

END OF TIME SERIES

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THE LOUD CRY

The loud cry is the climax of the entire cluster of events that begins with the successful urging of the national Sunday law, and ends at the general close of probation. Yet, it leads to still another climax: the fourth angel's message.

Because of the nature of the entire situation, the loud cry begins very soon after the enactment of the national Sunday law.

As soon as the law is passed, professed and former Sabbath keepers are the first to knowingly make their decisions, for or against God's holy day. As one class receives the seal, the other receives the mark.

The class receiving the seal has had just that happen to them: they have been sealed into the truth as the judgment in heaven accounts them worthy of eternal life. Their sins are blotted out of the book of sin, their names are retained forever in the book of life, and the Holy Spirit is poured upon them-in order that they might be strengthened for a special work: the giving of the loud cry to all the world.

(Keep in mind that not all are sealed at once or at the same time. The sealing-reception of the latter rain –giving of the loud cry is a progressive work in the lives of men and women throughout the planet, as the law is passed in their nation, they learn and understand the issues, and make their decision.)

For every heaven-sent message, there is a counterfeit. Satan's opposition to the loud cry is a host of wonder-working activities, which we discussed in considerable detail in an earlier study (*"The False Latter Rain"*). Apparent miracle-working of all kinds occurs, and heathen deities apparently return. Demons take human form; to arouse and lead the masses in demonstrations against the faithful.

In striking contrast, the faithful are presenting the final message to a dying world—a message of God's love, as shown in a correct view of righteousness by faith (Revelation 14:12), which may be summarized as obedience by enabling faith in Christ to the law of God. That is the third angel's message (Revelation 14:12), combined with a warning not to obey the beast and keep its law of disobedience (Revelation 14:9-11). What greater message of love is there than this: that we can be empowered by God of love to obey Him and live clean lives? That is our last-day message to the world! It is a message we should now be giving. .

The "loud cry" is not some disconnected activity; it is the loud cry of the third angel. It is the climatic final giving of that message (a message, which we are told, includes the messages of the first and second angels.)

An entire world must rapidly and powerfully be told the truth about the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. They must be told that the commandments must be kept and that it is the faith of Jesus which, alone, can enable mankind to keep them.

Everyone, everywhere is having an opportunity to decide between the truth of God and the fakes of Satan. But then, suddenly, a powerful new addition arrives: the fourth angel is sent from the throne of God with a special assignment. It is his work to strengthen the message to come out from Babylon—and give it fullest power. Only very rarely before in human history has there been even a brief glimpse of this display of divine power through the lives and words of men.

At some point in the swelling intensity of all this, Satan appears. One statement in an earlier study (*"The False Latter Rain"*) indicated that, in desperation, Satan finally personally appears to mankind as the personated Christ (*Last Day Events*, 164:1). The present writer leans toward the thinking that this appearance of Satan is his attempted counterfeit of the fourth angel's work. But of this we can have no certainty. But we do know that, at some point during the loud cry, Satan will appear at various places throughout the world as a personated Christ.

First comes the urging and enactment of the national Sunday law. Then comes the sealing and latter rain (or the marking and false latter rain). Then starts the loud cry (as Satanic manifestations intensify). Then the fourth angel comes down to strengthen the loud cry—and swell it into a message of astounding power. (Perhaps it is at this time, if not earlier, that Satan appears as a counterfeit Christ.)

In this study, we will both the loud cry, and the powerful swelling of that message by the fourth angel. It is of interest that there are a remarkably large number of quotations on these two subjects. In the mind of the One who inspired the Spirit of Prophecy, it was considered a very important topic.

The sealing/latter rain/loud cry cluster should be of crucial concern to us. It will be an accelerating display of mammoth divine power. When it is ended, it is ended. There is no more probationary message from Heaven to the world. As soon as the four angels return to heaven to report to Jesus that their work is finished, the general close of probation occurs.

TIMING OF THE THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE

It is not possible to set a date for the occurrence of the loud cry, or to determine time spans leading to or away from it. In addition, we should not include time-setting in our presentation of that message (EW 72). This message does not need time-setting in order to strengthen it (EW 75). It must never be hung on time (1SM 188). God has never revealed a definite time for the close of the last message (7BC 989-990; 1SM 191), for, indeed, there are no more messages of any kind to be given by man that are based on time (6BC 1052; 7BC 971; 1SM 188) and no man has a true message of definite time (2SM 113). This is because no man is able to predict the time of any future event (Ev 221). He cannot know definite time (6BC 1052; Ev 221; 1 SM 188; 6T 440). See our tract study, *It's No Time for Time Excitement [PG-21]*, for many more quotations.

GOD'S PEOPLE IN THE OTHER CHURCHES WILL BE CALLED OUT

God's people are in all the churches.

"The Lord has His representatives in all the churches. These persons have not had the special testing truths for these last days presented to them under circumstances that brought conviction to heart and mind; therefore they have not, by rejecting light, severed their connection with God." - 6 Testimonies, 70:4-71:0.

"Notwithstanding the spiritual darkness and alienation from God that exist in the churches which constitute Babylon, the great body of Christ's true followers are still to be found in their communion." -Great Controversy, 390:1.

DURING THE CRISIS - WHAT SHOULD GOD'S PEOPLE DO ON SUNDAYS?

The following passages indicate that, during the Sunday-law crisis, (1) we should not, publicly, give others the impression that we are resting on Sunday in honor of the Sunday sabbath. (2) We can quietly work in our homes on that day. (3) We can quietly rest during part of that day, when there is no likelihood we may be doing so to compromise our faith or exalt the Sunday sabbath. But Sunday is a working day, not a sacred day of rest. (4) The best plan is, in time of local or national crisis, to use Sunday as an active missionary day –and spend it visiting and giving Bible studies. These four points summarize what to do on Sunday during the coming crisis.

We should not reverence the first day as though it were the Sabbath.

"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. .

"When the law of God has been made void and apostasy becomes a national sin, the Lord will work in behalf of His people."-3 Selected Messages, 388:3, 5.

During the Sunday law crisis, God's people should refrain from open labor on the first day of the week.

