

What will the falling away look like?

See Judges 2:10.

Who is the Church? The body of believers! What do they believe? Everyone something different than Moses, Daniel, John and all the other prophets, Jesus, EGW? No! That's the claim today, that was for their day.

“The conviction is gaining ground in the world that Seventh-day Adventists *are giving the trumpet an uncertain sound*, that they are following worldlings.” {TM 86.2}

"It is our individual duty to walk humbly with God. We are not to seek any strange, new message. We are not to think that the chosen ones of God who are trying to walk in the light compose Babylon. ***The fallen denominational churches are Babylon. 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 are presented to the world by the various churches, and thus the Scriptures are fulfilled that say, 'For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.' It is a wrath which is created by false doctrines, and when kings and presidents drink this wine of the wrath of her fornication, they are stirred with anger against those ***who will not come into harmony with the false and satanic heresies*** which exalt the false sabbath, and lead men to trample underfoot God's memorial. {TM 61.3}

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 (DA 635.1)***; 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} Para., and contents added.

When ***the churches of our land***, uniting upon such points of faith as are held by them in common, ***shall influence the State*** to enforce their decrees and sustain

their institutions, *then will Protestant America have formed an image of the Roman hierarchy. Then the true church will be assailed by persecution, as were God's ancient people.* {4SP 277.2}

In vision I saw two armies in terrible conflict. One army was led by banners bearing the world's insignia; the other was led by the bloodstained banner of Prince Immanuel. *Standard after standard was left to trail in the dust as company after company from the Lord's army joined the foe and tribe after tribe from the ranks of the enemy united with the commandment-keeping people of God.* An angel flying in the midst of heaven put the standard of Immanuel into many hands, while a mighty general cried out with a loud voice: "Come into line. Let those who are loyal to the commandments of God and the testimony of Christ now take their position. *Come out from among them, and be ye separate, and touch not the unclean, and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be My sons and daughters.* Let all who will come up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty." {8T 41.1} {RH, November 26, 1903 par. 1} {RH, July 16, 1908 par. 8}

The enemy of souls has sought to bring in the supposition that a great reformation was to take place among Seventh-Day Adventists, and that this reformation would consist in *giving up the doctrines which stand as the pillars of our faith*, and engaging in a process of reorganization. Were this reformation to take place, what would result? **The principles of truth that God in His wisdom has given to the remnant church, would be discarded.** Our religion would be changed. **The fundamental principles that have sustained the work for the last fifty years would be counted as error.** A new organization would be established. Books of a new order would be written. A system of *intellectual philosophy* would be introduced. *The founders of this system would go into the cities, and do a wonderful work.* The sabbath, of course, would be lightly regarded, as also the God who created it. *Nothing would be allowed to stand in the way of the new movement.* The leaders would teach that virtue is better than vice, but God being removed, they would place their dependence on human power, which, without God, is worthless. Their foundation would be built on sand, storm and tempest would sweep away the structure. {1SM 204.2}

Who has authority to begin such a movement? **We have our Bibles. We have our experiences, attested to by the miraculous working of the Holy Spirit. We have the truth that admits of no compromise.** Shall we not repudiate everything that is not in harmony with this truth? {1SM 205.1}

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}

God's Spirit has illuminated every page of Holy Writ, but there are those upon whom it makes little impression, because it is imperfectly understood. *When the shaking comes, by the introduction of false theories, these surface readers, anchored nowhere, are like shifting sand. They slide into any position to suit the tenor of their feelings of bitterness.* . . . Daniel and Revelation must be studied, as well as the other prophecies of the Old and New Testaments. Let there be light, yes, light, in your dwellings. For this we need to pray. The Holy Spirit, shining upon the sacred page, will open our understanding, that we may know what is truth. . . . {TM 112.1}

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}

Already the judgments of God are abroad in the land, as seen in storms, in floods, in tempests, in earthquakes, in perils by land and by sea. The great I AM is speaking to those who make void his law. When God's wrath is poured out upon the earth, who will then be able to stand? Now is the time for God's people to show themselves true to principle. When the religion of Christ is most held in contempt, when his law is most despised, then should our zeal be the warmest and our courage the most unflinching. ***To stand in defense of truth and righteousness when the majority forsake us,*** to fight the battles of the Lord when champions are few,--***this will be our test.*** At this time we must gather warmth from the coldness of others, courage from their cowardice, and loyalty from their treason. The nation will be on the side of the great rebel leader. {RH, January 11, 1887 par. 2}

I turned to look at the company who were still bowed before the throne; ***they did not know that Jesus had left it.*** Satan appeared to be by the throne, ***trying to carry on the work of God.*** I saw them look up to the throne, and pray, "Father, give us Thy Spirit." ***Satan would then breathe upon them an unholy influence;*** in it there was light and much power, but no sweet love, joy, and peace. Satan's object was to ***keep them deceived and to draw back and deceive God's children.*** EW 56.1

In the above thus are the teachings of Babylon brought into the SDA Church:—

The Church is the Bride, The Daily is Christ's Ministry, 7 Trumpets are in the future, The King of the North is the Papacy. False Gospels ETC.

