can neither gainsay nor resist. Those who could not by reasoning overcome satanic delusions, will bear an affirmative testimony that will baffle supposedly learned men. Words will come from the lips of the unlearned with such convincing power and wisdom that conversions will be made to the truth. Thousands will be converted under their testimony.

The Reason the Illiterate Disciple Will Be Able to Confute Learned Men. Why should the illiterate man have this power, which the learned man has not?--The illiterate one, through faith in Christ; has come into the atmosphere of pure, clear truth, while the learned man has turned away from the truth. The poor man is Christ's witness. He cannot appeal to histories, or to so-called high science, but he gathers from the Word of God powerful evidence. The truth that he speaks under the inspiration of the Spirit, is so pure and remarkable, and carries with it a power so indisputable, that his testimony cannot be gainsaid....

Angels Turn the Tide When It Seems That Christ's Follower Must Yield. Satan brings all his powers to the assault in the last, close conflict, and the endurance of the follower of Christ is taxed to the utmost. At times it seems that he must yield. But a word of prayer to the Lord Jesus goes like an arrow to the throne of God, and angels of God are sent to the field of battle. The tide is turned....

God's People Are to Develop an Experience That Will Be a Convincing Power. God calls upon His people to prepare themselves for the scenes of severe conflict. Take up your duties in a meek and lowly spirit. Ever face your enemies in the strength of Jesus.... In the trials of these last days, Christ will be made unto His people wisdom and righteousness and sanctification and redemption. Christ is to be formed in His people, the hope of glory. They are to develop an experience that will be a convincing power in the world.--Manuscript 53, 1905, pp. 2, 9-12. ("Unto Seventy Times Seven," November 11, 1905.)

THE FUTURE OF THOSE WHO REFUSE To HEED GOD'S WARNINGS.

Our Greatest Danger Will Come From Apostates. Our greatest danger will come from men who have lifted up their souls unto vanity and who have not heeded the words of reproof and warning coming from God. When men choose their own way and their own mind, there is always danger, for the tempter, clothed in angel robes, is close beside them, uniting his power and influence with theirs. The enemy of Christ and God will open before them many things, presenting his bribes in an attractive character, which are deceptive and alluring. These they will present to the people of God, and many will be deceived, and will work in wrong lines.

Warnings have been given. Will men heed these warnings, and will they work in Christ's lines? Will they learn of Christ, His meekness and lowliness? Will they listen to the last message of mercy to be given to a fallen world? The Lord calls. Will men and women heed His call?

The Power of a Godly Example Upon Unbelievers No One With Unconfessed Unrepented Sins Will enter the City of God. Without an entire transformation of character, human beings cannot enter the holy city. Amidst the abounding iniquity, we are to receive and believe in Christ as a personal Saviour. Only thus can we receive power to become the sons of God. The striving, soul, cooperating with Christ, becomes a partaker of the divine nature, escaping the corruption that is in the world through lust. The power of a godly example will often be effective in the conversion of the most bitter persecutors of God's people. A righteous example, so contrary to the policy of the world, surprises worldlings, and leads them to bow at the cross of Christ. Not one soul with sins unconfessed and unrepented of will enter through the gates into the city of God.--Manuscript 127, 1905, pp. 5-7. ("Take Heed

ELLEN WHITE SHOWN THAT PANTHEISM WOULD VERGE ON VICTORY SOME THREE TIMES.

The light given me was that the controversy [over Pantheism] was come to point where it seemed as if the battle were lost, and as if the enemy would gain the victory, but that God would sway it back. Then it would come again and again to a position that seemed to mean defeat [for God's cause], but there was deliverance. Three times, I think, this was repeated. We had to press against an influence that was satanic in its tendency.--Manuscript 70, 1905, p. 6. ("A Message of Warning," a talk given at the 1905 General Conference Session, n.d., 1905.)

THE CONFLICT BETWEEN CHRIST AND SATAN PRETENDING TO BE A WONDERFUL BLESSING TO THE RACE.

Christ Not Only Warns Against Threatened Dangers, but Gives Power to Resist. The Lord would have our minds aroused regarding the influence of evil angels. Christ does not tell us of the danger threatening us from the attacks of the apostate foe without furnishing us with power to resist every attack. Having assumed the rightful heirship to the world, He is fully able to lead His army on triumphantly in the warfare with spiritual foes.

Satan's Throne Is in This World. The seat or throne of Satan is in this world, and students of prophecy are to be fully awake regarding the powers they are to meet....

Satan's Power Will Be Manifested as a Wonderful Blessing to the Race. There are those who greatly desire power, and who will use inventions that Satan places in their hands to gain power. The evil [one] has acquired wonderful power, and this power will be manifested as apparently a most wonderful blessing to the race.--Manuscript 78, 1905, p. 6. ("A Message to Believers, n.d., 1905.)

THE FALSE SABBATH AND OUR RELATION TO IT.

God's Law Is to Be Honored Above Human Enactments. When finite rulers make laws that conflict with a plain, "Thus saith the Lord," we are to obey the law of God. Shall man dare to take the place of God, setting aside the laws of the Ruler of the universe, and placing in their stead human enactments? Shall he dare to compel obedience to these human laws?

The Man of Sin--the Papal Power--Obscures the True Sabbath and Exalts Sunday. Here is where the man of sin finds his place in prophecy. What is sin?--The Lord defines it as "the transgression of the law,"--the law of Him who holds the life of every human being in His hands, and by whom everyone will be judged according to his works. Hereafter, when the Lord shall come in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory, every man will know who is God. Those who have trampled upon His law will then realize the sinfulness of sin.

God exalted the seventh day, placing upon it His signature, but man, exalting himself above God, places the Sabbath of the Lord out of sight, and exalts a day that has no sanctity but that given by the papal power. In this the man of sin "exalts himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God" (2 Thessalonians 2:4).--Letter 38, 1906, p. 6. ("To the Wahroonga Sanitarium Family," January 29, 1906.)

BELIEVERS IN ELLEN WHITE'S INSPIRATION WILL Be SAFE FROM HERESIES, ESPECIALLY CONCERNING THE SANCTUARY.

Believers in Ellen White's Inspiration Will Be Safe From Last-day Delusions. Men may get up scheme after scheme, and the enemy will seek to seduce souls from the truth, but all who believe that the Lord has spoken through Sister White, and has given her a message, will be safe from the many delusions that will come in the last days.

It Is Satan Who Leads Onto Sidetracks Concerning the Sanctuary Question. I know that the sanctuary question stands in righteousness and truth just as we have held it for so many years. It is the enemy that leads minds off on sidetracks. He is pleased when those who know the truth become engrossed in collecting scriptures to pile up around erroneous theories, which have no foundation in truth. The Scriptures thus used are misapplied. They were not given to substantiate error, but to strengthen truth.--Letter 50, 1906, p. 3. (To W. W. Simpson, January 30, 1906.)

EVENTS THAT TAKE PLACE UNDER THE LOUD CRY In FULFILLMENT OF DANIEL'S PROPHECY CONCERNING THE PAPACY.

God Will Confirm His Servant's Testimony When They Give the Loud Cry. The testing time is right upon us. We must build upon the Rock that will stand the storm of test and trial. As we see the fulfillment of prophecy we know that the end of all things is at hand. The God who gave Daniel instruction regarding the closing scenes of this earth's history will certainly confirm the testimony of His servants as at the appointed time they give the loud cry.

The Great Work of the Loud Cry Will Be Done in a Short Time, When

Daniel Stands in His Lot. All the messages given from 1840 to 1844 are to be made forcible now. ... There should be no delay in repeating the message, for the signs of the times are fulfilling. The closing work must be done. A great work will be done in a short time. A message will soon be given by God's appointment that will swell into a loud cry. Then Daniel will stand in his lot, to give his testimony.

The Papacy Will Appear in Its Power. The attention of our churches must be aroused. We are standing upon the borders of the greatest event in the world's history, and Satan, must not have power over the people of God, causing them to sleep on. The papacy will appear in its power. All must now arouse and search the Scriptures, for God will make known to His faithful ones what shall be in the last time. The word of the Lord is to come to His people in power.

We Need an Experience That Will Assure Us That God Is With Us to Help Us. The signs of the end are fast fulfilling. The time of trouble is very near us now. We are to be brought into strait places in a way in which we have not been brought heretofore.... We need an experience that we have not yet had, that we may have the assurance that the God of all grace is a very present help in time of need. The time of trouble:--trouble such as was not since there was a nation--is right upon us, and we are like the sleeping virgins. We are to awake and ask the Lord Jesus to place underneath us His everlasting arms, and carry us through the time of trial before us.

The Destroying Angels Are Permitted to Bring Calamities. How little we know of what is going on in heaven! What fearful indifference those on this earth show to eternal realities. Souls are unprepared for what is about to take place in our world. The warning must be given. The end of all things is at hand.

Everything Is to Be Shaken. The last message of mercy is to be given to prepare a people to stand in these last days. Everything is to be shaken that can be shaken, that those things that cannot be shaken may remain.--Letter 54, 1906, pp. 2-4. (To "Brother and Sister Farnsworth," January 30, 1906.)

OUR BIBLES WILL Be TAKEN AWAY FROM US; THE END IS NEAR.

Commit the Word to Memory for the Time Is Coming When Many Will Be Deprived of It. The time will come [in] which many will be deprived of the Written Word. But, if this Word is printed in the memory, no one can take it from us. It is a talisman that will meet the worst forms of error and evil....

The End Will Come Suddenly. Only for a very short time longer will the Lord bear with the gross wickedness that fills the world. Oh, how suddenly will the end come, surprising the world in their increasing iniquity.--Manuscript 54, 1906, pp. 2, 3. ("Preach the Word," February 1, 1906.)

THE HEAVENLY TABLES OF THE LAW ARE BROUGHT FORTH WHEN THE JUDGMENT SITS.

There is a sanctuary, and in that sanctuary is the ark, and in the

ark are the tables of stone, on which is written the law spoken from Sinai amidst scenes of awful grandeur. These tables of stone are in the heavens, and they will be brought forth in that day when the judgment shall sit and the books shall be opened, and men shall be judged according to the things written in the books. They will be judged by the law written by the finger of God, and given to Moses to be deposited in the ark. A record is kept of the deeds of all men, and according to his works will every man receive sentence, whether they be good, or whether they be evil.--Manuscript 20, 1906, pp. 8, 9. ("Preach the Word," February 1, 1906.)

THE NEED TO BE PREPARED FOR THE FIXING OF OUR ETERNAL DESTINY.

We Know Not How Soon the Last Message May Be Given and Our Cases Fixed. It is now as it was when the message was given in Noah's time and the invitation went forth for all who would to enter the ark. We know not how soon the last message of warning may be given and our cases fixed for eternity. There was hope for all the inhabitants of the Noachian world to enter the ark before the door was closed. After it was closed, those who entered were severely tried, for they were in the ark a full week before the rain came. Oh, what fearful scoffing and mocking and defiance of God there was by those who had refused to enter! But after the week ended, the rain began to fall...

The Need to Be Prepared to Do a Great Work in a Short time. We need not to be prepared for the closing scenes of this earth's history. Let all search their own hearts diligently, and be converted, that their sins may be pardoned. The world is becoming more and more decidedly opposed to God and the truth of God. All who will do the will of God will be successful in obtaining knowledge, and their experience will be valuable. We must now prepare to do a great work in a short time.--Letter 84, 1906, pp. 4, 5. (To. W. E. Farnsworth and wife, February 17, 1906.)

SATAN IS CONVINCED THAT THE WORLD'S ARMIES ARE BIG ENOUGH TO DEFEAT HEAVEN'S HOSTS.

Satan has not yet given up the idea that the world's armies will be so large that they will overcome the heavenly host. [Letter 90 1906, pp. 4-6, Brethren Assembled in Council at Graysville, Tn. March 6, 1906.]

FUTURE APOSTASIES AMONG MEDICAL DOCTORS AND OLD-TIME Ministers.

Established Truth Is Not to Be Changed by Medical Men or Even by Long-time Ministers. One jot of our faith yielded through the wily presentation of the foe opens the way for departure from another principle of Bible truth. We have established truth, which is not to be changed by the presentations of medical men, even though these men may have been greatly honored of God, or by the presentations of ministers, even though these ministers may long have preached, the truth. Not one pin or pillar is to be removed....

Apostates Will Obtain the Sympathy of Those Who Know Not God. The straying ones, giving heed to seducing spirits, will have the sympathy and sustaining influence of those who know not God, those who have

forfeited their allegiance to God and stand in rebellion against the truth.

