

Before the Close of Probation.

Throughout the entire book the special providence of God over those who are faithful to him is brought out in clear contrast ***to the fate of those who ignore his guiding hand.*** The truth is the same, whether in the history of nations or individuals. SDP 3.6

Thus came to an end one of the proudest monarchies that has ever been upon the earth. When an **individual or a nation** fills up the cup of iniquity, **and passes the limit of God's mercy,** they are quickly humbled in the dust. SDP 75.1

. . . All history is an object lesson, showing how God thwarts the thousand ways by which the devil's plans are unfolding, and **national history is but individual experience on a large scale.** SDP 209.4

. . . Freedom seemed again to be defeated. **Partial acceptance of truth brings only tyranny.** This is individual as well as national experience. SDP 245.1

. . . The halfhearted and superficial could no longer lean upon the faith of their brethren. Each must stand or fall for himself. GC 394.1

Let us consider solemnly the dealings of God with nations and individuals, that we may avoid taking a course that will ruin us through transgression of the law of God. Let us treasure up every blessing, every heaven-sent ray of light, in warnings, in reproofs, in tokens of mercy given unto us. Let us not be among those who lightly regard God's forbearance. The figures of their iniquity are traced with unerring accuracy in the records of heaven, and are rapidly accumulating to the full measure of their guilt. God is still sending his precious messages of truth; he is still revealing precious gems of truth that have been hidden beneath the rubbish of error. He is still making plain his overtures of mercy, his willingness to pardon transgression and sin. He is still offering the wedding garment woven in the loom of heaven, even the righteousness of Christ, that men may be clothed, and prepared to enter the marriage supper of the Lamb. RH May 2, 1893, par. 9

God never forces the will or the conscience; but Satan's constant resort—to gain control of those whom he cannot otherwise seduce—is compulsion by cruelty. Through fear or force he endeavors to rule the conscience and to secure homage to himself. To accomplish this, **he works through both religious and secular authorities,** moving them to the enforcement of human laws ***in defiance of the law of God.*** GC 591.2

Note A: It was the preaching of Lot that warned Sodom of its impending doom, when the doom came it was too late for repentance. Abraham's intercession was to plead for Lot and his family. So it is with the 3 Angels messages of Revelation 14:6-12 while probation is granted, for when it closes none can repent though they may seek it. It is not at the close of probation that it can be said "***The Lord has come!***" Is still a year in the future. Rev. 18:8. So too under the 7th plague there can be no conversation as below between the Saints and the unprepared lost for they issued a death decree against the saints. Thus the Unconverted Pastor would dispense with the 3 Angels messages.

The most solemn warning and the most awful threatening ever addressed to mortals is that contained in the third angel's message. The sin that calls down the wrath of God unmixed with mercy must be of the most heinous character. ***Is the world left in darkness*** as to the nature of this sin?—Most assuredly not. God does not deal thus with His creatures. His wrath is never visited upon sins of ignorance. ***Before His judgments are to be brought upon the earth, the light in regard to this sin must be presented to the world, that man may know why these judgments are to be inflicted, and may have an opportunity to escape them.*** {ST, November 1, 1899 par. 7}

This is the class that in time of peril are found crying, Peace and safety. They lull their hearts into security, and dream not of danger. When startled from their lethargy, they discern their destitution, and ***entreat others to supply their lack; but in spiritual things no man can make up another's deficiency.*** The grace of God has been freely offered to every soul. The message of the gospel has been heralded, "Let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." Revelation 22:17. ***But character is not transferable. No man can believe for another. No man can receive the Spirit for another. No man can impart to another the character which is the fruit of the Spirit's working.*** "Though Noah, Daniel, and Job were in it [the land], as I live, saith the Lord God, they shall deliver neither son nor daughter; they shall but deliver their own souls by their righteousness." Ezekiel 14:20. COL 411.2

Note B: What good does it do to worship with the tares while they control the message and teach error? It turns the wheat into tares. TM 411.2.