"In regard to the Southern field, the work there must be done as wisely and carefully as possible, and it must be done in the manner in which Christ would work. The

people will soon find out what you believe about Sunday and the Sabbath *for* they will ask questions. Then you can tell them, but not in such a manner as to attract attention to your work. You need not cut short *your work by yourself laboring on Sunday.*

"Refraining from work on Sunday is not receiving the mark of the beast. . In places where the opposition is so strong as to arouse persecution, if work is done on Sunday, let our brethren make that day an occasion to do genuine missionary work. "- Last Day Events, 138:4-139:1.

We can use it for evangelistic and medical missionary work.

"At one time those in charge of our school at Avondale inquired of me, saying: 'What shall we do? The officers of the law have been commissioned to arrest those working on Sunday.' I replied: '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 meetings in different places, and to 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.'" - 9 Testimonies, 238:1.

We can visit and hold meetings on that day.

"When the practices of the people do not come in conflict with the law of God, you may conform to them. If the workers fail to do this, they will not only hinder their own work, but they will place stumbling blocks in the way of those for whom they labor, and hinder them from accepting the truth. On Sunday there is the very best opportunity for those who are missionaries to hold Sunday schools, and come to the people in the simplest manner possible, telling them of the love of Jesus for sinners, and educating them in the Scriptures. .

"The light that I have is that God's servants should go quietly to work, preaching the grand, precious truths of the Bible –Christ and Him crucified, His love and infinite sacrifice –showing that the reason why Christ died is because the law of God is immutable, unchangeable, eternal. The Sabbath must be taught in a decided manner, but be cautious how you deal with the Idol Sunday. A word to the wise is sufficient. .

"Refraining from work on Sunday is not receiving the mark of the beast; and where this will advance the interests of the work, it should be done. We should not go out of our way to work on Sunday." - Maranatha, 177:1-5.

So then, give evangelistic lectures, do medical missionary work, and give Bible studies on that day, –but DO NOT hold or attend WORSHIP services on Sunday! We can assume this would especially require us NOT to hold Sunday MORNING meetings. (Bear in mind that an Easter sunrise service would be a Sunday morning worship service.)

Obey God rather than men.

"The people of God will recognize human government as an ordinance of divine appointment and will by precept and example teach obedience to it as a sacred duty so long as its authority is exercised within its legitimate sphere. But when its claims conflict with the claims of God we must choose to obey God rather than men. The Word of God must be recognized and obeyed as an authority above that of 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 all the diadems of earthly potentates. "-Last Day Events, 142:1.

THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE WARNS AGAINST THE MARK

The first part of the third angel's message (Revelation 14:9-11) is the announcement of a fearful judgment to come upon those who will worship the beast and his image (GC 594). It is combined with the second part (Revelation 14:12), which declares that mankind can, by faith in Jesus Christ, obey God's holy law.

The loud cry message is not about all the little trivia and manufactured messages that people imagine that it comprises. It is the third angel's message of Revelation 14:9-12, which includes the first and second angels' messages of 14:6-8.

It is given to prepare a people to stand through the final conflict.

"To prepare a people to stand in the day of God, a great work of reform was to be accomplished. God saw that many of His professed people were not building for eternity, and in His mercy He was about to send a message of warning to arouse them from their stupor and lead them to make ready for the coming of the Lord.

"This warning is brought to view in Revelation 14. Here is a threefold message represented as proclaimed by heavenly beings and immediately followed by the coming of the Son of man to reap 'the harvest of the earth.' " -Great Controversy, 311:2-3.

The sins of Babylon will be laid open.

"Heretofore those who presented the truths of the third angel's message have often been regarded as mere alarmists. *Their predictions that religious intolerance would gain control in the United States, that church and state would unite to persecute those who keep the commandments of God, have been pronounced groundless and absurd. .* But as the question of enforcing Sunday observance is widely agitated, the event so long doubted and disbelieved is seen to be approaching, and the third message will produce an effect which it could not have had before.

"Men of faith and prayer will be constrained to go forth with holy zeal, declaring the words which God gives them. *The sins of Babylon will be laid open. The fearful results of enforcing the observances of the church by civil authority, the inroads of spiritualism, the stealthy but rapid progress of the papal power-all will be unmasked.* By these solemn warnings the people will be stirred."-Great Controversy, 605-606.

THE THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE ALSO INCLUDES THE MESSAGE OF OBEDIENCE TO THE FATHER'S LAWS BY FAITH IN THE SON'S ENABLING GRACE

The first part of the third angel's message is a warning not to receive the mark (Rev 14:9-11). The second part is what to do in order not to receive the mark (Rev 14:12). This second part is a clear statement of righteousness by faith, which is obedience by faith in Christ's enabling merits.

The third angel's message is a message of righteousness by faith in Christ (TM 91-93). It is, in verity, a message of justification by faith (Ev 190; 1 SM 372; TM 92-93).

Keeping the commandments of God, through enabling faith in Jesus Christ His Son.

"Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of *Jesus,*"-Revelation 14:12.

It is the revelation of the righteousness of Christ, the sin-pardoning Saviour.

"The time of test is just before us, for the loud cry of the third angel has already begun in *the revelation of the righteousness of Christ, the sin-pardoning Redeemer*. This is the beginning of the light of the angel whose glory shall fill the whole earth."- 1 *Selected Messages, 363:0*.

It is a revelation of God's character.

"The last message of mercy to be given to the world is a *revelation of His character of love*. The children of God are to manifest His glory. In their own life and character they are to reveal what the grace of God has done for *them*,"- *Christ's Object Lesson, 415:5-416:0*.

It is a message of how deep the love of God is –that it can lift man out of the pit of sin. It is a message of forgiveness and empowered obedience. It is the message of how men and women can be restored to clean, pure sons and daughters of God.

"*The message of Christ's righteousness* is to sound from one end of the earth to the other to prepare the way of the Lord. This is the glory of God, which closes the work of the third angel." 6 *Testimonies, 19:1*.

Note: A careful study of Spirit of Prophecy statements on the topic of "righteousness by faith" reveals that ninety-five percent of them, in context, are speaking about obedience to the commandments of God through faith in Christ's righteousness. The other five percent concern forgiveness, without mentioning obedience. (If you question this, read our compilation of every righteousness by faith quotation we could find in the Spirit of Prophecy: *Message of Minneapolis-Part 1-4 [FF 22-25]*, also included in our *Inspirational Tractbook*.)

