

The Dispensations Of Christ.

The liberality of the Jews in their offerings for religious purposes might well be imitated by Christians. If tithes and offerings were required thousands of years ago, they are much more essential now. The labors of God's servants were then confined almost wholly to the land of Palestine; but the apostles and their successors were commissioned to preach the gospel throughout the world. The people of this dispensation are favored with greater light and blessing than were the Jews; therefore they are placed under even greater obligation to honor God and to advance his cause. { SW June 7, 1904, par. 10 }

The efforts of Nehemiah to restore the worship of the true God had been crowned with success. If Israel would be true to the oath they had taken, a bright future was before them; for the Lord has always magnified his law before his people, pouring rich blessings upon them so long as they have been obedient. ***The history of God's ancient people is full of instruction for the church of today.*** While the Bible faithfully presents the results of their apostasy as a warning ***to all future generations,*** it portrays, as a worthy example, the deep humiliation and repentance, the earnest devotion and generous sacrifice, that marked their seasons of returning to the Lord. There is encouragement, too, in the record of God's willingness to receive his backsliding but ***repentant*** people. It would be a scene well-pleasing to God and angels, would his professed followers in this generation unite, as did Israel of old, in a solemn covenant to "observe and do all the commandments of the Lord our Lord, and his judgments and his statutes." { SW June 7, 1904, par. 11 }

The history of the children of Israel is ***written for our admonition and instruction upon whom the ends of the world are come.*** Those who would stand firm in the faith ***in these last days,*** and finally gain an entrance into the heavenly Canaan, ***must listen to the words of warning spoken by Jesus Christ to the Israelites.*** These lessons were given to the church in the wilderness to be studied and heeded by God's people throughout their generations ***forever.*** The experience of the people of God in the wilderness ***will be the experience*** of His people ***in this age.*** ***Truth is a safeguard in all time*** to those who will hold fast the faith once delivered to the saints.—Manuscript 110, August 6, 1899, "The Unfaithful Husbandmen." { UL 232.4 }

1Cor. 10:9 Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents. 10 Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer. 11 ***Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.*** 12 ***Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.***

A Temporal Kingdom opened the way:—

1Sam 8:5 And said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: ***now make us a king to judge us like*** all the nations. 6 But the thing displeased Samuel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us. And Samuel prayed unto the Lord. 7 And the Lord said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for ***they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them.*** 8 According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up ***out of Egypt*** even unto this day, wherewith ***they have forsaken me***, and served other gods, so do they also unto thee. 9 Now therefore hearken unto their voice: howbeit yet protest solemnly unto them, and shew them the manner of the king that shall reign over them. . . . 12:17 Is it not wheat harvest to day? I will call unto the Lord, and he shall send thunder and rain; that ye may ***perceive and see that your wickedness is great, which ye have done in the sight of the Lord, in asking you a king.*** 18 So Samuel called unto the Lord; and the Lord sent thunder and rain that day: and all the people greatly feared the Lord and Samuel. 19 And all the people said unto Samuel, Pray for thy servants unto the Lord thy God, that we die not: for ***we have added unto all our sins this evil, to ask us a king.*** 20 And Samuel said unto the people, Fear not: ***ye have done*** all this wickedness: yet ***turn not aside*** from following the Lord, but serve the Lord with all your heart; 21 And ***turn ye not aside***: for then should ye go after vain things, which cannot profit nor deliver; for they are vain. 22 For the Lord will not forsake his people for his great name's sake: because it hath pleased the Lord to make you his people. 23 Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way: 24 Only fear the Lord, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great things he hath done for you. 25 But ***if ye shall still do wickedly, ye shall be consumed, both ye and your king,***

Hosea 13:11 ***I gave thee a king in mine anger, and took him away in my wrath.***

For a False Gospel in Israel:—

1Kings 12:25 Then Jeroboam built Shechem in mount Ephraim, and dwelt therein; and went out from thence, and built Penuel. 26 And Jeroboam ***said in his heart***, Now shall the kingdom return to the house of David: 27 ***If this people go up to do sacrifice*** in the house of the Lord at Jerusalem, ***then shall the heart of this people turn again unto their lord***, even unto Rehoboam king of Judah, and they shall kill me, and go again to Rehoboam king of Judah. 28 Whereupon ***the king took counsel, and made*** two calves of gold, and said unto them, It is too much for you

