



The Four Angels' Messages

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The best way to prevent the growth of evil is to preoccupy the soil. The greatest care and watchfulness is needed in cultivating the mind and sowing therein the precious seeds of Bible truth. The Lord, in his great mercy, has revealed to us in the Scriptures the rules of holy living. He tells us the sins to shun; he explains to us the plan of salvation, and points out the way to heaven. He has inspired holy men to record, for our benefit, instruction concerning the dangers that beset the path, and how to escape them. Those who obey his injunction to search the Scriptures will not be ignorant of these things. Amid the perils of the last days, every member of the church should understand the reasons of his hope and faith,-- reasons which are not difficult of comprehension. There is enough to occupy the mind, if we would grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Dear Friends:

I am very concerned about the modern lifestyle we live in. People are being taken unawares. They are buying into the convenience of life. The promises of the 1980s are finally coming true. We are seeing life automated as never before.

I appreciate watching and listening to sermons from around the world. With the use of the Internet and a particular website called *YouTube*, it is easy to pick and choose the appropriate sermon to listen to, as well as being fed by, sermons all week long. So, as I go to condemn a particular modern convenience, yes, I do utilize some of them personally. I am not a hypocrite, because the thing I am going to criticize is not simply a modern advance (which most of

us appreciate modern transportation and would be considered guilty of taking advantage of modern advances), but a particular controlling advance.

Why did I bring up my personal experience with *YouTube*, a video storage and playback environment, then? It is because while avoiding the use of TV as much as possible, I am still susceptible to commercials for *YouTube* which has increased their presence of such, usually appearing randomly at the start of watching a video.

One particular commercial that caught my attention was that of an advertisement for *Alexa*, from *Amazon*. This little device has grown in popularity and functionality. Introduced as a device in the home in which one could talk into and have it play music, check the weather, remind a person of appointments, tell the time, has grown now to controlling every aspect of the home. The commercial contains a couple, assumed as being married (at least I am going with that), asking *Alexa* to dim the lights. That means they have surrendered control of the lights to this little device. But wait, there is more. The two, sitting on the couch, are settling in to watch a movie. The two are

browsing the possibilities through, you guessed it, *Alexa*, who now controls the TV. The man then tells *Alexa* to start the fire in the gas fireplace, while the woman calls for *Alexa* to make the popcorn. Really!!! The popcorn maker is under the control of *Alexa*?

In another *Alexa* commercial, a woman trying to make dinner for a date as a back up plan to the burnt duck she toasted a moment ago, so she has *Alexa* call dad via video chat, and they worked it out together. Another commercial has *Alexa* check who is at the door. Another commercial requests *Alexa* to change the temperature of the thermostat.

My point is this. As we surrender more and more control of our devices over to this one device, *Alexa*, or a competitor, it will get to the point that there will be no manual override. Furthermore, 'they' get to monitor all usage controlling from a distance compared to what 'they' think energy usage ought to be, along with monitoring activity in the home. Specifically, 'they' will be able see what happens on Sabbath and Sunday. 'They' will be able to tell, even with curtains closed, if a person is keeping the mark of the beast or

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The mission of The Four Angels' Messages Ministry is to alert as many Seventh-day Adventists as possible to see the need of living the Three Angels' Messages, be well-studied in the messages of all four angels, to get ready and be ready very soon to go and preach them, even being active now. It is our belief that not only are we the last generation, but the mark is soon to be forced upon us, and publications like this shall be targeted. So while the presses can run, let us awake to our high calling, despite others who want to remain asleep. Keep in mind, the final movements of the message are described thus:

“Are we hoping to see the whole church revived? That time will never come.” {1SM 122.1}

“We must enter upon the work individually.” {1SM 122.2}

We are not against conference churches as there are some still faithful, but most are not.

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The Four Angels' Messages (topic 12)

Jerry O'Donnell

As stated last month, a series of articles that first appeared in *Our Firm Foundation* but never allowed to finish will now appear in this publication. For the first 11 articles and the 13th article (accidental mix up on sequence), refer to the other publication, available online at our website.

If Any Man Worship ... And Receive [His] Mark In His Forehead, Or In His Hand

The LORD Set A Mark Upon Cain

Usually I have been picking a parable to reinforce the obvious position that there is a polarization happening in the church and if we are waiting around for the structure and those that obey only what the structure dictates to eventually come around and do true evangelism instead of these gimmicks, we are going to wait ourselves right into the grave and potentially be lost. Those parables usually were referred to or tied into the main topic in some manner. In this article, we are going to turn to the first person that received a mark and also see parallels.

According to Genesis 4:15, The Bible says, *"And the LORD said unto him, Therefore whosoever slayeth Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold. And the LORD set a mark upon Cain, lest any finding him should kill him."*

Backing up in the story, the Bible says, *"And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD. And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering: But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell"* (Genesis 4:3-5).

"The two parties represented by Cain and Abel will exist till the close of this earth's history. The well-doer, the obedient, does not war against the transgressor of God's holy law. But those who do not respect the law of God oppress and persecute other people. They follow their leader, who is an accuser of God and of those who are made perfect through obedience. . . . The spirit that leads people to accuse, condemn, imprison, and put to death other peo-

ple has waxed strong in our world. It is this spirit that always works in the children of disobedience."—Manuscript 136, 1899.

Jesus said, *"They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service"* (John 16:2).

Now putting it all together, Cain and Abel not only represent the saved and lost, they represent two forms of worship – true and false. One uses the blood of Jesus admitting to one's need of forgiveness while the other is too busy celebrating with a bloodless offering. Many evangelists have used these two people to distinguish a closer-to-the heart application with stating that both technically represent Christians today leaving out Muslims, Hindus, and especially atheists. The reason for such an application is that both worshipped God. It is just

that one did it according to "every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4) while the other did it his way. Evangelists will state that all those that think they are alright in rejecting the Sabbath truth and retaining Sunday worship, 'for a day is a day and it does not matter which day is kept', such people are to think twice. Persistent Sunday keepers are represented by Cain who do not have an iota of scripture but simply good intended implication while Sabbath keepers are represented by Abel who simply obey exactly as the Bible states.

Now Ellen White states, "We have far more to fear from within than from without." {*Selected Messages Book 1*, page 122.3}

That means I am going to make an even closer application and bring Cain and Abel into the fact that we have true and false worshippers even in our church.

"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 par-

taking of its spirit, they have come to view matters in nearly the same light; 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 Sabbath-keepers 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." {*The Great Controversy* (1888), page 608.1}

And this is what I just do not understand. All evidence points to the fact that we are so close to the end. Sunday is being well talked up as a solution to the world's problems. The Pope is gaining more power and respect every day. All the abominations that are to happen in the Seventh-day Adventist Church are present and multiplying. The leading Protestant churches of America have reached across the gulf to the papacy and pen it officially on October 17, 2017, that the protest is over. And

much more has come about. Now here is the part I do not understand. How can so many people even consider contacting me saying, "Stop pointing out these things in the church! I know we have problems but it does not help to point out these things. Let us just focus on the work at hand. Nobody is perfect." In other words, they treat it like all of this is a light matter. Folks, the people who are in the church that are going to be the ones who turn around and not only cast us out, speaking of the church books but not regarding the church of Heaven that no man can cast us out of, will want our blood as well, and they are in leadership positions *now*. They are filling our pews *now*. And the more people that we can wake up to the apostasy and say, "Don't follow these things", the better off all of us shall be.

In other words, Cain represents all the Seventh-day Adventist leaders and pew warmers that are not worshipping properly. They are rising up against those who are simply doing what they are to do. Interestingly, Ellen White wrote, "*Some will not bear this straight testimony. They will rise up against it, and this is*

what will cause a shaking among God's people" {Early Writings, page 270.2}. So if these messages irk you, be careful; you just might be on the wrong side of things. In fact, if you do not like being called up to a higher standard of obedience and even cringe at the word "obedience", that is probably a sure sign that you are currently on the wrong side. The good news is that since you are still living and breathing, you have an opportunity to repent and get on the right side.

You see, many church members are going to be leaving the Seventh-day Adventist church and joining the opposition, as stated above. By doing so, they will align themselves with all who are receiving the Mark of the Beast. And unless our current

brethren wake up to the fact that they even need woken up, they will receive the Mark of the Beast as the world is ripe for.

Are You Ready To Receive the Mark?

In this time of apostasy, it is sad to hear from Ted Wilson's own mouth and other top leaders in the church declaring that the Mark of the Beast is simply not accepting the Sabbath. This same man declares that to believe Jesuits are infiltrating our church is nothing more than conspiracy theory. Like the pope who refers to all who keep to the strict version of the Ten Commandments as sick people, could it be that our own president is attacking a truth of which he may be part of? Then again, I would be ac-

cused of believing in a conspiracy theory.

It is hard not to believe in such a theory when the Jesuit oath declares that they would use every means, including disguise, to upend the reformation.

In the shortest means possible, let us make it clear that God has His Seal and Satan has his mark. And the mark has always existed. It is just that the Beast (Vatican) has picked it up and boldly "*think to change times and laws*" (Daniel 7:25) instead of simply enticing or inviting to keep the false or "spurious" Sabbath, as Ellen White would write.

What is the *Seal of God*? Revelation 14:1 says, "*And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty [and] four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.*" What is the Biblical name for FATHER? Galatians 4:6 says, "*And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.*" Where is ABBA in the fourth commandment? It is right in the middle of the sABBAth!

Now if you did not appreciate that version of the direct revelation of the Seal of God, maybe

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If you do send it in "too early", it will be applied properly.

this one will be appreciated. What is a synonym for the word "seal"? According to Romans 4:11, it is the word "sign". So what is the Sign of God? *"Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: for it [is] a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that [ye] may know that I [am] the LORD that doth sanctify you"* (Exodus 31:13). *"Moreover also I gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I [am] the LORD that sanctify them"* (Ezekiel 20:12). *"And hallow my sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and you, that ye may know that I [am] the LORD your God"* (Ezekiel 20:20).

So, what is the *Mark of the Beast*? Revelation 14:11 says, *"And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name."* To worship the beast is really to worship according to Revelation 13:4, which says, *"And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who [is] like unto the beast? who is able to make*

war with him?" The dragon is Satan (Revelation 12:9). Notice what another name for Satan is, as revealed in Isaiah 14:12, which says, *"How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! [how] art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!"* What makes the morning? Ezekiel 8:16 says, *"And he brought me into the inner court of the LORD'S house, and, behold, at the door of the temple of the LORD, between the porch and the altar, [were] about five and twenty men, with their backs toward the temple of the LORD, and their faces toward the east; and they worshipped the sun toward the east."* It is the rising sun. So the worship of the *beast* is on his day as Sunday.

Now most Seventh-day Adventists know this to be accurate, that the Mark of the Beast is in both knowing (symbolized by the forehead) or in approved action (symbolized not only by the hand, but the *right* hand) that Sunday is now God's day. But how can we be getting ready to receive the Mark when we know this?