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THIRD ANGEL POINTS MANKIND TO THE MOST HOLY PLACE

Chapter 60 of *Early Writings* is entitled "The Third Angel's Message." Three times in that chapter, on three different pages, we are told that the third angel points those who accept his message to the most holy place where Jesus is ministering for them. This is important! It is crucial that, by faith, we enter the most holy place where our High Priest is; there to fall at the feet of our Saviour, as we plead for forgiveness. Arising, He shows us the unchanging law to be obeyed, and we behold the mercy seat and our pleading Saviour who alone can strengthen us to obey.

In the next section of this study, we will learn that the messages of all three angels are included in the third. But the third angel points us to the Sanctuary in heaven where Jesus ministers on our behalf before His Father and the holy law, which is the basis of His throne and His holy government. We need to understand all three messages, and it is in Jesus and in the sanctuary message that we learn them best. The answers to all mankind's problems are centered in that sacred place, for there we find Jesus, the forgiving empowering Saviour; and there we find the moral law which, in His strength, we must obey.

The third angel's message, which was initially given from 1844 onward, points those who accept it to the heavenly sanctuary where Jesus is ministering on their behalf.

"As the ministration of Jesus closed in the holy place, and He passed into the holiest, and stood before the ark containing the law of God, He sent another mighty angel with a third message to the world. A parchment was placed in the angel's hand,

and as he descended to the earth in power and majesty, he proclaimed a fearful warning, with the most terrible threatening ever borne to man.

"This message was designed to put the children of God upon their guard, by showing them the hour of temptation and anguish that was before them. Said the angel, 'They will be brought into close combat with the beast and his image. Their only hope of eternal life is to remain steadfast. Although their lives are at stake, they must hold fast the truth.'

"The third angel closes his message thus: 'Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.' As he repeated these words, he pointed to the heavenly sanctuary. The minds of all who embrace this message are directed to the most holy place, where Jesus stands before the ark, making His final intercession." -Early Writings, 254:1.

There are two distinct parts to the third angel's message: the first is the warning to avoid receiving the mark (Rev 14:9-11); the second is the means by which to obey God and avoid the mark (Rev 14:12). In the above passage, It is clear that the second part is the most important, for It is repeated. In order to clarify Its meaning, as he repeats Revelation 14:12 a second time, the third angel points the listeners to the most holy place! In doing so, he is fulfilling the prophecy of Revelation 11:19:

"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." (*For more on this Important subject, see Early Writings, 32, 42, 254-256; Great Controversy, 415, 433-435, 453-454; Patriarchs and Prophets, 356; 1 Testimonies 76; and 2 Testimonies, 693. Of equal importance –and bearing directly on this –is Great Controversy, 423-425, and 432.*)

The third angel points the hearers to the heavenly sanctuary a second time.

"After Jesus opened the door of the most holy, the light of the Sabbath was seen, and the people of God were tested, as the children of Israel were tested anciently, to see if they would keep God's law. I saw the third angel pointing upward, showing the disappointed ones the way to the holiest of the heavenly sanctuary. As they by faith enter the most holy, they find Jesus, and hope and joy spring up anew. . The third angel has lighted up the past, the present, and the future, and they know that God has indeed led them by His mysterious providence.

"It was represented to me that the remnant followed Jesus into the most holy place and behold the ark and the mercy seat, and were captivated with their glory. Jesus then raised the cover of the ark, and lo! the tables of stone, with the ten commandments written upon them. They trace down the lively oracles, but start back with trembling when they see the fourth commandment among the ten holy precepts, with a brighter light shining upon it than upon the other nine, and a halo of glory around it." -*Early Writings, 254:2-255:1.*

Then the third angel points the faithful for a third time to the most holy place in heaven.

"Many who embraced the third message had not had an experience in the two former messages. Satan understood this, and his evil eye was upon them to overthrow them; *but the third angel was pointing them to the most holy place*, and those who had had an experience in the past messages *were pointing them the way to the heavenly sanctuary*. Many saw the *perfect chain of truth in the angels' messages*, and gladly

received them *in their order*, and followed Jesus by faith into the heavenly sanctuary. These messages were represented to me as an anchor to the people of God. Those who understand and receive them will be kept from being swept away by the many delusions of Satan." -*Early Writings*, 258:2.

Three times the third angel points us to the second apartment of the heavenly Sanctuary. Our salvation is to be found there. The final message to mankind is centered there.

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MESSAGES OF ALL THREE ANGELS WILL BE COMBINED IN THE LOUD CRY

The third angel's message includes the messages of the first and second angels.

The *first* angel's message proclaims two special truths which point to the Creator: (1) The weekly climactic worship of the true God is to take place on the Seventh day of the week, the memorial of Creation. (2) All should acknowledge and worship the true God as the Creator; therefore atheistic and evolutionary concepts are most blasphemous and terrible evils.

The *second* angel's message is a powerful call to come out of the apostate churches. The last part of the third angel's message identifies those churches as the ones which do not, by faith in Christ, obey God's commandments.

The *third* angel's message has two distinct aspects: (1) A most terrible warning to shun the apostasy of the commandment-breakers, who observe a false Sunday-sabbath. (2) An urgent call to repent and obey the commandments of God by faith in the enabling merits of Jesus Christ.

Pages 436-439 of *Great Controversy* will provide you with additional information regarding the three messages.

The three steps –the final messages to the world –need no imagined improvements.

"I saw a company who stood well guarded and firm, giving no countenance to those who would unsettle the established faith of the body. God looked upon them with approbation. I was shown three steps—the first, second, and third angels' messages. Said my accompanying angel; 'Woe to him who shall move a block or stir a pin of these messages. The true understanding of these messages is of vital importance. The destiny of souls hangs upon the manner in which they are received.' I was again brought down through these messages, and saw how dearly the people of God had purchased their experience." -*Early Writings*, 258:3-259:0.

The threefold message, accepted, results in perfect obedience to God's law through Christ's enabling strength.

"These truths, as presented in Revelation 14 in connection with 'the everlasting gospel,' will distinguish the church of Christ at the time of His appearing. For as the result of the threefold message it is announced: 'Here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.' And this message is the last to be given before the coming of the Lord." -*Great Controversy*, 453:3-454:0.

