

My husband had some ideas on some points differing from the views taken by his brethren. *I was shown that* however true *his* views were, *God did not call for him to put them in front before his brethren* and create differences of ideas. While he might hold these views subordinate himself, once they are made public, minds would seize [upon them], and just because others believed differently would make these differences the whole burden of the message, and get up contention and variance.—Letter 37, 1887 (Manuscript Releases, vol. 15, pp. 20-22).

Sunday morning the weather was still cloudy; but before it was time for the people to assemble, the sun shone forth. Boats and trains poured their living freight upon the ground in thousands. *Elder Smith spoke in the morning upon the Eastern Question. The subject was of special interest, and the people listened with the most earnest attention.* In the afternoon it was difficult to make my way to the desk through the standing crowd. Upon reaching it, a sea of heads was before me. The mammoth tent was full, and thousands stood outside, making a living wall several feet deep. My lungs and throat pained me very much, yet I believed that God would help me upon this important occasion. While speaking, my weariness and pain were forgotten as I realized that I was speaking to a people that did not regard my words as idle tales. The discourse occupied over an hour, and the very best attention was given throughout. As the closing hymn was being sung, the officers of the Temperance Reform Club of Haverhill solicited me, as on the previous year, to speak before their association on Monday evening. Having an appointment to speak at Danvers, I was obliged to decline the invitation. {RH, September 6, 1877 par. 11} {4T 279.1}

"I feel very tender towards Elder Smith. My life-interest in the publishing work is bound up with his. He came to us as a young man, possessing talents that qualified him to stand in his lot and place as an editor. *How I rejoice as I read his articles* in the Review--*so excellent, so full of spiritual truth. I thank God for them.* I feel a strong sympathy for Elder Smith, and I believe that his name should always appear in the Review as the name of the leading editor. *Thus God would have it.* When, some years ago, his name was placed second, I felt hurt. When it was again, placed first I wept, and said, "Thank God." May it always be there, *as God designs it shall be*, while Elder Smith's right hand can hold a pen. And when the power of his hand fails, let his sons write at his dictation." Ellen G. White, letter 47, *Feb. 5, 1902.* {20MR 220.2}

The following grammatical rule is worthy of notice: "A noun without an adjective is invariably taken in its broadest extension, as: all his articles in the Review, and not limited to his articles on spiritualism or the state of the dead but all.

Smith's name was placed second to AT Jones, between:

August 31, 1897. Vol. 74. No. 35. and March 26, 1901. Vol. 78. No. 13.

June 18, 1901. Vol. 78. No. 25. Smith Placed first.

EG White wrote the above 9-nine days after this article appeared.

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THE DECISIVE SIGN.
BY URIAH SMITH.

THERE is a prophecy concerning what we call "the Eastern question" which points out that the Turk shall remove the seat of his government from Constantinople to Jerusalem, and then come to his end with none to help him. And this is in close connection with the standing up of Michael, or the beginning of the everlasting reign of our Lord Jesus Christ, who finally sets up His eternal kingdom, for the saints of the Most Hgh. Dan. 12:1; 11: 45. Naturally the mind of the student of prophecy would fix itself upon this point, the expulsion of the Turk from Europe, as the immediate and decisive sign of the second coming of Christ in the clouds of heaven.

A correspondent from Hume, Mich., has been studying upon this point, and writes:--

"In Luke 21::20 we read that when the disciples should see Jerusalem compassed with armies, they were to consider it a sign for immediate flight from the city. Is it not possible that this may have a secondary and particular application to the people of God in the last day; namely, that the retirement of the Turk from Europe, and the establishment of his government at Jerusalem, will be a sign for the people of God to flee from the cities, and retire by themselves into secret places, waiting for the coming of the Lord? for when the scene shifts to Jerusalem, we understand that all nations will be gathered there to the battle of the great day. Then Jerusalem would be compassed with armies (plural), whereas now, when we speak of the military power of a nation, we say army (singular) as the army of Great Britain, the army of the United States, etc. When Jerusalem was overthrown, it was compassed with one army, the Roman army,--not armies; but the time will come in the future when it will be compassed with armies; and will not this be the decisive sign to us, of the end?"

ANSWER.--The events transpiring in the East are worthy of special attention, and their significance as signs should be marked; but it should be remembered that there is a Western question which is equally significant. Events are moving here, the currents of which are eddying around our own feet, which are just as significant and striking as signs as anything can be. Signs are multiplying on every hand. In our own country they are manifested in political, social, and religious movements, especially the latter. Backsliding and apostasy from some of the highest and noblest principles among men, are apparent in our land. The everlasting truth, incorporated in the Declaration of the Independence of the United States, that "***governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed,***" is repudiated by a growing party in our own country, and denounced as the "old Philadelphia lie." They would have it that governments derive all their powers directly from God. Said power, to be interpreted and applied by His agents, *alias themselves*. Secondly, the Constitution of the United States, a document which has been described by a leading organ of public opinion in England as "the most sacred political document in the world," has been repudiated. It has been denied the privilege of following the flag. The United States has shown itself willing to, extend its jurisdiction over subject peoples, while at the same time it denies to them the civil and religious rights which the Constitution guarantees to all people.

