



# The Four Angels' Messages

## A Monthly Magazine

It is the Three Angels' Message of Revelation 14 empowered by "another angel" (Revelation 18:1) producing the Loud Cry, which is yet future, but now is the time of preparation, which is the purpose of this publication.

### Who Shall Be Saved?

Ellen White

"Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved? and he said unto them, Strive to enter in at the strait gate; for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able." Luke 13:23, 24.

This is a mournful statement. There are those who will fail to enter in at the strait gate because they only seek to enter in and do not strive. Those who make a success in overcoming will have to make a persevering effort. Christ prayed that His disciples might be sanctified through the truth. "Thy word," said He, "is truth." While error is prevailing to such an alarming extent in our land, we want to know what truth is because we cannot be sanctified by error. The better we know the truth, the better we shall know how to sanctify our lives through God's Word. We are in this world as probationers, and God is

giving us an opportunity to hear and obey His truth.

It is a very solemn thing to live in this age of the world, and we should not be satisfied unless we have a living connection with the God of heaven. We should have a sense of our accountability to Him every day of our lives. God requires that we should improve all our God-given talents to His glory. We cannot press against the tide of moral evil that is in our world unless we have the grace that comes from Christ.

We see that the customs and practices of many who profess to be God's children do not correspond with their profession; but God requires us to be true to principle, to work the works of Christ, and to stand out against every evil thing. A

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# Dear Brothers and Sisters ...

*Jerry O'Donnell*

Life indeed is fragile. All it takes is to have a brush with death to make one realize how dependent we are upon Him for our breath. In this case, we had four lives have a brush, all in one night.

In Pennsylvania, as in other parts of the northern section of the United States, it gets a bit cold at times. In our home, we have a wood burning stove in the basement, a fireplace on the main floor, a dual heat pump system in which one is for the main floor along with the basement, and the other is for the bedrooms on the second floor. On the very bitter cold nights, we appreciate our wood burning stove, however it seems that those who constructed the chimney for a previous owner used inferior product for the flue, and this is what caused us, as a family, to have a brush with death.

It is not my first brush with death, but it was the first for the whole family. It seems that the people who constructed the chimney used simple metal connections. Over a period of time, the whole flue basically disintegrated, so all those pieces had to go somewhere, and somewhere dangerous – imploding on itself. That caused a clog in the flue, building up over time. At first, it was not so noticeable, especially when the stove was cranked up a bit, but as the flue cooled, what would happen overnight into the morning was that the clog prevented smoke from escaping properly. Instead, the smoke found its way into the shared chimney beyond the confines of the flue, which all three heating sources shared. In addition to three flues sharing one chimney, the fireplace

has a trap to push ashes into, and down into the basement where a door is used to open up at the bottom of the chute where ashes are emptied out. The smoke had found its way into these two outlets and filled up the room where the fireplace trap was, which was on the main floor in the family room. Smoke also escaped through the ash door in the basement, filling the basement with smoke, and as the stove continued to cool, the heat pump kicked on to continue to heat the house. The furnace then sucked the smoke from the basement into the duct work and into the whole house, bedrooms included, which are on the second floor. It is a wonder why the smoke detectors did not go off. They had done so in the past over insignificant things.

Anyways, somehow, my wife awoke because of the smoke and was able to ventilate the house before any real damage took place, especially that of life. Opening many of the windows in the home quickly alleviated the smokiness.

Over the next couple days, there was an attempt to ascertain what had happened and finally professionals were called in. They had discovered that there was a history of chimney fires in this house. Yes, more than one that had occurred completely burned the simple flue, and we happened to inherit the mess that nearly suffocated us. All is well, and all is being rectified as I write this during the middle of February.

The purpose again of this short note is to have everyone realize how

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“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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great and solemn responsibility rests upon us, who profess to obey God's commandments, to show to the world that we are bending our steps heavenward and that we are pressing against the current that seems to be bearing all before it down to perdition. We should realize for what object we are striving. We are pressing "toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." We cannot remain in listless indifference and yet gain the prize. We must run the race with patience if we would win the crown of life.