The messages are to be combined:

"The *three* angels' messages are to be combined, giving their threefold light to

the world. In the Revelation, John says, 'I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.' . . . This represents the giving of *the last and threefold message of warning to the world.* "-7 Bible Commentary, 985/2:2.

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EVENTS BEFORE THE LOUD CRY

(1) The loud cry will begin after the mighty shaking in the church: The following passages should be read carefully: EW 269-271; 5T 8082; 2 8M 380; 6T 400-401.

(2) The loud cry will begin after the experience of blotting out of sins in the investigative judgment. " *'And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.'* - *Manuscript 1*, 1897.

(3) The loud cry will begin before the sounding of the Revelation 18:2-4 angel: GC 389390 (Rev 17:12-13).

(4) The loud cry will occur after the sealing/marketing time begins. Here are several statements establishing this latter fact:

The marking command prompts the giving of the loud cry of the third angel.

" 'The beast with lamblike horns speaks with the voice of a dragon and 'exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him.' Prophecy declares that he will say to them that dwell on the earth 'that they should make an image to the beast,' and that *'It will cause 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.'* *Thus Protestantism follows in the steps of papacy.*

"It is at this time that the third angel is seen flying In the midst of heaven, proclaiming, 'If any man worship the beast or 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.'-'Here are they that keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.' "*Manuscript 51*, 1899.

The marking order precedes the fourth angel's message.

"He causeth all both small and great, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads.' Not only are men not to work with their hands on Sunday, but with the 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 number of his name.'

Those rejecting the first angel's message could not be benefited by the second (EW 249, 260). The second angel's message was a warning that Babylon had fallen (TM 59), and called the people out of Babylon (EW 241-243)-the nominal churches (EW 243). The popular churches rejected this message (EW 237), and it was proclaimed far and wide in 1844 (LS 59). At that time, it especially applied to the Protestant churches of America which had rejected the Advent message proclaimed by the Millerites (GC 389). This message brought a large company came out of the fallen churches (EW 238). Although first given in 1844 (GC 389), it did not reach its complete fulfillment at that time (GC 389). This message has a past and present application, and it is erroneous to think that it is entirely future (Ev 613). It is a most solemn message (CD 76) and a terrible denunciation (7T 140). It is given in connection with the first and third angel's messages

(CD 209).

The midnight cry, sounded in 1844, was given near the close of the second angel's message (EW 238), and was closely associated with it (LS 59), and gave power to it (EW 238,239, 277). Indeed, the midnight cry actually united with the second angel's message (GC 402), and was not able to benefit those who rejected it.

This message must be proclaimed a second time (GC 603; TM 59), and must go to every continent and every island in the sea (Ev 19; GW 470). Not a peg or pin of this message is to be removed (CW 26). It did not have a complete fulfillment in 1844 (GC 389), and its perfect fulfillment is yet future (GC 390).

13 - THE FOURTH ANGEL STRENGTHENS THE LOUD CRY

The first angel's message was initially given by William Miller and his associates from 1840 to 1844 (7BC 971; Ev 390; EW 232; GC 398, 611), and the prophecy regarding it was fulfilled at that time (SR 356). It announced the hour of God's investigative judgment (GC 311, 379). This message continues to be given today and, by its call to worship the Creator, points men to the true Sabbath (2SM 105). That call would also include a denunciation of evolutionary teachings-which deny the existence of the Creator. The first angel's message is linked to the messages of the second and third angels (6T 17), and requires obedience to the law of God (GC 436). That message must go to all people (GC 450), and be proclaimed in the time of the end (TM 115).

There cannot be a third angel's message without the second angel's message (CW 27), for the third angel's message is closely linked to it (7BC 980; CW 26,29-30; Ev 196; 8T 197).

The message of the Second angel will be repeated during the loud cry, when the message of the third angel is proclaimed (7BC 985; EW 277). But it will also be repeated –and *mightily strengthened* –in the giving of the message of the Revelation 18:1-5 message (GC 390; 7BC 985; EW 277; 2SM 116, 118; TM 59). The Revelation 18 angel will come to earth and unite his voice with that of the second angel (7BC 983; GC 390). The people will be given an urgent call to leave the Sunday-keeping churches and unite with the remnant. The message will go to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people (Ev 19; GW 470), and will be proclaimed to every nation on earth (PK 187).

In the previous study, we considered the nature and broad scope of the loud cry of the third angel, prior to its strengthening by the fourth angel. In this present study, we will turn our attention to what happens when the fourth angel comes down and powerfully strengthens the second angel's message. A power is added to the overall presentation which has a terrific impact; an impact which continues on down to the general close of probation.

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WORLD WILL FULLY AWAKEN WHEN REVELATION 18 ANGEL STRENGTHENS THE LOUD CRY

1 - Babylon has made all nations drink –by forcing Sundaykeeping.

"Notwithstanding the spiritual darkness and alienation from God that exist in the churches which constitute Babylon, *the great body of Christ's true followers are still to be found In their communion.* "-Great Controversy, 390:1.

" '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 spurlous sabbath.*" - 8

Testimonies, 94:2.

First, the law of God will be made void by the legislature, then the sins of Babylon will have reached unto heaven. Then the Revelation 18 angel will sound.

"When do her sins reach unto heaven [Revelation 18:2-5]? *When the law of God is finally made void by legislation.*" -*Last Day Events*, 198:5.

"When the earth is lighted with the glory of the angel of Revelation 18, *the religious elements, both good and evil, awake from their slumbers*, and the armies of the living God will take the field." -*7 Bible Commentary*, 983/1:2.

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REVELATION 18 ANGEL REPEATS THE SECOND ANGEL'S MESSAGE

1 - The fourth angel's message is an amplification of the second.

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.

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REVELATION 18 ANGEL'S MESSAGE WILL INTENSIFY LOUD CRY OF THIRD ANGEL

1 - The fourth angel brings power –and an added message– to the final call.

These messages all blend in one, to come before the people in the closing days of this earth's history. All the world will be tested, and all that 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 men.

"Our work is to proclaim the commandments of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ." –*2 Selected Messages*, 116:2-3.