The mentioning of Ted Wilson was not for attack purposes, as so many people think that

by naming names is what I have done. Search the internet for YouTube videos of his ASI address and see that little by little as these excused inaccuracies are allowing for greater inaccuracies of the future. As it is said, if we fail on the little tests, when the big test comes, we shall fail that, too. No one in school who did not prepare for the daily quizzes and failed each one of them ever passed the final exam, unprepared as well. The good news is, that if we have failed the quizzes up to now, we can start today preparing to pass future quizzes, but it begins with going all the way back to the beginning.

As a reminder, the three angels' messages begin with "Fear God" (Revelation 14:7) and is defined by the Bible as, "The fear of the LORD [is] to hate evil: pride, and arrogance, and the evil way, and the froward mouth" (Proverbs 8:13). Please note that in the article I wrote that addressed "Fear God", I focused upon the "hate evil" part, but it also includes hating a "froward mouth". By Greek definition, that is a perversion or distortion of the truth. We have to stop making excuses, stop being offended when we hear

these messages. Taking these messages as attacking the church is actually a prideful thing. We have pride in the church and wrongly placed when error is permitted to be taught because we do not want our church attacked.

As already revealed, our leadership at some point (and since time is running out, it is looking like it is the current leadership), are going to lead many away from the truth and be lost. It is not we who are attacking the church. The church *has already been* attacked. Spies have infiltrated her. Like in Gideon's day, the idols have to be torn down first before revival happens. Like in Elijah's day, the blindness has to be revealed and dealt with. Like in John the Baptist's day, we spare not and simply call to the test of the truth the wolves in sheep's clothing, the vipers spewing out poison lulling the congregation to sleep.

Our leadership should be the most educated in truth and present it to the people. To excuse our leadership as not being perfect has no place. A leader who personally commits a sin and repents is "not perfect" and that is understandable. A leader who is unrepentantly

teaching error is not the definition of "not perfect". If we truly hate the "froward mouth", we will call it what it is: apostasy.

Saying something 'off' that is not salvation related, not a pillar, and not supporting the pillar, is one thing. If we have someone teaching that Jesus' favorite food was bread, let it alone. It is no big deal that the Bible is silent on it. But to teach that the Bible is silent on women's ordination, that is a different matter and needs to be pointed out. Now do not be wasting your time fighting against women's ordination for Jesus said, "Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch" (Matthew 15:14). What it does do is to reveal that all who use such excuses need to be avoided. They are not just 'off' on an issue. We have to see what it is really all about – it is the fact that they do not know how to study the Bible and we ought to be concerned about that to the point of not trusting what they say on other matters. We as a people never, never move out on a matter claiming, "Since the Bible is silent, we can..." Besides, the Bible is not silent. The Spirit of

Prophecy is not silent. It is just requiring a deeper study. "Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? [them that are] weaned from the milk, [and] drawn from the breasts" (Isaiah 28:9). Such leaders are but milk-knowledge leaders. They need to step down, digest the meat of the Word, and maybe try again.

And to excuse away, as in the case of Ted Wilson, not to boldly declare what the Mark of the Beast is, even though it sounds sort of right as 'Sunday is not the Sabbath', but leaves open to calling Thursday and Friday and the other days as the Mark, is wrong!

"Those who have been long in the truth, yet who cannot distinguish between the pure principles of righteousness and the principles of evil, whose understanding in regard to justice, mercy, and the love of God is clouded, should be relieved of responsibilities. Every church needs a clear, sharp testimony, giving the trumpet a certain sound."--Signs of the Times, Oct. 2, 1907.

So, what are you supporting? Truth or error?



The Perils of the Last Days

Ellen White

"As it was in the days of Noah, so also shall it be in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; but the same day that Lot went out of Sodom, it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed."

Christ sees the wickedness on the earth today. He sees that the sins of Noah's and Lot's time are being repeated. What terrible revelations of crime are being made. Everything seems to be stirred with an intense activity from beneath. Excitement is continually kept up. Feasting, buying, and selling, are brought into the churches. The watchman cries, "The morning cometh, and also the night." The night symbolizes prevalence of error, misinterpretation and misapplication of Scripture. Every species of delusion is now being brought in. The plainest truths of God's word are covered

with a mass of man-made theories. Deadly errors are presented as the truth to which all must bow. The simplicity of true godliness is buried beneath tradition.

False Doctrines.

The doctrine of the natural immortality of the soul is one error with which the enemy is deceiving man. This error is well-nigh universal. But who told men that they would not die? Who told them that God has reserved a portion of His universe where the wicked are to suffer, through the ceaseless ages of eternity, without a particle of hope? – It was the serpent. God said that sinners would die. Satan declares that they will not die. Many believe the oft-repeated lies of the serpent to be genuine truth. They echo his words when they assert that God has ordained that sin shall be immortalized in a place of torment.

This is one of the lies forged in the synagogue of the enemy, one of the poisonous draughts of Babylon. "All nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed

rich through the abundance of her delicacies. And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, My people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues."

Another false doctrine is that the first day of the week is the Sabbath of the Lord. By traditions received from the Roman Catholic Church, the fourth commandment of the decalogue is made of none effect. By their acceptance of a spurious sabbath, men have dishonoured God, and have honoured the usurper, who thought to changed times and laws. Many dangerous errors have been brought in to get rid of the true Sabbath. Men have taken the side of the great rebel, and rather than accept the word of God just as it reads, have placed themselves in a net of heresy. Satan is bringing the churches and the world into corrupt harmony upon this point.

Night, dark and portentous, is enclosing the Christian world. Apostasy from God's commandments is evidence of this night, deep, dark, and apparently impenetrable. Systems that make the truth of God of none effect are cherished. Men are teaching for

doctrine the commandments of men; and their assertions are taken as truth. The people have received man-made theories. So the gospel is perverted, and the Scripture misapplied. As in the days of Christ, the light of truth is pushed into the back-ground. Men's theories and suppositions are honoured before the word of the Lord God of hosts. The truth is counteracted by error. The word of God is wrested, divided, and distorted by higher criticism. Jesus is acknowledged, only to be betrayed by a kiss. Apostasy exists, and will enclose the world till the last. Its hideous character and darkening influence will be seen in the maddening draughts dealt out from Babylon.

Messages of Warning.

But before the Lord punishes men for their iniquity, He sends them a message of warning. Before He visits them with His judgments, He gives them a chance to repent. He remembered the sins of the Noatic world, but He did not punish them without warning them. For one hundred and twenty years this warning was sounding in their ears; but they did not repent. The last year of their probation found them more stubborn and defiant than ever. "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every

imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." "And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth. And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come up before Me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth." The inhabitants of Sodom, also, perished by fire, which was rained upon them from heaven, because they turned from God, and corrupting themselves, filled the earth with their polluted wisdom.

Had these men placed themselves under the control of the Spirit of God, had they co-operated with the heavenly intelligences, what a world of beauty and happiness we would now look upon. Had these long-lived, mentally strong men been vitalized by the Holy Spirit, they would have been a power of God.

Higher Criticism.

Man can be exalted only by laying hold of the merits of a crucified and risen Savior. The finest intellect, the most exalted position will not secure heaven. Satan had the highest education that could be obtained. This education he received under the greatest of all teachers. When men talk of higher criticism; when they pass

their judgment upon the word of God, call their attention to the fact that they have forgotten who was the first and wisest critic. He has had thousands of years of practical experience. He it is who teaches the so-called higher critics of the world today. God will punish all those who, as higher critics, exalt themselves, and criticise God's Holy word.

The world's Redeemer warned His disciples against the false teaching which was, and would continue to be, the greatest obstacle to the progress of the truth. "There shall arise false christs, and false prophets," He said, "and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Behold, I have told you before." And Peter writes, "There were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction, and many shall follow their pernicious ways, by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of." The leaven of false doctrine will be accepted in preference to the truth. "Beware," writes Paul, "lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after

the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ."

Under whose banner are we standing? Where are we? and what is Christ to us? By our course of action we decide our own destiny. By the society we choose, we determine what influences shall mould our character. If we choose the world, earthly influences make their imprint upon our minds, and though we may not realize it, we sink lower and lower; for if we do not grow in grace, we must deteriorate.

It makes every difference with the future, eternal well-being of men whether they follow God's way or their own way. Their way may be entirely wrong. Are there many paths to heaven? If so, man may take any path that suits his fancy. But there is only one true way.

Only One True Way.

Christ said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by Me." The Lord will uplift us if we will consent to be uplifted. He who recognizes God in Christ, who receives Christ as the world's Redeemer, and his personal Saviour, enters in at the door. He does not climb over some other way. Of all such it is written, "As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of

God, even to them that believe on His name." The truth, the light, the life, shining into our hearts, sanctifies and elevates us. What greater elevation can earth present? What greater honour can earthly potentates bestow? Man is taken from his degradation, cleansed from moral defilement, and made an heir of God and a joint heir with Jesus Christ. His life is hid with Christ in God, and when He who is his life shall appear, he also will appear with Him in glory. This glory will be revealed at the second appearing of Christ. Then the saints will be exalted indeed. They will sit with Christ on His throne, and with Christ they will judge the world.

"The day is far spent, the night is at hand." The end is near. Soon the Lord will come with ten thousands of His saints, and Satan's system, which has destroyed so many that Christ came to save, will be broken up. Despotism is now seeking to obtain a foothold in every clime, but its day will soon be ended. "For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities. . . . Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire; for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her."

Satan is in controversy with Christ, and with all who follow in His footsteps. This conflict will continue until the voice is heard, saying, "It is done." "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still; and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still; and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still; and he that is holy, let him be holy still. And, behold, I come quickly; and My reward is with Me, to give every man according as his work shall be. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city."

"The day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat the earth also, and the works that are therein shall be burned up. . . . Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware, lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness. But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

Mrs. E. G. White.
{BEcho, February 1, 1897
par. 1-16}



The Bride

JOSEPH BATES, HIRAM EDSON, and J. N. ANDREWS

That "the bride the Lamb's wife," denotes "that great city, the holy Jerusalem," is settled by the word of God. Rev.xxi,9,10. And if God designed that we should understand something else to be denoted, he certainly could have informed us, as easily as he has explained the seven stars - the seven candlesticks - the two witnesses - the waters - the woman, or the beast that carrieth her.

It is equally clear that "the marriage of the Lamb" is an event that is always placed in the future, among the events which close up the scenes of this world. It is also equally clear that the actual reception of the throne and kingdom by Christ, is placed among these events.

Again. - I think I may say that every Adventist, at least, will admit that it is the New Jerusalem which is to be called "the throne of the Lord," (Jer.iii,17,) "the city of the great King," who shall "sit as a priest upon his throne," "a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec," a "High priest over the house, or family of God." As

old Jerusalem is doomed to perpetual desolations all these things can be true only of the New Jerusalem. Now, is there any authority for supposing the figure of a marriage to denote the reception of the throne and kingdom? Let us see. By turning to one of the oldest of the prophets, we read: "And it shall be at that day, saith the Lord, that thou shalt call me Ishi: i.e., my husband. And I will betroth thee unto me for ever; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in loving kindness, and in mercies: I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness, and thou shalt know the Lord." Hosea ii,16-20.