This is national apostasy, and this is to-day taking place right before our eyes. It ought to make the nerves of every intelligent man tremble with apprehension when he contemplates the inevitable result of such a course. Ancient prophecy foretold it, modern prophecy repeats and applies it. It says "When Protestantism shall stretch her hand across the gulf to grasp the hand of the Roman power [which it is now doing], when she shall reach over the abyss to clasp hands with Spiritualism [which she is now doing], when, under the influence of this threefold union, our country shall repudiate every principle of its Constitution as a Protestant and republican government [which she is now doing], **and shall make provision for the propagation of papal falsehood** and delusions, *then* [which is now] we may know that the time has come for the marvelous working of Satan, and that the end is near. 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"--*"Testimony for the Church," No. 32, page 207, quoted in "The Marvel of Nations," page 298.*

So critical and stiring as events in the East are, here are movements in our own land, which are now taking place, and which are distinctly specified as an indication by which we may know, when they do take place, that the cup of iniquity in our nation is full, that the limit of God's forbearance is reached, and mercy is about to take her flight, never to return.

So while keeping our eyes open on events in the East, let us not overlook movements nearer home. All things admonish us to be ready for the wave the crest of which is even now curling to break and burst upon our land and upon the world, and involve all in ruin. Here is the decisive sign.

EDITOR.

Prescott to Assist Uriah Smith in Editing the Review (To Elder and Mrs. W. W. Prescott)--I wish that I could see you. I should like to talk with you. I shall feel thankful indeed if you can connect with Elder Smith in the editorial work on the Review and Herald. You have had experience as an editor, and you can be a great help to Elder Smith. He should not be left out of the editorial work. In no case drop his name off the editorial list. You should cooperate with him in the work, that you and his son Leon may together be the strength that he needs. . . . {10MR 352.1}

You can be a real comfort and blessing to Elder Smith, and he can be a decided help to you. The Lord will aid you, my brother, in this good work. --Letter 54, 1902, p. 1 (*March 30, 1902*). {10MR 352.2}

The Light Given.

Instruction has been given me that the important books containing the light that God has given regarding Satan's apostasy in heaven should be given a wide circulation just now; for **through them the truth will reach many minds**. Patriarchs and Prophets, *Daniel and The Revelation*, and The Great Controversy are needed now as never before. They Should be widely circulated because the truths they emphasize will open many blind eyes. . . . Many of our people have been

blind to the importance of the very books that were most needed. Had tact and skill then been shown in the sale of these books, the Sunday-law movement would not be where it is today.- *Review and Herald*, Feb. 16, 1905 {CM 123.1}

In the *Desire of Ages*, *Patriarchs and Prophets*, and in *Daniel and the Revelation*, There is precious instruction. These books must be regarded as of special importance, and every effort should be made to get them to the people.- *Letter 229, 1903* {CM 123.2}

The light given was that *Thoughts on Daniel and The Revelation*, *The Great Controversy*, and *Patriarchs and Prophets*, would make their way. They contain the very message the people must have, the special light God had given His people. The angels of God would prepare the way for these books in the hearts of the people.- *Special Instruction Regarding Royalties, p.7 (1899)*, {CM 123.3}.

No Other Book.

Daniel and Revelation, *Great Controversy*, *Patriarchs and Prophets*, and *Desire of Ages* should now go to the world. The grand instruction contained in *Daniel and Revelation* has been eagerly perused by many in Australia. ***This book has been the means of bringing many precious souls to a knowledge of the truth.*** Everything that can be done should be done to circulate *Thoughts on Daniel and Revelation*. I know of no other book that can take the place of this one. ***It is God's helping hand.***--MS 76, 1901. {PM 356.2}

Go Everywhere.

I consider that the book *Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation* should go everywhere. ***It has its place and will do a grand, good work.*** Letter 25a, 1889, p. 3. (To Brother Eldridge, September 8, 1889.) {1MR 60.2}

For This Time.

Especially should the book *Daniel and the Revelation* be brought before people ***as the very book for this time. This book contains the message which all need to read and understand.*** Translated into many different languages, it will be a power to enlighten the world. This book has had a large sale in Australia and New Zealand. By reading it many souls have come to a knowledge of the truth. I have received many letters expressing appreciation of this book. {1MR 60.6}

The LORD Has Shown Me.

Let our canvassers urge this book upon the attention of all. The ***Lord has shown me*** that this book will do a good work in enlightening those who become ***interested in the truth for this time. Those who embrace the truth now, who have not shared in the experiences of those who entered the work in the early history of the message, should study the instruction given in Daniel and the Revelation, becoming familiar with the truth it presents.*** {1MR 61.1}

There Is Found.

Those who are preparing to enter the *ministry*, who desire to become successful students of the prophecies, will find *Daniel and the Revelation* an *invaluable help*. They need to understand this book. *It speaks of past, present, and future, laying out the path so plainly that none need err therein*. Those who will diligently study this book will have no relish for the cheap sentiments presented by those who have a burning desire to get out something new and strange to present to the flock of God. The rebuke of God is upon all such teachers. They need that one teach them what is meant by godliness and truth. The great, essential questions which God would have presented to the people are found in Daniel and the Revelation. *There is found solid, eternal truth for this time. Everyone needs the light and information it contains.* {1MR 61.2}

God Used.

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}

Canvassing For.

Young men, take up the work of canvassing for *Daniel and the Revelation*. Do all you possibly can to sell this book. Enter upon the work with as much earnestness as if it were a new book. And remember that as you canvass for it, *you are to become familiar with the truths it contains. As you ponder these truths, you will receive ideas that will enable you not only to receive light, but to let light shine forth to others in clear, bright rays.* {1MR 63.3}

I Speak Of This Book.

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}