Apostasies by Ministers and Doctors Will Be Evidence That God's Word Is Being Fulfilled. Ministers and doctors may depart from the faith, as the Word declares they will, and as the messages that God has given His servants declare they will. Thus believers will be given evidence that the word of God, the warnings He has given, are being fulfilled right among us.... The more plainly the testing truth is brought before the people, the more bitter will be the hatred manifested by those who have departed from the faith and given their attention to sentiments of Satan's presentations.--Letter 90, 1906, pp. 4-6. ("To the Brethren Assembled in Council at Graysville, Tennessee," March 6, 1906.)

THE INSPIRATION OF THE ELLEN WHITE WRITINGS; THE TABLES OF THE LAW BROUGHT FORTH WHEN SINNERS ARE SENTENCED. ld061090

In my books the truth is stated, barricaded by a "Thus saith the Lord," The Holy Spirit traced these truths upon my heart and mind as indelibly as the law was traced by the finger of God upon the tables of stone, which are now in the ark; to be brought forth in that great day when sentence is pronounced against every evil, seducing science produced by the father of lies.--Letter 90, 1906, p. 6. ("To the Brethren Assembles in Council at Graysville, Tennessee," March 6, 1906.)

WARNINGS OF CALAMITIES COMING On CHICAGO, LOS ANGLS, AND OTHER CITIES.

Ellen White Saw in Vision the Calamities that Would Soon Overtake Chicago and Other Large Cities. I saw... scenes that would soon take place in Chicago and other large cities... As wickedness increased, and the protecting power of God was withdrawn, there were destructive winds and tempests; buildings were destroyed by fire and shaken down by earthquakes....

Unless God Positively opens the Way, Means Are Not to Be Invested in Building in the Cities. Some time after this, I was shown that the vision of the buildings in Chicago and the draft upon the means of our people to erect them and their destruction, was an object lesson for our people, warning them not to invest largely of their means in property in Chicago or any other city, unless the providence of God should positively open the way and plainly point out duty to build or buy, as necessary, in giving the note of warning. A similar caution was given in regard to building in Los Angeles. Repeatedly I have been instructed that we must not invest means in the erection of expensive buildings in cities...

The Warning Message Will Accomplish Its Work Quickly. A great work will be done in a short time.... I have heard the word of God proclaimed in many localities outside the city of Chicago. There were many voices proclaiming the truth with great power. That which they proclaimed was not fanciful theories, but the warning message. While the solid truth of the Bible came from the lips of men who had no fanciful theories or misleading science to present, there were others who labored with all their power to bring in false theories regarding

God and Christ, and miracles were wrought to deceive, if possible, the very elect....

Labor in Chicago From Working-centers in Rural Districts. For the present, some will be obliged to labor in Chicago, but these [laborers] should be preparing working-centers in rural districts, from which they can work the city. The Lord would have His people looking about them and securing humble, inexpensive places as centers for their work. And from time to time, larger places will come to their notice, which they will labor to secure at a surprisingly low price.--Manuscript 33, 1906, pp. 2, 3, 5, 6. ("The Chicago Work," March 20, 1906.)

ERRING, UNSANCTIFIED, UNHOLY INFLUENCES WILL Be EXERTED TO DECEIVE IN REGARD TO THE TESTIMONIES. ld06m036

Men who are under the sway of a spirit, not pure, not true, must not be allowed to deceive to their ruin, if possible, the very chosen of God. I testify in the name of the Lord that step by step erring, unsanctified, unholy influences will be exerted to deceive those who suppose that these men are true and loyal, when they are working to deceive, if possible, the very elect. And through the deceptive influences, through the way they present the testimonies given, they seek to destroy those souls who will listen to their satanic sophistries.

WE SHALL BE GIFTED WITH A HIGHER NATURE AT CHRIST'S Coming.

When Christ comes, He takes those who have purified their souls by obeying the truth.... This mortal shall put on immortality, and these corruptible bodies, subject to disease, will be changed from mortal to immortal. We shall then be gifted with a higher nature. The bodies of all who purify their souls by obeying the truth shall be glorified. They have fully received and believed in Jesus Christ.--Manuscript 36, 1906, p. 3. ("A Solemn Warning and Appeal," March 24, 1906.)

THE CRISIS BEFORE US AND THE WORK OF THE ANGEL OF REVELATION 18.

The Lives of Many Will Go out in Darkness in the Coming Crisis. The Spirit of God is being withdrawn from the earth, and drunkenness, insanity, revelry, and crime are rapidly increasing. There is before us a terrible crisis. The lives of many will go out in darkness....

The Angel of Revelation 18 Is Represented as Giving the Loud Cry. The last great conflict is before us, but help is coming to all who love God and obey His law; and the earth, the whole earth, is to be lighted with the glory of God. "Another angel" is to come down from heaven. This angel represents the giving of the loud cry, which is to come from those who are preparing to cry mightily with a strong voice, "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" Revelation 18:1, 2).

God's People Are to Unite--But Not With Apostates. We have a testing message to give, and I am instructed to say to our people, "Unify, unify." But we are not to unify with those who are departing from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of

devils. With our hearts sweet and kind and true, we are to go forth to proclaim the message, giving no heed to those who lead away from the truth.---Manuscript 31, 1906, pp. 8, 9. ("Be Vigilant," April 2, 1906.)

CONFESSIONS NOW OR At THE POST MILLENNIAL JUDGMENT.

Confession Will Be Made, Either Now or When Satan's Army Encircles the Holy City. Confession must come sooner or later; if not voluntarily now, then finally before the universe and the multitude that shall compose Satan's vast army encircling the city of God in the vain supposition that numbers will prevail. Those who persist in refusing to confess now, will then be forced to confess their errors; their unfaithful, underhanded dealing, and all their transgression of the law of God.

Revelations Made in the Day of Judgment. Oh, how much better to confess errors now, than to leave them until the opening of the records in the books of heaven, when every act shall be revealed, and even the motives that led to the action [will be exposed]! God reads the secrets of every heart. And the day draws near when all who have united in calling the actions of the unrighteous man just and righteous, will see that they have acted a part in deceiving the man, and that they have been partakers of his unrighteous deeds. They will then understand that, because they have strengthened his evil propensities by passing them by without reproof, they are united with him in the sin, and as surely as the Lord has spoken, they will share the punishment when it will be administered in the presence of an assembled universe.

SATAN'S DECEPTIVE ACTIVITY FROM NOW UNTIL THE CLOSE Of Probation.

Satanic Science Will Become Stronger From Now Until the Close of Probation. Throughout the world satanic science will become stronger and more fully developed, from this time henceforth until Christ rises from His throne and put on the garments of vengeance....

If We Do Not Accept the Love of the Truth, We May Be Among Those Who Will See Satan's Miracles and Believe in Them. If we accept not the truth in the love of it, we may be among the number who will see the miracles wrought by Satan in these last days and believe them. Many strange things will appear as wonderful miracles, which should be regarded as deceptions manufactured by the father of lies.---Letter 136, 1906, pp. 6, 1. (To G. I. Butler, A. G. Daniells, and G. A. Irwin, April 27, 1906.)

THE JUDGMENTS COMING On WICKED CITIES AND TRANSGRESSORS WILL BE PROGRESSIVELY SEVERE AND UNEXPECTED.

Scientifically Constructed Buildings, Supposedly Destruction-proof, Will Suffer the Fate of the Temple. Men will continue to erect expensive buildings, costing millions of money. Special attention will be called to their architectural beauty and firmness, and [the] solidity with which they are constructed, but the Lord has instructed me that despite the unusual firmness and expensive display, these buildings will share the fate of the temple in Jerusalem....

I am instructed to declare the message that the cities, full of

transgression and sinful in the extreme, will be destroyed by earthquakes, by fire, by flood. All the world will be warned that there is a God who will display His authority as God. His unseen agencies will cause destruction, devastation, and death. All the accumulated riches will be as nothingness. Notwithstanding the scientific care with which men safeguard buildings from destruction, one touch of the great and rightful Ruler will bring to nothingness the idolatrous possessions that have been laid up in a sightly and magnificent display. The devices of men will come to naught.

The Manipulation of Power by the Underhanded Deception by Men Will

be Exposed in Large Cities by God's Judgments. The injustice in our world, the masterly power man has taken unto himself, the oppressive, man-made unions that bring confusion and violence and strife, and the manipulation of power to rule men and to acquire means through underhanded deception, will be brought to light in our large cities. Those who are under the influence and teaching of the great deceiver, will find that although God has borne long with their deceptive acuteness, He has not been deceived, and He will reward every transgressor according to his works. He keeps a strict account of every lie framed, and when He takes matters into His hands, He will deal in accordance with every man's secret and hidden devising.

If Cities Repent of Their Wickedness, God May Spare Other Cities for a Time; Accidents Will Cause Fear of Taking Pleasure Excursions. Bible history is to be repeated. Calamities will come,--calamities most awful, most unexpected. Pleasure excursions will become fearful because of accidents. If there will be a heeding of the warnings that God has given, and if churches will repent, returning to their allegiance [to God], then other cities may be spared for a time. But, if men who have been deceived, continue in the same way in which they have been walking, disregarding the law of God, and presenting falsehoods before the people, God allows them to suffer calamities, that their senses may be awakened....

The Punishment Inflicted on Transgressors Is Less Than That Which They Deserve. The Lord will show before a world transgressing His holy law, that He is God, and beside Him there is none else. He has borne long with the deceptions of men claiming piety. While he has been provoked by their impieties, He has inflicted less punishment than they deserve.

God's Punishment of Transgressors Will Be Progressively Severe. The Lord will not suddenly cast off all transgressors and destroy entire nations, but He will punish cities and places where men have given themselves up to the possession of satanic agencies. Strictly will the cities of the nations be dealt with, and yet they will not be visited in the extreme of God's indignation, because some souls will yet break away from the delusions of the enemy, and will repent and be converted, while the masses of the people will be treasuring up wrath against the day of wrath....

The Punishment of Deceivers Will Fall Upon Them Signally, Unexpectedly, Fiercely, and Without Reprieve. Those who are deceiving souls, will find that it is a most serious matter to have worn out divine patience. God's wrath will fall upon them signally,

unexpectedly, fiercely. Though they may then humble themselves ever so much, there will be no further opportunity for repentance. They have persisted in leading souls to ruin. God's law has repeatedly been made void [by them]

The wrath of God's signal displeasure is hanging over them, and they will not always be permitted to continue practicing their deceptive methods to draw souls into masked nets. Finally the word will go forth that divine patience has been exhausted.--Manuscript 35, 1906, pp. 5, 8-11. ("The Judgments of God," copied April 27, 1906.)

LAWS AGAINST THE SABBATH In THE UNITED STATES, THE MARTYRS UNDER THE ALTAR, AND THE MESSAGE OF REVELATION 18.

The Fullness of Iniquity Is Reached When God's Law is Made Void. The fullness of iniquity will be reached when piety and the truth of the Word of God are ignored, and when the words of David are appropriate: "It is time for Thee, Lord, to work: for they have made void Thy law" (Psalm 119:126).

Laws Enforcing Sunday as the Sabbath Bring About National Apostasy in the United States. Any fallacy is likely to be received by a people who make void the law of God. There is a crisis just ahead of those who are acting on a shortsighted policy. The rulers of the land will take their position above the great Creator of the world. The claims of a false sabbath will be brought to the front, and the rulers and the people will act upon the principle of a shortsighted policy. The false sabbath, the first day of the week, will be accepted, and the rulers will unite with the man of sin to restore his lost ascendancy. Laws enforcing the observance of Sunday as the Sabbath will bring about a national apostasy from the principles of republicanism upon which the government has been founded. The religion of the papacy will be accepted by the rulers, and this law of God will be made void.

The Message of Revelation 18 Will Be Proclaimed After the Vision of the Martyrs Under the Altar. When the fifth seal was opened, John the Revelator in vision saw beneath the altar the company that were slain for the Word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. After this came the scenes described in the eighteenth of Revelation, when those who are faithful and true are called out from Babylon. "And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lighted with his glory. 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. 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

LOCATE INSTITUTIONS In THE COUNTRY FOR CALAMITIES WILL COME TO CITIES.

Cities Will Be Destroyed by Earthquake, Fire, Flood, and Lightning. In the future cities will certainly feel the terrible results of earthquakes and fires. Cities will be destroyed by flood and by lightnings. Out of the cities, is my message at this time.

Locate Our Institutions Miles Away from Large Cities. Be assured

that the call is for our people to locate miles away from the large cities.... Do not establish institutions in the cities, but seek a rural location. The call is, "Come out from among them, and be ye separate" (2 Corinthians 6:17). The very atmosphere of the cities is polluted. Let your schools be established away from the cities, where agricultural and other industries can be carried on.