But who is this that is to call "the Lord," "my husband," in that day? In the appointed symbolic action of the prophet, who represents "the Lord," he is commanded to "take a wife of whoredoms and children of whoredoms; for the land hath committed great whoredom, departing from the Lord." i,2. The wife is "Gomer;" the children are 1. "Jezreel, i.e. the seed of God,"

whose "blood" the Lord says "I will avenge." 2. "Lo-ruhamah, i.e. not having obtained mercy:" and 3. "Loammi, i.e. not my people." The Lord disowns Gomer as his wife, (ii,2,) and her children are rejected. (4.) She is punished for her conjugal infidelity, and at length returns to her "first husband." (7.) The wife, throughout this allegorical scene, is "the land," as we shall see to be fully settled in other portions, and the marriage, in this case, brings the land back to the Lord. The children are the different classes which constituted the people of the land. The relation of "the children of Israel" to "the Lord," their character and history, are exhibited by a similar allegorical scene, in the third chapter, but there is no marriage in the case.

Shall we turn to Isaiah? "Sing, O barren, thou that didst not bear; break forth into singing, and cry aloud, thou that didst not travail with child: for more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife, saith the Lord. - liv,1.

Who is denoted by the

"barren" and "the desolate," whom the prophet commands to "sing?" Paul has settled its application, Gal.iv, 26,27. "But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all. For it is written, Rejoice thou barren: break forth and cry thou that travailest not," etc. Is this city, which figures in the "allegory," as "the mother of us all," provided with a husband? O Yes. And do not be frightened, brethren, if he should be the same personage, who is called in other forms of speech, our brother; it certainly cannot be any more alarming than that our "elder brother" should be called our husband, as he certainly is, if the church is the bride. But if any complain, their complaints must be directed against the word of God, and not against us. {October 7, 1851 JWe, ARSH 33.7}

But who is the husband of "the mother of us all?" Answer. "For thy Maker is thy husband; the Lord of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called." (Is.liv,5.) Surely this must be the Lord Jesus. The prophet adds, "this [Jerusalem

above] is the heritage of the servants of the Lord." V.17. Compare Isaiah liv,11-15, and Rev.xxi,11-21; xxii,1-5.

Again. - The prophet speaks of Jerusalem which is to be made "a praise in the earth;" as follows: "Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken; neither shall thy land any more be termed Desolate; but thou shalt be called Hephzi-bah, and thy land Beulah: for the Lord delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married. For as a young man marieth a virgin, so shall thy sons marry thee: and as the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee." Isaiah lxii,4,5. But are her sons to marry the same bride? Not if the bride is "the church." But as they are to receive the kingdom as joint heirs with Christ, the marriage may denote the same act in each case.

Omitting a great many mere allusions to this established "allegory," in the case, among the prophets generally, shall we hear Ezekiel? By him all the natural, and most affecting, as well as the most loathsome incidents, are thrown into the picture, by which he "causes Jerusalem to

know her abominations." - xvi,2. There is the love at first sight - the promise and the covenant (v,8), the gifts and tokens of affection, and the admiration of her beauty (10-14). Then follows the wanton violation of all the holy ties of "wedlock," - the withdrawal of gifts - the contempt and wretchedness of the outcast, and the final desolation. (15-43.) But the marriage under "an everlasting covenant," restores the wife - "Jerusalem" - to "the Lord" (60-62.) And as this takes place in connection with the restoration of her sisters, Samaria and Sodom, it must denote the act of receiving that Jerusalem, which is to be "his throne," when "the kingdom is the Lord's."

By "tracing the figurative word through the Bible," so far, with this "meaning," all is perfectly clear - "it makes good sense." The figure, the "allegory," is this: - The Lord is the husband, "the land," or "Jerusalem" is the wife - the people are the children. (Ezek.xvi,21, 36.) So it was understood in reference to the old "covenant." And the old prophets themselves teach us, with a clearness that

can hardly be misunderstood, that a Jerusalem to be "called by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord shall name," is to be under the "new covenant," what its type was under the old. Is.lxii,2; lxxv,18,19; Ezek.lvi,61.

Without stopping to consider the "city which hath foundations," to which Abraham "looked" - whose wife, "the free woman," represented "Jerusalem above," in the "allegory;" as his "bond-woman" did old Jerusalem, of which Melchisedec was the founder, (according to Josephus,) and king. Shall we pass to consider "the marriage of the Lamb?" Rev.xix,7-9. This text has given rise to three questions. 1. Who is the Lamb's wife? 2. What is denoted by the marriage? 3. When, in the order of events, does it take place? 1. Who is the Lamb's wife? The church? - the church and the city? - or the city itself? Let us see. Who are these that sing of the marriage? The command to which they respond is as follows: "And a voice came out of the throne saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great." It is the same company that

is brought to view, Rev.xi,18. This must be the church. Hear their response. "And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready." If the church is the "wife," why do they sing of another party as the wife? Will the church sing her own praise in this manner? It may be proper enough for "one of the elders" to say, "These are they which came out of great tribulation, etc. But when the church speaks for herself she says, "Salvation unto our God." "Thou hast redeemed us" If the church is the bride, who are the guests at the marriage supper? The church cannot figure here as the wife. It must be, as God says, "the holy city." But can a city make herself ready? is often asked. "Is Christ to be married to stone walls?" etc. etc.

It is necessary, here, to allude to the most obvious and familiar laws of language, and of interpretation, that our

brethren may not be betrayed into a spirit of levity, which would better become the Ballou and Whittemore school, or our common enemies, than Adventists. It must be known to every one for whom it is proper to speak in the case, that in these figurative exhibitions of truth, allegories in particular, life, and thought, and feeling, and speech and action are given to the inanimate things personified, and that is said of them which could be literally true only of rational beings. Thistles and cedars talk and make contracts. (2Kings xiv,9.) Eagles have fields to plant. (Ezek.xvii,5.) Cities come and go, weep and rejoice, rise up and sit down, eat, drink, are clothed or naked, sin, and are punished, etc. etc. In all these cases, the inanimate or irrational agent is personified and made, or supposed to perform what is ascribed to it. And every figure, simile, metaphor, parable, allegory, etc. must be interpreted by laws peculiar to themselves. This rule should not be forgotten here: "We must not explain one part literally and another part figuratively." - (Horne.)

Now I think any brother

must see, that when he asks, "Is Christ married to stone walls?" "Can a city of stone and mortar make herself ready?" etc. etc., it does much more credit to his mirthfulness than to his veneration, conscientiousness or perceptive faculties.

We do not suppose that Christ is "married to stone walls," or anything else; but that the marriage of the Lamb denotes the inauguration of Christ, as King into his throne, which is just such a city as God has described in Rev.xxi: We do not suppose there is any bride to "make herself ready;" but that this figurative expression denotes some important preparatory work, in the case of the city, in connection with its becoming "the throne of the Lord." And what that work is it is not difficult to determine. The "holy city" is called also "the tabernacle of God." - Rev.xxi. Christ is "the minister of the true tabernacle which the Lord pitched and not man." - Heb.viii.2.

The typical tabernacle had to be "purified;" and Paul tells us the true tabernacle must also be purified: - "It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; (the blood of calves and of goats;) but the heavenly things themselves with better

heavenly things themselves" shall have been accomplished by Christ, then we suppose that preparation denoted in the figure, will have been effected: - what had been hitherto the tabernacle of our Great High Priest is "ready" to become his throne.

"And to her was granted that she should be

Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed [are] they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

Revelation 19:7-9

arrayed in fine linen clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints." They "wash their robes and make them white in the blood of the Lamb." "By his own blood he entered in once, into the holy place." The holy city - the heavenly Jerusalem - is indebted to

sacrifices than these." - Heb.ix,23. The typical work of "atonement for the holy sanctuary, and for the tabernacle of the congregation, and the altar;" as well as for "the priests, and for all the people of the congregation," was on the tenth day of the seventh month. - Lev.xvi,29,33. And when that work of atonement for "the

the same atoning blood for her purity, that the saints are indebted to for theirs.

When does the marriage take place? It is asserted that it must be after the destruction of the wicked, after the judgment, at least, of the "great whore." But why so? The fact that the account of it falls after the account of the judgment of that per-

sonage, is, of itself, no proof of it. The parts of this book in particular, must be arranged, not by the order in which they occur, but by the order of the events of which they speak. Is it not evident that verse 4th of chapter xix, closes the portion which begins with chapter xvii? and that the 5th verse begins a new portion? Compare Rev. iv, 5. And if the marriage be supposed to denote the union of Christ with his church, does not that take place till after the judgment? They certainly meet him, and appear with him in glory before that time. The union of Christ with his church must take place before the execution of judgment upon the wicked. But if it be contended that the marriage, here, denotes some event which takes place so long after they have found their way to the Lord, it is very doubtful whether that can be the event denoted by the marriage in the parable.

The song of the church, here, itself, appears to prove both the event which the marriage denotes, and the time in which it takes place. What is their theme? The same, evidently, of the four and twenty elders on the sounding

of the seventh trumpet: "We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned!" - Say the elders. "Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth!" say the church. They both celebrate the introduction of the reign of Christ. And as Christ, together with his saints in their glorified state, are to execute judgment upon the wicked, the marriage, which denotes the placing Christ in his throne, must take place before, and not after the execution of judgment upon any of his enemies. We suppose the song celebrates an event that is already accomplished at the time it is sung.

By going "through the Bible," then, with the figure, guided by the established rules of interpretation, there is but one interpretation, one "meaning," - which can be sustained throughout - of "the marriage," as an event to take place in connection with the end. And I can give that act of Christ denoted by the coming of the bridegroom to the marriage, no other special reference, but to the act of resigning his mediatori-

al work, in behalf the world, in order to his becoming king.

It is asked - "What is meant by the virgins going in with him to the marriage?" The difficulty exists only with those who interpret "one part of the figure literally, and the other figuratively."

But understanding this part of the figure as we do the other part, to denote something beyond itself, it must be understood in a sense which accords with the nature of the event which the marriage denotes. The coming of the bridegroom would point out some change of work or office, on the part of our Lord, in the invisible world; and the going in with him a corresponding change on the part of his true people. With him it is within the veil - where he has gone to prepare a place for us; with them it is outside the veil, where they are to wait and keep themselves ready till he appears for their salvation.

Finally. What are the reasons for believing that the event, now supposed to be denoted by the coming of the bridegroom to the marriage, has taken place? Some of these reasons have been anticipated.

1. That event must precede the appearing of Christ.

2. All the power of "the typical argument," though it may have misconceived the precise bearing of the type upon events, bears upon the last seventh month, as the date of that change. Those who have not fully abandoned the position then taken, will admit, that it is too early, at present, to attach no special importance to that argument, or to the events of that time.

3. This view of the question given us as well-defined a position as we have ever had; while it explains what must otherwise be a perplexity in our history, and shows that we have taken a step, which we know must be taken, in the closing up of our mortal state.