to go up to Jerusalem: behold thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. 29 And he set the one in Bethel, and the other put he in Dan. 30 And this thing became a sin: for the people went to worship before the one, even unto Dan. . . 32 And **Jeroboam ordained** a feast in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the month, **like unto the feast that is in Judah**, and he offered upon the altar. So did he in Bethel, sacrificing unto the calves that he had made: and he placed in Bethel the priests of the high places which he had made. Exo. 32:4-6;17-30. Amos 8:14*; 1Kings 13:33,34; 14:16; 15:25,26,30,34; 16:2,3,19,16,31; 21:22;22:52; 2Kings3:3; 10:29,31; 13:2,6,11; 14:24; 15:9, 18, 24, 28: **17:6-23***; 23:15; Hosea 8:5,6; 10:5; 13:2*;

Note: How was the Gospel preached unto them? Ceremonies and Sacrifices that prefigured Christ. They had to believe He would; we have to believe He did. How? James 2:17-26.

Heb. 4:1 Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. 2 **For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them**, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it. 3 For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. 4 For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works.

Gal. 1:6 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ **unto another gospel: 7 Which is not another;** but there be some that trouble you, **and would pervert the gospel of Christ.** 8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, **preach any other gospel** unto you than that which we have preached unto you, **let him be accursed.** 2Cor. 11:4; Matt. 24:24.

Luke 8: 18 “Take heed therefor how ye hear.”

Mark 4:24 . . . “Take heed what ye hear.”

Pro. 19:27 Cease, my son, to hear the instruction that causeth to err from the words of knowledge.

Jonah 2:8 They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy.

Note: “their own” Forsaking the mercy God would give/show to them.

Amos 2:6-5:22-25;6:1-9: , God pleads with them to give up the evil of Jeroboam’s

false gospel. Hosea 5:4; 7:14* they will not turn to God. Micah 2:1,2,6; 3:5-11;

Then in the remnant Judah:—

1Kings 14:22 And Judah did evil in the sight of the Lord, and they provoked him to jealousy with their sins which they had committed, above all that their fathers had done. 23 ***For they also built them high places***, and images, and groves, on every high hill, and under every green tree. 24 And there were also ***sodomites*** in the land: and they did according to all the abominations of the nations which the Lord cast out before the children of Israel.

1Kings 15:11 And Asa did that which was right in the eyes of the Lord, as did David his father. 12 And he ***took away the sodomites*** out of the land, and removed all the idols that his fathers had made. 13 And also Maachah his mother, even her he removed from being queen, because she had made an idol in a grove; and Asa destroyed her idol, and burnt it by the brook Kidron. 14 ***But the high places were not removed:*** nevertheless Asa's heart was perfect with the Lord all his days. 1Kings 12:32,33; 22:43; 2Kings 12:3; 14:4; 15:4,35; 16:4;

Note: These high places are not to be confused with 1Kings 3:2,3 in Solomons day.

2Kings 16:2 Twenty years old was Ahaz when he began to reign, and reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem, and ***did not that which was right*** in the sight of the Lord his God, like David his father. 3 But ***he walked in the way of the kings of Israel***, yea, and made his son to pass through the fire, according to the abominations of the heathen, whom the Lord cast out from before the children of Israel. 4 And he sacrificed and ***burnt incense in the high places***, and on the hills, and under every green tree. . . 10 And king Ahaz went to Damascus to meet Tiglathpileser king of Assyria, and ***saw an altar*** that was at Damascus: and king Ahaz sent to Urijah the priest the fashion of the altar, and the pattern of it, according to all the workmanship thereof. 11 And Urijah the priest ***built an altar according to all that king Ahaz had sent*** from Damascus: so Urijah the priest made it against king Ahaz came from Damascus. 12 And when the king was come from Damascus, the king saw the altar: and the king approached to the altar, and ***offered*** thereon. 13 And he burnt his burnt offering and his meat offering, and poured his drink offering, and sprinkled the blood of his peace offerings, upon the altar. 14 And ***he brought*** also the brasen altar, which was before the Lord, from the forefront of the house, from between the altar and the house of the Lord, and put it on the north side of the altar. 15 And king Ahaz commanded Urijah the priest, saying, Upon the great altar burn the morning burnt offering, and the evening meat offering, and the king's burnt sacrifice, and his meat offering, with the burnt

offering of all the people of the land, and their meat offering, and their drink offerings; and sprinkle upon it all the blood of the burnt offering, and all the blood of the sacrifice: and the brasen altar shall be for me to enquire by. 16 Thus did Urijah the priest, according to all that king Ahaz commanded. 17 And king Ahaz **cut off the borders** of the bases, and removed the laver from off them; and **took down the sea** from off the brasen oxen that were under it, and put it upon a pavement of stones. 18 And the covert for the sabbath that they had built in the house, and the king's entry without, **turned he from the house of the Lord for the king of Assyria.** 1Sam. Saul sacrificed.