If we are indeed the privileged people to whom God has entrusted His precious truth, He would have us in that position where we can reflect this light to the world. Many are inclined to think that all this great work of preparation is to be done by the preachers, and for this reason every individual member of the church does not let his light shine. But it is the duty of every soul who has been a partaker of the blessing of Jesus Christ and has received the blessed light, to try to show others the way of life. We are not to be silent, but to show forth the praises of Him who hath called us out of darkness into His marvelous light. When the Lord has laid before us the rich promises of heaven, how deficient we show ourselves if we do not grasp these blessings by earnest faith. It is only because we have not living faith that we do not receive this light, walk in its rays, and reflect it to

others; for those who partake of this great salvation cannot keep it to themselves. They see a darkened world perishing for want of Jesus Christ. They cannot be satisfied in drinking alone at the fountain of life, but they are constantly desirous that others shall also receive the heavenly benefits and come and drink.

Christ said, "I will be in you a well of water springing up into everlasting life." And how is this constant springing up accomplished? By receiving a continual supply, they refresh others. There is not one person in our midst, having reasoning faculties, who is excused from coming to Christ and bringing others with him.

There are temptations that will come upon every one of us. We all have different dispositions to overcome, and we may thank our Lord that we are not all of the same temperament, that we are not all cast in the same mold. God designs that we shall cultivate esteem for others who differ with us, but [if] all [are] united with the Living Vine, there will be unity in diversity. If all draw nourishment from the root, there will be harmony in fruit-bearing.

There is need of constant watchfulness to keep from our hearts self-esteem, self-love, self-exaltation, and everything which will bear the least appearance of envy, evil-surmisings, and evil-speaking. Satan stands ready to give a false coloring to everything. He will misconstrue things in our mind, placing them in a

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wrong light. We may be sound in doctrine but destitute of saving faith. Peter addresses his brethren in these words: “Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently, being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever.”

How important then that those who embrace unpopular truths should be close students of the Word of God. They have been born again by the Word of God in obeying the truth. They must have an intelligent knowledge of it. They must comprehend it in order to obey its teachings. With heart and mind enlisted in the truth, the Christian will be purified through the truth, learning more and more of the truth daily. Through diligent search, he is growing in grace and the knowledge of the truth, and when tests and trials come through false doctrines, he is not tossed to and fro, for he has become established, rooted, and grounded in the truth, and he will not be moved away from the faith. He will grow up into the living Head, which is Christ.

How are we to know that we are doing this essential work day by day? We must look into the mirror, God’s holy law, and there discover the defects in our character. It is very difficult for one to understand his own errors, and so we must examine very closely to see if there is something we are cherishing that must be laid aside—something that is not in accordance with God’s holy rule of righteousness. Then as we strive diligently to put away every sin, our precious Saviour will work in us to do His will and own good pleasure.

Divine help is imparted, combining with human effort in the work of overcoming. If Christ is abiding in the heart by faith, we will love the souls for whom Christ died. We will have a burden for the perishing souls around us. We will remember that every ray of light that comes from Jesus is not for us to enjoy alone, but for us to reveal to those who are in darkness.

As soon as we feel this spirit of labor for souls, we will feel the necessity of studying the oracles of God for greater light and praying for the Holy Spirit from the throne of grace as we never did before. We will look at souls for whom Christ died and say, “Let my light shine upon these souls, through my words and my deportment.” If we make crooked paths for our feet—sometimes walking in the path, sometimes straying from it—we will turn the lame and weak out of the way. I feel deeply over this matter because I see so much that is objectionable in those in the churches who claim to believe the truth. Let the language of the heart be, “I must have the Spirit of Christ with me from morning until night, or I will be the means of turning some soul out of the way of obedience.”