4. The condition of things around us goes to confirm the supposition that this step has been taken; while the Adventists, as a body, are placed in circumstances evidently in accordance with those described in the word of God, as the lot of his people at the end. These will be noticed more at length, in considering the duties and trials of our position.

5. This interpretation harmonizes all those figurative portions of the word of God, which speak of the coming of Christ, in their special application, and that too, by referring them to facts plainly stated in other forms of speech, through the prophecies.

The entire picture is also remarkably in accordance with the history of the Adventists, while they have been as insensible that they were living it out, as the disciples of old were, that the oft repeated prophecies of the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ were being fulfilled, though these events were passing before their eyes, till after they had passed. {October 7, 1851 JWe, ARSH 34.12}

I know it is doubted whether we have had any demonstrations which should lead us to such a conclusion. But where shall we look for demonstrations? "We know that whatsoever the law saith, it saith to them that are under the law:" what God has spoken of the state of things in connection with the coming of Christ, is applicable only to those who are responsible for the truth on that subject. The demonstrations of the

old world's doom, before it came, were given only to the family of Noah. The demonstrations of Egypt's doom, to which the Egyptians would not take heed, were given only to the people of God. The demonstrations of the doom of Babylon, were unheeded, but by her captives, till God himself informed her proud and idolatrous monarch, that "God had numbered his kingdom and finished it!" The inhabitants of Jerusalem, excepting the little flock of her outcast children, "knew not" the demonstrations, "that the things which belonged to her peace" were hid from her eyes, till the wrath came upon them to the uttermost. And when I must admit, that the Adventists have had no demonstrations that the world's day is over, I must doubt that they have the truth of God, and that they are His people.

A. HALE.

Divine appointment of the Seventh Day.

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Keep the Sabbath Holy

This regularly scheduled column is to enlighten us to proper keeping of the Sabbath through the writings of Ellen White and then additional comments by us, the publishers of this publication since we have so many surface readers as well as those that do not know how to apply certain statements.

Ellen White writes regarding the Sabbath, *"While cooking upon the Sabbath should be avoided, it is not necessary*

to eat cold food. In cold weather let the food prepared the day before be heated. And let the meals, though simple, be palatable and attractive. Provide something that will be regarded as a treat, something the family do not have every day" {CG 532.2}.

Many Adventists that observe the strict "no cooking" on the Sabbath will go too far and believe that warming up food breaks the Sabbath as well. According to the prophet of the Lord, we are allowed to warm up the food that

was already prepared. Of course, you will want to try to avoid the use of a microwave as such is not a healthy way to warm up food.

But this quote begs the question of, "Are not some churches that conduct fellowship meal in violation of the Sabbath?" Many churches gather food

ther served cold or simply warmed.

The bottom line for home and church, all cooking is to be done on the preparation day and only warmed, if need be, on the Sabbath.

Now regarding a treat, be very careful, especially for the children sake. The Sabbath is to

And he said unto them, The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath: Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath.

Mark 2:27-28

be a calm and quiet day. It is not a day to sugar up the kids to the point that they do not settle down and are running all over the place, at church or even

at home. The treat also should be something specially reserved for the Sabbath. It is not so special if on a regular basis treats are given the other days of the week, especially the same one. The purpose of the treat is to "taste and see that the LORD [is] good" (Psalms 34:8), especially experiencing the gift day of the Sabbath as "The sabbath was made for man" (Mark 2:27).



Authorized KJV vs Catholic Bible

If you are using anything but the KJV, you are using a Catholic influenced Bible [see June 2017 issue for details], which strategically twists and leaves out key words and verses so as to make even the ecumenical movement between religions outside of Christianity possible.

Besides the King James Version being the Protestant's Bible, the true version, built into the King James Version is a dictionary. True Seventh-day Adventists follow Isaiah's directions and take a little here and a little there. In other words, we let the Bible interpret itself, as compared to most preachers and teachers today that get caught up in all kinds of Greek and Hebrew and tenses and basically taking the understanding right out of the average Christian's hands. We ought not need to run to theologians to get the right understanding of verses. We ought to be able to get the right understanding through the scriptures. But with the modern versions, that built-in dictionary has become corrupted and even lost.

Again, we see how the modern versions are

actually anti-Adventist by looking at Daniel 8:14. Most versions will render the word "days" as "evenings and mornings" of which the average person is not going to make the connection that it actually means days, as a day is made up of only two parts – evenings and mornings. Therefore, the average person is not going to see this as an application of "each day for a year" principle. And there goes the 2,300 days prophecy, a foundation of our faith.

King James Version: "And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed."

These versions replace the word 'days' with 'evenings and mornings'

American Standard Version: And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred evenings and mornings; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.

Berean Study Bible: He said to me, "It will take 2,300 evenings and mornings; then the sanctuary will be properly restored."

Christian Standard Bible: He said to me, "For 2,300 evenings and mornings; then the sanctuary will be restored."

Contemporary English Version: The other answered, "It will be 2,300 evenings and mornings before the temple is dedicated and in use again."

Darby Bible Translation: And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred evenings [and] mornings: then shall the sanctuary be vindicated.

Douay-Rheims Bible: And he said to him: Unto evening and morning two thousand three hundred days: and the sanctuary shall be cleansed.

English Revised Version: And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred evenings and mornings; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.

English Standard Version: And he said to me, "For 2,300 evenings and mornings. Then the sanctuary shall be restored to its rightful state."

GOD'S WORD® Translation: He told me, "For 2,300 evenings and mornings. Then the holy

place will be made acceptable to God."

Good News Translation:

I heard the other angel answer, "It will continue for 2,300 evenings and mornings, during which sacrifices will not be offered. Then the Temple will be restored."

Holman Christian

Standard Bible: He said to me, "For 2,300 evenings and mornings; then the sanctuary will be restored."

JPS Tanakh 1917: And he said unto me: 'Unto two thousand and three hundred evenings and mornings; then shall the sanctuary be victorious.'

NET Bible: He said to me, "To 2,300 evenings and mornings; then the sanctuary will be put right again."

New American Stand-

ard Bible: He said to me, "For 2,300 evenings and mornings; then the holy place will be properly restored."

New Heart English Bi-

ble: He said to me, "To two thousand and three

hundred evenings and mornings; then shall the sanctuary be restored to its rightful state."

New International Ver-

sion: He said to me, "It will take 2,300 evenings and mornings; then the sanctuary will be reconsecrated."

New Living Translation:

The other replied, "It will take 2,300 evenings and mornings; then the Temple will be made right again."

World English Bible: He said to me, To two thousand and three hundred evenings [and] mornings; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.

Young's Literal Transla-

tion: And he saith unto me, Till evening -- morning two thousand and three hundred, then is the holy place declared right.

These versions are close but can still be confusing:

Brenton Septuagint

Translation: And he said to him, Evening and

morning there shall be two thousand and four hundred days; and then the sanctuary shall be cleansed.

Jubilee Bible 2000: And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days of evening and morning; then shall the sanctuary be justified.

New King James Ver-

sion: And he said to me, "For two thousand three hundred [a]days; then the sanctuary shall be cleansed." [footnote a - Literally evening-mornings]

These versions are correct, this time:

International Standard

Version: "He told me, 'For 2,300 days. Then the Holy Place will be restored.'"

Webster's Bible Trans-

lation: And he said to me, Until two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.



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How Do You Resolve It?

It is one thing to know some verses that help a person stay in the faith, but it is another thing to know the Word in such a way that when a verse seems contradictory to know how to resolve it. True Seventh-day Adventists do not ignore verses. It is our hope that this section will help answer some of those challenges that we may come across personally or be used by others against our beliefs.

Should we cast away the Sabbath day or days?

Many young in the faith Adventists are taken back by people using Colossians 2:16, which says, *“Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath [days].”*

Before we get the proper understanding, it is interesting how so many people look for an un-command but not a command. In other words, people are so willing to dismiss the fourth commandment without having a command to keep another day holy. They are satisfied in that they are left to do whatever they want regarding the

fourth commandment. So, immediately one should say, “If this is so that this verse removes the fourth commandment, do we then have only nine commandments or is there a command that replaces this one such as commanding Sunday?”

But, instead of trying to battle wits, let the Bible provide the correct understanding. First, have the person read it in full context. The verse is in the context of Colossians 2:14-17, which says, *“Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; [And] having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it. Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath [days]: Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body [is] of Christ.”*

We have numerous clues in these verses that point to the fact that “sabbaths” or “sabbath days” does not point to the fourth commandment, but rather it points to other days called sabbaths.

#1 One cannot simply blot out a commandment. It is engraved in stone. If a person tries to use ink to blot out chiseled commandments, it would simply color it. Blotting out is done on paper, and the commandments were not written by God on paper, but stone. And a collection of paper usually is placed in a book, of which, in this case, Moses wrote (Deuteronomy 31:24).

#2 Handwriting is used regarding the list of things done away with. The Ten Commandments were not written by human handwriting, but were “written with the finger of God” (Exodus 31:18). The handwriting refers to the writings of Moses, which was done in a book (Deuteronomy 31:24).

#3 An ordinance is not the same as a commandment.

#4 The writings were written “against the people”. And this, too, points to what Moses was commanded to write in a book (Deuteronomy 31:19).

#5 The word “contrary” matches a number of references in the book of Leviticus, especially in Leviticus 26:24, which is about ceremonial prac-

tices and not the Ten Commandments.

#6 And then we have the list to address.

“Meat”, short for “meat offering”, is not found in a commandment but throughout the Book of Moses (Leviticus 2).

“Drink”, short for “drink offering”, is [not](#)

[in a commandment but throughout the Book of Moses \(Leviticus 23\)](#).

“Holyday” or better translated as “feast day” is not in a commandment but throughout the Book of Moses (Numbers 28:17).

And there is no mention of a “new moon” in the commandments, but Psalms 81:3 says, “*Blow up the*

trumpet in the new moon, in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day.” Therefore, if all of these items in the list point to Moses’ book and specifically feast days, a logical person would then conclude that the word “sabbath” must also apply to the same group. And we shall prove that in a moment.

#7 The phrase “which are a shadow of things to come” is stating that the items done away with in that list all point-

ed to Jesus Christ of which we now no longer need to keep. Does the fourth commandment point forward? The answer is no. The fourth commandment states, “*Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But*

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Colossians 2:14-17

the seventh day [is] the sabbath of the LORD thy God: [in it] thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that [is] within thy gates: For [in] six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them [is], and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it” (Exodus 20:8-11).

The end of the commandment points back-

wards to creation and not forward.

So, after these seven contextual points declaring that in no wise can the word “sabbaths” or “sabbath days” point to the fourth commandment, let us see in the Bible

where feast days are referred to as sabbath days.

Leviticus 23:24 says, “*Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, in the first [day] of the month, shall ye have a sabbath, a memorial of blowing of*

trumpets, an holy convocation.”

Leviticus 23:32 says, “*It [shall be] unto you a sabbath of rest, and ye shall afflict your souls: in the ninth [day] of the month at even, from even unto even, shall ye celebrate your sabbath.*”

Leviticus 23:39 says, “*Also in the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when ye have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto the LORD seven days: on the first*

day [shall be] a sabbath, and on the eighth day [shall be] a sabbath.”