When a City Is Destroyed, Do Not Relocate in That City. The Lord calls for His people to locate away from the cities, for in such an hour as ye think not, fire and brimstone will be rained from heaven upon these cities. Proportionate to their sins will be their visitation. When one city is destroyed, let not our people regard this matter as a light affair and think that they may, if favorable opportunity offers, build themselves homes in that same destroyed city....

Revelation 11 and 18 Portray Things That Will Take Place in Cities. Let all who would understand the meaning of these things read the eleventh chapter of Revelation. Read every verse, and learn [about] the things that are yet to take place in the cities. Read also the scenes portrayed in the eighteenth chapter of the same book.

Warning to Those Who Think That Building Improvements Can Prevent Destruction From God. "And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come of her, My people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues" (Revelation 18:4). It will not be to the credit of any who believe the word of the prophecies of this book to ignore the special indications of God and show indifference in regard to this wonderful display of the power of God because of the sins of... [San Francisco, California; which was] recently destroyed. The Lord' forbids that those who have witnessed this great destruction shall make light of the matter and flatter themselves that in the future they will have buildings far in advance of any buildings they have yet had, for, if those who have felt the rebuke of God shall set themselves defiantly to invest their means as they have done, God will exercise His power to

Those Who Give Heed to Seducing Spirits Are Those Who Disregard God's Warnings. Unbelief has taken possession of men who have been warned in regard to the seducing influence of Satan's working and the methods of his work, yet who have taken no heed. They are of a party that will give heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. Where is this party that will depart from the faith?---Consider this: Do not place in charge of your important work, or even of the less important enterprises, those who will lead minds away from the truth which is to decide the destiny of souls.--Letter 158, 1906, pp. 1-4. (To D. H. Kress and wife, May 10, 1906.)

DIVINE JUDGMENTS RESULTING FROM THE VIOLATION OF GOD'S LAW.

Earthquakes Like the San Francisco Quake WILL Be Repeated Elsewhere. As we near the close of this earth's history, we shall see the scenes of the San Francisco calamity repeated in other places...

Iniquity of the Most Revolting Character Is Practiced in the Cities. These things make me feel very solemn; because I know that the judgment day is right upon us. The judgments that have already come are

a warning, but not the finishing of the punishment that will come on wicked cities. Our cities are most terrible places, wherein are practiced all kinds of sin and iniquity of the most revolting character. The Lord's name is greatly dishonored...

We Do Not Know How Soon God's Judgments Will Come Universally. In the night season I have had many presentations of the judgments of God [that are] coming upon our cities, and now I can understand better the real meaning of these scenes I have witnessed... How soon the scenes of destruction and desolation will come and be universal, we cannot tell. "Be ye also ready," saith the Lord, "for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh" (Matthew 24:44). (Habakkuk 2:1, 2; 2:3-20; Zephaniah 1:1-3, 20; Zechariah 1:1-4, 14; Malachi 1:1-4, quoted.)

Soon the Scenes Described by the Minor Prophets Will Be Witnessed. These scenes will soon be witnessed, just as they are clearly described. I present these wonderful statements from the Scriptures for the consideration of everyone. The prophecies recorded in the Old Testament are the word of the Lord for the last days, and will be fulfilled as surely as we have seen the desolation of San Francisco.

Sunday Laws, God's Judgments, and Laws Compelling Sunday Observance. Will any body of men bring upon themselves the displeasure of the Lord by framing a law for the observance of a spurious sabbath, and then compelling obedience to this law? Will they insult God by profaning His holy day, and assuming authority as gods to exalt the first day of the week to be observed by all?

The Sabbath Was Given as a Memorial [Of] God's Creatorship. How can men set aside the true Sabbath, when they know that God came to our world, and from Sinai mount, in awful grandeur, proclaimed His law to be observed in commemoration of the day He had ordained as a day of rest--a day ever to be kept as a memorial of God as the Creator of the heavens and of the earth? He made the world in six days and rested on the seventh, because that in it He had rested. He instituted the Sabbath as a memorial pointing to the fact that He was the Creator of the world, the Monarch of the universe....

Substituting Sunday for the Sabbath Is a Usurpation of Jehovah's Authority. All who set aside one of these (commandments) and present in its place the observance of a day that bears no sanctity, will be dealt with by Jehovah as usurping an authority that infringes upon His divine prerogatives. The Sunday-sabbath, a child of the papacy, is set forth to be observed as the Lord's Sabbath, and to obey this human law would compel men to transgress the laws of Jehovah. Human enactments that conflict with the laws of God, bear not the stamp of divine approval...

Men Are Called to Consider That One Day They Will Meet God Over His Broken Law. Whoever of the human family will dare to defy the Lord God will pay the penalty by meeting the great Lawgiver over His broken law. The word has gone forth. It is not the word of a human power, but of Almighty Authority, of a living and true God. Will man dare trifle with the sacred law of Jehovah, and place in its stead a common working day, which marks the beginning of the week for the transaction of ordinary business? We will venture to meet Jehovah over His broken law?

The Creator has with His own authority given you His Sabbath to

be

observed, and yet human agencies will attempt to set aside the seventh-day Sabbath, which commemorates God's holy work of creating the world in six working days and resting on the seventh day. How can men dare to assume the authority of Jehovah, and represent themselves as God, change times and laws.

I call the attention of thinking men to these things. Dare you continue to take a human enactment that bears not the stamp of divine approval, and place it before the people as something to respect and honor? Will you substitute a counterfeit in place of the true and genuine? Will you thus meet God over His broken law, and stand with threats of persecution and severe punishment against people whom you regard as criminals because they choose to obey the law of Jehovah in place of a spurious sabbath that man has created?--Letter 154, 1906, pp. 3-7. (To J. E. White and wife, May 12, 1906.)

WHOLE CITIES AND VILLAGES WILL Be BLOTTED OUT.

God's judgments are in the land. Whole cities and villages will be blotted out. Boston is to be warned.--Letter 150, 1906, p. 4. (To C. C. Nicola and wife, May 15, 1906.)

HOW SATAN WORKS To DIVERT MINDS UNTIL THE LAST WOE COMES, AND HOW WE CAN THWART HIS STRATEGY.

There Will Be Seducing Spirits in the Midst of the Church. As has been foretold in the Scriptures, there will be seducing spirits and doctrines of devils in the midst of the church, and these evil influences will increase, but hold fast the beginning of your confidence firm unto the end..

Our Only Hope for Withstanding Satanic Deceptions Is to Hold Fast the Evidences That Have Confirmed the Truth. The time is at hand when Satan will work miracles to confirm the belief that he is God. All the people of God are now to stand on the platform of truth as it has been given in the third angel's message. All the pleasant pictures, all the miracles wrought, will be presented in order that, if possible, the very elect shall be deceived. The only hope for anyone is to hold fast the evidences that have confirmed the truth in righteousness. Let these be proclaimed over and over again until the close of earth's history.

Do Not Devote Time Trying to Convince Those Who Pervert the Truth. The perils of the last days are upon us. Devote not precious time in trying to convince those who would change the truth of God into a lie....

Satan Produces Variances to Distract Minds Until the Last Woe Comes Upon the World. It is Satan's plan to produce variances, to keep our minds on dissensions and unprofitable problems until the last woe shall come upon the world.--Manuscript 61, 1906, pp. 2-4. ("Hold Fast the Beginning of Your Confidence," June 3, 1906.)

IF CITIES WOULD REPENT, As DID NINEVEH, GOD WOULD SPARE THEM.
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The judgments of God will certainly fall upon all transgressors.

The terrible earthquake that has visited San Francisco will be followed by other manifestations of the power of God. His law has been transgressed. Cities have become polluted with sin.

Study the history of Nineveh. God sent a special message by Jonah to that wicked city.... (Because Nineveh repented and was spared,] Jonah seemed to suppose that his reputation as a prophet was injured. Many such messages as his would be given in our age, if the wicked cities would repent as did Nineveh.--Manuscript 61a, 1906, pp. 1, 3. ("God's Judgments on the Cities," June 3, 1906.)

WHEN GOD TAKES THE REINS OF CONTROL OF HIS WORK INTO HIS OWN HANDS.

Laymen From Various Vocations Will Learn in Connection With Men of Experience. In all fields, nigh and afar off, men will be called from the plow and from the more common commercial business vocations that largely occupy the mind, and will become educated in connection with men who have had experience--men who understand the truth. Through most wonderful workings of God, mountains of difficulty will be removed and cast into the sea....

A Series of Events Will Reveal That God Is Master of the Situation. There is to be, at this period, a series of events which will reveal that God is the master of the situation. The truth will be proclaimed in clear unmistakable language. Those who preach the truth will strive to demonstrate the truth by a well-ordered life and godly conversation. And, as they do this, they will become powerful in advocating the truth, and in giving it the sure application that God has given it....

The Workings of Providence Will Be Recognized in the Judgments and Blessings That Come. Marked events of Providence will be seen and recognized, in judgments and blessings. The truth will bear away the victory.... We have a battle of tribulation before us, but our commission is: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world" (Matthew 28:19, 20).--Letter 230, 1906, pp. 2, 3, 7. ("To the Elders of the Battle Creek Church, and to Ministers and Physicians," July 5, 1906.)

ELLEN WHITE RECEIVED CLEAR REPRESENTATIONS OF FUTURE EVENTS.

I have had clear representations of what will occur in rapid succession at various places.... Even in the cities where the judgments of God have fallen in consequence of transgression [Oakland and San Francisco], there is no sign of repentance. The saloons are still open and many temptations are kept before the people.--Letter 268, 1906, pp. 3, 4. (To D. H. Kress and wife, August 20, 1906.)

THE TESTING MESSAGES OF REVELATION HAVE WORLDWIDE APPLICATION.

The Third Angel's Message Is a Testing Message for All Parts of the World. Every feature of the third angel's message is to be

proclaimed in all parts of the world... This message is a testing message. Received into honest hearts, it will prove an antidote for all the world's sins and sorrows. No conditions of climate, of poverty, or ignorance, or of prejudice can hinder its efficiency, or lessen its adaptability to the needs of mankind....

A Brief Sketch of the Meaning of Revelation 12-22. All are to hear

the last message of warning. The prophecies of the book of Revelation, chapters 12 to 18, are being fulfilled. In the eighteenth chapter is recorded the very last call to the churches. This call is now to be given. In the nineteenth chapter, the time is pictured when the beast and the false prophet are taken, and cast into the lake of fire. The dragon, who was the instigator of the great rebellion against heaven, is bound, and cast into the bottomless pit for a thousand years. Then follows the resurrection of the wicked and the final destruction of Satan and all the wicked, and the final triumph and reign of Christ on this earth.--Manuscript 75, 1906, pp. 3, 4. ("A Caution Against Heavy Investment in Food Manufacture," September 20, 1906.)

EVENTS RELATING TO THE FINISHING OF GOD'S WORK.

The Terrible Calamities only Come After God's Law Is Made Void in Towns and Cities. The right-doers, who would fear and glorify God, will use the words of David, "It is time for Thee, Lord, to work: for they have made void Thy law" (Psalms 119:126). And it is only when men reach this point in towns and in cities that the universal perversion of the law of Jehovah becomes a destructive, determined evil. Through the prophet Zephaniah the Lord specifies the things that He will bring upon evil-doers: [Zephaniah 1:2-9; 1:10-28; 3:8-13; 3:14-20, quoted.]...

A Series of Events Reveal That God Is Master of the Situation. There is to be, at this period, a series of events that will reveal that God is the master of the situation. The truth will be proclaimed in clear, unmistakable language. Those who preach the truth will strive to demonstrate the truth, by a well-ordered life and godly conversation. And as they do this, they will become powerful in advocating the truth and in giving it the sure application that God has given it....

God Will Use Humble Means to Finish His Work in Triumph. As a people, we must prepare the way of the Lord, under the overruling guidance of the Holy Spirit, for the spread of the gospel in its purity. The stream of living water is to deepen and widen on its course. In all fields, high and afar off, men will be called from the plow and from the more common commercial business vocations that largely occupy the mind, and will become educated in connection with men who have had experience--men who understand the truth. Through most wonderful workings of God, mountains of difficulties will be removed and cast into the sea....

The Triumph of Truth. That message that means so much to the dwellers upon the earth, will be seen and understood. Men will know what is truth. Onward, and still onward, is the work to advance. The most marked events of Providence will be seen and recognized, and it will be seen that the truth bears away the victory.--Manuscript 41, 1906, pp. 1-8. ("Universal Guilt During the Time of the End," n.d., a

portion published in the Review and Herald, October 11, 1906.)

GOD PERMITS CALAMITIES THAT MEN May UNDERSTAND THE SINFULNESS OF THEIR COURSE AND TURN TO HIM.