Christ will be ashamed to call many who claim to be Christians, His brethren; but when those who have born responsibilities in His cause strive to enter the strait gate, the pitying Saviour will stand by their side to help them. He would send every angel out of heaven rather than let the striving soul perish. Christ ever has sympathy with the weak and will fight their battles for them. He knows just how to help them in all their strivings. How thankful ought we to be that we have as a Redeemer the Son of God. In Him dwelleth the Godhead bodily. He has infinite

power. We cannot be too earnest in searching the Scriptures if we would be familiar with the exceeding great and precious promises which are found therein.

We have a peculiar and holy faith which makes us separate and distinct from the world. This line of demarcation will be plain, sharp, and clear. "Ye cannot serve God and mammon." We cannot have the pleasures of the world in view and be followers of Christ. In our efforts to overcome, we will meet with many temptations, but if we continue to strive, Christ will give us perfect success. We may be filled with all the fullness of God. The more serious the trials, the more precious the victory we may gain. If we will only flee to the Source of our strength, we will receive great blessings. We must learn to cast all our care on Jesus, Who careth for us. All our sorrows and griefs must be taken to the Lord

in prayer.

It is a great thing to believe in Jesus. We hear many say "Believe, believe; all you have to do is to believe in Jesus." But it is our privilege to inquire what this belief comprehends. The statement is made in the Bible that the devils believe and tremble. They believe that Christ is the Son of God, but will this save them? No; because their belief leads not to love, but to hatred. There are many who do not bring their faith into their lives. They have only a nominal faith. Truth to them is not a saving principle because it is not in their hearts. We must have that faith that works by love and purifies the soul. True belief in Christ will lead us to put away everything that is offensive in His sight. Unless we have this faith, our profession will avail us nothing. You may admit that Christ is the Saviour of the world, but is He your Saviour? Do you believe, today,

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There must be a greater striving among us to overcome every failure and sin and to stand right before God. There are many who might have been far in advance of what they now are had they had this faith. God wants us to be standing upon the platform of eternal truth and in such a position that our lives will preach to the world that they must love God and keep His commandments if they would ever enter heaven. We must grow up to the full stature of men and women in Christ Jesus if we would become living temples unto the Lord. And He says, "I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be by people."

What we want, brethren and sisters, is true religion. We want the Spirit of God purifying our souls. We want our faces constantly set as a flint heavenward. And when we see sin striving for the mastery in us, then we must fight most earnestly so that it shall not gain the victory. But if you do feel the wound and sting of sin, then cry to the great Physician to help you. We all have to learn this lesson of special trust in our Saviour. We are to trust Him as a little child trusts its earthly parents, to believe that He is working for our good in all things and that He hears every cry for help. If we call upon Him in faith, He will help us succeed fully through every temptation.

In the day of God we shall have no

excuse to offer for not having served Christ, for abundant knowledge and power and grace have been provided us. We are to be partakers of the divine nature and to escape the corruption that is in the world through lust. Christ says, "Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.... For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed." In explanation of these words, Christ said, "It is the Spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life." We must take His Word and bring it into our nature and thus receive nourishment from Christ. As the worthless stalk becomes grafted into the living vine, receiving nourishment from the parent stalk and bearing rich clusters of fruit, so we are to connect with Christ if we would have a part with Him. We must live by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

May the Lord help us to strive with all the powers that He has given us to enter in at the strait gate. But there must be more advancement, brethren and sisters, than there has been. You must so live that you will leave to the world around you a bright track heavenward. If at last you have the white robe and crown of life, will it not pay for all the trials you have endured? Then be not satisfied with a mere nominal belief of the truth, but let us have heart-work and a reformation at every step. Then we shall at last obtain the eternal reward. {Ms19-1888}



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# *The Law of Moses - Part 6 (Conclusion)*