So, there you go. At least three verses in the feast chapter of Leviticus identify three feasts to be called sabbaths. Now, some jump up to the beginning and say, “God includes the fourth commandment and so if the feast sabbaths are done away with, so are the weekly sabbaths.” Let us quickly put that one to rest as well.

It is true that Leviticus 23:2 states, “*Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, [Concerning] the feasts of the LORD, which ye shall proclaim [to be] holy convocations, [even] these [are] my feasts*” and then fol-

lows with an excerpt from the fourth commandment in the very next verse: “*Six days shall work be done: but the seventh day [is] the sabbath of rest, an holy convocation; ye shall do no work [therein]: it [is] the sabbath of the LORD in all your dwellings.*” But people fail to realize

that after verses 2 and 3, verse 4 says, “*These [are] the feasts of the LORD, [even] holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their seasons.*” So, instead of understanding verse 3 and onward is the feasts to be done away with

word ‘sabbath’ is going to be applied to them and as a reminder, when I say ‘sabbath’, I mean it to be treated like the one in the fourth commandment. Now, here is the list...” Therefore, verse 3 is used only as a pattern.

Without the pattern, some may have thought the feast days were days of merriment like many treat Sundays and yet believe they are properly keeping their “sabbath”. The pattern is not for pleasure.

So, Colossians 2:16 is not about the fourth commandment, but is referring to the feast days, which do not include the fourth commandment except to be

used as a pattern for keeping the feast days, which, of course, have been blotted out as a requirement and no longer required to be observed by Christians.



Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, in the first [day] of the month, shall ye have a sabbath, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, an holy convocation.

Leviticus 23:24

It [shall be] unto you a sabbath of rest, and ye shall afflict your souls: in the ninth [day] of the month at even, from even unto even, shall ye celebrate your sabbath.

Leviticus 23:32

Also in the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when ye have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto the LORD seven days: on the first day [shall be] a sabbath, and on the eighth day [shall be] a sabbath.

Leviticus 23:39

later, since the repeat in verse 4 that the list is about to begin, we reset our minds to believe from verse 5 and onward is the list and not from verse 3.

The proper understanding of these verses is this: “Below is a list of the feast days. The

Go Ye Therefore, And Teach

INTRODUCTION RE-PEATED: This article is intended to train Seventh-day Adventists to be able to quickly “[be] ready always to [give] an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear” (1 Peter 3:15). These are topics that Adventists should know, but we find that many cannot teach them to others. Now, we do not want to provide every verse possible to share because first, an Adventist cannot easily commit such to memory, plus this generation that we will be sharing the message with, no matter how old they are, are only looking for snippets of information and not a session, if they are even open to being taught. Therefore, you may have a verse in mind that would be great to share but do not be surprised if it is not included because all of us have our favorite verses on a given subject. It will not hurt if you would like to include it though.

With that said, make sure you have a Bible that permits placing notes in it. A wide margin Bible with note pages in the back is perfect for this. On one of the

note pages, jot down the information we are going to share, then throughout the Bible, chain link each of the verses together. For instance, on the first verse I share with someone, I circle the verse number, and write in the margin the next verse to go to, plus I write some key words to share.

TOPIC: Is Satan Real?

1) Ask, “What did Jesus think?” Luke 10:18 tells us that Jesus actually saw Satan fall, spiritually and physically, from Heaven.

2) Ask, “What is Satan’s activity?” 1 Peter 5:8 He is looking for the spiritually weak to ensnare.

3) Ask, “What does Satan look like?” 2 Corinthians 11:14 So, he does not look like a red being with a pointy tail and horns with a pitchfork.

4) Ask, “Do you wonder why Satan is depicted as a hideous monster?” Revelation 12:3 But realize that according Revelation 1:1, this is symbolic language. It is not to be taken literally.

5) Ask, “Do you know how we know the dragon is referring to

Satan?” Revelation 12:9

6) Ask, “Do you know what upsets him most?” Revelation 12:17 It is obedience to the Ten Commandments. Therefore, we ought to be found keeping the Ten Commandments.

7) Ask, “Do you know what Satan’s end-game thoughts are?” Isaiah 14:12-14 He wants to be God.

8) Ask, “Do you know what he wants to receive from us today?” Matthew 4:9 And the best form of worship is obedience. He is looking for us to obey him. [Compare 2 Kings 17:36 which equates sacrifice and worship as synonyms with 1 Samuel 15:22 which tells us that obedience is more important than sacrifice, which is worship.]

9) Ask, “Does Satan deceive many by showing up as himself?” Revelation 13:2, 4 No. But he has an instrument on earth that if people worship, he accepts it as worship unto himself.

10) Ask, “Why should we be aware of who Satan is and what he is all about?” 2 Corinthians 2:11 So that we will not be deceived.



Healthy Living

Ellen White

Periodically, we need to be reminded that our bodies are not our own. And sometimes we need to get back to the basics; we need to hear from the words of inspiration, the Spirit of Prophecy. The following is found in a book called *Testimonies for the Church, Volume Seven*.

Educate the People

Wherever the truth is proclaimed, instruction should be given in the preparation of healthful foods. God desires that in every place the people shall be taught to use wisely the products that can be easily obtained. Skillful teachers should show the people how to utilize to the very best advantage the products that they can raise or secure in their section of the country. Thus the poor, as well as those in better circumstances, can learn to live healthfully.

From the beginning of the health reform work, we have found it necessary to educate, educate, educate. God desires us to continue this work of educating the people. We are not to neglect it because of the effect we may fear it will have on the sales of the health foods prepared in our factories. That is not the most important matter. Our work is to show the people how they can obtain and prepare the most wholesome food, how they can co-operate with God in restoring His moral

image in themselves.

Our workers should exercise their ingenuity in the preparation of healthful foods. None are to pry into Dr. Kellogg's secrets, but all should understand that the Lord is teaching many minds in many places to make healthful foods. There are many products which, if properly prepared and combined, can be made into foods that will be a blessing to those who cannot afford to purchase the more expensive, specially prepared health foods. He who in the building of the tabernacle gave skill and understanding in all manner of cunning work, will give skill and understanding to His people in the combining of natural food products, thus showing them how to secure a healthful diet.

Knowledge in regard to the preparation of healthful foods is God's property and has been communicated to man in order that he may communicate it to his fellow men. In saying this I do not refer to the special preparations that

it has taken Dr. Kellogg and others long study and much expense to perfect. I refer especially to the simple preparations that all can make for themselves, instruction in regard to which should be given freely to those who desire to live healthfully, and especially to the poor.

It is the Lord's design that in every place men and women shall be encouraged to develop their talents by preparing healthful foods from the natural products of their own section of the country. If they look to God, exercising their skill and ingenuity under the guidance of His Spirit, they will learn how to prepare natural products into healthful foods. Thus they will be able to teach the poor how to provide themselves with foods that will take the place of flesh meat. Those thus helped can in turn instruct others. Such a work will yet be done with consecrated zeal and energy. If it had been done before, there would today be many more people in the truth and many more who could give instruction. Let us learn what our

duty is, and then do it. We are not to be dependent and helpless, waiting for others to do the work that God has committed to us.

In the use of foods we should exercise good, sound common sense. When we find that a certain food does not agree with us, we need not write letters of inquiry to learn the cause of the disturbance. Change the diet; use less of some foods; try other preparations. Soon we shall know the effect that certain combinations have on us. As intelligent human beings let us individually study the principles and use our experience and judgment in deciding what foods are best for us.

The foods used should be suited to the occupation in which we are engaged and the climate in which we live. Some foods that are suitable in one country will not do in another.

There are some who would be benefited more by abstinence from food for a day or two every week than by any amount of treatment or medical advice. To fast one day a week would be of incalculable benefit to them.

I have been instructed that the nut foods are often used unwisely, that too large a proportion of nuts is used, that some nuts are not as

wholesome as others. Almonds are preferable to peanuts; but peanuts, in limited quantities, may be used in connection with grains to make nourishing and digestible food.

Olives may be so prepared as to be eaten with good results at every meal. The advantages sought by the use of butter may be obtained by the eating of properly prepared olives. The oil in the olives relieves constipation; and for consumptives, and for those who have inflamed, irritated stomachs, it is better than any drug. As a food it is better than any oil coming secondhand from animals.

It would be well for us to do less cooking and to eat more fruit in its natural state. Let us teach the people to eat freely of the fresh grapes, apples, peaches, pears, berries, and all other kinds of fruit that can be obtained. Let these be prepared for winter use by canning, using glass, as far as possible, instead of tin.

Concerning flesh meat, we should educate the people to let it alone. Its use is contrary to the best development of the physical, mental, and moral powers. And we should bear a clear testimony against the use of tea and coffee. It is also well to discard rich des-

serts. Milk, eggs, and butter should not be classed with flesh meat. In some cases the use of eggs is beneficial. The time has not come to say that the use of milk and eggs should be wholly discarded. There are poor families whose diet consists largely of bread and milk. They have little fruit and cannot afford to purchase the nut foods. In teaching health reform, as in all other gospel work, we are to meet the people where they are. Until we can teach them how to prepare health reform foods that are palatable, nourishing, and yet inexpensive, we are not at liberty to present the most advanced propositions regarding health reform diet.

Let the diet reform be progressive. Let the people be taught how to prepare food without the use of milk or butter. Tell them that the time will soon come when there will be no safety in using eggs, milk, cream, or butter, because disease in animals is increasing in proportion to the increase of wickedness among men. The time is near when, because of the iniquity of the fallen race, the whole animal creation will groan under the diseases that curse our earth.

God will give His people ability and tact to prepare wholesome food

without these things. Let our people discard all unwholesome recipes. Let them learn how to live healthfully, teaching to others what they have learned. Let them impart this knowledge as they would Bible instruction. Let them teach the people to preserve the health and increase the strength by avoiding the large amount of cooking that has filled the world with chronic invalids. By precept and example make it plain that the food which God gave Adam in his sinless state is the best for man's use as he seeks to regain that sinless state.

Those who teach the principles of health reform should be intelligent in regard to disease and its causes, understanding that every action of the human agent should be in perfect harmony with the laws of life. The light God has given on health reform is for our salvation and the salvation of the world. Men and women should be informed in regard to the human habitation, fitted up by our Creator as His dwelling place, and over which He desires us to be faithful stewards. "For ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people." 2 Corinthians 6:16.

Hold up the principles of health reform, and let the Lord lead the honest in heart. Present the principles of temperance in their most attractive form. Circulate the books that give instruction in regard to healthful living.

The people are in sad need of the light shining from the pages of our health books and journals. God desires to use these books and journals as mediums through which flashes of light shall arrest the attention of the people and cause them to heed the warning of the message of the third angel. Our health journals are instrumentalities in the field to do a special work in disseminating the light that the inhabitants of the world must have in this day of God's preparation. They wield an untold influence in the interests of health and temperance and social purity reform, and will accomplish great good in presenting these subjects in a proper manner and in their true light to the people.

The Lord has been sending us line upon line, and if we reject these principles we are not rejecting the messenger who teaches them, but the One who has given us the principles.