The mind in which error has once taken possession can never expand freely to truth, even after investigation. The old theories will claim recognition. The understanding of things that are true and elevated and sanctifying will be confused. Superstitious ideas will enter the mind to mingle with the true, and these ideas are always debasing in their influence. 2MCP 759.4

No error is of the truth, and error never sanctifies the receiver. It is by the truth that we are to be sanctified. Error possesses no sanctifying power. It can not save the soul. How careful,

then, should the teachers of truth be that their words are true words,--words such as fall from the lips of the great Teacher! {SW, March 1, 1904 par. 6}

Faith is the medium through which *truth or error finds a lodging place in the mind*. It is by the same act of mind that truth or error is received, but it makes a decided difference whether we believe the Word of God or the sayings of men. { 1SM 346.3}

Before the Second Advent.

Under the sunday law before Probation Ends.

While appearing to the children of men as a great physician who can heal all their maladies, he will bring *disease and disaster, until populous cities are reduced to ruin and desolation*. Even now he is at work. In accidents and calamities by sea and by land, in great conflagrations, in fierce tornadoes and terrific hailstorms, in tempests, floods, cyclones, tidal waves, and earthquakes, in every place and in a thousand forms, Satan is exercising his power. He sweeps away the ripening harvest, and famine and distress follow. He imparts to the air a deadly taint, and thousands perish by the pestilence. These visitations are to become more and more frequent and disastrous. Destruction will be upon both man and beast. "The earth mourneth and fadeth away," "the haughty people . . . do languish. The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant." Isaiah 24:4, 5. GC 589.3

It is no time now for God's people to be fixing their affections or laying up their treasure in the world. The time is not far distant, when, *like the early disciples*, we shall be forced to seek a refuge in desolate and solitary places. As the siege of Jerusalem by the Roman armies was the signal for flight to the Judean Christians, *so the assumption of power on the part of our nation* in the decree enforcing the papal sabbath *will be a warning to us. It will then be time to leave the large cities, preparatory to leaving the smaller ones for retired homes in secluded places among the mountains*. And now, instead of seeking expensive dwellings here, we should be preparing to move to a better country, even a heavenly. Instead of spending our means in self-gratification, we should be studying to economize. Every talent lent of God should be used to His glory in giving the warning to the world. God has a work for His colaborers to do in the cities. Our missions must be sustained; new missions must be opened. To carry forward this work successfully will require no small outlay. Houses of worship are needed, where the people may be invited to hear the truths for this time. For this very purpose, God has entrusted a capital to His stewards. Let not your property be tied up in worldly enterprises,

so that this work shall be hindered. Get your means where you can handle it for the benefit of the cause of God. Send your treasures before you into heaven. 5T 464.3

Note C: The unconverted pastor claims God drops fire on those houses/cities spoken of below to repent. So here we have conflagrations which are larger encompassing than a home fire, caused by satan Rev. 13:13 . . . so that he maketh fire come down from heaven . . . Who is it that causes these?

“As the approach of the Roman armies was a sign to the disciples of the impending destruction of Jerusalem, *so may this apostasy be a sign to us that the limit of God's forbearance is reached, that the measure of our nation's iniquity is full*, and that the angel of mercy is about to take her flight, never to return. *The people of God will then be plunged into those scenes of affliction and distress which prophets have described as the time of Jacob's trouble.*” After probation closes during the 7 last plagues “The cries of the faithful, persecuted ones ascend to Heaven. And as the blood of Abel cried from the ground, there are voices also crying to God from martyrs’ graves, from the sepulchers of the sea, from mountain caverns, from convent vaults, “How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?” T32 207.2

After Probation Closes.

During God's 7 Last Plagues.