2 - The second angel's message is repeated and added to by fourth.

"[Revelation 18:1-2,4, quoted.] This scripture points forward to a time when *the announcement of the fall of Babylon, as made by the second angel of Revelation 14 (verse 8), is to be repeated*, with the additional mention of the corruptions which have been entering the various organizations that constitute Babylon, since that message was first given, in the summer of 1844 . . . *These announcements, uniting with the third angel's message, constitute the final warning* to be given to the inhabitants of the earth. .

"I saw angels hurrying to and fro in heaven, descending to the earth, and again ascending to heaven, preparing for the fulfillment of some important event. Then I saw another mighty angel commissioned to descend to the earth, *to unite his voice with the third angel, and give power and force to his message*. Great power and glory were imparted to the angel, and as he descended, the earth was lightened with his glory. The light which attended this angel penetrated everywhere, as he cried mightily, with a strong voice, 'Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen.'" -*Early Writings*, 277.

2 - The fourth angel will lighten the whole earth,

"The angel who unites in the proclamation of the third angel's message is to *lighten the whole earth* with his glory." -*Great Controversy*, 611:1.

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LOUD CRY MESSAGE WILL HAVE GREAT POWER AND WORLDWIDE

EXTENT

The loud cry will be a great light shining, amid earth's deepening darkness.

"Amidst the deepening shadows of earth's last great crisis, *God's light will shine brightest, and the song of hope and trust will be heard In clearest and loftiest strains.*" - *Education*, 166:7.

8 - It will go to every city and town.

"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 will be communicated to every city and town.*" - *Evangelism*, 694:1.

"In every city In America the truth is to be proclaimed. In every country of the world the warning message is to be given."-*Last Day Events*, 208:3.-

9 - It will be accompanied by great power, and will go to all the world.

"A work of world-wide extent and unwonted power is here foretold." -*Great Controversy*, 611:1.

10 - Floods of power will be poured out.

"Floods of spiritual power are to be poured forth upon those prepared to receive it." -8 *Testimonies*, 46:1.

11 - It will fully accomplish its objective.

"This prophecy [Joel 2:28] received a partial fulfillment in the outpouring of the Spirit on the day of Pentecost; but *it will reach its full accomplishment* in the manifestation of divine grace which will attend the closing work of the gospel." *Great Controversy*, IX:3 (*Introduction*).

12 - The message will go to every part of the world.

"In heathen Africa, in the Catholic lands of Europe and of South America, in China, in India, in the islands of the sea, and in all the dark corners of the earth, God has in reserve a firmament of chosen ones that will yet shine forth amidst the darkness, *revealing clearly to an apostate world the transforming power of obedience to His law. Even now they are appearing in every nation, among every tongue and people; and in the hour of deepest apostasy, when Satan's supreme effort is made to cause "all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond," to receive, under penalty of death, the sign of allegiance to a false rest day, these faithful ones, "blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, " will "shine as lights in the world." The darker the night, the more brilliantly will they shine.*"-- *Prophets and Kings*, pp. 188, 189.

"In contrast to those who keep the commandments of God and have the faith of Jesus, the third angel points to another class, against whose errors a solemn and fearful warning is uttered: 'If any man worship the beast and his Image, and receive his mark.'" - *Great Controversy*, 438:1.

"The special characteristic of the beast, and therefore of his image, is the breaking of God's commandments."-*Great Controversy*, 446:1.

"In the issue of the contest all Christendom will be divided into *two great classes- those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, and those who worship the beast and his Image* and receive his mark. Although church and state will unite their power to compel 'all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond'

(Revelation 13:16), to receive 'the mark of the beast,' *yet the people of God will not receive it.*" -*Great Controversy, 450:1.*

"The spirit of the papacy [is] *the spirit of conformity to worldly customs, the veneration for human traditions above the commandments of God* that is permeating the Protestant churches and leading them on to do the same work of Sunday exaltation which the papacy has done before them."-*Great Controversy, 573:1.*

"Jesus, looking down to *the last generation*, saw the world involved in a deception similar to that which caused the destruction of Jerusalem. The great sin of the Jews was their rejection of Christ; *the great sin of the Christian world would be their rejection of the law of God*, the foundation of His government in heaven and earth." - *Great Controversy, 22:2.*

"*The last great conflict between truth and error is but the final struggle of the long-standing controversy concerning the law of God.* Upon this battle we are now entering—a battle between the laws of men and the precepts of Jehovah." *Great Controversy, 582:2.*

The Crisis that began the great controversy is the one that will end it. You and I will have a part in that crisis! Will our decision be on God's side? Will we vindicate His perfect law? Or will we listen to those who love sin so much, they give sermons and write books excusing it? When the crisis is over and the controversy is ended, then eternity will begin. It is an eternity that you and I want a part in.

"*The cross of Calvary, while it declares the law immutable*, proclaims to the universe that the wages of sin is death. In the Saviour's expiring cry, 'It is finished,' the death knell of Satan was rung. The great controversy which had been so long in progress was then decided, and the final eradication of evil was made certain . . . When 'the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; . . . 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.

"The whole universe will have become witnesses to *the nature and results of sin.* And its utter extermination, which in the beginning would have brought fear to angels and dishonor to God, *will now vindicate His love and establish His honor* before the universe of beings who delight to do His will, and in whose heart is His law. Never will evil again be manifest. Says the word of God: 'Affliction shall not rise up the second time.' Nahum 1:9. *The law of God*, which Satan has reproached as the yoke of bondage, *will be honored as the law of liberty.* A tested and proved creation will never again be turned from allegiance to Him whose character has been fully manifested before them as fathomless love and infinite *wisdom.*"-*Great Controversy, 503:3-504:1.*

The future is bright, as long as we cling to Jesus. He has a wonderful eternity awaiting us. He will lead His flock down through countless ages of peace and happiness. Life without end! Oh, my friend, we must be there!

Just now it is our task to learn the ways of heaven. Later, we will live there forever. Loyalty and obedience to our God is what that eternity will all be about. Those who do not want it will not be there. Yet it is the only way to be genuinely happy!

I know you want it! May God help us —each one —to be faithful to the end.