Reform, continual reform, must be kept before the people, and by

our example we must enforce our teaching. True religion and the laws of health go hand in hand. It is impossible to work for the salvation of men and women without presenting to them the need of breaking away from sinful gratifications, which destroy the health, debase the soul, and prevent divine truth from impressing the mind. Men and women must be taught to take a careful view of every habit and every practice, and at once put away those things that cause an unhealthy condition of the body and thus cast a dark shadow over the mind. God desires His light bearers ever to keep a high standard before them. By precept and example they must hold their perfect standard high above Satan's false standard, which, if followed, will lead to misery, degradation, disease, and death for both body and soul. Let those who have obtained a knowledge of how to eat and drink and dress so as to preserve health impart this knowledge to others. Let the poor have the gospel of health preached unto them from a practical point of view, that they may know how to care properly for the body, which is the temple of the Holy Spirit. {7T 132.1-137.1}



Healthy And Delicious Recipes

Almond Nut Spread

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- 2 cups almonds, soaked
 - 1 red bell pepper, finely chopped
 - 3 carrots
 - 3 stalks celery, finely chopped
 - ¼ tsp cayenne OR 1-2 tsp. curry powder
 - 2 tbsp fresh lemon juice
 - ½ red onion finely chopped
 - ½ cup fresh parsley, finely chopped
 - 1 tsp. salt or to taste
 - 1 cup sunflower seeds, soaked
- Use a processor with almonds, sunflower seeds and carrots.
- Place into a mixing bowl and add the celery, bell pepper, red onion, parsley, lemon juice, salt and powder.
- Mix well.

Homemade Mustard Without the Vinegar

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- 1/2 cup water
- Sea salt to taste

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Questions And Answers

QUESTION: What does the Spirit of Prophecy reveal about home churches?

ANSWER: Do keep in mind that there is no forbiddance of venturing out and doing home church; to think if we separate from the conference church and conduct a home church is wrong in God's eyes is Catholic thinking. And no, it is not an "under Sunday law" thing either. It is an evangelism thing.

It is a sin in the Catholic church to miss attending an approved service. This is not so with Jesus for He said, *"Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them"* (Matthew 18:20). That was not just for prayer time, as the early church met in homes.

The early church could not continue with synagogue services since that whole belief system of a future Messiah was all done away with. Messiah already arrived. Besides, believers were not numerous in the beginning, so in every town, people would open their homes to meet.

And then we must also

think logically in our day, in which most missionary families are not ordained ministers, yet each Sabbath, they conduct a form of church service in their home abroad, wherever they may find like believers. If it is permissible for them, why not for us? This is a mission field as well. In fact, *"Some of these may not have been able to leave their families to go to distant mission fields, but they have been missionaries in their own neighborhood"* {RH, January 20, 1910 par. 10}. Just because there are churches near us, thanks to modern transportation, and freedom to attend does not mean we are required to attend, especially if we are placing ourselves under error.

Churches that have drums, that do not preach the three angles' messages, that do not deal with sin in the camp, etc. are all in error. They may not preach error but by omitting present truth, their silence puts them in error. And if any are studying the quarterly of the conference during Sabbath School, they indeed are being brainwashed into error, even if one thinks that

they can spot the errors. There is a subtle error weaved into the quarterlies along with the fact that the resources used are not of God, especially since many studies are written by servants of Antichrist, the world, Babylon, and at atheism.

From Ellen White, *"On the Sabbath the few friends here assembled in Edson's parlor for a Sabbath-school. There are four families--twelve persons in all--who usually meet for worship. Edson conducts the Sabbath-school when he is at home. After Sabbath-school they either have a Bible-reading or a prayer and social meeting. This is as it should be. The family altar should be established in every home; and if in any locality there are no more than two or three of like precious faith, they should meet together. 'Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another; and the Lord hearkened and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name. And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of*

hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him” {RH, October 14, 1884 par. 2}.

In this quote from Ellen White, she states, **“This is as it should be.”** She does not put on a clarification that this is only applicable until a church is built. The reason this ought to be the case even today is that we are to have lots of little lights shining everywhere instead of a church everyone flocks to.

“The great object of our work is to carry the light to those who are in darkness. Our work is world-wide. God’s delegated messengers are not to hover about the people who have been long in the truth. Altogether too much labor is devoted to the churches. God’s people are not to depend on others to do their work for them. Let the Lord’s messengers carry the triumphs of the cross into the regions beyond, calling upon the members of the church to send their prayers as sharp sickles into the harvest-field. Let the church appoint pastors or elders who are devoted to the Lord Jesus, and let these men see that officers are chosen who will attend faithfully to the work of

gathering in the tithe.” {RH, December 1, 1896 par. 26}

The structure of conference churches is completely wrong. Congregations have been Catholicized. Pastors are assigned downward to the church, despite the church getting the opportunity to “vote” acceptance or not of the suggestion, but in reality, a local church is to choose their own pastor. Then, the people are convinced that the only message acceptable is approved through the pastor. Nonsense! That is a part of “kingly” authority, condemned in the Spirit of Prophecy. And when the congregation grows a bit, it is to split and form another church.

“But we are to build a humble house of worship, plain and simple, neat and perfect in its design.” {Ev 377.3}

The reason for large congregations today is for the huge expense of up keep of large structures. If a church can house more than 50 members, it is too large!

Congregations are taught not to believe in themselves, in that, they are to be pastor dependent for all official business. Again, nonsense! Every neighborhood should have a Seventh-day Adventist

congregation.

“The question is sometimes asked, ‘Why build schoolhouses, sanitariums, food stores, or churches, when time is so short?’ The Lord’s money is to be invested wisely. In many places where the work has been shamefully neglected plants must be established that will be producers as well as consumers. Memorials for God should be established in every place as an aid in the proclamation of the last message of mercy. Missionary work should be done in every city.” {17MR 287.2}

Of course, if memorials, which includes churches, were to go through the normal channels of the conference pathway, this would never be fulfilled. In fact, the process of putting these memorials in “every city” is not fulfilled. Sure, we have churches in the large cities, but my point is, there is not enough official staff members to support such growth. In fact, many small congregations were forced to close their doors because it was not worth the pastor’s time to attend for a mere dozen or so congregants. It is too expensive. That is because, again, our organization has been Catholicized. It is the

people who are to go forth and build up these memorials.

Unfortunately, we do not have many consecrated members in the church. People barely invest their means into tithes and a little bit of offerings. In reality, we ought to be investing a whole lot of time and means as if nothing else matters. And, the time involved is to start out with the intention of regular Bible studies, turning into regular Sabbath keeping, to building a regularly meeting of a “church”. As the group grows, a former building ought to be erected as a memorial.

Proper “home church” is to me a mission field. It is not to be simply an option to avoid attending a corrupt conference congregation.

The other problem is that Adventists are too fat. They like sitting under a pastor and be fed and fed. Then they may distribute a little literature here or there, even by mail or e-mail, and they think they are doing God’s will. Real Adventists “will very gladly spend and be spent” (2 Corinthians 12:15). And in this day and age, we ought to get our feeding on the side while being busy feeding others. But the conference churches

would have congregations believe that they have to be part of the larger congregation on the Sabbath to be fed and then they can go feed others. Realistically, most families get fed on the Sabbath and are too busy during the week to do anything with that food. And then they go back next Sabbath to fatten up some more.

Do keep in mind, we are not advocating individualism here. Two or three Adventist families should venture out together and expand to a small congregation of converts and after a period of time, continue to divided and expand.

Now, all of the quotes on the subject have not been supplied for that would take serious searching as well as a larger publication. What is done here is a summary of those intentions. So, get out there and plant churches. Paul never asked for conference approval for every church he planted. And all of us are equipped to be church planters or part of a team that can do so.

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them

to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, [even] unto the end of the world. Amen” (Matthew 28:19-20).

P.S. Do not get me started on who is and is not allowed to be baptizing. Yet another control mechanism.

QUESTION: What are the thoughts circulating regarding timelines, especially that of Daniel 12, which seems to be a controversy with the General Conference and others?

ANSWER: We withheld the preacher’s name being referred to in the question because in reality, there are multiple voices on the matter that are just as involved.

Ellen White states, *“In his vision of the last days Daniel inquired, ‘O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things? And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end. Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand. . . . Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three*

hundred and five and thirty days. But go thou thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days' [Daniel 12:8-13]. Daniel has been standing in his lot since the seal was removed and the light of truth has been shining upon his visions. He stands in his lot, bearing the testimony which was to be understood at the end of the days" {1SAT 225.5}.

By quoting Daniel 12 and then stating that Daniel has been standing in his lot since the seal was removed, is basically confirming that the 1335 end date is past, and if that is true, then all three timelines (1260, 1290, 1335) also are past.

Looking at Daniel 12 itself, we get clues that point backwards and not forward to a literal time period. First, the word "daily", while ignoring the supplied text of "sacrifice", is a reference to Daniel

8:11-13 as well as Daniel 11:31. All four of those references to the word "daily" are believed to be fulfilled in the past. While not defining the use of the word "daily", as per counsel quoted below, it is merely being referenced here as a time location for Ellen White writes these things:

"Then I saw in relation to the 'daily' (Daniel 8:12) that the word 'sacrifice' was supplied by man's wisdom, and does not belong to the text, and that the Lord gave the correct view of it to those who gave the judgment hour cry. When union existed, before 1844, nearly all were united on the correct view of the 'daily'; but in the confusion since 1844, other views have been embraced, and darkness and confusion have followed. Time has not been a test since 1844, and it will never again be a test" {EW 74.2}.

"The Lord has shown

me that the message of the third angel must go, and be proclaimed to the scattered children of the Lord, but it must not be hung on time. I saw that some were getting a false excitement, arising from preaching time; but the third angel's message is stronger than time can be. I saw that this message can stand on its own foundation and needs not time to strengthen it; and that it will go in mighty power, and do its work, and will be cut short in righteousness" {EW 75.1}.

"I have words to speak to . . . all who have been active in urging their views in regard to the meaning of 'the daily' of Daniel 8. This is not to be made a test question, and the agitation that has resulted from its being treated as such has been very unfortunate. Confusion has resulted, and the minds of some of our brethren have been diverted from the thoughtful consideration that should have been given to the work that the Lord has directed should be done at this time in our cities. This has been pleasing to the great enemy of our work" {1SM 167.1}.

"And I heard, but I understood not: then said

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I, O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things? And He said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end. Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand. And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days. Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days. But go thou thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days" {TM 115.1}.

"It was the Lion of the tribe of Judah who unsealed the book and gave to John the revelation of what should be in these last days" {TM 115.2}.

"Daniel stood in his lot to bear his testimony which was sealed until the time of the end, when the first angel's message should be proclaimed to our world. These matters are of infinite importance in these last days; but while 'many shall be

purified, and made white, and tried,' 'the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand.' How true this is! Sin is the transgression of the law of God; and those who will not accept the light in regard to the law of God will not understand the proclamation of the first, second, and third angel's messages. The book of Daniel is unsealed in the revelation to John, and carries us forward to the last scenes of this earth's history" {TM 115.3}.

