

## ***Babylon comes in among SDA's! How?***

*As the storm approaches, a **large class** who have professed faith in the third angel's message, but have not been sanctified through obedience to the truth, abandon their position and join the ranks of the opposition. By uniting with the world and partaking of *its spirit*, they have come to **view matters in nearly the same light**; and when the test is brought, they are prepared to choose the easy, popular side. Men of talent and pleasing address, who once rejoiced in the truth, **employ their powers to deceive and mislead souls**. They become the most bitter enemies of their former brethren. When Sabbathkeepers are brought before the courts to answer for their faith, these apostates are the most efficient agents of Satan to misrepresent and accuse them, and by false reports and insinuations to stir up the rulers against them. {GC 608.2}*

Note: What *matters* do those who profess faith in the third angels message (SDA's) ***view in nearly the same light?*** False Prophecy and the false gospel etc.

### ***Its In the Pulpits.***

But where does it come from?

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***. "If thou hadst known," said Christ, "even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes." {TM 409.3}

"In the future, deception of every kind is to arise, and we want solid ground for our feet. We want solid pillars for the building. Not one pin is to be removed from that which the Lord has established. The enemy **will bring in false theories**, such as the doctrine ***that there is no sanctuary***. This is one of the points on which there will be a departing from the faith. ***Where shall we find safety unless it be in the truths that the Lord has been giving for the last fifty years?***" {RH, May 25, 1905 par. 28}

The time has come when things must be called by their right names. The truth is to triumph gloriously, and those who have long been halting between two opinions must take their stand decidedly for or against the law of God. Some will take up with theories that misinterpret the Word of God, and undermine the foundation of the truth that has been firmly established, point by point, and sealed by the power of the Holy Spirit. ***The old truths are to be revived, in order that the false theories***

**that have been brought in by the enemy may be intelligently met. There can be no unity between truth and error. We can unite with those who have been led into deception only when they are converted.** {UL 88.2}

## ***Who is Babylon?***

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"The fallen denominational churches comprise babylon". also PP124.1

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"The churches have become as described in the eighteenth chapter of Revelation" also GC 389, 380-390.

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"The *second angel's message* of Revelation 14 was first preached in the summer of 1844, and **it then had a more direct application to the churches of the United States**, where the warning of the judgment had been most widely proclaimed and most generally rejected, and where the declension in the churches had been most rapid. But the message of the second angel did not reach its complete fulfillment in 1844. The churches then experienced a moral fall, in consequence of their refusal of the light of the advent message; but that fall was not complete. As they have continued to reject the special truths for this time they have fallen lower and lower. Not yet, however, can it be said that "Babylon is fallen,... because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication." She has not yet made all nations do this."

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"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. There are many of these who have never seen the special truths for this time. Not a few are dissatisfied with their present condition and are longing for clearer light. They look in vain for the image of Christ in the churches with which they are connected."

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"Babylon has been fostering **poisonous doctrines**, the wine of error. This wine of error is made up of false doctrines, such as the natural immortality of the soul, the eternal torment of the wicked, the denial of the pre-existence of Christ prior to His birth in Bethlehem, and advocating and exalting the first day of the week above God's holy and sanctified day. These and kindred errors..." also GC 389, 586.

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This is the same message that was given by the second angel. Babylon is fallen, "because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication." What is this wine?- her false doctrine. She has given to the world a false sabbath instead of the Sabbath of the fourth commandment, and has repeated the falsehood that satan first told Eve in Eden- the natural immortality of the soul. Many kindred errors she has spread far and wide, "teaching for doctrines the commandments of men."...

In the last work for the warning of the world, two distinct calls are made to the churches. The second angel's message is, "Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication." And in the loud cry of the third angel's message a voice is heard 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.

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Every position of truth taken by our people will bear the criticism of the greatest minds; the highest of the world's great men will be brought in contact with truth,

and therefore every position we take should be critically examined and tested by the Scriptures. Now we seem to be unnoticed, but his will not always be. Movements are at work to bring us to the front, and if our theories of truth can be picked to pieces by historians or the world's greatest men, it will be done.

We must individually know for ourselves what is truth, and be prepared to give a reason of the hope that we have with meekness and fear, not in a proud, boasting, self-sufficiency, but with the spirit of Christ. We are nearing the time when we shall stand individually alone to answer for our belief.

We shall be attacked on every point; we shall be tried to the utmost. We do not want to hold our faith simply because it was handed down to us by our fathers. Such a faith will not stand the terrible test that is before us. We want to know why we are Seventh-day Adventists, what real reason we have for coming out from the world as a separate and distinct people....

The powers of darkness will open their batteries upon us; and all who are indifferent and careless, who have set their affections on their earthly treasure, and who have not cared to understand God's dealings with His people, will be ready victims. **No power but a knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus, will ever make us steadfast; but with this one, one may chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight.**

### ***Why is the theories of Babylon allowed in?***

Tradition, ignorance, turning to men, human in place of divine, sleeping.

The fact that there is no controversy or agitation among God's people ***should not be regarded as conclusive evidence that they are holding fast to sound doctrine. There is reason to fear that they may not be clearly discriminating between truth and error.*** When no new questions are started by investigation of the Scriptures, when no difference of opinion arises which will set men to searching the Bible for themselves to make sure that they have the truth, there will be many now, as in ancient times, who will hold to ***tradition*** and worship they know not what. { 5T 707.1 }

***I have been shown*** that many who profess to have a knowledge of present truth ***know not what they believe.*** They do not understand the evidences of their faith. They have no just appreciation of the work for the present time. When the time of trial shall come, there are men ***now preaching to others*** who will find, upon examining the positions they hold, that there are many things ***for which they can give no satisfactory reason.*** Until thus tested ***they knew not their great ignorance.*** And ***there are many in the church who take it for granted*** that they understand what they believe; but, until controversy arises, ***they do not know their own weakness.*** When separated from those of like faith and compelled to stand singly and alone to explain their belief, **they will be surprised to see how confused are their ideas of what they had accepted as truth.** Certain it is that there has been

*among us a departure* from the living God and a turning to men, putting human in place of divine wisdom. { 5T 707.2 }

God will arouse His people; if other means fail, *heresies will come in among them, which will sift them,* separating the chaff from the wheat. The Lord calls upon all who believe His word to awake out of sleep. Precious light has come, appropriate for this time. It is Bible truth, showing the perils that are right upon us. This light should lead us to a *diligent study of the Scriptures and a most critical examination* of the positions which we hold. God would have all the bearings and positions of truth thoroughly and perseveringly searched, with prayer and fasting. Believers are not to rest in suppositions and ill-defined ideas of what constitutes truth. Their faith must be firmly founded upon the word of God so that when the testing time shall come and they are brought before councils to answer for their faith they may be able to give a reason for the hope that is in them, with meekness and fear. { 5T 707.3 }

Agitate, agitate, agitate. The subjects which we present to the world must be to us a living reality. It is important that in defending the doctrines which we consider fundamental articles of faith we should never allow ourselves to employ arguments that are not wholly sound. These may avail to silence an opposer, but they do not honor the truth. We should present sound arguments, that will not only silence our opponents, but will bear the closest and most searching scrutiny. With those who have educated themselves as debaters there is great danger that they will not handle the word of God with fairness. In meeting an opponent it should be our earnest effort to present subjects in such a manner as to awaken conviction in his mind, instead of seeking merely to give confidence to the believer. { 5T 708.1 }