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}

Please Note!

The truths of the Bible, of the SDA Pioneers do not comprise Babylon, giving them up would.

Such is the case with the Illuminati theory, it removes those denominational churches from the prophecies of *Matthew 24:48,49; Rev. 3:16; 13:11,15; 14:8, 9; 18:20,24.*, for a counterfeit.

Is this not how it went with *Ancient* Israel and its untempered mortar, will not modern Israel do the same?

Jer. 23:13 Then ***I saw that she was defiled***, that they took both one way,
23:14 And that she increased her whoredoms: for when she saw men portrayed upon the wall, the images of the Chaldeans portrayed with vermilion,
23:15 Girded with girdles upon their loins, exceeding in dyed attire upon their heads, all of them princes ***to look to***, after the manner of the Babylonians of Chaldea, the land of their nativity:
23:16 And as soon as she saw them with her eyes, she doted upon them, and sent messengers unto them into Chaldea.
23:17 And the Babylonians came to her into the bed of love, and they defiled her with their whoredom, and she was polluted with them, and her mind was alienated from them.

See the false Prophecy of Hananiah in Jeremiah 28

Isa. 28:14 Wherefore hear the word of the LORD, ye scornful men, that rule this people which is in Jerusalem.

28:15 Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: ***for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves:***

28:16 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a

foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.

28:17 Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall ***overflow the hiding place.***

28:18 And your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, then ***ye shall be trodden down by it.***

28:19 From the time that it goeth forth it ***shall take you:*** for morning by morning shall it pass over, by day and by night: and ***it shall be a vexation only to understand the report.***

Note: And in the day of the first Advent did not the church appear to fall? Notice people for whom Christ wrought rejected Him. They had the Building, organization, yet within 40 years of His resurrection they were destroyed. The Apostles few in number met in homes and nature to worship, going door to door to spread the word.

Will it not be so again? Did not Paul warn of it?

2Tim. 2:14 Of these things put them in remembrance, charging them before the Lord that ***they strive not about words to no profit, but to the subverting of the hearers.***

2:15 ***Study to show thyself approved unto God,*** a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, ***rightly dividing the word of truth.***

2:16 But shun ***profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.***

2:17 And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus;

2:18 Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some.

2:19 ***Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his.*** And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.

2:20 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour.

2:21 If a man therefore ***purge himself from these,*** he shall be a vessel unto

honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.

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 with the loyal and true, without spot or stain of sin, ***without guile in their mouths.*** We must be divested of our self-righteousness and arrayed in the righteousness of Christ. {12MR 324.3} ***“which is pure, unadulterated truth.”*** {TM 64.3}

What does the sifting out look like? Look to the Bible. Ancient Israel was sifted in Christ's day, the Apostles having to meet in homes. And Modern Israel? Who will be removed from the Church? Look to the events of 1844. See Study on Wheat And Tares.

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}

Men of Talent and pleasing address are? Church leaders, pastors, evangelists.

False Reports? Those who do not take part in the current apostasy will be labeled with being illuminati?

The tares and wheat are now commingled, but then the one hand that alone can separate them will give to everyone his true position. Those who have had the

light of truth, and heard the warning message, *heard the invitation to the marriage supper--farmer*, merchant, lawyer, *false shepherds* who have quieted the convictions of the people, *unfaithful watchmen* who have not sounded the warning or known the time of night--all who have refused obedience to the laws of the kingdom of God, will have *no right therein*. Those who have sought an *excuse to avoid the cross of separation from the world* will, with the world, be taken in the snare. *They mingled with the tares from choice. Like drew to like in transgression.* It is a fearful assimilation. Men choose to stand with the first rebel, who tempted Adam and Eve in Eden to disobey God. The tares multiply themselves, for they sow tares, and they have their part with the root of all sin--the devil. {TM 235.1}

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"5. And now mark the work of apostasy: This work never begins by thrusting out God's institutions, but always by bringing in those of men and at first only asking that they may be tolerated, while yet the ones ordained of God are sacredly observed. This, in time, being effected, the next effort is to make them equal with the divine. When this has been accomplished, the third stage of the process is to honor them above those divinely commanded; and this is speedily succeeded by the fourth, in which the divine institution is thrust out with contempt, and the whole ground given to its human rival."