1 - The following statements explain how we can resist temptation and overcome sin in the strength of Christ. These statements are self-explanatory and need little introduction. Yes, the requirements are very high, but the enabling is just as high! Sufficient to the day's needs will be the amount of grace given. But it is only imparted to those who are pressing close –every moment –to the side of Christ, and looking solely to Him for help, wisdom, and strength. Through the empowering grace of Christ we can obey all that God asks of us in His Inspired Books.

"By His perfect obedience He has made it possible for every human being to obey God's commandments. When we submit ourselves to Christ, the heart is united with His heart, the will is merged in His will, the mind becomes one with His mind, the thoughts are brought into captivity to Him; we live His life. This is what it means to be clothed with the garment of His righteousness." - Christ's Object Lessons, 312:0.

"And how this is accomplished, Christ has shown us. By what means did He overcome in the conflict with Satan? –By the word of God. Only by the word could He resist temptation. 'It is written,' He said. And unto us are given 'exceeding great and precious promises, that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.' (2 Peter 1:4.) Every promise In God's word is ours. 'By every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God' as we to live. When assailed by temptation, look not to circumstances or to the weakness of self, but to the power of the word. All its strength is yours. 'Thy word,' says the psalmist, 'have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee.' 'By the words of Thy lips I have kept me from the paths of the destroyer.' "-The Desire of Ages, 123:4.

"Christ is our tower of strength, and Satan can have no power over the soul that walks with God in humility of mind. The promise, 'Let him take hold of My strength, that he may make peace with Me; and he shall make peace with Me.' In Christ there is perfect and complete help for every tempted soul. Dangers beset every path, but the whole universe of heaven is standing on guard, that none may be tempted above that which he is able to bear. Some have strong traits of character, that will need to be constantly repressed. If kept under the control of the Spirit of God, these traits will be a blessing; but if not, they will prove a curse. . If we will give ourselves unselfishly to the work, never swerving in the least from principle, the Lord will throw about us the everlasting arms, and will prove a mighty helper. If we will look to Jesus as the One in whom we may trust, He will never fall us in any emergency." -My Life Today, 916:4

"It is not necessary that anyone should yield to the temptations of Satan and thus violate his conscience and grieve the Holy Spirit. Every provision has been made in the word of God whereby all may have divine help in their endeavors to overcome. If they keep Jesus before them they will become changed Into His Image." -5 Testimonies, 574:2.

"The enemy cannot overcome the humble learner of Christ, the one who walks prayerfully before the Lord. Christ interposes Himself as a shelter, a retreat, from the assaults of the wicked one.

"Satan was permitted to tempt the too confident Peter, as he had been permitted to tempt Job; but when that work was done he had to retire. Had Satan been suffered to have his way, there would have been no hope for Peter. He would have made complete shipwreck of faith. But the enemy dare not go one hairbreadth beyond his appointed sphere. There is no power in the whole satanic force that can disable the soul that trusts, In simple confidence, in the wisdom that comes from God." -My Life Today, 316:2-3.

"In our own strength it is Impossible for us to deny the clamors of our fallen nature. Through this channel Satan will bring temptation upon us. Christ knew that the enemy would come to every human being, to take advantage of hereditary weakness, and by his false insinuations to ensnare all whose trust is not in God. And by passing over the ground which man must travel, our Lord has prepared the way for us to overcome. It is not His will that we should be placed at a disadvantage in the conflict with Satan." -The Desire of Ages, 122:3.

"Let him who is struggling against the power of appetite, look to the Saviour in the wilderness of temptation. See Him in His agony upon the cross, as He exclaimed, 'I thirst.' He has endured all that it is possible for us to bear. His victory is ours.

"There was in Him nothing that responded to Satan's sophistry. He did not consent to sin. Not even by a thought did He yield to temptation. So it may be with us. Christ's humanity was united with divinity; He was fitted for the conflict by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. And He came to make us partakers of the divine nature. So long as we are united to Him by faith, sin has no more dominion over us. God reaches for the hand of faith in us to direct it to lay fast hold upon the divinity of Christ, that we may attain to perfection of character." -The Desire of Ages, 122:4-123:3.

"Jesus does not desire those who have been purchased at such a cost to become the sport of the enemy's temptations. He does not desire us to be overcome and perish. He who curbed the lions in their den, and walked with His faithful witnesses amid the fiery flames, is Just as ready to work in our behalf to subdue every evil in our nature. Today He is standing at the altar of mercy, presenting before God the prayers of those who desire His help. He turns no weeping, contrite one away. .

"The souls that turn to Him for refuge, Jesus lifts above the accusing and the strife of tongues. No man or evil angel can impeach these souls. Christ unites them to His own divine human nature." -The Ministry of Healing, 90:1-2.

"The condition of eternal life is now Just what It always has been, –just what it was in Paradise before the fall of our first parents, –perfect obedience to the law of God, perfect righteousness. If eternal life were granted on any condition short of this, then the happiness of the whole universe would be imperiled." -Steps to Christ, 62:1.

"Since we are sinful, unholy, we cannot perfectly obey the holy law. . But Christ has made a way of escape for us. He lived on earth amid trials and temptations such as we have to meet. He lived a sinless life. He died for us, and now He offers to take our sins and give us His righteousness. If you give yourself to Him, and accept Him as your Saviour, then, sinful as your life may have been, for His sake you are accounted righteous. Christ's character stands in place of your character, and you are accepted before God Just as If you had not sinned. More than this, Christ changes the heart. He abides in your heart by faith. You are to maintain this connection with Christ by faith and the continual surrender of your will to Him; and so long as you do this, He will work in you to will and to do according to His good pleasure. So you may say, 'The life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God. . ' Then with Christ working in you, you will manifest the same spirit and do the same good works –works of righteousness, obedience.

"So we have nothing in ourselves of which to boast. We have no ground for self-exaltation. Our only ground of hope is in the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and in that wrought by His Spirit working in and through us." -Steps to Christ, 62:2-63:1.

"Christ prepared the way for the ransom of man by His own life of suffering, self-

denial, and self-sacrifice, and by His humiliation and final death. He brought help to man that *he might, by following Christ's example, overcome on his own account*, as Christ has overcome for him."-3 *Testimonies*; 372:1.