The Lord permits calamities to come that men may understand the sinfulness of their course, and turn to the Lord with humble confession. Often men who were in darkness have, through trying circumstances, which the Lord has permitted, been awakened and turned to Him. They have become men whom the Lord can use in the proclamation of His truth.--Manuscript 89, 1906, p. 3. ("Humility, an Essential Qualification for Christian Service." October 24, 1906.)

SOON THE WAY OF SOULS WILL Be HEDGED UP BY OBSTACLES WE DO NOT NOW THINK OF.

There is a great work to be done in the earth before the eternal purpose of God is fully worked out.... While the angels are holding the four winds, we are to make the most of time, using every capability and power in the service of God. We have no time to lose. Soon the way of souls will be hedged up by obstacles that we do not now think of.--Letter 416, 1907, p. 4. (To A. G. Daniells and W. C. White, December 30, 1906.)

PERFECTION BEFORE CHRIST COMES AND We SHINE FORTH IN THE KINGDOM OF OUR Father.

Let us all bear in mind that we are ever to be earnest students in the school of Christ. If we will keep in the position of humble learners, our light will shine forth brighter and brighter unto the perfect day. And, when our earthly labors are ended and Christ shall come for His faithful children, we shall then shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of our Father. But before that time shall come, everything that is imperfect in us will have been seen and put away. All envy and jealousy and evil surmising, and every selfish plan will have been banished from the life.--Letter 416, 1907, p. 9. (To A. G. Daniells and W. C. White, December 30, 1906.)

SELFISH MOTIVES BEHIND SEEMINGLY GENEROUS ACTS WILL Be EXPOSED IN THE DAY OF JUDGMENT.

In the day of judgment some will plead their good deeds, and that as a reason why they should receive consideration. They will say, "I set up young men in business. I gave money to found hospitals. I relieved the necessities of widows, and took the poor into my home." Yes, but your motives were so defiled by selfishness that the deed was not acceptable in the sight of the Lord. In all that you did, self was brought prominently to view.--Manuscript 53, 1906, p. 3. ("The Reward of Fidelity," n.d., 1906.)

ELLEN WHITE HAD A CLEAR COMPREHENSION OF WHAT THE FUTURE HELD.

I have a clear comprehension of what will be in the future. If as a people we make false moves now, it will be because of unbelief.... We must be on our guard, for we have a decided work to do.--Letter 28,

1907, p. 1. (To O. A. Olsen, February 5, 1907.)

THE MANSIONS CHRIST HAS GONE TO PREPARE ARE PERMANENT ABODES FOR THE REDEEMED.

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me. [I am the brightness of the Father's glory, the manifestation of His love, the channel by which His mercy comes to you, and by which your prayers rise to Him.] In My Father's house are many mansions" (John 14:1, 2).

The word here translated "mansions" means "permanent abodes"-- habitations that are not removed like tents, but which permanently endure for the family of the redeemed. The Father is there to gather His children to His paternal arms and bestow upon them His everlasting love.--Letter 84, 1907, p. 2. (To D. H. Kress, March 5, 1907.)

THE PRISON EXPERIENCES OF THE APOSTLES AFTER PENTECOST WILL BE REPEATED IN THE LAST DAYS.

Those who desire to be refreshed in mind and instructed in the truth should study the history of the early church during and immediately following the day of Pentecost. They need to study carefully the experience of Paul and the other apostles, for God's people in these last days must pass through similar experiences. As the world becomes more imbued with the spirit of the enemy, there will be more vehement opposition of the Word. Some will be imprisoned because they refuse to desecrate the Sabbath of the Lord. Those who would hold the beginning of their confidence firm unto the end must bear a living testimony to the world. Their words are to have a convincing power upon minds, and many through them will be turned to the Lord.--Letter 190, 1907, p. 2. (To "Dear Brethren," May 6, 1907.)

THE EXPOSURE AND PUNISHMENT OF THOSE WHO HAVE SECRETLY WORKED AGAINST GOD'S PURPOSES WILL BE AS BROAD AS THE WRONG COMMITTED.

The Lord will make the punishment of those who will not receive His admonitions and warnings as broad as the wrong has been. The purposes of those who have tried to cover their wrong, while they have secretly worked against the purposes of God, will be fully revealed. Truth will be vindicated. God will make manifest that He is God.--Manuscript 125, 1907, p. 4. ("Lessons From the Visions of Ezekiel," July 4, 1907.)

THE CORRUPTION FILLING LARGE CITIES IS A SAMPLE OF WHAT THE WORLD IS BECOMING.

We are certainly living in the last days. In the matters that are daily being unfolded in the papers regarding the corruption in San Francisco and crime in Montana, we can see a perfect revelation of the working of sin. Evil men have pledged themselves to take the lives of those who have stood in their way, or who would not become one with them in their work of robbery. For the sake of gain they have become the murderers of their fellowmen. And this work of revelation is only the beginning of what is to be revealed in the future.

I have been shown that all the warnings of Christ regarding the events that will occur near the close of this earth's history are now being fulfilled in our large cities. God is permitting these things to be brought to light that he who reads may run. The city of San Francisco is a sample of what the whole world is becoming. The wicked bribery, the misappropriation of means, the fraudulent transactions among men who have power to release the guilty and condemn the innocent--all this iniquity is filling other large cities of the earth, and is making the world as it was in the days that were before the flood.

IF WE FAIL TO DO THE GOOD We MIGHT, WE MAY FIND OURSELVES IN THE RANKS OF THE Opposition.

The Lord understands all about His work in the world. He knows every secret which we must wait for the future to unfold. At this time He calls upon His people to become truly converted....

Time is rapidly passing, and wickedness is increasing. If we refuse to do the good we may do, we place ourselves in a perilous position. If we delay to enter the ranks of those who are workers together with God, we will find ourselves in the ranks of those who oppose truth and righteousness, who have turned away from the truth and are turned unto fables. The condition of this class is a sad one, for, unless some power shall break the spell that is upon them, they will be lost, eternally lost.

MANY OF GOD'S PEOPLE WILL FALL AT THEIR POSTS, BETRAYED AND Condemned.

God's people will be called to pass through trying experiences. Many will fall at their posts, betrayed and condemned by their fellowmen. In such times of trial they can remember that the Saviour suffered in like manner, passed over that very ground in their behalf. His followers will never be called to suffer more than He endured in order to win salvation for them.--Letter 230, 1907, pp. 2-4 (To J. E. White and wife, July 27, 1907.)

SATAN HAS EXPERIMENTED WITH THE PROPERTIES OF THE HUMAN MIND IN ORDER TO CONTROL IT.

The Power That Mind Exerts Over Mind Is a Powerful Agency Used by Satan. Satan often finds a powerful agency for evil in the power which one mind is capable of exerting on another human mind. This influence is so seductive that the person who is being molded by it is often unconscious of its power. God has bidden me speak, warning against this evil, that His servants may not come under the deceptive power of Satan. The enemy is a master worker, and if God's people are not constantly led by the Spirit of God, they will be snared and taken.

Satan Has Experimented on the Properties of the Human Mind for Millenniums. For thousands of years Satan has been experimenting upon the properties of the human mind, and he has learned to know it well. By his subtle workings in the last days, he is linking the human mind with his own, imbuing it with his thoughts, and he is doing this work in so deceptive a manner that those who accept his guidance know not that they are being led by him at his will. The great deceiver hopes to

confuse minds of men and women, that none but his voice will be heard.

DAY IS APPOINTED WHEN THOSE WHO BOW TO SATAN'S MANDATES WILL FEEL GOD'S Wrath.

We are drawing near to the close of this earth's history. The battle is growing daily more fierce. There is a day appointed when men who have bowed to the mandates of Satan will find themselves the subjects of the wrath of God, when the Judge of all the earth shall pronounce sentence against Satan and his adherents.--Letter 244, 1907,

p. 2, 3. (To J. A. Burden, August 8, 1907.)

THE RELATION BETWEEN COMING CALAMITIES AND COMMANDMENT-BREAKING OR COMMANDMENT-KEEPING.

God's Keeping Power Will Soon Be Refused to Commandment-breakers. I have been shown that the Spirit of the Lord is being withdrawn from the earth. God's keeping power will soon be refused to all who continue to disregard His commandments. The reports of fraudulent transactions, murders, and crimes of every kind, are coming to us daily. Iniquity is becoming so common a thing that it no longer shocks the senses as it once did. I have been shown that the whole world is fast becoming as it was in the days of Noah. "For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying, and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and knew it not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be... Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not

God Will Protect His Believing Ones During the Convulsions of Nature Preceding the Advent. Before the Son of man appears in the clouds of heaven, everything in nature will be convulsed. Lightning from heaven, uniting with the fire in the earth, will cause the mountains to burn like a furnace, and pour out their floods of lava over villages and cities. Molten masses of rock [will] cause the water to boil, and they will send forth rocks and earth. There will be mighty earthquakes and great destruction of human life. But as in the days of the great deluge Noah was preserved in the ark that God had prepared for Him, so in these last days of destruction and calamity, God will be the refuge of His believing ones....

Believers Must Proclaim God's Message, Whether the People Accept It or Reject It. There is a work to be done at this time by those who believe that we are living in the closing days of this earth's history. Light must be imparted to those who are in darkness. The truths of the Word of God must be brought in straight, clear lines to the people, whether they will receive or whether they will reject them. "Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods" (Matthew:45-47). Here is represented a class of workers who will not fail nor become discouraged in their work....

By Exercising Faith and Prayer We May Call Heavenly Angels to Our Side. We are warned that in these last days satanic influences will work with such power that, if it were possible, they would deceive even

the very elect. But living amid these opposing forces, we may through the exercise of faith and prayer, call to our side a retinue of heavenly angels, who will guard us from every corrupting influence. The workers who make the Word of God their guide, will walk in the light of the Lord, and be safe.--Letter 248, 1907, pp. 2-4. (To J. E. White and wife, August 16, 1907.)

LAST-DAY DANGERS FROM UNBELIEVERS AND APOSTATES.

Apostates Will Make Every Conceivable Effort to Throw Doubt On SDA Positions. "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils" (1 Timothy 4:1). The time of this apostasy is here. Every conceivable effort will be made to throw doubt upon the positions that we have occupied for over half a century....

Apostates Will Work Miracles, Even to Bringing Fire Down From Heaven. Those who look for miracles as a sign of divine guidance are in grave danger of deception. It is stated in the Word that the enemy will work through his agents who have departed from the faith, and they will seemingly work miracles, even to the bringing down of fire out of heaven in the sight of men....

The Less We Associate With the Elements of Unbelief, the Safer We Will Be. We need the true discernment. He alone who receives the Son of God as his Saviour stands on vantage ground. Many are in confusion because of their failure to receive the truth. Every soul in these days of terrible wickedness needs especially to search the Scriptures. The less they associate with the elements of unbelief, the safer will it be for those who desire a genuine experience in the faith that works by love and purifies the soul.--Letter 410, 1907, pp. 2, 3. (To J. E. White, August 26, 1907.)

GOD'S CHILDREN Will FACE GREAT PERPLEXITIES AND SUFFERING, BUT HIS WORD HAS COMFORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT.

We hear continually of riots and accidents, of murders and robberies. Human life is no longer safe unless [it is] under the protection of God. God's servants must not be surprised that they meet with great difficulties and persecution at this time....

I am so thankful that we have a faith that will stand the test of trial and opposition. As trouble in the world increases, the Lord's children will have to suffer, but the Word of God affords comfort and encouragement for such a time.--Letter 266, 1907, p. 2. (To Emma White, September 3, 1907.)

CRIMES AND ACCIDENTS CAUSED By DRUNKENNESS ARE SIGNS OF THE LAST DAYS.

We know that the Lord is coming very soon. The world is fast becoming as it was in the days of Noah. It is given over to selfish indulgence. Eating and drinking are carried to excess. Men are drinking the poisonous liquor that makes them mad. The terrible reports we hear of murders and robberies, of railway accidents and deeds of violence, tell the story that the end of all things is at hand. Now, just now we need to be preparing for the Lord's second coming.--Letter 308, 1907,

p. 2. (To Mary P. Foss, September 30, 1907.)

COMING PERSECUTION WILL SCATTER GOD'S PEOPLE In MANY COUNTRIES.

The time is soon coming when God's people, because of persecution, will be scattered in many countries. Those who have received an all-rounded education will have a great advantage wherever they are.-- Letter 32, 1908, p. 9. ("To Our Brethren in Positions of Responsibility," January 6, 1908.)

THE PROPHESED HOUR OF TEMPTATION IS UPON US.