When He leaves the sanctuary, darkness covers the inhabitants of the earth. In that fearful time the righteous must live in the sight of a holy God without an intercessor. *The restraint which has been upon the wicked is removed*, and Satan has entire control of the finally impenitent. God's longsuffering has ended. The world has rejected His mercy, despised His love, and trampled upon His law. The wicked have *passed the boundary of their probation*; the Spirit of God, persistently resisted, has been at last withdrawn. Unsheltered by divine grace, they have no protection from the wicked one. *Satan will then plunge the inhabitants of the earth into one great, final trouble.* As the angels of God cease to hold in check the fierce *winds of human passion*, all the elements of strife will be let loose. *The whole world will be involved in ruin more terrible* than that which came upon Jerusalem of old. GC 614.1

Four mighty angels hold back the powers of this earth till the servants of God are sealed in their foreheads. *The nations of the world are eager for conflict*; but they are *held in check by the angels*. When this restraining power is removed,

there will come a time of trouble and anguish. *Deadly instruments of warfare* will be invented. Vessels, with their living cargo, will be entombed in the great deep. All who have not the spirit of truth will unite under the leadership of Satanic agencies. But they are to be kept under control till the time shall come for the *great battle* of Armageddon. {1MR 145.3} {7BC 967.0.}

Angels are belting the world, refusing Satan his claim to supremacy, made because of the vast multitude of his adherents. We hear not the voices, we see not with the natural sight the work of these angels, but their hands are linked about the world, and with sleepless vigilance they are keeping the armies of Satan at bay till the **sealing** of God's people shall be accomplished. Letter 79, 1900, pp. 12, 13. (To William Kerr, May 10, 1900.) {1MR 145.4} {7BC 967.1.}

. . . Satan delights in war, for it excites the worst passions of the soul and then sweeps into eternity its victims steeped in vice and blood. *It is his object to incite the nations to war against one another, for he can thus divert the minds of the people from the work of preparation to stand in the day of God.* {GC 589.1}

Compare these next quotations with GC 654.1-655.4 Below

Last Friday morning, just before I awoke, a *very impressive scene* was presented before me. I seemed to awake from sleep, but was not in my home. From the windows I could behold a terrible conflagration. Great balls of fire were *falling upon houses*, and from these balls fiery arrows were flying in every direction. It was impossible to check the fires that were kindled, and many places were being destroyed. The terror of the people was indescribable. After a time I awoke and found myself at home. 21LtMs, Lt 278, 1906, par. 5

Note D: it is certainly true that there are houses in the country and *in the cities*.

When I was at *Nashville*, I had been speaking to the people, and in the night season, there was an immense ball of fire that came right from heaven and settled in Nashville. There were *flames* going out like arrows from that ball; *houses were being consumed; houses* were tottering and falling. Some of *our people* were standing there. "It is just as we expected," they said, "*we expected this.*" Others were wringing their hands in agony and crying unto God for mercy. "You knew it," said they, "*you knew that this was coming, and never said a word to warn us!*" They seemed as though they would almost tear them to pieces, to think they had never told them *or given them any warning at all.* 20LtMs, Ms 188, 1905, par. 13

Note E: Our People 7th Day adventist. this is under the 7th plagues, the 3 angels messages warn of the 7 last plagues. Therefore these ministers did not give the

warning of the 3 angels messages nor the Loud cry. The unconverted pastor uses Sodom and Abraham as proof of destruction before probations close, Gen. 18:16-33 "I will spare all the place for their sakes" Conflating the close of probation of an individual city/nation and that of the end of the world, as if it was possible for repentance to occur for the Sodomites while fire was rain down on them. Some do this with Noah's Ark, yet can't explain how they'd enter after being sealed by Angels of God. In other words the pastor claims this fire was an opportunity to repent—force them to repent. This is not however as the pastor would wish for God "the Lord" knew there was not 50,45,40,30,20 or 10 to be found. But as to the assertion of repentance implied by the pastor we see in Revelation 16 repentance is not possible? Or is it used to show that under the physical result of their rebellion they refuse to confess-admit their error! Matt. 23:41. Once Probation for an individual at death or the world closes there is no opportunity to repent, there is no example of such a doctrine in Scripture. Rev. 16:9 And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: *and they repented not* to give him glory. 11 And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and *repented not of their deeds.* ***And of what spirit does the unconverted pastor claim to be speaking? Attributing the work of satan to the Holy Spirit is the unpardonable sin.***