"It is His purpose to bring them into so close connection with Himself that Satan shall have no opportunity to pervert their judgment or to overpower their conscience. He will reveal to them their defects of character, and bestow upon all who seek His aid, strength to correct their errors. Whatever may be man's besetting sin, whatever bitter or baleful passions struggle for the mastery, he may conquer, if he will watch and war against them in the name and strength of Israel's Helper.

"The children of God should cultivate a keen sensitiveness to sin. Here, as well as elsewhere, we should not despise the day of small things. It is one of Satan's most successful devices, to lead men to the commission of little sins, to blind the mind to the danger of little indulgences, little digressions from the plainly stated requirements of God. Many who would shrink with horror from some great transgression, are led to look upon sin in little matters as of trifling consequence. But these little sins eat out the life of godliness in the soul.

"We must learn to distrust self and to rely wholly upon God for guidance and support, for a knowledge of His will, and for strength to perform it."-2 Bible Commentary, 1017:3-4.

"The child of God must search out the sin which he has petted and indulged himself in, and permit God to cut it out of his heart. He must overcome that one sin; for it is not a trifling matter in the sight of God. .

"The Lord has not given us a list of graded sins, so that we may reckon some as of little consequence, and say that they will do but little harm, while others are of greater magnitude and will do much harm.

"A chain is no stronger than is its weakest link . . . The work of overcoming is to be the study of every soul who enters the kingdom of God." Messages to Young People, 91:1-3.

"He does not palliate sin, nor lessen the sense of guilt. . . men hate the sinner, while they love the sin. Christ hates the sin, but loves the sinner." -Desire of Ages, 462:3-4.

"It should be made plain that the government of God knows no compromise with evil. . . We should beware of treating sin as a light thing. Terrible is its power over the wrongdoer. "His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and he shall be holden with the cords of his sins." Proverbs 5:22. The greatest wrong done to a child or youth is to allow him to become fastened in the bondage of evil habit." Education PG- 291

8 - A large number will take their stand.

"The message will be carried not so much by argument as by deep conviction of the Spirit of God. The arguments have been presented. The seed has been sown, and now it will spring up and bear fruit. The publications distributed by missionary workers have exerted their influence, yet many whose minds were impressed have been prevented from fully comprehending the truth or from yielding obedience. Now the rays of light penetrate everywhere, the truth is seen in its clearness, and the honest children of God sever the bands which have held them. Family connections, church relations, are powerless to stay them now. Truth is more precious than all besides. Notwithstanding the agencies combined against the truth, a large number take their stand upon the Lord's

side."-Great Controversy, 612:2.

9 - Thousands will be converted in a day.

"Thousands in the eleventh hour will see and acknowledge the truth. . These conversions to truth will be made *with a rapidity* that will surprise the church, and God's name alone will be glorified."-2 *Selected Messages*, 16:1, 3.

"There will be many converted to the truth in a day who at the eleventh hour see and acknowledge the truth and the movements of the Spirit of God." -*Last Day Events*, 212:2.

"The time is coming when there will be as many converted in a day as there were on the Day of Pentecost, after the disciples had received the Holy Spirit." -*Evangelism*, 692:2.

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IT WILL BE REJECTED BY MOST

1 - The vast majority will reject it.

"Some will listen to these warnings, but by *the vast majority* they will be disregarded."-In *Heavenly Places*, 343:4.

2 - The greater number of the hearers will refuse it.

"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 caned enthusiasts*. Ministers will warn the people not to listen to them. Noah received the same treatment while the Spirit of God was urging him to give the message, whether men would hear or whether they would forbear. " -*Testimonies to Ministers*, 233:0.

3 - Ministers will denounce it.

"The popular ministry, like the Pharisees of old, filled with anger as their authority is questioned, will denounce *the message as of Satan*, and stir up the sin-loving multitudes to revile and persecute those who proclaim it." -*Great Controversy*, 607:0.

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GIVING OF LOUD CRY WILL LARGELY BE A LAYMEN'S MOVEMENT UNSUPPORTED BY ANY MAJOR ORGANIZATION

1 - It will be given by humble men of faith and prayer.

"As the time comes for it to be given with greatest power, the Lord will work through humble instruments, leading the minds of those who consecrate themselves to His service. The laborers will be qualified rather by the unction of His Spirit than by the training of literary institutions. *Men of faith and prayer will be constrained to go forth with holy zeal, declaring the words which God gives them.*"-*Great Controversy*, 606:2.

2 - Uneducated men and even children will proclaim this final message.

"Many. . will be seen hurrying hither and thither, *constrained by the Spirit of God* to bring the light to others. The truth, the Word of God, is as a fire in their bones, filling them with a burning desire to enlighten those who sit in darkness. *Many, even among the uneducated, now proclaim the words of the Lord. Children are impelled* by the Spirit to go forth and declare the message from heaven. The Spirit is poured out upon *all who*

will yield to its promptings, and, casting off all man's machinery, his binding rules and cautious methods, they will declare the truth with the might of the Spirit's power. Multitudes will receive the faith and join the armies of the Lord."-*Evangelism, 700:1.*

3 - Few great men will have a part in giving this final call.

"In the last solemn work, *few great men* will be engaged. They are self-sufficient, independent of God, and He cannot use them." -5 *Testimonies, 80:1.*

4 - It will not be churches or other organizations which will be in charge of this final work; but only the God of heaven.

"Unless those who can help in ___ are aroused 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.* 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.*" - *Testimonies to Ministers, 300:0.*

5 - Every earthly support will be cut off (including that of employing organizations).

" In the last great conflict of the controversy with Satan those who are loyal to God will see *every earthly support cut off.* Because they refuse to break His law in obedience to earthly powers, they will be forbidden to buy or sell." -*Desire of Ages, 121:3-122:0.*

"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 decree of the 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."-2 *Selected Messages, 380:1.*

6 - They will be free from every entanglement.

"They will turn from every idol that binds them to earth, and will 'worship Him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.' *They will free themselves from every entanglement and will stand before the world as monuments of God's mercy.*" -*Prophets and Kings, 300:0.*

7 - Financial means will no longer be needed.