The Unseen Conflict Between the Forces of Good and Evil Angels. A battle is continually going on between the forces of good and the forces of evil, between the angels of God and the fallen angels. We are beset before and behind, on the right hand and on the left. The conflict that we are passing through is the last that we shall have in this world. We are now in the midst of it. Two parties are striving for the supremacy. In this conflict we cannot be neutral. We must stand either on one side or on the other. If we take our position on the side of Christ, if we acknowledge Him before the world in word and work, we are bearing a living testimony as to whom we have chosen to serve and honor. In this important period of earth's history, we cannot afford to leave anyone in uncertainty as to whose side we are on.

Exegesis of Revelation 3:8, 10. The True Witness declares: "Behold, I have set before thee an open door" (Revelation 3:8). Let us thank God with heart and soul and voice; and let us learn to approach unto Him as through an open door, believing that we may come freely with our petitions, and that He will hear and answer. It is by a living faith in His power to help, that we shall receive strength to fight the battles of the Lord with the confident assurance of victory.

The Coming Hour of Temptations of Revelation 3:10 Is Here. "Because thou hast kept the word of My patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth" (Revelation 3:10). We are now in this great hour of temptation that is to try all the world. In order to gain the victory over every besetment of the enemy, we must lay hold on a power out of and beyond ourselves....

God Promises of Deliverance From the Hour of Temptation. There are severe trials before every one of us, yet we need not fail. In the hour of temptation Christ will not leave His children, but will send His angels to minister unto them. He will answer their prayers for deliverance....

The Time Has Come to Take Our Stand Positively on Christ's Side. Satan knows that his time is short, and he will put forth every effort in his power to destroy our faith in God and in His Word.... But if we will grasp the power that Christ offers, seeking the Lord diligently, and watching unto prayer, we shall have all power and wisdom to meet the attacks of the enemy.

Many of our people do not seem to realize that the time has come for everyone to take his stand positively on the side of Jesus Christ

and the heavenly angels. By their indifference, by carelessness in word and act, they leave themselves open to the molding influence of the enemy. They seem asleep as regards the issues that are now before the world....

An Appeal to Warn the Cities. As I see representations of the terrible conflict that is now waging, and realize that those who are victorious will be with the Lord forevermore, I feel as if I cannot spare myself. I must do all I can to help others win the victory and the crown of life.... Frequently the Lord has revealed to me, as an indication of unfaithfulness on the part of His people, the little that is being done in our large cities.... Who will now carry this burden? In view of the great needs all about us, who can be content to hover over our own churches, neither gaining nor imparting strength?-- Manuscript 35, 1908, pp. 2, 3, 6-8, 11, 12. ("Conflict and Victory," sermon preached in Oakland, California, March 1, 1908.)

GOOD AND EVIL ANGELS In THE CONFLICT OVER THE SABBATH QUESTION.

Evil Angels Are Striving to Darken the Understanding of Commandment-keepers. Evil angels are striving to obscure the clear vision of commandment-keepers, and so darken the understanding that they will not be able to discern between righteousness and unrighteousness.... In some way or other the enemy will seek to deceive all, even the very elect....

We Shall Have Trouble Enough Over Sunday Laws Without Stirring up Contention Among Ourselves. Soon laws will be passed compelling all to observe the first day of the week instead of the seventh. We must meet this difficulty, and we shall find trouble enough, without stirring up contention among those who profess to be keeping God's commandments....

Good and Evil Angels Are Waiting to Work With Willing Minds. The agencies of Satan will work with every mind that will allow itself to be worked by him. But there are also heavenly agencies waiting, to communicate the bright rays of the glory of God to all who are willing to receive Him.--Manuscript 43, 1908, pp. 5, 7, 10. ("Lessons From the Fifty-eighth of Isaiah," a sermon preached March 14, 1908.)

WE SHALL HAVE TO MEET REPEATEDLY THOSE WHO MAKE GOD AND CHRIST NONENTITIES.

Again and again we shall be called to meet the influence of men who are studying sciences of satanic origin, through which Satan is working to make a nonentity of God and of Christ.... The truth that God has given for His people in these last days should keep them firm when there come into the church those who present false theories.-- Manuscript 23, 1908, pp. 4, 6. ("Circulate the Publications," May 4, 1908.)

SDA PUBLICATIONS ARE TO PROCLAIM OUR MESSAGE.

SDA Publications Are to Show That the End Is Near. The great and wonderful work of the last gospel message is to be carried on now as it has never been before. The world is to receive the light of truth through an evangelizing ministry of the Word in our books and

periodicals. Our publications are to show that the end of all things is at hand.... Our workers should now be encouraged to give their first attention to books that deal with the evidence of our faith, which teach the doctrines of the Bible, and will prepare a people to stand in the trying times before us....

SDA Publications Are to Bring Our Message to the Attention of the People. Satan is at work to deceive the very elect, and now is our time to work with vigilance. Our books and papers are to be brought before the notice of the people. The gospel of present truth is to be given to our cities without delay.... If we are making the life and teachings of Christ our study, every passing event will furnish a text for an impressive discourse....

God invites all men to the fullest investigation of the claims of His law. His word is sacred and infinite. The cause of truth is to go forth as a lamp that burneth.

WE ARE ENTERING SCENES OF CALAMITY; SATANIC AGENCIES UNSEEN ARE WORKING TO DESTROY HUMAN LIFE.

Satan has come down with great power to work with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish, and everything that can be shaken will be shaken, and those things that cannot be shaken will remain. The Lord is coming very soon, and we are entering into scenes of calamity. Satanic agencies, though unseen, are working to destroy human life. But, if our life is hid with Christ in God, we shall see His grace and salvation. Christ is coming to establish His kingdom on earth.--Manuscript 53, 1908, pp. 1, 3, 4. ("Our Publications," May 24, 1908.)

REASONS FOR COUNTRY LIVING.

Secure Places in Retired Country Regions for Sanitariums and Schools, Because Cities Are Becoming Increasingly Corrupt, and Travel Will Become Increasingly Dangerous. Christ is soon coming, and Satan knows that his time is short. As we draw near to the close of time, the cities will become more and more corrupt, and more and more objectionable as places for establishing centers of our work. The dangers of travel will increase, confusion and drunkenness will abound; and, if there can be found places in retired mountain regions, where it would be difficult for the evils of the cities to enter, let our people secure such places for our sanitariums and advanced schools....

The Earth Is Becoming Corrupt; Religious Liberty Will Be Little Respected. In the days before the flood, every kind of amusement was invented to lead men and women to forgetfulness and sin. Today Satan is working with intensity, that the same conditions of evil shall prevail, and the earth is becoming corrupt. Religious liberty will be little respected by professing Christians, for many of them have no understanding of spiritual things....

Some Must Remain in the Cities to Give Our Message, but to Do so Will Become Increasingly Dangerous. 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. Some must remain in the cities to give the last note of warning, but this will become more and more dangerous....

Moving to the Hills and Mountains Should Not Be Considered a Great Deprivation. Do not consider it a great deprivation that you must go into the hills and mountains, but seek for that retirement where you can be alone with God, to learn His will and way....

Spiritual Advantages of Living in the Country. Do not consider it a privation when you are called to leave the cities and move out into country places. Here there await rich blessing for those who will grasp them. By beholding the scenes of nature, the works of the Creator, by studying God's handiwork, imperceptibly you will be changed into the same image.--Manuscript 85, 1908, pp. 1-5. ("Cooperation Between, Schools and Sanitariums," June 30, 1908.)

EVERY SOUL WILL ONE DAY MEET THE TABLES OF THE COMMANDMENTS
WRITTEN BY GOD.

"And the Lord spoke unto you out of the midst of the fire: ye heard the voice of the words, but saw no similitude; only ye heard the voice. And He declared unto you His covenant, which He commanded you to perform, even ten commandments; and He wrote them upon two tables of stone" (Deuteronomy 4:12, 13). Every soul will one day meet those commandments which were written on the tables of stone by God, and then every soul will understand their meaning.--Manuscript 93, 1908, p. 9. ("The Sabbath of the Fourth Commandment," a sermon preached in Los Angeles, California, August 23, 1908.)

FANATICISM IN THE CLOSING DAYS OF THE MESSAGE SIMILAR TO 1844;
STRANGE HISTORY IS BEING RECORDED.

We Shall Have to Meet Fanaticism in the Closing Days of the Message Similar to 1844. I was instructed [last night] that fanaticism similar to that which we were called to meet after the passing of the time in 1844 would come in among us again in the closing days of the message, and that we must meet this evil just as decidedly now as we met it in our early experiences.

Strange History Is Being Recorded: Angels Are Holding the Nations Mustering for Conflict Until God's People Are Sealed. We are standing on the threshold of great and solemn events. Prophecies are fulfilling. Strange and eventful history is being recorded in the books of heaven--events which it was declared should shortly precede the great day of God. Everything in the world is in an unsettled state. The nations are angry, and great preparations for war are being made. Nation is plotting against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. The great day of God is hastening greatly. But although the nations are mustering their forces for war and bloodshed, the command to the angels is still in force--that they hold the four winds until the servants of God are sealed in their foreheads.--Manuscript 117, 1908, pp. 1, 2. ("A Message to Our Churches in California," December 7, 1908.)

SATANIC ACTIVITY THROUGH REJECTORS OF WARNINGS IN THE CLOSING
CONFLICT.

Those Who Disregard God's Warnings Will Be Exceedingly Zealous Under a Deceptive Influence. Satan's forces are preparing their seductive temptations to deceive, if possible, the very elect. Satan

will work through those who have disregarded the warnings of God to the church. They will be exceedingly zealous under the working of a deceptive influence, and most strange manifestations will appear....

Satan Is Now Marshaling His Armies for the Last Great Struggle. We have a short time in which to accomplish the work that is essential. Let us earnestly prepare for the conflict that is before us, for Satan's armies are marshaling for the last great struggle....

Satan Is Seeking to Bring in Heresies; the Rejectors of Warnings Will Be Ensnared. Satan is rallying his forces and seeking to bring in heresies to confuse the minds of those who have not been trained to understand the leadings of the Holy Spirit. A delusive net is being prepared for them, and those who have been warned again and again, but have not educated themselves to understand the warnings, will surely be taken in Satan's snares.--Letter 364, 1908, pp. 1, 2. (To S. N. Haskell, December 17, 1908.)

THE SABBATH, NOT DRESS STYLE, IS THE LAST-DAY TEST.

Those Who Agitate the Dress Question Are Not Inspired by Gods Spirit. Those who are agitating this subject [a new style of reform dress] have not been inspired by the Spirit of God. We are very near the great crisis. The Lord would have every action performed with an eye single to the glory of God. To create a new issue on the dress question would be the very thing that would please the enemy. There would be much talk, much burden for one another, because all do not dress exactly alike.

The Test for This Time Is Sabbath of the Fourth Commandment. The agitation on this subject [dress] is not demanded. Tests are not to be manufactured. We have a test for this time,--the Sabbath of the fourth commandment,--and nothing is to be brought in to draw the mind and heart [away] from the great work of preparation for this time. The dress question is not to be our present truth....

Things Should Not Be Brought in That Will Divert Us From the Coming Grand Test. God's tests are now to stand out plain and unmistakable. There are storms before us, conflicts of which few dream. There is no need now for any special alteration in our dress. The plain, simple style of dress now worn, made in the most healthful way, demanding no hoops and no long trails, is presentable anywhere. These things should not come in to divert our minds from the grand test that is to decide the eternal destiny of a world--the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.--Manuscript 97, 1908, pp. 1, 2. ("Dress," extracts from Letters written March 17 and July 4, 1897.)

SATAN IS DRILLING HIS ARMY FOR THE LAST GREAT CONFLICT.

The end is near, and every year Satan is drilling his army to develop strong parties to be ready against the battle of the last great conflict.--Manuscript 134, 1908, p. 3. ("Arbitrary Control," cir. 1908.)

SATAN IS WORKING TO BRING ABOUT A SUNDAY LAW THAT WILL RESULT IN SLAVERY IN THE SOUTH.

I am instructed to say to our people throughout the cities of the South, Let everything be done under the direction of the Lord. The work is nearing its close. We are nearer the end than when we first believed. Satan is doing his best to block the progress of the message. He is putting forth efforts to bring about the enactment of a Sunday law that will result in slavery in the Southern field and will close the door to the observance of the true Sabbath, which God has given to men to keep holy. The law, which He came down from heaven to Mt. Sinai to proclaim, is to be observed by all who would identify themselves with the people of God.--Letter 6, 1909, p. 2. (To J. E. White, January 1, 1909.)

THE FALSE SABBATH EXALTED AS A SACRED DAY, WILL BE MADE A TESTING QUESTION.

The time will not be long delayed when a false sabbath will be exalted and men will be commanded to regard as sacred a day that has no sanctity in it. This spurious Sabbath will be made a testing question with all.

