

***Judgment does begin at the House of God,
But is that the SDA church?***

In the typical service only those who had come before God with confession and repentance, and whose sins, through the blood of the sin offering, were transferred to the sanctuary, had a part in the service of the Day of Atonement. So in the great day of final atonement and investigative judgment the ***only cases considered are those of the professed people of God.*** The judgment of the wicked is a distinct and separate work, and takes place at a later period. "Judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel?" 1 Peter 4:17. {GC 480.1}

***Adam was part of the House of God.
Judgement began with him.***

As the books of record are opened in the judgment, the lives of ***all who have believed on Jesus*** come in review before God. ***Beginning with those who first lived upon the earth,*** our Advocate presents the cases of each successive generation, and closes with the living. Every name is mentioned, every case closely investigated. Names are accepted, names rejected. When any have sins remaining upon the books of record, unrepented of and unforgiven, their names will be blotted out of the book of life, and the record of their good deeds will be erased from the book of God's remembrance. The Lord declared to Moses: "Whosoever hath sinned against Me, him will I blot out of My book." Exodus 32:33. And says the prophet Ezekiel: "When the righteous turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, . . . all his righteousness that he hath done shall not be mentioned." Ezekiel 18:24. {GC 483.1}{GC88 480.1}--{GC88 483.1}

1Peter 4:17 For the time is come that judgment must begin at the ***house*** of God: and if it first begin at ***us***, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?

1John. 2:2 And he is the propitiation for ***our*** sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

Note: Peter includes himself in that house.

***Not Sealed until this Test,
for all living today.***

The Lord has shown me clearly that the image of the beast will be formed before probation closes; for it is to be ***the great test for the people of God, by which their eternal destiny will be decided.*** . . . [Revelation 13:11-17 quoted.] . . . {7BC 976.2}

This is the test that the people of God must have ***before they are sealed.*** All who proved their loyalty to God by observing His law, and refusing to accept a spurious sabbath, will rank under the banner of the Lord God Jehovah, and will ***receive the seal of the living God.*** Those who

yield the truth of heavenly origin and accept the Sunday sabbath, will receive the mark of the beast (Letter 11, 1890). {7BC 976.3}

We are nearing the close of this world's history. We are face to face with tremendous conflicts, *storms of dissension of which few dream*; and all our time and power of thought are to be centered on the living issues before us. God has tests for this age, and they are to stand out plain and unmistakable. It is too late now to become enthusiastic over any man-made tests. ***The great test for this time is on the commandments of God, especially the Sabbath, and nothing is to be brought in to draw the mind and heart from the preparation needed to meet it.*** The people of God will have all the test that they can bear. The Sabbath question is a test that will come to the whole world. We need nothing to come in now as a test for God's people, that shall make more severe for them the test they already have. . . . {SHM 443.1}

We are in danger of giving the Third Angel's Message in so indefinite a manner that it does not impress the people. So many other interests are brought in that the very message which should be proclaimed with power ***becomes tame and voiceless.*** At our camp-meeting a mistake has been made. The Sabbath question has been touched upon, but has not been presented as ***the great test*** for this time. While the churches profess to believe in Christ, they are violating the law which *Christ Himself proclaimed from Sinai.* The Lord bids us, "Show my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins." The trumpet is to give a certain sound. {PH130 32.1}

July 31, 1893 Our Eternal Destiny Decided by Our Course Here.

-

By Mrs. E. G. White.

***Only one Probation given to Man.
Not one for SDA's and one for those, and another for them.***

We have but **one probation** in which to form character, and our destiny depends upon the manner of character we form. Those who on earth have formed characters that through the grace of Christ bear the heavenly mould, will be ripened through the gracious influence of the Holy Spirit for the eternal reward. They become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. ***It is a realization of the fact that our characters are Christlike, that calls forth the song of praise and thanksgiving to God and to the Lamb.*** Those who appreciate the goodness, mercy, and love of Christ, and by beholding him become changed into his image, will be partakers of eternal life. The attributes of their character are like those of Christ, and they cannot fail of the rest that remains for the people of God.

April 8, 1903 The Home-Life.

By Mrs. E. G. White.

We have only one life to live, only **one probation** in which to form characters that God can

approve. Let parents take heed, first to themselves, and then to their children. Let them learn from the Word of God what their duty is. The work committed to them is a most solemn and important one,--a work that they can not neglect without incurring heavy guilt. They should make all else secondary to the training of their children, remember that as these children are in the home, so they will be when they go out into the world.

Close of probation for SDA's before the Sunday-Law?

The Image is formed before the real Close of Probation.

Several times during our conversation, in which you become very much in earnest, you repeated the sentence, "O consistency, thou art a jewel!" I repeat the same with decided force to you. You say that Anna's visions place the forming of the image of the beast after probation closes. This is not so. You claim to believe the testimonies; let them set you right on this point. The Lord has shown me clearly that ***the image of the beast will be formed before probation closes; for it is to be the great test for the people of God, by which their eternal destiny will be decided.*** Your position is such a jumble of inconsistencies that but few will be deceived. {15MR 15.1}

In Revelation 13 this subject is plainly presented; [Revelation 13:11-17, quoted]. {15MR 15.2}

This is the test that the people of God must have before they are sealed. All who prove their loyalty to God by observing His law, and refusing to accept a spurious sabbath, will rank under the banner of the Lord God Jehovah, and will receive the seal of the living God. Those who ***yield the truth of heavenly origin***, and accept the Sunday sabbath, will receive the mark of the beast. **What need will there be of the solemn warning**, not to receive the mark of the beast, when all the saints of God are sealed and ticketed for the New Jerusalem? "O consistency, thou art a jewel!" {15MR 15.3}

Note: If Probation closes for SDA's at the Sundaylaw then the destruction of those SDA's who were not faithful would also come at that same point of time, for "The work of destruction ***begins among those who have professed to be the spiritual guardians of the people.*** The false watchmen are the first to fall. There are none to pity or to spare. Men, women, maidens, and little children perish together. { GC 656.2}