That voice shakes the heavens and the earth. There is a mighty earthquake, "such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great." Verses 17, 18. The firmament appears to open and shut. The glory from the throne of God seems flashing through. The mountains shake like a reed in the wind, and ragged rocks are scattered on every side. There is a roar as of a coming tempest. The sea is lashed into fury. There is heard the shriek of a hurricane like the voice of demons upon a mission of destruction. The whole earth heaves and swells like the waves of the sea. Its surface is breaking up. Its very foundations seem to be giving way. Mountain chains are sinking. Inhabited islands disappear. The seaports that have become like Sodom for wickedness are swallowed up by the angry waters. Babylon the great has come in remembrance before God, "to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath." Great hailstones, every one "about the weight of a talent," are doing their work of destruction. Verses 19, 21. ***The proudest cities of the earth are laid low.*** The lordly palaces, upon which the world's great men have lavished their wealth in order to glorify themselves, are crumbling to ruin before their eyes. Prison walls are rent asunder, and God's people, who have been held in bondage for their faith, are set free. GC 636.2

Note F: EG White places the destruction of the cities when? And where does she reference from?

Rev. 16:17 And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done. 18 And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great. 19 And the great city was divided into three parts, and ***the cities of the nations fell:*** and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath. 20 And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. 21 And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.

Note G: When do the wicked blame the righteous for the destruction that is falling on them? Under the 7 last plagues. And so it will be when the rich blame the righteous for the destruction of their grand houses? Under specifically the 7th plague. But if they are destroyed as the pastor ignorantly assures us before the 7 last plagues, then all the language in EG White and the Bible would be just as the pastor paints it for his own ends.

Warning: Though the following scene *does occur* during and just after the 7th plague, this conversation can not then happen between the unprepared and the Saints for 1) The saints have fled the cities and satan's destruction 5T 464.3. 2; GC 589 above . 2) The wicked have accused the Saints of causing the plagues fall and are seeking to kill them. These are God's 7 last plagues 3) There is no opportunity to repent "***why did you not tell us.***" 4). Nor can it happen before the close of the Worlds probation as the Lord does not appear (has come) is still future Rev. 18:8.

Compare the following with GC 654.1-655.4 Below

Little do we realize the strength of the forces that are now at work in this world. The whole heavenly host are seeking to save that which was lost; the fallen angels are working with a power from beneath to counteract the efforts of Christ and His co-laborers. ***Shall not we be faithful in doing our part? Shall we not strive to do everything in our power to carry the truth for this time to those who are in ignorance of God's commandments? Shall we not open the Scriptures to the understanding of those who have not yet learned the importance of obeying every precept and of preparing for the Lord's soon coming?*** Shall we not labor as

do those that must give an account? 19LtMs, Ms 102, 1904, par. 30

Last night *a scene was presented* before me. I may never feel free to reveal all of it, but I will reveal a little. 19LtMs, Ms 102, 1904, par. 31

It seemed that an immense ball of fire came down upon the world and *crushed large houses*. From place to place rose the cry, *“The Lord has come! The Lord has come!”* Many were unprepared to meet Him, but a few were saying, “Praise the Lord!” 19LtMs, Ms 102, 1904, par. 32

“Why are you praising the Lord?” enquired those upon whom was coming sudden destruction. 19LtMs, Ms 102, 1904, par. 33

“Because we now see what we have been looking for.” 19LtMs, Ms 102, 1904, par. 34

“If you believed that these things were coming, *why did you not tell us?*” was the terrible response. “We did not know about these things. Why did you leave us in ignorance? Again and again you have seen us; *why did you not become acquainted with us and tell us* of the judgment to come, and that we must serve God, lest we perish? Now we are lost!” 19LtMs, Ms 102, 1904, par. 35

Every church member is to train the intellect, in order that he may gain a clear understanding of the will of God concerning him; every one is to educate the voice, that he may communicate a knowledge of the Scriptures to those who are in ignorance. 19LtMs, Ms 102, 1904, par. 36

Webster. Scene: setting, context, milieu, backdrop.