John writes, "I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell upon the earth, and to every nation, kindred, and tongue, and people, Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment is come: and worship Him that made heaven and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters. And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication" (Revelation 14:6-8). How is this done?--by forcing men to accept a spurious sabbath.--Letter 38, 1909, p. 3. (To S. N. Haskell, February 11, 1909.)

OFFSHOOTS AND ANGELIC AGENCIES In THE FINAL CONFLICT.

Offshoots Will Increase in Number and Power, and Will Act out Their Delusive Theories, Practicing Satan's Works More and More. Confederacies will increase in number and power as we draw nearer to the end of time. These confederacies will create opposing influences to the truth, forming new parties of professed believers who will act out their own delusive theories. The apostasy will increase--"Some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils." Those who have started this warfare at their own charges will come more and more to practice the works of Satan.

Angels, Good and Evil, in Human Form Will Take Part in the Last Great Conflict. Satanic agencies in human form will take part in the last great conflict to oppose the building up of the kingdom of God. And heavenly angels in human guise will be on the field of action. Men and women have confederated to oppose the Lord God of heaven, and the church is only half awake to the situation. There needs to be much more of prayer, much more of earnest effort among professed believers.

The two opposing parties will continue to exist till the closing up of the last great chapter in this world's history. Satanic agencies are in every city. We cannot afford to be off our guard for one moment.--Letter 42, 1909, P. 4. (To S. N. Haskell, February 21, 1909.)

ELLEN WHITE WAS SHOWN EVIL ANGELS In HUMAN FORM THAT WILL WORK IN
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The Lord has made some remarkable revelations regarding the experiences that His people will pass through.... I have been shown that evil angels in the form of believers will work in our ranks to bring in a strong spirit of unbelief. Let not even this discourage you, but bring a true heart to the help of the Lord against the powers of satanic agencies. These powers of evil will assemble in our meetings, not to receive a blessing, but to counterwork the influences of the Spirit of God. Take up no remark that they may make, but repeat the rich promises of God, which are yea and amen in Christ Jesus.

We are never to catch up the words that human lips may speak to confirm the evil angels in their work, but we should repeat the words of Christ. Christ was the Instructor in the assemblies of these angels before they fell from their high estate.--Letter 46, 1909, pp. 1-3. (To

S. N. Haskell, February 26, 1909.)
THE SALVATION OF BLACK PEOPLE.

Black People Are to Be Given the Third Angel's Message. There are colored people to be saved. ... These people did not have [anything] to do with their color. They are not accountable for the fact that they are not white; and how foolish it is for human beings that are dependent for every breath that they draw to feel that we should have nothing to do with the colored people. We have a duty to perform toward them, and in the fear of God we are endeavoring to discharge this duty by providing in every possible way for them to hear the third angel's message and to fit themselves for proclaiming the truth to their own race.

The Time Is Coming When It Will Be Difficult to Give the Message to Blacks Because of Restrictions. In past years the colored people have been terribly neglected. The time is coming when we cannot easily give them the message. Restrictions will be placed about them to such an extent that it will be next to impossible to reach them....

There Will Be No Separate Heaven for Blacks. There will be colored people [in heaven]. Do you think that Christ has a separate apartment for them? Not at all. Heaven is so broad, and they come right in. They have labored to overcome their difficulties, they have proved faithful to the end.

THE REWARD FOR OUR SOUL WINNING Efforts.

Work the Cities, But Do Not Neglect the Country. In preparation for the coming of our Lord, we are to do a large work in the great cities. We have a solemn testimony to bear in these great centers. But in our planning for the extension of the work, far more than the cities alone must be comprehended. In out-of-the-way places [there] are many, many families that need to be looked after in order to learn whether they understand the work the Jesus is doing for His people. Those in the highways are not to be neglected, neither are those in the hedges; and as we journey about from place to place, and pass by house after house, we should often inquire, "Have the people who are living in

these places, heard the message? Has the truth of God's Word been brought to their ears? Do they understand that the end of all things is at hand, and that the judgments of God are impending? Do they realize

The Gratitude of Saved Souls for Efforts Made on Their Behalf When They Enter Heaven and Receive Their Crowns. What a reward awaits the winner of souls! When the gates of that beautiful city on high are swung back on their glittering hinges, and the nations that have kept the truth shall enter in, crowns of glory will be placed on their heads, and they will ascribe honor and glory and majesty to God. And at that time some will come to you, and will say, "If it had not been for the words you spoke to me in kindness, if it had not been for your tears and supplications and earnest efforts, I should never have seen the King in His beauty." What a reward is this! How insignificant is the praise of human beings in this earthly, transient life, in comparison with the infinite rewards that await the faithful in the future, immortal life!...

The Joy of the Redeemed When They Meet the Souls for Whom They Labored. When you enter within the gates into the city, and the crown of life is placed upon your brow and on the brow of the very ones you have worked to save, they will cast themselves upon your neck, and say, "It was you that saved my soul. I should have perished, if you had not saved me from myself. You had to take a good while, but you were patient with me and won me to a knowledge of the truth." And then, as they lay their crowns at the feet of Jesus, and touch the golden harps that have been placed in their hand, and unite in praising and glorifying their Redeemer, and they realize that theirs is the great blessing of everlasting life, there will be rejoicing indeed. And oh, the thought that we may be instrumental, under God, in helping to show, men and women the way of salvation, while living on this earth!

The Real Reward of the Redeemed. If you give your heart to God, if in humility you take up your appointed work and remain faithful, at last you will hear the words, "Come, ye blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world" (Matthew 25:34). Is not this sufficient reward? In that happy world there will be no more temptation, no more sorrows. In your earthly life you have labored together with God, you have so lived that your righteousness has gone before you, and the glory of the Lord has been your rearward.--Manuscript 15, 1909, pp 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 14, 14a, 15. ("Words of Encouragement to Self-supporting Workers," April 26, 1909.)

IF LIFE IS LOST IN THE COMING CONFLICT, IT WILL BE RESTORED.

Terrible trials are to come upon our world, and the world is preparing for this. We too must be prepared, that we may have the protection of our heavenly Father. And, if we lose our life in the conflict, let us have faith to believe that it will be restored to us again.--Manuscript 19, 1909, p. 8. ("Abiding in Christ," May 15, 1909.)

STRIFE AND OPPRESSION OF FOREIGN NATIONS, AND OPPOSITION IN THE COMING CONFLICT.

Strife and Oppression of Foreign Nations Coming With Unanticipated Intensity. Very soon the strife and oppression of foreign nations will

break forth with an intensity that you do not now anticipate....

How to Deal With Opponents in Europe and Australia Who Will Make False Statements About SDA'S. In Europe and in Australia... your opponents will make statements about your work that are false. Do not repeat their statements, but hold to your assertions of the living truth, and angels of God will open the way before you. We have a great work to carry forward, and we must carry it in a sensible way. Let us never get excited or allow evil feelings to arise....

Show a Christian Spirit to Apostates Who Come Into Our Congregations to Reproach Our Work. Those who have departed from the faith will come to our congregations to divert our attention from the work that God would have done. You cannot afford to turn your ears from the truth to fables. Do not stop to try to convert the one who is speaking words of reproach against your work, but let it be seen that you are inspired by the spirit of Jesus Christ, and angels of God will put into your lips words that will reach the hearts of opposers. If these men persist in pressing their way in, those who are of a sensible mind in the congregation will understand that yours is a higher standard. So speak that it will be known that Jesus is speaking through you.--Manuscript 21, 1909, pp. 3-5. ("A Call to Service," sermon preached in Tacoma Park, Md., May 17, 1909. See General Conference

THE INCREASING IMPORTANCE OF THE THREE ANGEL'S MESSAGE.

The remnant people of God must be a converted people. The presentation of this message is to result in the conversion and sanctification of souls. We are to feel the power of the Spirit of God in this movement. This is a wonderful, definite message. It means everything to the receiver, and it is to be proclaimed with a loud cry. We must have a true, abiding faith that this message will go forth with increasing importance till the close of time.--Manuscript 31, 1909, p.

2. ("Faithfulness in Health Reform," read before the delegates to the General Conference session, May 31, 1909.)

PREPARATION FOR THE TIME WHEN OUR BIBLES WILL Be TAKEN AWAY.

Memorize Bible Promises, so That, When Our Bibles Are Taken Away From Us, We Can Still Have God's Word. Time is passing. Satan is boasting to his evil agencies that he will take possession of the world, and he encourages them to work through every possible means for the accomplishment of this purpose.... Put away the foolish reading matter and study the Word of God. Commit its precious promises to memory, so that, when we shall be deprived of our Bibles, we may still be in possession of the word of God.--Manuscript 85, 1909, pp. 5, 10. ("Lessons of Self-denial, Trust, and Cooperation," sermon at Nevada, Iowa, August 21, 1909.)

PREPARATION FOR WHAT IS COMING.

Each Person Individually Is Forming a Character for the Judgment. The perils of the last days are upon us, and at this time we are each determining what our destiny for eternity shall be. Individually we are to form characters that will stand the test of the judgment.

Individually we are to give the church where we are an example of faithfulness and consecration. The ministry of the word is designed to prepare a people to stand in the times of temptation in which we live....

God's Word Is the Only Reliable Guide Through the Perils of the Last Days. There has been revealed to me the grave dangers we shall meet in these last days of peril and temptation. Our only reliable light and guide for this time is the Word of God. We must take this Word as our counselor, and faithfully follow its instructions, or we shall find that we are being controlled by our own peculiar traits of character, and our lives will reveal a selfish work that will be a hindrance and not a blessing to our fellow men....

Leaders and Teachers Should Instruct the People Before Doors Now Open Close to the Third Angel's Message. It is the duty of those who stand as leaders and teachers of the people to instruct church members how to labor in missionary lines, and then to see in operation the great, grand work of proclaiming widely this message which must arouse every unworked city before the crisis shall come, when, through the working of satanic agencies, the doors now open to the message of the third angel shall be closed....

Do Not Hover Over the Churches While the Cities, Soon to Be Closed, Remain Unwarned. The judgments of God are being stayed, that the voice of truth may be heard in its simplicity.... The righteous judgments of God, with their weight of final decision, are coming upon the land. Do not hover over the churches and repeat over and over again the same truths to the people, while the cities are left in ignorance and sin, unwarned and unlabored for. Soon the way will be hedged up and these cities will be closed to the gospel message....

We must expend less means in the few places where the message has been quite fully preached, that we may go out into other places where the warning has not been given, and where men and women are ignorant of the great crisis that is about to come to all who live upon the earth....

Congested Centers of Trade and Commerce Need the Message. The warning message for this time is not being given earnestly in the great business world. Day after day the centers of commerce and trade are thronged with men and women who need the truth for this time, but who gain no saving knowledge of its precious principles, because earnest, persevering efforts are not put forth to reach this class of people where they are.

The publication and periodicals that come from our presses have a definite and far-reaching work to do.... Let the articles deal with the truths of the Word of God, giving clear instruction regarding the saving truths for this time, and warning of the near approach of the judgments of God and the end of all things....

The World Is Preparing for the Loud Cry of the Third Angel's Message. The world is preparing for the closing work of the third angel's message. The truth is now to go forth with a power that it has not known for years. The message of present truth is to be proclaimed everywhere. We must be aroused to give this message with a loud voice,

as symbolized in the fourteenth chapter of Revelation. There is danger of our accepting the theory of the truth without accepting the great responsibility which it lays upon every recipient. My brethren, show your faith by your works. The world must be prepared for the loud cry of the third angel's message--a message which God declares shall be cut short in righteousness.--Manuscript 61, 1909 pp. 1-5. ("Words of Instruction," September 17, 1909.)

REACTIONS OF INFLUENTIAL NON-SDA'S TO THE COMING SUNDAY LAWS.

Little Is Being Done to Warn City Dwellers of Coming Judgments. The message that I am bidden to bear to our people at this time is, "Work the cities without delay, for time is short."... Little is being accomplished to warn the inhabitants of our great centers of population of the judgments that will fall upon the transgressors of God's law..

Responsible Men Will Be Embittered Against Commandment-keepers. Soon the Sunday laws will be enforced, and men in positions of trust will be embittered against the little handful of God's commandment-keeping people.

God Will Bring Men From Various Churches to Combat the Sunday Law. Satan seems to have been permitted to gain many points of advantage. But the Lord will bring men of understanding from the various churches to combat the enforcement of a law, that the first day of the week shall be honored as a day when no business shall be transacted.--Letter 168, 1909, pp. 2, 5. ("To the Officers of the General Conference " December 1, 1909.)

AS CRIME AND INIQUITY INCREASE, GOD'S JUDGMENTS WILL BECOME MORE FREQUENT AND MORE MARKED.