Note: two competing Altars-Gospels one by God the other by man.

2Kings 17:6 In the ninth year of Hoshea the king of Assyria took Samaria, and carried Israel away into Assyria, and placed them in Halah and in Habor by the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes. 7 For so it was, that the children of Israel had sinned against the Lord their God, which had brought them up out of the land of Egypt, from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and had feared other gods, 8 And walked in the statutes of the heathen, whom the Lord cast out from before the children of Israel, and of the kings of Israel, which they had made. 9 And the children of Israel did secretly those things that were not right against the Lord their God, and they built them high places in all their cities, from the tower of the watchmen to the fenced city. 10 And they set them up images and groves in every high hill, and under every green tree: 11 And there they burnt incense in all the high places, as did the heathen whom the Lord carried away before them; and wrought wicked things to provoke the Lord to anger: 12 For they served idols, whereof the Lord had said unto them, Ye shall not do this thing. 13 Yet the Lord testified **against Israel, and against Judah, by all the prophets, and by all the seers, saying,** Turn ye from your evil ways, and keep my commandments and my statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by my servants the prophets. 14 Notwithstanding they would not hear, but hardened their necks, like to the neck of their fathers, that did not believe in the Lord their God. 15 And they rejected his statutes, and his covenant that he made with their fathers, and his testimonies which he testified against them; and they followed vanity, and became vain, and went after the heathen that were round about them, concerning whom the Lord had charged them, that they should not do like them. 16 And they left all the commandments of the Lord their God, and made them molten images, even two calves, and made a grove, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served Baal. 17 And they caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire, and used divination and enchantments, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the Lord, to provoke him to anger. 18 Therefore the Lord was very angry with Israel, and removed them out of his sight: there was none left but the tribe of Judah only. 19 **Also Judah kept not** the

commandments of the Lord their God, but walked in the statutes of Israel which they made. 20 And the Lord **rejected all the seed of Israel**, and afflicted them, and delivered them into the hand of spoilers, until he had cast them out of his sight. 21 For he rent Israel from the house of David; and they made Jeroboam the son of Nebat king: and Jeroboam drave Israel from following the Lord, and made them sin a great sin. 22 For the children of Israel walked in all the sins of Jeroboam which he did; they departed not from them; 23 Until the Lord removed Israel out of his sight, as he had said by all his servants the prophets. So was Israel carried away out of their own land to Assyria unto this day.

Amos 2:4,5; Hosea 12:2; Micah

Leading to a rejection of Christ.

John 19:12 And from thenceforth Pilate sought to release him: but the Jews cried out, saying, If thou let this man go, thou art not Caesar's friend: whosoever maketh himself a king speaketh against Caesar. 13 When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus forth, and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, Gabbatha. 14 And it was the preparation of the passover, and about the sixth hour: and he saith unto the Jews, **Behold your King!** 15 But they cried out, Away with him, away with him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I **crucify your King?** The chief priests answered, **We have no king but Caesar.**

A rejection of Christ Now.

The mighty angel who instructed John was no less a personage than Jesus Christ. Setting His right foot on the sea, and His left upon the dry land, shows the part which He is acting in the closing scenes of the great controversy with Satan. This position denotes His supreme power and authority over the whole earth. ***The controversy has waxed stronger and more determined from age to age, and will continue to do so, to the concluding scenes when the masterly working of the powers of darkness shall reach their height. Satan, united with evil men, will deceive the whole world and the churches who receive not the love of the truth.*** But the mighty angel demands attention. He cries with a loud voice. He is to show the power and authority of His voice to those who have united with Satan to ***oppose*** the truth. After these seven thunders uttered their voices, the injunction comes to John as to Daniel in regard to the little book: "Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered" (Revelation 10:4). ***These relate to future events which will be disclosed in their order.*** Daniel shall stand in his lot at the end of the days. John sees the little book unsealed. Then Daniel's prophecies have their proper place in the first, second, and third angels' messages to be given to the world. The

unsealing of the little book was the message in relation to time. { 1MR 99.1 }

The books of Daniel and the Revelation are one. One is a prophecy, the other a revelation; one a book sealed, the other a book opened. John heard the mysteries which the thunders uttered, but he was commanded not to write them. The special light given to John which was expressed in *the seven thunders was a delineation of events which would transpire under the first and second angels' messages. It was not best for the people to know these things, for their faith must necessarily be tested.* In the order of God, most wonderful and advanced truths would be proclaimed. *The first and second angels' messages were to be proclaimed, but no further light was to be revealed before these messages had done their specific work.* This is represented by the angel standing with one foot on the sea, proclaiming with a most solemn oath that time should be no longer. { 1MR 99.2 }