As you see from *Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers*, page 115, she clearly places the wording from Daniel 12 into the past. Basically, Daniel time lines of chapter 12 end in 1844. In fact, our second clue is found in verse 9, *"And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words [are] closed up and sealed till the time of the end."* When is the time of the end? The belief is 1798. To put the timelines into literal fulfillment of the future means that we also have to declare a second "time of the end" date. In avoiding a second declaration, that means that both the 1260 and 1290 timelines conclude in 1798 as prophetic time

and not literal.

And an interesting point to interject here is that it appears to be a coincidence that the 1260 of Daniel 12 matches the prophetic timeline of 1260 in both Daniel and Revelation. To treat the Daniel 12 one as literal simply because Daniel is told to seal up the book earlier in the chapter is a little suspicious. How many times on the phone do people say good-bye and yet do not hang up right away only to make another point and then say good-bye again shortly thereafter? We are all probably guilty of doing such. That is basically what is happening here with Daniel 12.

So, to believe in a future literal timeline requires that "the daily" of chapter 12 is different from all the prior uses of "daily" and "the time of the end" has to point to another "time of the end" different from a prior understanding. Further, is this not the time since 1844 in which *"Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand"*

(Daniel 12:10) because the judgment hour causes such? Yes, it is, according to TM 115.3 already quoted. So, Ellen White puts Daniel 12:10 in past fulfillment making Daniel 12, including the timelines, overall a past fulfillment.

And let us address one more item that goes along with this future concept of literal time. It is the reference in

Revelation 13:5 of the forty-two months. Ellen White states:

“Power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.’

And, says the prophet, ‘I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death.’ And again, ‘He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity; he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword.’ The forty and two months are the same as the ‘time and times and the dividing of time,’ three years and a half, or 1260 days, of Daniel 7, —the time during which the papal power was to oppress God's people. This period, as stated in preceding chapters, began with

the establishment of the papacy, A. D. 538, and terminated in 1798. At that time, when the papacy was abolished and the pope made captive by the French army, the papal power received its deadly wound, and the prediction was fulfilled, ‘He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity’ {GC88 439.2}.

We cannot separate the 42 months from

Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.

Daniel 12:10

the 1260 days as she specifically states that the date line is 538 to 1798. That is past.

And the personal concern I have regarding taking the timelines of Daniel 12 literally is that no one is agreeing upon the starting point. We have one minister, who is the one originally referenced in the question, that declared that when the pope addressed congress that such marked the beginning of the timelines. Another, declares that December 12,

2015 begins the timeline when the Paris agreement was drafted. Yet, another puts it off until April 22, 2016 when it was actually signed. In reality, there are more dates coming forth including that of this month when the nations agreed to now enforce the Paris agreement.

And if anyone has been around the Adventist world these past thirty

years, others have picked dates of which all failed. There was the date chosen for the timelines so that they ended by December 31, 1999. Others picked September 11, 2001, as the

start of the timelines blaming the Vatican as planting their punishing flag upon the United States by use of the tragic event known as 9/11. Still others declared the financial issues of 2008, again, establishing the long arm of the Vatican.

From the evidence supplied and the confusion of start dates, we conclude that the literal interpretation of Daniel 12 timelines to be a distraction and even error.



News And Comments

December 1

Charisma News

The Exodus 20 Reason You Need to Make America Great Again

"In the movements now in progress in the United States to secure for the institutions and usages of the church the support of the state, Protestants are following in the steps of papists. Nay, more, they are opening the door for popery to regain in Protestant America the supremacy which she has lost in the Old World" {GC88 573.1}

December 1

Pres-Outlook

How do we practice Sabbath-keeping?

"In contrast, God extends the Sabbath command to animals. In Exodus 20:8-11, God says that on the Sabbath 'you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns.' If dairy cows were given more time to rest, it would not only be good for the cows, it would be good for our health."

"Through the two great errors, the immortality of the soul, and Sunday

sacredness, Satan will bring the people under his deceptions. While the former lays the foundation of Spiritualism, the latter creates a bond of sympathy with Rome" {GC88 588.1}.

December 1

Salvation Army

A Call for Climate Justice - Release 7

From their web page: "Keep the Sabbath: It could be the most radical thing a church can do for environmental stewardship—to commit to keeping the Sabbath. The scriptures make constant reference to rest and care for the land as well as for people on the Sabbath. Spending time with family and friends and enjoying the free outdoors is an act of resistance to the pressures of materialism and consumerism."

More and more denominations are boldly coming out joining in the unified chant... Keep Sunday to fight climate change. The word "Sabbath" is not referring to the right one but their regular acceptance of Sunday. "Through the two great errors, the immortality of the soul, and Sunday sacredness, Satan will bring the people under his decep-

tions" {GC88 588.2}.

December 4

Catholic News Service

Cardinal tells COP24 climate needs present 'challenge of civilization'

The article states: "The Vatican challenged countries gathered for the 24th U.N. Climate Change Conference to focus on the needs of the present and the future as it worked to take swift action." Swift action is a plea to enact the pope's climate change solution ... Sunday. This is definitely working towards, "For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her" (Revelation 18:3).

December 6

Catholic News Service

Update: Pope to make historic visit to United Arab Emirates in February

From the article, "Pope Francis will visit the United Arab Emirates next year, becoming the first pope to visit the Arabian Peninsula, the Vatican announced", that means the world continues to fulfill: "all the world wondered

after the beast" (Revelation 13:3).

Also, the article states: "The Vatican also released the logo and the theme of the papal visit, "Make me a channel of your peace," which is inspired by St. Francis of Assisi's prayer for peace." And antichrist "by peace shall destroy many" (Daniel 8:25).

December 4

CNS News

Apple CEO Tim Cook: Not Banning Those Who Violate 'Our Morality' 'Is a Sin'

Article states, "Apple CEO Tim Cook, who is openly gay", but Isaiah 5:20 states, "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!"

December 6

MSN

Fearing disaster, millennials are buying land in rural places

If millennials know what we were told, how much more should Adventists?

"I urge our people to make it their lifework to seek for spirituality. Christ is at the door. This is why I say to our people, 'Do not consider it a privation when you are called to leave the cities and move out into the

country places. Here there await rich blessings for those who will grasp them. By beholding the scenes of nature, the works of the Creator, by studying God's handiwork, imperceptibly you will be changed into the same image.'"--2SM 355, 356 (1908).

December 14

Express

Greenland earthquake: Meteor explosion almost as powerful as a NUCLEAR BOMB sparks quake

The article stated, "A fireball was detected over Greenland on July 25, 2018 by US Government sensors at an altitude of 43.3 km." Ellen White writes: "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."--Letter 278, 1906.

December 6

The Washington Post

French unions join protests, piling new pressure on Macron

"The trades unions will be one of the agencies that will bring upon this earth a time of trouble such as has not been since the world began."--Letter 200, 1903. {2SM 142.1}

December 16

ABS CBN

Nations inch towards climate deal at marathon UN summit

"And prophecy foretells a restoration of her power. 'I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed; and all the world wondered after the beast.' [Revelation 13:3.] The infliction of the deadly wound points to the abolition of the papacy in 1798. After this, says the prophet, 'His deadly wound was healed; and all the world wondered after the beast.' Paul states plainly that the man of sin will continue until the second advent. [2 Thessalonians 2:8.] To the very close of time he will carry forward his work of deception. And the Revelator declares, also referring to the papacy, 'All that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not

written in the book of life.' [Revelation 13:8.] In both the Old and the New World, papacy will receive homage in the honor paid to the Sunday institution, that rests solely upon the authority of the Romish Church. {GC88 578.3}

December 14

Madison Catholic Herald

Catholics urged to be 'kindling' for Holy Spirit, be 'on fire' as disciples

Maybe now that mother is declaring December 12th, 2018 through 2019 as the year for fire, a year or awakening, maybe her daughters we do as Satan said would happen in 2018 using Kenneth Copeland as the spokes person. "And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men" (Revelation 13:13).

December 18

The Washington Post

Climate-change deniers are a danger to our security

Risking security means that such people ought to either be ignored or dealt with. And what is the future dealing with such, especially when the so-called solution is enforced, that being of giving planet earth a rest

day of Sunday? "And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed" (Revelation 13:15).

December 21

Grist

Climate change activists vow to step up protests around world

We are told that Sunday will come in by the way of people demanding it, and clearly the demand has reached world-wide. So, what will politicians do in every country?

"The dignitaries of church and State will unite to bribe, persuade, or compel all classes to honor the Sunday. The lack of divine authority will be supplied by oppressive enactments. Political corruption is destroying love of justice and regard for truth; and even in free America, rulers and legislators, in order to secure public favor, will yield to the popular demand for a law enforcing Sunday observance. Liberty of conscience, which has cost so great a sacrifice, will no longer be respected. In the soon-coming conflict we shall see exemplified the prophet's words: 'The dragon was wroth with

the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.' [Revelation 12:17.] {GC88 592.3}.

December 21

Angel US News

The U.S. and Holy See in 2018: A worldwide force for good

Written before this nation was ever respected as being so influential... Ellen White writes:

"The lamb-like horns and dragon voice of the symbol point to a striking contradiction between the professions and the practice of the nation thus represented. The 'speaking' of the nation is the action of its legislative and judicial authorities. By such action it will give the lie to those liberal and peaceful principles which it has put forth as the foundation of its policy. The prediction that it will speak 'as a dragon,' and exercise 'all the power of the first beast,' plainly foretells a development of the spirit of intolerance and persecution that was manifested by the nations represented by the dragon and the leopard-like beast. And the statement that the beast with two horns 'causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship

the first beast,' indicates that the authority of this nation is to be exercised in enforcing some observance which shall be an act of homage to the papacy." {GC88 442.1}

December 15

NPR

Nations Agree On Rules To Put Paris Climate Agreement Into Action

"The Sunday movement is now making its way in

darkness. The leaders are concealing the true issue, and many who unite in the movement do not themselves see whither the undercurrent is tending. Its professions are mild and apparently Christian, but when it shall speak it will reveal the spirit of the dragon. It is our duty to do all in our power to avert the threatened danger. We should endeavor to disarm prejudice by placing ourselves in a proper light before

the people. We should bring before them the real question at issue, thus interposing the most effectual protest against measures to restrict liberty of conscience. We should search the Scriptures and be able to give the reason for our faith. Says the prophet: 'The wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.'" {5T 452.1}



Watchman, Let Him Declare What He Seeth

This new section of the newsletter is not to be read as *Four Angels Messages* is just looking for things to attack or slam the church with. If any have the attitude, "Yet another attack on the church. I know we have problems but this is not the way to deal with them", you need to change your attitude. These things do show more than problems as these come from our leadership who are to lead. Many average Adventists know better and if they know better, our leaders ought to know more, hence the role of leadership. But more importantly, the purpose of this subject is to have those Adventists that are unaware of these things being error and to avoid them. For instance, a pastor that teaches that it is okay to

have sex on the Sabbath is actually teaching people to break the Sabbath. Jesu said, "Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach [them], the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:19). That means the pastor that is in error is least, but we have the responsibility then to undo their error. And when the error is made public, "Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear" (1 Timothy 5:20).