Note H: The Unconverted pastor asserts this takes place before probation closed. But there are conflicting illustrations here that the unconverted pastor cannot interpret. Therefore this scene depicted a lesson—warning to nominal, majority, large class, professed believers rather than an actual event. (Read the whole letter). Why? 1). The Righteous saints will not be thus associated-conversing during the 7 last plagues, under Jacobs trouble while targeted for death by the unprepared foolish virgins just before the second Advent. 2). There is no opportunity for repentance by the foolish virgins, professed or unprepared world, the lost after probation has closed. Here is described the condition of those brought to view in COL 408.2,3; 411.1,2. or RH and GC 608.2 below. Those who believe the above is any other time or circumstance will also assume that their coming up in the second resurrection of the wicked is in the first resurrection of the saints. As they do with events at the second advent of the investigative judgment Matt. 25:31-46, which does the same blending of conflicting events before and at that advent to illustrate a complete view. 3). Can we conclude that these who proclaim “praise the Lord” and “the Lord has come,” are His saints? They may have been once and have a knowledge of Scripture as the Jews did having betrayed the time and location our New born Saviour to Herod. So have these knowing the times disobeyed God by staying in and refusing to leave the cities like Balaam with Balak for reward.

Worse they refused to give the 3 angels messages and the loud Cry “to come out” and separate to their fellow men as is seen in the declaration “**why did you not tell us**” and “**“you knew that this was coming, and never said a word to warn us!”**” But just as Lot wanted to retreat to a city and most Jews refused to warn the world of coming destruction by and not leave but stayed in the cities of Babylon, Medo-Persia and Greece and did not return to Jerusalem. Just so the Apostles wanted to stay in the doomed city Jerusalem “tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, **until ye be endued** with power from on high.” Luke 24:49 “And **they were all filled with the Holy Ghost,**” Acts 2:4 then “**Go ye therefore, and teach all nations,**” Matt. 28:19. But where do we find the Apostles in Acts 15:2 and 21:4,12,17,28-33,38, still in a city, the doomed city Jerusalem. As a result of their disobedience (which one act of leads to others they needed to repent and be converted) what followed caused Paul’s 1st arrest they set in motion what eventually lead to his death 2Tim 4:6, beheading by Nero charged for the burning of Rome. But in the above there is no opportunity for the disobedient who stayed in the city to leave or be again converted. Why? **the limit of God's forbearance is reached**, the Spirit of God, persistently resisted, has been at last withdrawn, Unsheltered by divine grace, they have no protection from the wicked one, rejected His mercy, despised His love, and trampled upon His law.

Heb. 6:4 For it is **impossible** for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made **partakers of the Holy Ghost**, 5 And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, 6 If they shall fall away, **to renew them again unto repentance**; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.

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Matt. 25:7 Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. 8 And the foolish said unto the wise, **Give us of your oil**; for our lamps are gone out. 9 But the wise answered, saying, **Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.**

Note I: Do these words by the unprepared actually refer to those who mingled with the tares? They that only looked for His appearing refused to warn them that were unprepared. Notice the Wise virgins warned the unprepared, but when the they ran out of oil the Wise refused them and told them to buy from someone else or some other source. They that only looked for His appearing ate and drank with the

drunken tares. Which the Wise virgins and the good servant refused to do.