Calamities are becoming more and more common, but every report of calamity by sea or by land is a testimony of the fact that the end of all things is near. The world is filled with iniquity, and the Lord is punishing [the world] for its wickedness. As crime and iniquity increase, these judgments will become more frequent and more marked, until the time shall come when the "earth shall no more cover her slain" (Isaiah 26:21).

SATAN WILL STIR UP MINDS TO CREATE FANATICISM IN OUR Ranks.

Some will seek to bring in false theories, and will come with false messages. Satan will stir human minds to create fanaticism in our ranks.... Satan will use peculiarities of attitude and voice to cause excitement, and to work on human minds to deceive.--Letter 12, 1909, p. 2, 3. (To G. A. Irwin, December 23, 1909.)

HOW SATAN WILL OPERATE IN THE COMING CONFLICT.

As Active Work Is Begun in Cities, Satan Will Work to Bring in Confusion. As we begin active work for the multitudes in the cities, the enemy will work mightily to bring in confusion, hoping thus to break up the working forces. Some who are not thoroughly converted are in constant danger of mistaking the suggestions of the enemy as the leadings of the Spirit of God....

Satan's Supreme Effort Is to Ensnare Church Members; Evil Angels Have Superhuman Knowledge Because They Have Been in, the Councils of Heaven. Satan is at work with vehement power to divert the minds of the multitudes, so that they shall not understand and obey the truth. He will entangle with every snare that he can devise.... But his supreme effort is to ensnare and deceive church members who have had long experience, and ministers of the gospel of Christ. With all their ingenuity Satan and the armies under him are working with their superior knowledge to deceive, if possible, the very elect.... We must remember that though they have lost their first estate, the fallen angels are wise above the wisdom of earth, for they have been in the councils of heaven....

SDA Ministers Should Avoid Dwelling on Differences of Opinion They May Have Among Themselves. He who is closely connected with Christ will be strengthened to withstand human and satanic devisings. We are living in perilous times, and it is not in the order of the Lord that our ministers shall dwell upon questions about which there is known to be serious differences of opinion among themselves.--Manuscript 13, 1910, pp. 2, 3. ("A Call to the Watchmen," August 8, 1910.)

SATAN DEVISES THE INVENTIONS TO IMPERIL HUMAN LIFE.

The enemy is just as perseveringly at work now as he was before the flood.... He devises the inventions that imperil human life. Under his leadership men carry through that which he devises.--Manuscript 21, 1910, p. 1. ("Let Your Light so Shine Before Men," November 13, 1910.)

HOW SDA'S SHOULD ACT IN VIEW OF THE REAL SUNDAY-SABBATH ISSUE.

When the Sunday Issue Really Speaks, Satan Will Appear With the Spirit of the Dragon. The trifling moves made and the delay have had the result of encouraging Sunday observance, and this false theory has been zealously urged to the front. Our people have not done all that they might have done. The real question at issue is yet to be met with. When it does speak, Satan will appear with the spirit of the dragon. [However,] long before this, we should have placed ourselves decidedly before the world and before the churches as a people observing the true Sabbath.... The Sunday question has been working its way to the front. It is our duty not to act as a church asleep. Those at the head of the Sunday movement will wrestle for the victory....

God's People Are Not to Sit Idle Waiting for the Coming Storm. I am instructed to call upon our people everywhere to awake and prepare for the judgment by doing thorough work in binding up with Christ. They are not [to] sit in calm expectancy of the storm that is coming from the power of darkness, comforting themselves with the thought that they will be sheltered and safe. They are to work with every God-given capability to save a perishing world, speaking a word in season to those who need light and instruction. Satan is not idle. He has been gathering into his ranks ministers and everyone else whom he could induce to accept his erroneous theories. Ministers who were once with us have been drawn away by their own desire to bring out something new and strange.

The Line of Demarcation Between Sabbath-and Sunday-keepers Is to Be Kept Distinct. Those who have received the evidence of the Word of God concerning the verity of the Lord's holy day are to bear in mind that the line of demarcation between Sabbath-keepers and those who observe the day upon which no sanctity has been placed by the Lord, is never to be obliterated. We have a special work to do, and this work we are most earnestly to carry forward.--Manuscript 29, 1910, pp. 1, 3, 4. ("The Work Before Us," November 14, 1910.)

EVANGELIZE THE CITIES WHILE THERE IS TIME; WAR AND CALAMITIES ARE COMING.

The Message Is to Be Given, Not Only in Far-off Lands, But to Business People in Our Cities. A great work is before us--the closing work of this earth's history. Solemn indeed is the time in which we are living, and heavy the responsibilities resting upon us as a people. The third angel's message is now to be proclaimed, not only in far-off lands, but in neglected places closer by, where multitudes dwell unwarned and unsaved. Our cities everywhere are calling for earnest, wholehearted labor from the servants of God. The message for this time is now to be proclaimed earnestly in the great business world. Day after day the centers of commerce and trade are thronged with men and women who need the truth for this time, but who gain no saving knowledge of its precious principles because earnest, persevering efforts are not put forth to reach them where they are.

Cities present Soul-winners With Some of Their Greatest Opportunities. The spiritual darkness that covers the whole world is intensified in the crowded centers of population. It is in the cities of the nations that the gospel worker finds the greatest impenitence and the greatest need. And in these same cities are presented to soul-winners some of the greatest opportunities. Mingled with the multitudes who have no thought of God and heaven are many who long for light and for purity of heart. Even among the careless and indifferent there are not a few whose attention may be arrested by a revelation of God's love for the human soul....

Men will soon be forced to great decisions, and they must have opportunity to hear and to understand Bible truth, in order that they may take their stand intelligently on the right side. God is now calling upon His messengers, in no uncertain terms, to warn the cities while mercy still lingers and while multitudes are yet susceptible to the converting influence of Bible truth....

Working the Cities Will Set in Operation a Mighty Movement. When the cities are worked as God would have them [worked], the result will be the setting in operation of a mighty movement such as we have not yet witnessed. May the Lord give wisdom to our brethren, that they may know how to carry forward the work in harmony with His will. With mighty power the cry is to be sounded in our large centers of population, "Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him" (Matthew 25:6).... Time is rapidly passing. There is much work to be done before satanic opposition shall close up the way....

Calamities Will Become More Frequent as Iniquity Increases. The Saviour declares that before His second coming there would be wars and rumors of wars, and earthquakes in divers places.... These calamities

are becoming more and more frequent, and each report of calamity by land or sea is a testimony to the fact that the end of all things is near. The world is filled with iniquity, and the Lord is punishing it for its wickedness. As crimes and iniquities increase, these judgments will become more frequent, until the time shall come when the earth shall no more cover her slain.

The judgments of God are hanging over our cities. We know not how soon they will be visited by just such a calamity as recently befell Italy. I pray for the deep movings of the Holy Spirit on the hearts of God's people, that this message--the last message of warning--may be given without delay. The day of the Lord is hastening greatly. The end is nearer than when we first believed.

Though the Nations Are Angry, the Angels Hold Them in Check Until God's Servants Are Sealed. Everything in this world is in an unsettled state. The nations are angry, and preparations for war are being made. But though there is among the nations an increasing unrest, though they are mustering their forces, they are as if held back from action by an unseen power. The angels are holding the four winds, until the servants of God are sealed in their foreheads.

War Is Soon to Break out With Unanticipated Intensity. Soon strife among the nations will break out with an intensity that we do not now anticipate. The present is a time of overwhelming interest to all the living. Rulers and statesmen, men who occupy positions of trust and authority, thinking men and women of all classes, have their attention fixed upon the events taking place about them. They are watching the strained, restless relations that exist amongst the nations. They observe the intensity that is taking possession of every earthly element, and they realize that something great and decisive is about to take place, that the world is on the verge of a stupendous crisis.

God's Work is to Go From City to City and From Country to Country. Let not unbelief come in, for God's work is to go from city to city, from country to country. The plans of the enemies of God may be laid to defeat His work, but have faith that Jehovah will remove all obstructions to the progress of His work.--Letter 15, 1910, pp. 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 9. ("God Preach the Gospel," week of prayer reading, n.d., 1910.)

MOSES'S VISION OF THE FINAL CONFLICT AND TRIUMPH OF GOD'S PEOPLE.

Moses on Mt. Nebo Beheld in Vision the Final Conflict. With joy Moses saw the law of God still honored and exalted by a faithful few. He saw the last struggle of earthly powers to destroy those who keep God's law. He looked forward to the time when God shall arise to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity, and those who have feared His name shall be covered and hidden in the day of His anger....

Moses Beheld the Triumph and Translation of Commandment-keepers. Again Moses looked, and saw the covenant of peace made with God's commandment-keeping people, when He spoke from His holy habitation, shaking the heavens and the earth by His voice. Moses saw that God is the hope of His people, while the despisers of the law, those who had

crucified Jesus Christ afresh, bowed and groveled at the feet of the saints in fear of God's voice. He saw the countenances of the saints lighted up with glory, and beaming upon those around them as... [his face and the] faces... [of the elders that] were with him shone when the law was given on Mount Sinai. The commandment-keepers, those who had honored the law, were glorified. At the appearing of Christ in splendor and glory, they were translated to heaven without seeing death, rising with songs of triumph to enter through the gates into the

Moses Beheld the New Earth. He saw the earth purified by fire, and cleansed from every vestige of sin--[free from] every mark of the curse and renovated--given to the saints to possess forever and ever. He saw the kingdoms of the earth given to the saints of the Most High. No impurity, nothing to mar their peace and happiness, was in the earth made new.

In the new earth the prophecies that the Jews applied to the first advent of Christ will be fulfilled. The saints will then be redeemed and made immortal. Upon their heads will be crowns of immortality, and joy and glory will be pictured on their countenances, which will reflect the image of their Redeemer.--Manuscript 69, 1912, pp. 13, 14. ("The Sin and Death of Moses," copied September 10, 1912.)

SATAN'S WORK THROUGH SPIRITUALISM And ROMANISM PRIOR TO HIS ULTIMATE DEFEAT.

Few Have Any Idea of the Superhuman Power That Will Work Through Spiritualism to Capture the World. Spiritualism is about to take the world captive. There are many who think that Spiritualism is upheld through trickery and imposture, but this is far from the truth. Superhuman power is working in a variety of ways, and few have any idea as to what will be the manifestations of Spiritualism in the future.

The Falsehood of Natural Immortality Has Laid the Foundation for Spiritualism's Success. The foundation for the success of Spiritualism has been laid in the assertions that have been made from the pulpits of our land. The ministers have proclaimed as Bible Doctrines falsehoods that have originated with the arch deceiver. The doctrine of consciousness after death, of the spirits of the dead being in communion with the living, has no foundation in the Scriptures, and yet these theories are affirmed as truth. Through this false doctrine, the way is opened for the spirits of devils to deceive the people in representing themselves as the dead. Satanic agencies personate the dead and thus bring souls into captivity. Satan has a religion. He has a synagogue of devoted worshipers. To swell the ranks of his devotees, he uses all manner of deception.

As Men Reject the Truth and God's Spirit Is Withdrawn, Satan Will Work More Openly. That Spiritualism will become more and more pronounced as the professed Christian world reject the plainly revealed truth of the Word of God, and refuse to be guided by a plain, thus saith the Lord, accepting instead the doctrines and the commandments of men. Through rejecting light and truth, many are deciding their destiny for eternal death, and as men reject truth, the Spirit of God will gradually withdraw itself from the earth, and the prince of this world will have more and more control over his subjects. He will show great signs and wonders as credentials of his divine claims, and through

Spiritualism will work against Christ and His agencies.

Why the Bible Forbids Communication With the Supposed Spirits of the Dead. The Scriptures positively forbid intercourse with evil angels on the supposition of communion with the dead. Through this deception Satan can educate souls in his school of falsehood and make of none effect the lessons that Christ would teach, which, if practiced, would result in the eternal life of those who obey.

Satan is seeking to form a great confederacy of evil by uniting fallen men and fallen angels. But the Lord says, "When they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead? To the law and to the testimony, if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them" (Isaiah 8:19, 20). "And the soul that turneth after such as have familiar spirits, and after wizards, to go a whoring after them, I will even set my face against that soul, and will cut him off from among his people" (Leviticus 20:6). "Regard not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them: I am the Lord your God" (Leviticus 19:31).

Those Who Commune With Spirits Impersonating the Dead Become Mentally Demoralized. The great power that attends spiritualism has its origin in the great leading rebel, Satan, the prince of devils. It is through his artifice that evil angels have been able to substitute themselves for the dead, and through lying hypocrisy they have led men to have intercourse with those who will have a corrupting, demoralizing power upon the mind. Christ [has] commanded that we should have no intercourse with sorcerers and with those who have familiar spirits. This class are represented.... as among those who shall perish in their iniquity: "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone" (Revelation 21:18).