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But it is a painful fact that a large portion of the Advent people, and Advent ministers, have lost their faith in the soon coming of the Lord. They may still cherish the doctrine of Christ's personal Advent, the literal resurrection of the just, prior to the millennium, and the true inheritance of the saints; but faith in the immediate coming of the day of God, they have lost. The past Advent movement they consider a mistake, and one after another of the pillars of the Advent faith

they have pulled down. This apostasy has been a gradual, deceptive work, so gradual, and so carefully managed by the Advent papers, that the brethren who have lost their faith can hardly tell *how* and *where* they lost it, yet it is gone.

For several years these unfaithful servants have been saying in their hearts, “My Lord delayeth his coming,” as their acts have denied their profession of faith in his immediate coming, and they have been overturning one strong point after another of the “original Advent faith.” They have continued their profession of faith in the immediate Advent of Christ, while their acts have shown that they were saying in their hearts, “My Lord delayeth his coming.” More recently, however, they have been speaking it out in unmistakable terms.

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?”—RH Extra, Dec. 23, 1890. {LDE 209.3}

The third angel's message will not be comprehended, the light which will lighten the earth with its glory will be ***called a false light***, by those who refuse to walk in its advancing glory.—RH May 27, 1890. {LDE 210.1} {Mar chapter 219.}

But the Church does not fall!

Servants of God, endowed with power from on high with their faces lighted up, and shining with holy consecration, ***went forth to proclaim*** the message from heaven. ***Souls that were scattered*** all through the religious bodies answered to the call, and the precious were hurried out of the ***doomed churches***, as Lot was hurried out of Sodom before her destruction. God's people were strengthened by the excellent glory which rested upon them in rich abundance and prepared them to endure the hour of temptation. I heard everywhere a multitude of voices saying, “Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.” {EW 278.2}—***GC 390.2.***

The commission given to the disciples is given also to us. Today, as then, a crucified and risen Saviour is to be uplifted before those who are without God and without hope in the world. The Lord calls for pastors, teachers, and evangelists. ***From door to door His servants are to proclaim the message of salvation.*** To every nation, kindred, tongue, and people the tidings of pardon through Christ are to be carried. {8T 15.5}

"God desires light found in the books of Daniel and the Revelation to be presented in clear lines, It is painful to think of the many cheap theories picked up and presented to the people by ignorant, unprepared teachers. Those who present their human tests and nonsensical ideas they have concocted in their own minds, show the character of the goods in their treasure-house. They have laid in store shoddy material. Their desire is to make a sensation. {1MR 62.3}

The truth for this time has been brought out in many books. Let those who have been dealing in cheap sentiments and foolish tests, cease this work and study *Daniel and the Revelation*. They will ***then have something to talk about that will help the mind. As they receive the knowledge contained in this book, they will have in the treasure house of the mind a store from which they can continually draw as they communicate to others the great, essential truths of God's Word.*** {1MR 62.4}

The interest in Daniel and the Revelation is to continue ***as long as probationary time shall last. God used*** the author of this book as a channel through which ***to communicate light to direct minds to the truth.*** Shall we not appreciate this light, which points us to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, our King? {1MR 63.1}

Now is come the time of the revelation of the grace of God. Now is the gospel of Jesus Christ to be proclaimed. Satan will seek to divert the minds of those who should be established, strengthened, and settled in the truths of the first, second, and third angels' messages. ***The students*** in our schools should carefully study Daniel and the Revelation, so that they shall not be left in darkness, and the day of Christ overtake them as a thief in the night. I speak of this book because it is a means of educating those who need to understand the truth of the Word. This book should be highly appreciated. ***It covers much of the ground we have been over in our experience.*** If the youth will study this book and learn for themselves what is truth, they will be saved from many perils. {1MR 63.4}

I was shown the ***necessity*** of those who believe that we are having the last message of mercy, ***being separate*** from those who are daily imbibing new errors. I saw that ***neither*** young nor old ***should attend their meetings; for it is wrong to thus encourage them while they teach error that is a deadly poison*** to the soul

and teach for doctrines the commandments of men. The influence of such gatherings is not good. If God has delivered us from such darkness and error, we should stand fast in the liberty wherewith He has set us free and rejoice in the truth. ***God is displeased with us when we go to listen to error, without being obliged to go; for unless He sends us to those meetings where error is forced home to the people by the power of the will, He will not keep us. The angels cease their watchful care over us, and we are left to the buffetings of the enemy,*** to be darkened and weakened by him and the power of his evil angels; and the light around us becomes contaminated with the darkness. {EW 124.3}

I saw that we have ***no time*** to throw away in listening to fables. Our minds should not be thus diverted, but should be occupied with the present truth, and seeking wisdom that we may ***obtain a more thorough knowledge of our position,*** that with meekness we may be able to give a reason of our hope from the Scriptures. ***While false doctrines and dangerous errors are pressed upon the mind, it cannot be dwelling upon the truth which is to fit and prepare the house of Israel to stand in the day of the Lord.*** {EW 125.1}