God has called His church in this day, as He called ancient Israel, to stand as a light in the earth. By the mighty cleaver of truth, the messages of the first, second, and third angels, He has separated them from the churches and from the world to bring them into a sacred nearness to Himself. *He has made them the depositaries of His law and has committed to them the great truths of prophecy for this time.* Like the holy oracles committed to ancient Israel, these are a sacred trust to be communicated to the world. The three angels of Revelation 14 represent the people who accept the light of God's messages and go forth as His agents to sound the warning throughout the length and breadth of the earth. Christ declares to His followers: "Ye are the light of the world." To every soul that accepts Jesus the cross of Calvary speaks: "Behold the worth of the soul: 'Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.'" *Nothing is to be permitted to hinder this work.* It is the all-important work for time; it is to be far-reaching as eternity. The love that Jesus manifested for the souls of men in the sacrifice which He made for their redemption, will actuate all His followers. {5T 455.2}

Servants of God, *with their faces lighted up* and shining with holy consecration, will hasten from place to place to *proclaim the message from heaven.* By thousands of voices, all over the earth, *the warning will be given.* Miracles will be wrought, the sick will be healed, and signs and wonders will follow the believers. Satan also works, with lying wonders, even bringing down fire from heaven in the sight of men. Revelation 13:13. Thus the inhabitants of the earth will be brought to take their stand. GC 612.1

Note J: Mark the difference between GC 612.1 and 19LtMs, Ms 102, 1904, par. 32-35 above. One group gave the message the other did not, God's Wheat will give the message. Those who only looked for His appearing refused.

Question: Again When are the cities destroyed? Rev. 16:19 And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath. 20 And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. 21 And there fell upon men a *great hail* out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.

When the voice of God turns the captivity of His people, there is a *terrible awakening of those who have lost all in the great conflict of life.* While probation

continued they were blinded by Satan's deceptions, and they justified their course of sin. The rich prided themselves upon their superiority to those who were less favored; but they had obtained their riches by *violation of the law of God*. They had neglected to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to deal justly, and to love mercy. They had sought to exalt themselves and to *obtain the homage of their fellow* creatures. Now they are stripped of all that made them great and are left destitute and defenseless. They look with terror upon the destruction of the idols which they preferred before their Maker. They have sold their souls for earthly riches and enjoyments, and have not sought to become rich toward God. The result is, their lives are a failure; their pleasures are now turned to gall, their treasures to corruption. The gain of a lifetime is swept away in a moment. **The rich bemoan the destruction of their grand houses**, the scattering of their gold and silver. But their lamentations are silenced by the fear that they themselves are to perish with their idols. GC 654.1

The world see the very class whom they have mocked and derided, and desired to exterminate, pass unharmed through pestilence, tempest, and earthquake. He who is to the transgressors of His law a devouring fire, is to His people a safe pavilion. GC 654.3

The minister who has sacrificed truth to gain the favor of men now discerns the character and influence of his teachings. It is apparent that the omniscient eye was following him as he stood in the desk, as he walked the streets, as he mingled with men in the various scenes of life. Every emotion of the soul, every line written, every word uttered, every act that led men to rest in a refuge of falsehood, has been scattering seed; and now, in the wretched, lost souls around him, he beholds the harvest. GC 654.4

Ministers and people see that they have not sustained the right relation to God. They see that they have rebelled against *the Author of all just and righteous law*. The setting aside of the *divine precepts* gave rise to thousands of springs of evil, discord, hatred, iniquity, until the earth became one vast field of strife, one sink of corruption. This is the view that now appears to those who rejected truth and chose to cherish error. No language can express the longing which the disobedient and disloyal feel for that which they have lost forever--eternal life. Men whom the world has worshiped for their talents and eloquence now see these things in their true light. They realize what they have forfeited by transgression, and they fall at the feet of those whose fidelity they have despised and derided, and confess that God has loved them. GC 655.3