Note: After 1844 the churches have rejected the 3 Angels messages leaving a remnant, as Judah from Israel before them. In so doing they've clung to another Gospel. One will see with research that the 7 Thunders can't be the great disappointment for it has been fully and repeatedly explained Rev. 10:9,10. Therefore the 7 Thunders would refer to something in connection with the worlds response that tests faith. Is it still testing faith today? As the disciple had not known that a few days after Christ's triumphant entrance to Jerusalem he'd be put to death they would not have given the message. Had adventists know the worlds reaction they couldn't have given these message which were to continue till the close of time. But look at the worlds reaction today to these messages, it's the same, *BUT* adventists are changing from these messages to avoid the worlds scorn.

The Seven Thunders.—It would be vain to speculate to any great length upon the seven thunders, in hope of gaining a definite knowledge of what they uttered. We must acquiesce in the directions given to John concerning them, and leave them where he left them, sealed up, unwritten, and consequently to us unknown. There is, however, a conjecture extant in relation to them, which may not inappropriately be mentioned here. It is that what the seven thunders uttered is the experience of the Adventists engaged in that movement, embracing their sore disappointment and trial. Something, evidently, was uttered *which it would not be well for the church to know*; and for God to have given an inspired record of the Advent movement in advance, would have been simply to defeat that movement, which we verily believe was in all its particulars an accomplishment of his purposes, and according to his will. Why, then, any mention of the seven thunders at all? Following out the above noticed conjecture, the conclusion would be that we, *having met in our history* with sudden, mysterious, and unexpected events, as startling and strange as thunders from an unclouded sky, *might not give up in utter perplexity*, inferring, as we may, that *all is in the order and providence of God*, since something of this nature was sealed up, and hidden from the church. {1897 UrS, DAR 523.2}

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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."

1st. How are they asked to be *tolerated*?

"We can all believe something different, We can agree to disagree, It's non-salvational issue, ect."

2nd. How are they made *equal*?

"Dual application, More than one interpretation, literal and spiritual, ect."

3rd. How are these heresies *honored above* God's Truth.

"Submit your opinion to the brethren of experience, He's the Pastor, Bully pulpit, education, position, affiliation ect"

4th. Are we not seeing this stage right now!

All these will lead to an observance of sunday in the SDA church!

Note: Here we see the purpose of of satan's designs, apostasy to beguile those who compromised their principle, integrity, in God's word to a false Gospel through fear. Satan does not want people to have faith that God will deliver them. Use the false gospel against them. Two competing Gospels. Do events prove providence, everyone was against Isaiah, was Isaiah wrong, etc. A false choice is offered, me or destruction.

2Kings 18:22 But if ye say unto me, We trust in the Lord our God: is not that he, whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah hath taken away, and hath said to Judah and Jerusalem, Ye shall worship *before this altar* in Jerusalem? 25 *Am I now come up without the Lord* against this place to destroy it? The Lord said to me, Go up against this land, and destroy it. . . . 30 Neither let Hezekiah make you trust in the Lord, saying, The Lord will surely deliver us, and this city shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria. 31 Hearken not to Hezekiah: for thus saith the king of Assyria, Make an agreement with me by a present, and come

out to me, and then eat ye every man of his own vine, and every one of his fig tree, and drink ye every one the waters of his cistern: 32 Until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of corn and wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of oil olive and of honey, that ye may live, and not die: and hearken not unto Hezekiah, when he persuadeth you, saying, The Lord will deliver us. 33 Hath any of the gods of the nations delivered at all his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria? 34 Where are the gods of Hamath, and of Arpad? where are the gods of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivah? have they delivered Samaria out of mine hand? 35 Who are they among all the gods of the countries, that have delivered their country out of mine hand, **that the Lord should deliver Jerusalem out of mine hand?**

Two servants.

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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.