December 21, 2018

NAD publishes Florida Hospital Church Chil-

dren's 2018 Christmas Program – *Straight Outta Bethlehem*

VIMEO LINK: <https://vimeo.com/307613941>

Comment: Program contained much dancing especially promoting the disco era with children dressed up in 70's garb. In the program, they are known as "Disco Angels". This program also included "Barnyard Boogie". What a perversion! On top of that, a Sunday keeping church known as EpicLife Church also put on the same program. Can we say ecumenical infiltration or marching orders? This is promoted by a non-Adventist church resource called Word Choral Club.

December 7, 2018

Adventist Today,

Reinder Bruinsma

Are Sunday Laws Coming?

Article Exerts: However the expectation that in the end of time a universal Sunday law will be enforced by the civil authorities, upon the insistence of the public and at the demand of the “apostate” churches, seems to be more and more unrealistic.

Adventists must ask themselves: Does the Bible clearly predict a time when merciless Sunday laws will be enforced? We should realize that this Sunday-law scenario is mainly based on the interpretation of the prophecies of the Revelation by Ellen White in her book *The Great Controversy*. For some this means that, against all present appearances, the Sunday laws are coming, because “she says so!” For others it means that Ellen White was wrong and that she is thereby disqualified as a prophetic beacon for the Adventist believers.

For me, it means that we must revise our concept of inspiration.

It is up to us to discern how this “great controversy” plays out in our twenty-first century western world.

Let us not waste energy on trying to push an unrealistic Sunday-law scenario, but promote and model a life in which

the Sabbath-rest, that is part of God’s creation, holds center stage.

Comment: The fact that this was allowed to be published makes the magazine suspect, which it is, but that aside, there is so much wrong with this article that we must restrain ourselves from becoming too lengthy. The magazine is to help solidify our beliefs, but by permitting this article to appear is yet another example of undermining the faith!

So, despite the fact that Ellen foretold the unification of churches in *The Great Controversy*, means nothing? Of course it means nothing because to acknowledge that means acknowledging the antichrist and the mark.

The Bible clearly teaches that the mark of the first beast is to be enforced. What is the mark of the first beast? Well, the first beast has to be identified before we know the mark. And that is where the leadership falls short. Most of the leadership no longer apply the prophecy to the papacy, but if one did, simply ask, “Papacy, what is your mark?” Answer: “Of course the Catholic Church claims that the change was her act. It could not have been otherwise, as none in those days would have dreamed of doing anything, in matters spiritual, ecclesiastical

and religious, without her. This act is a mark of her ecclesiastical power and authority in religious matters” - Extract from a letter written by the Chancellor of Cardinal Gibbons (November 11, 1895).

Further, the article, even the excerpts above, denounce her as a prophet. And this person continues to preach, teach, and write? He continues to influence weak Adventists into false beliefs is what he does.

Then to declare that it is up to us to interpret the end time scenario is ludicrous! “Where [there is] no vision, the people perish” (Proverbs 29:18).

And the final paragraph to encourage people not to preach the three angels’ messages is absurd! That is what is meant to avoid such discussion when we are told to preach, “the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive [his] mark in his forehead, or in his hand...” (Revelation 14:9).

December 16, 2018

Adventist Today, Stephen Ferguson

Should the Adventist Church Embrace Marxism?

Article Exerts: You may be surprised to learn

that Marxism (encompassing elements of both socialism and communism) actually stems from biblical-Christian ideals.

So, what about your church – should it be Marxist or capitalist?

“Religion is the opium of the people.” We might need some reminding that the Bible likewise records God’s saying, “I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies” (Amos 5:21). A key aspect of Adventism’s “three angels’ messages” is to warn against the negative controls of false religious systems. We therefore need to make sure our own system is not one of them, a relevant concern given the current discussion about Church unity and discipline.

Comment: We are not to be following an “ism” or an “ist” of any human creation. We are Christian. Some Christian principles may be found in all of these “isms” and “ists” but that does not mean we ought to embrace these beliefs. Carl Marx, for instance, was very much against traditional marriage and did not speak highly of religion, so to embrace Marxism is to embrace all of it. And as for the choice between Marxist or capitalist, there is no choice. If a person lives in a capitalistic society, do what is necessary to

meet personal needs and support the ministry. If a person lives in a Marxist society, do what is necessary to meet personal needs and especially support the ministry. But the last thing any Seventh-day Adventist should be involved in is politics. If, though doubtful, the United States switches to a socialistic or communistic society then so be it. Adjust the lifestyle to accommodate. If the United States does not switch, then continue life as is. Do not be lobbying one or the other. This earth, this country is not our home!

Bible: “We ought to obey God rather than men” (Acts 5:29). “My kingdom is not of this world” (John 18:36). “Be ye followers of me, even as I also [am] of Christ” (1 Corinthians 11:1). “Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children” (Ephesians 5:1).

Earlier

March 22, 2017

Fulcrum

John McLarty: Portions Of The Bible Should Be Rejected To Accommodate LGBTQ

Quotes from John

McLarty: If we are going to be faithful to God, there are times when we must push back against the ancient words. Sometimes, the law

needs to be bent to accommodate reality. We don't all agree and we interpret the Genesis stories and Pauline writings a bit differently at times, but we still agree to stay in fellowship with each other while we keep dialoging.

Profile: “I am a liberal Adventist pastor, runner, writer, artist, and contemplative. Currently, I serve as senior pastor of the Green Lake Church of Seventh-day Adventists in Seattle.”

EGW: The days are fast approaching when there will be great perplexity and confusion. Satan, clothed in angel robes, will deceive, if possible, the very elect. There will be gods many and lords many. Every wind of doctrine will be blowing. Those who have rendered supreme homage to “science falsely so called” will not be the leaders then. Those who have trusted to intellect, genius, or talent will not then stand at the head of rank and file. They did not keep pace with the light. Those who have proved themselves unfaithful will not then be entrusted with the flock. In the last solemn work few great men will be engaged. They are self-sufficient, independent of God, and He cannot use them. The Lord has faithful servants, who in the shaking, testing time will be disclosed to view. There are precious ones now hidden who have

Comment: And he is still being paid by the conference to lead astray his congregation.

NAD News

Full Article: <https://www.nadadventist.org/news/adventist-researchers-report-lgbt-young-adult-survey-findings>

This research was conducted to foster better understanding of LGBT+ Adventists — many church members talk about LGBT+ individuals, but few actually talk directly to them. According to the article, the Adventist Church has been “challenged to address the reality that there are members who have a lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender sexual orientation or gender identity.”

Comment: Where is the study for Adventists who smoke? Adventists who commit adultery? Adventists who uses drugs? Sin is a sin and we do not seem to care about studying how telling people to stop smoking impacts them. This is your money at work!

inmost souls are true
and honest, men who do
not fear to call sin by its
right name, men whose
conscience is as true to
duty as the needle to
the pole, men who will
stand for the right
though the heavens
fall." {Ed 57.3}

September 19, 2016

Full Article: <https://doi.org/10.1002/for.2511>

www.christiantoday.com/article/millions-of-christians-to-unite-to-pray-for-revival-in-britain/95818.htm

Snippets: Catholics, Baptists, Pentecostals, Copts, Methodists, Orthodox Christians and members of free churches will unite under the Anglican umbrella after the presidents of Churches Together in England (CTE) announced on Monday they would accept the invitation to pray in the 10 days before Pentecost 2017.

They will write to their churches – which range from Seventh-Day Adventists churches to Coptic Orthodox churches – and encourage them to participate.

EGW: While we are to love souls for whom Christ died, and labor for their salvation, we should not make a compromise with sin. We are not to unite with those who are rebelling against divine authority, and call this charity. {ST, January 29, 1885 par. 13}

March 2, 2015

General Conference Official Vaccine Stance

Website: <https://www.adventist.org/en/information/official-statements/guidelines/article/go/-/immunization/>

Quote: The Seventh-day

Adventist Church places strong emphasis on health and well-being. The Adventist health emphasis is based on biblical revelation, the inspired writing of E.G. White (co-founder of the Church), and on peer-reviewed scientific literature. As such, we encourage responsible immunization/vaccination, and have no religious or faith-based reason not to encourage our adherents to responsibly participate in protective and preventive immunization programs. We value the health and safety of the population, which includes the maintenance of “herd immunity.”

EGW: People need to be taught that drugs do not cure disease. It is true that they sometimes afford present relief, and the patient appears to recover as the result of their use; this is because nature has sufficient vital force to expel the poison and to correct the conditions that caused the disease. Health is recovered in spite of the drug. But in most cases the drug only changes the form and location of the disease. Often the effect of the poison seems to be overcome for a time, but the results remain in the system and work great harm at some later period. {MH 126.3}

Bible: Revelation 18:23
And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all

in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived. [The Greek word for “sorceries” is “pharmakeia”, in which the word “pharmacy” is derived from.

Common Sense: The Bible forbids certain animals to be consumed and identified as “unclean”. Many of the vaccines are derived from such unclean creatures including, but not restricted to, jellyfish. And if the animal is clean, the blood is forbidden in the Bible to be put into humans. And many vaccines are made from aborted fetus!

Why is this a concern when the website allows one’s own conscience to dictate their personal belief? The church is selling us out because when the government makes it harder to claim religious exemption, which in the state of California, as well as even here in Pennsylvania, we cannot even appeal to our General Conference to have our backs. In fact, the initial wording on the webpage makes it very difficult to resist the use of vaccines based on religious beliefs.

December 3, 2015 (And still valid today)

Excerpt from article: As world leaders gather in Paris for the 21st United Nations Climate Change Conference, the Seventh-day Adventist Church supports and applauds the efforts of these leaders to come to an agreement to stem the deterioration of our earth due to climate change.

Comment: So, since the Paris agreement is actually agreeing with the pope's encyclical, then that means our leaders are also in support of the solution that they agreeing to, which is an "international day of

rest". Though that day is not explicitly called Sunday, we know it is. Therefore, our leaders should lead instead of going along with the agenda.

EGW: The Sunday movement is now making its way in darkness. The leaders are concealing the true issue, and many who unite in the movement do not themselves see whither the undercurrent is tending. Its professions are mild and apparently Christian, but when it shall speak it will reveal the spirit of the dragon. It is our duty to do all in our power to avert the threatened

danger. We should endeavor to disarm prejudice by placing ourselves in a proper light before the people. We should bring before them the real question at issue, thus interposing the most effectual protest against measures to restrict liberty of conscience. We should search the Scriptures and be able to give the reason for our faith. Says the prophet: "The wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand." {5T 452.1}



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not, along with the ability to freeze bank accounts.

Brothers and sisters, do be careful of how much control you hand over willingly. It surely will be used against us in the future. And this is not being paranoid. This is a person who also has been involved in computer programming and saw this coming 30+ years ago. It is finally here.

God help us to discern the times and be careful of how convenient of a life we are trying to create for ourselves. Convenience is in Heaven; not on earth. 

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