The people see that they have been deluded. They accuse one another of having led them to destruction; but **all unite in heaping their bitterest condemnation upon the ministers.** Unfaithful pastors have prophesied smooth things;” *you knew and didn’t tell us* “they have led their hearers to make void the law of God and to persecute those who would keep it holy.” These persecuted are the saints “Now, in their despair, **these teachers confess before the world their work of deception.** The multitudes are filled with fury. "We are lost!" they cry, "and you are the cause of our ruin;" and they turn upon the **false shepherds.** The very ones that once admired them most will pronounce the most dreadful curses upon them. The very hands that once crowned them with laurels will be raised for their destruction. **The swords which were to slay God's people”** *the death decree noted as causing the 3rd plague* “are now employed to destroy their enemies. Everywhere there is strife and bloodshed. GC 655.4

Note K; They that only looked for His appearing and the unprepared. . . having loved this present world . . . more than God. But let us look “for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.” 2Tim 4:10 ; Heb. 11:10.

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At the commencement of the Holy Sabbath, (January 5th, 1849) we engaged in prayer with Bro. Belden's family at Rocky Hill, Con., and the Holy Ghost fell upon us. I was taken off in vision to the Most Holy Place, where I saw Jesus still interceding for Israel. On the bottom of his garment was a bell and a pomegranate, a bell and a pomegranate. Then I saw that Jesus would not leave the Most Holy Place until every case was decided either for salvation or destruction, and that the wrath of God could not come until Jesus had finished his work in the Most Holy Place, laid off his priestly attire and clothed himself with the garments of vengeance. **Then Jesus will step out from between the Father and man,** and God will keep silence no longer; but pour out his wrath on those who have rejected his truth. I saw that the anger of the nations, the wrath of God, and the time to judge the dead, were separate events, one following the other. I saw that Michael had not stood up, and that the time of trouble, such as never was, had not yet commenced. The nations are now getting angry, but when our High Priest has finished his work in the Sanctuary, he will stand up, put on the garments of vengeance, and then the seven last plagues will be poured out. I saw that the four angels would hold the four winds until Jesus’ work was done in the Sanctuary, and then will come the seven last plagues. These plagues enraged the wicked against the righteous, and they thought that we had brought them down upon them, and if they could rid the earth of us, then the plagues would be stayed. A decree went

forth to slay the saints, which caused them to cry day and night for deliverance. This was the time of Jacob's trouble. Then all the saints cried out with anguish of spirit, and were delivered by the voice of God. Then the 144,000 triumphed. Their faces were lighted up with the glory of God. **Then I was shown a company who were howling in agony.** On their garments was written in large characters, "Thou art weighed in the balance, and found wanting." I asked who this company were. The angel said, **"These are they who have once kept the Sabbath and have given it up."** I heard them cry with a loud voice, "We have believed in thy coming, and taught it with energy." And while they were speaking, their eyes would fall upon their garments and see the writing, and then they would wail aloud. **I saw that they had drunk of the deep waters, and fouled the residue with their feet—** trodden the Sabbath under foot, and that is why they were weighed in the balance and found wanting. Then my attending angel directed me to the City again, where I saw four angels winging their way to the gate of the City, and were just presenting the golden card to the angel at the gate. Then I saw another angel swiftly flying from the direction of the most excellent glory, and crying with a loud voice to the other angels, and waving something up and down in his hand. I asked my attending angel for an explanation of what I saw. He told me that I could see no more then, but he would shortly show me what those things that I then saw meant. ExV 19.1

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.

There are many who try to blend these two systems, ***using the texts that speak of the ceremonial law to prove that the moral law has been abolished; but this is a perversion of the Scriptures.*** The distinction between the two systems is broad and clear. The ceremonial system was made up of symbols pointing to Christ, to His sacrifice and His priesthood. . . . But concerning the law of Ten Commandments the psalmist declares, "Forever, O Lord, Thy word is settled in heaven." Psalm 119:89. And Christ Himself says, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law.... Verily I say unto you", making the assertion as emphatic as possible "Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled." Matthew 5:17, 18. . . . { PP 365.1 }

*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} {GC88 608.1} {4SP 426.1} {Mar 196.2} {FLB 336.7} {LDE 180.6} LDE 209.3*