Belief in Soul Consciousness Following Death Opens the Door to Spiritualism. For years Spiritualism has been growing in strength and gaining in popularity by advocating a certain kind of faith in Christ, and thus many Protestants are becoming infatuated with this mystery of iniquity. It is little wonder that they are deluded when they persistently retain the error that the spirit goes immediately to heaven or hell as soon as the breath leaves the body. Through the hold this doctrine has upon them, the way is prepared for the delusive working of the prince of the power of the air.

Satan, Posing as an Intellectual, Insinuates Himself Into Circles of the Intelligensia Through Spiritualism. Satan personated the serpent in Eden, regarding this creature as the best adapted for his line of temptations. Satan has been increasing in skillful methods by constantly practicing upon the human mind. It is his one purpose to complete the work that he began in Eden, and work the ruin of mankind. Through his mysterious workings he can insinuate himself into the circles of the most educated and refined, for he was once an exalted being, in a high position of responsibility among the heavenly hosts. It is a mistake to represent him as a being with hoofs and horns, for he is still a fallen angel. He is capable of mingling the highest

intellectual greatness with basest cruelty and most debasing corruption. If he had not this power, many who are charmed with his

As God's Spirit Is Withdrawn, Satan's Power Will Be Increasingly Made Manifest. As the Spirit of God shall be withdrawn from the earth,... [Satan's] power will be[come] more and more manifest. The knowledge that he had through being in connection with God as a covering cherub, he will now use to subordinate his subjects who fell from their high estate. He will use every power of his exalted intellect to misrepresent God and instigate rebellion against Jesus Christ, the commander of heaven.

Why It Is Not Surprising to Find a Species of Refinement in Those Inspired by Fallen Angels. In his synagogue Satan brings under his scepter and into his councils those agents whom he can use to promote his worship. Is it not a strange matter to find a species of refinement, and a manifestation of intellectual greatness in the lives and characters of those who are inspired by fallen angels. Satan can impart scientific knowledge and give men chapters upon philosophy. He is conversant with history and versed in worldly wisdom.

Worldly Men Claim to Possess Higher, Grander Intellects Than Christ Had. Almost every phase of talent is now being brought into captivity to the prince of the power of darkness. Worldly minded men, because they wish to exalt themselves, and have separated from God, do not love to retain God in their knowledge, for they claim to possess a higher, grander intellect than that of Jesus Christ. Satan envies Christ, and makes the claim that he is entitled to a higher position than the Commander of heaven. His self-exaltation led him to despise the law of God, and resulted in his expulsion from heaven.

Satan Has Manifested His Character Through the Papacy. Through the papacy he has manifested his character and wrought, out the principles of his government. Of this power the apostle Paul says, "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.... For the mystery of iniquity doeth already work: only he that now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of His mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of His coming: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with

This Confederacy of Evil Will Be Destroyed. The confederacy of evil will not stand. The Lord says, "Associate yourselves, O ye people, and ye shall be broken in pieces. Take counsel together, and it shall come to nought; speak the word, and it shall not stand: for God is with us. For the Lord spoke thus to me with a strong hand, and instructed me that I should not walk in the way of this people, saying, say ye not, A confederacy, to all them to whom this people shall say, A confederacy; neither fear ye their fear, nor be afraid. Sanctify the Lord of Hosts Himself; and let Him be your fear, and let Him be your dread. And He shall be for a sanctuary" (Isaiah 8:9-14).

Satan Will Use the Same Devices to Try to Overcome the Remnant as

He Used to Stay the Course of Protestantism, but the Saints Will Triumph. Satan will use his agencies to carry out diabolical devices, to overpower the saints of God, as in time past he used the Roman power to stay the course of Protestantism. Yet the people of God can look calmly at the whole array of evil and come to the triumphant conclusion that, because Christ lives, we shall live also. The people of God are to advance in the same spirit in which Jesus met the assaults of the prince of darkness in the past. The evil confederacy can advance only in the course that Jesus Christ has marked out before them. Every step of their advance brings the saints of God nearer the great white throne, nearer the successful termination of their warfare.

Satan and His Confederacy of Evil Will Ultimately Be Destroyed. The confederacy of evil will finally be destroyed, for the prophet [Malachi] says, "Behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch" (Malachi 4:1).

Even of him whose heart was lifted up because of his beauty, who corrupted his wisdom by reason of his brightness, the Lord says, I will "bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee. All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shall be a terror, and never shall thou be any more" (Ezekiel 28:18, 19).--Undated Manuscript 66 pp. 1-6. ("Signs and Wonders of Spiritualism.")

THE FINAL CONFLICT AND TRIUMPH OF GOD'S PEOPLE.

Christ Will Sustain His People Through the Final Conflict. Christ reveals to His people the fearful conflict that they must meet before His second coming. Before the scenes of their bitter struggle are opened to them, they are reminded that their brethren also have drunk of the cup and [have] been baptized with the baptism. He who sustained these early witnesses to the truth will not forsake His people in the final conflict.....

John the Revelator Saw in Vision the Ushering in of Christ's Kingdom. To John were opened the great events of the future that were to shake the thrones of kings and cause all earthly powers to tremble. He beheld the close of all earthly scenes, the ushering in of His reign, who is to be King of kings, and whose kingdom shall endure forever. "Behold," he said, "He cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see Him, and they also which pierced Him: and all the kindreds of the earth shall wail because of Him" (Revelation 1:7). He saw Christ receiving the adoration of all the hosts of heaven, and heard the promise that whatever tribulation might come upon God's people, if they would but patiently endure, they would be more than conquerors through Him that loved them; and Jesus said to the overcomer, "I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but will confess his name before

After Viewing Christ's Ultimate Triumph, John Was Prepared to View the Final Conflict. John was now prepared to witness the thrilling scenes in the great conflict between those who keep the commandments of God and those who make void His law. He saw the wonder-working power arise that was to deceive all who should dwell upon the earth, who were

not connected with God, "saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the

The prophet heard the solemn warning against the worship of this blasphemous power: [Revelation 14:9-11, quoted].

The Saints Are Those Who Refuse to Bow to the Decrees of Earthly Powers. Of the loyal and true, who do not bow to the decrees of earthly rulers against the authority of the King of heaven, the Revelator says, "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus" (Revelation 14:12; 14:1-3,5; 15:1-4, quoted.)

These lessons are for our benefit. We need to stay our faith upon God, for there is just before us a time that will try men's souls.

The Prophecy of Matthew 24 Has a Double Application. Christ upon the Mount of Olives rehearsed the fearful judgments that were to precede His second coming: "Ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars:... Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famine, and pestilence, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginnings of sorrows" (Matthew 24:6-8). While these prophecies received a partial fulfillment at the destruction of Jerusalem, they have a more direct application in the last days.

John Saw Armies Mustering for Battle, the Earth Moved out of its Place, and the Pouring out of the Vials of God's Wrath. John was a witness of the terrible scenes that will take place as signs of Christ's coming. He saw armies mustering for battle, and men's hearts failing them for fear. He saw the earth move out of its place, the mountains carried into the midst of the sea, the waves thereof roaring and troubled. He saw the vials of God's wrath opened, and pestilence, famine, and death come upon the inhabitants of the earth.

Calamities Press in As God's Spirit Is Withdrawn. Already the restraining Spirit of God is 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 [things]. 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 will be such a scene of strife as no pen can picture....

Scenes to Be Enacted in Our World Are Undreamed of. There is soon to open before us a period of overwhelming interest; to all who are living. The controversies of the past are to be revived. New controversies will arise. The scenes to be enacted in our world are not even dreamed of. Satan is at work through human agencies. But God's

servants are not to trust to themselves in this great emergency. The program of coming events is in the hands of the Lord. The world is not without a ruler. The Majesty of heaven has the destiny of the nations, as well as the concerns of His church, in His own hands.... When the strongholds of kings shall be overthrown, when destruction shall come upon the wicked, His people have the assurance that they are safe in His hands, In patience they are to possess their souls.

Not One Watching, Praying, Believing Soul Will Be Ensnared by Satan. The important future is before us. To meet its trials and temptations and to perform its duties will require persevering faith. But we may triumph gloriously, for not one watching, praying, believing soul will be ensnared by the enemy. All heaven is interested in our welfare, and awaits our demand upon its wisdom and strength.

God's People Are Promised Protection in the Time of Trial Before Us. In the time of trial before us, God's pledge of security will be placed upon those who have kept the word of His patience. If you have complied with the conditions of God's Word, Christ will be to you a refuge from the storm. He will say to His faithful ones, "Come, My people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thee as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast" (Isaiah 26:20). The Lion of Judah, so terrible to the rejectors of His grace, will be the Lamb of God to the obedient and faithful. The pillar of fire that speaks terror and wrath to the transgressor of God's law, is light and mercy and deliverance to those who have kept His commandments. The arm strong to smite the rebellious, will be strong to deliver the loyal. Every faithful one will surely be

The Enemies of God's Law Will Try to Compel Sunday Observance Through Persecution. The adherents of truth are now called upon to choose whether to disregard a plain requirement of God's Word or forfeit their liberty. If we yield the Word of God, and accept human customs and traditions, we may still be permitted to live among men, to buy and sell, and have our rights respected. But, if we maintain our loyalty to God, it must be at the sacrifice of our rights among men, for the enemies of God's law have leagued together to crush out independent judgment in matters of religious faith, and to control the consciences of men. They are determined to put an end to the long continued controversy concerning the Sabbath, to prohibit all further spread of truth upon this point, and to secure the exaltation of Sunday in the very face of the injunction of the fourth commandment.

Christians Recognize the Legitimate Sphere of Civil Government, but Not When It Conflicts With God's Claims. The people of God will recognize human government as an ordinance of divine appointment, and will try by precept and example to teach obedience to it as a sacred duty within its legitimate sphere. But, when its claims conflict with the claims of God, we must obey God rather than men. The Word of God must be recognized as above all human legislation. "Thus saith the Lord" is not to be set aside, for a "Thus saith the church or the state." The crown of Christ is to be uplifted above the diadems of earthly potentates.

The principle we are to uphold at this time is the same [as] that (which] was maintained by the adherents of the gospel in the great (Protestant] Reformation.... The banner of truth and religious liberty,

which these reformers held aloft, has in this last conflict been committed to us....

The Claims of the Spurious Sabbath Will Be Forced Upon the Consciences Of Men. Ministers and people, with the Bible open before them, show contempt for the Word of God in His holy precepts, while they exalt a spurious sabbath, which has no other foundation than the authority of the Roman Church. Protestant churches, having received doctrines that the Word of God condemns, will bring these to the front and force them upon the consciences of men.

The Paths of Faith and Presumption Lie Close Beside Each Other. The great truth of our entire dependence upon Christ for salvation lies close to the error of presumption. Freedom in Christ is by thousands mistaken for lawlessness, and, because Christ came to release us from the condemnation of the law, men declare that the law itself is done away, and that those who keep it are fallen from grace. And thus, as truth and error appear so near akin, minds that are not guided by the Holy Spirit will be led to accept the error, and in so doing place themselves under the power of Satan's deceptions. In thus leading men to receive error for truth, Satan is working to secure the homage of the Protestant world.--Undated Manuscript 84, pp. 1-10. ("Christ Our Helper in the Great Crisis.")

PRESENT CALAMITIES ARE ONLY THE BEGINNING OF WHAT IS COMING.

With such solemn truths as we are handling, with the signs fulfilling everywhere in our world to show that the end is near, the great crisis right upon us, the stupor, the lethargy, the pride and conformity to the world in dress and in spirit is most astonishing. Famines, pestilences, earthquakes, storms by land and sea, are putting out the lives of thousands, and this is only the beginning of that which is to come.--Undated Manuscript 85, p. 2. ("Appeal to a World-loving Church.")

WE ARE TO USE CHRIST'S METHODS IN FIGHTING THE BATTLE IN THE FINAL CONFLICT.

There Are But Two Classes in the World. We are living in a time when there but two classes in our world, those who trample upon the commandments of God, and those who honor God and love His word, using the weapons that Christ used in His battle with the great deceiver--the sword of the Spirit, "It is written."...

Gainsayers Will Play Upon Our Words and Ridicule Sacred Things, but We Are Not to Retaliate in Kind. We shall see evil and vice all about us. There will be seducing spirits (and here is our greatest danger), but the Word of the Lord is [to be] our guide. In contending for the faith once delivered to the saints, we are to speak and act in a way that will be savor of life unto life. There will be gainsayers who will play upon words, and who will ridicule the most sacred things, but we are not to retaliate. Every word is recorded in the books of heaven. We shall have to keep up a constant warfare with the evil devices of humanity, and [yet] not have the same [spirit] exhibited in ourselves.--Undated Manuscript 133, pp. 1, 4. ("The Christian Life.")