"I was shown that as *the work is closing up, and the truth is going forth in mighty power,* these rich men will bring their means and lay it at the feet of the servants of God, begging them to accept it. The answer from the servants of God will be: 'Go to now, ye rich men. Your means is not needed. Ye withheld it when ye could do good with it in advancing the cause of God. The needy have suffered; they have not been blessed by your means. God will not accept your riches now.'" -1 *Testimonies, 175:1.*

GOD WILL USE UNUSUAL AGENCIES

1 - The work will be done out of the common order.

"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*. 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." -*Testimonies to Ministers*, 300:0.

2 - There will be no predetermined plans.

"Do not imagine that it will be possible to lay out plans for the future. Let God be acknowledged as standing at the helm at all times and under every circumstance. He will work by means that will be suitable, and will maintain, increase, and build up His own people." -*Counsels to Writers and Editors*, 71:0.

3 - Unexpected times and ways will be used.

"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." -*Last Day Events*, 204:1.

4 - Printed literature will be important.

"More than one thousand will soon be converted in one day, most of whom will trace their first convictions to the reading of our publications." -*Evangelism*, 693:3.

"The results of the circulation of this book [*The Great Controversy*] 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 the result of this agency*." -*Colporteur Ministry*, 128:4-129:0.

5 - The publishing, sale, and distribution of truth-filled literature will continue on down to the close of probation.

"Let us have faith in God. In His name let us carry forward His work without flinching. The work He has called us to do He will make a blessing to us. .

"As long as probation continues, there will be opportunity for the canvasser to work. When the religious denominations unite with the papacy to oppress God's people, places where there is religious freedom will be opened by evangelistic canvassing.

". . . Until in heaven is spoken the word, 'It is finished,' there will always be places for labor, and hearts to receive the message." -6 *Testimonies*, 478.

"*In a large degree* through our publishing houses is to be accomplished *the work of that other angel* who comes down from heaven with great power and who lightens the earth with his glory [Revelation 18:1]." -7 *Testimonies*, 140:3.

6 - Few great men will give the message.

"In the last solemn work few great men will be engaged. . God will work a work in our day that but few anticipate. He will raise up and exalt among us those who are taught rather by the unction of His Spirit than by the outward training of scientific institutions. These facilities are not to be despised or condemned; they are ordained of God, but they can furnish only the exterior qualifications. God will manifest that He is not dependent on learned, self-important mortals."-5 Testimonies, 80:1, 82:4.

"The laborers will be qualified rather by the unction of His Spirit than by the training of literary institutions. Men of faith and prayer will be constrained to go forth with holy zeal, declaring the words which God gives them." -Great Controversy, 606:2.

7 - God will use the most usable: the common people.

"He will raise up from among the common people men and women to do His work, even as of old He called fisherman to be His disciples. There will soon be an awakening that will surprise many. Those who do not realize the necessity of what is to be done will be passed by, and the heavenly messengers will work with those who are called the common people, fitting them to carry the truth to many places."-Last Day Events, 204:2.

8 - God will use those He can use best.

"To souls that are earnestly seeking for light and that accept with gladness every ray of divine illumination from His holy Word, to such alone light will be given. It is through these souls that God will reveal that light and power which will lighten the whole earth with His glory."-5 Testimonies, 729:2.

"It is discipline of spirit, cleanness of heart and thought that is needed. This is of more value than brilliant talent, tact, or knowledge. An ordinary mind, trained to obey a 'Thus saith the Lord', is better qualified for God's work than are those who have capabilities but do not employ them rightly."-Last Day Events, 205:2.

9 - Even the illiterate will be used.

"Those who receive Christ as a personal Saviour will stand the test and trial of these last days. Strengthened by 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.

"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."- 8 Manuscript Releases, 187:1 188:0.

10 - Children will preach.

"Many, even among the uneducated, now proclaim the words of the Lord.

Children are impelled by the Spirit to go forth and declare the message from heaven. The Spirit is poured out upon all who will yield to Its promptings and, casting off all man's machinery, his binding rules and cautious methods, they will declare the truth with the might of the Spirit's power." Evangelism, 700:1.

"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." *-Last Day Events, 206:3207:0.*

11 - Angels will speak to men.

"There are many men in our world who are like Cornelius. . As God worked for Cornelius, so He works for these true standard-bearers. . They will obtain a knowledge of God as Cornelius did *through the visitation of angels from heaven,"-Last Day Events, 207:2,*

"When divine power is combined with human effort, the work will spread like fire in the stubble. God will employ agencies whose origin man will be unable to discern. *Angels will do a work which men might have had the blessing of accomplishing had they not neglected to answer the claims of God-." 1 Selected Messages, 118:3.*

"The angels of heaven are moving upon human minds to arouse investigation in the themes of the Bible. 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. "-Counsels to Writers and Editors, 140:2.

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MANY WILL RESIST AND OPPOSE GOD'S CHOSEN METHODS

1 - God's methods will be resisted as something dangerous.

"There is to be in the [Seventh-day Adventist) churches a wonderful manifestation of the power of God, but it will not move upon those who have not humbled themselves before the Lord, and opened the door of the heart by confession and repentance. In the manifestation of that power which lightens the earth with the glory of God, *they will see only something which in their blindness they think dangerous, something which will arouse their fears, and they will brace themselves to resist it.* Because the Lord does not work according to their ideas and expectations *they will oppose the work.* 'Why,' they say, 'should we not know the Spirit of God, when we have been in the work so many years?" *-Last Day Events, 209:3-210:0.*

-12 - THE LOUD CRY OF THE THIRD ANGEL

LAST DAYS APPENDIX

The following material was gleaned from our book of unpublished manuscripts, entitled *The Last Days*, and is some of the best material from that volume on topics given in this section.

LOUD CRY

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." - *Letter 30, 1900, pp. 5-6. (To "Brother and Sister Hickox, " February 25, 1900) [See also: TBC 167.]*

Laymen From Various Vocations Will Learn in Connection With Men of Experience. - "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 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 Spirit: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, Lo, I am with you always, 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). [See also: PC 79-6; TDG 195.)*

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). [See also: 9T 95-6.)*

Imprisonment During the Loud Cry. "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). (See also: RC 204.)*

THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE

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." -*Letter 28, 1900, pp. 2-8. (To "Brother and Sister [W. W.] Prescott," February 17, 1900). [See also: Maranatha 191.]*