*Owen Russell Loomis Crosier*

## **THE TRANSITION**

The opinion generally obtains that the seventh trumpet ushers in the Age to come. The first thing upon its sounding are "great voices saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his "Christ." These voices must be heard in the world in which those kingdoms are. It is also evident that the kingdoms sustain a different relation to God at the time these voices are heard, from what they did before the 7th trumpet sounded. The declaration, "He shall reign forever and ever;" and the humble expression of thanks from the four and twenty elders, (a symbol of the whole church.) "Because thou hast taken to thee thy great power and hast resigned," shows that at that time he began to reign in a special sense. Such voices have been heard since the 7th moon '44, and produced the effects here described, deep humiliation and profound gratitude. This change of the relation of the kingdoms of this world to Christ, is the same as making his enemies his footstool, (Heb. 10:13) which event was expected by him while he sits at the right hand of the Father fulfilling the daily ministration. vs. 11,12.

Rev. 10 gives in part the character and circumstances of the transition from the Gos. to the following Dis. The angel that declares, "There should be time no longer, is not the Lord at his appearing, for after uttering that oath he told John, "Thou must prophesy again." Whatever the nature of this prophesying may be, it certainly follows the oath of vs. 6, 7.

I think we have misunderstood the 7th verse. We have understood or explained the 6th verse as the

language of the angel, but the 7th as a declaration of John; whereas both verses are the language of the angel, the 7th being a qualification or explanation of the 6th, showing the manner in which time should close. The angel of the Philadelphia church, having "an open door," gave the Midnight Cry with the solemn assurance of this oath. He swore, or positively declared, "That there should be time no longer, but in the days of the voice of the 7th angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets." – There are "days" (plural) in which the 7th angel begins to sound. Whether these days are literal or symbolic, which is most in accordance with the character of this book, they denote a short period of time, in which not only the 7th angel begins to sound, but the mystery of God is finished also. Thus we see that the mystery is finished, not in a point but in a period, and while the mystery is finishing, the 7th angel is beginning to sound.

What is the mystery to be finished? "The mystery of the gospel," Eph. 6 : 19. "The mystery which was kept secret since the world began, but is now made manifest." The riches of the glory of this mystery is Christ in you, the hope of glory, Col. 1:27. "The mystery of Christ, which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the spirit; that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel" Eph. 2:4-6. It is the dispensation of the grace of God; ver. 2. These texts show that the mystery of God or Christ is the Gos. Dis. It is



the period of hope and heirship. While we hope we pray for the object of hope, and that is glory – as exhibited on the Holy Mount, immortality, the Kingdom and society of Jesus. Until these are obtained we hope; and while we hope the mystery is not finished. – Again, we are heirs during the mystery of God, and when that is finished, we shall become inheritors. We must therefore conclude that the mystery of God will end with the mysterious change from mortal to immortality; 1 Cor. 15: 51-54. Then, as the Dispensation of the fullness of times begins with the 7th trumpet, and the Gos. Dis. reaches to the resurrection, it is manifest that the Dis. of the fullness of times, begins before the Gos. Dis. ends. – There is a short period of overlapping or running together of the two Dispensations, in which the peculiarities of both mingle like the twilight, minglings of light and darkness.

This was also the manner of change from the Dispensation of the Law to the Gospel. Gabriel said to Daniel, "Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city." It is presumed that all agree that these 70 weeks reached to the end of the legal dispensation and no further. The Messiah came at the end of the 69 weeks and began to preach the gospel, (Mat. 1:14, 15; Mat. 4: 23) which Paul calls the New Covenant. And he continued this covenant with many for one week, the last one of the 70. Hence, the legal Dispensation ended seven years after the Gos. Dis. began; and the last symbolic week of one was the first of the other; and while one was being finished, the other was being introduced and confirmed or established. Whether that period is an express type of the crisis period between the Gos. Dis. and the Dispensation of the fullness of times or not, it furnishes a strong

argument from analogy, corroborating the plain testimony of the Word, that there must be such a period. I see no evidence that the latter must be of the same length of the former: To learn its length we must have recourse to other sources of evidence. Yet there is a striking similarity between them.


At that time the world and the mass of God's professed people were unbelieving, and greatly indifferent about the transpiring events in the Providence of God, momentous as they were. The adherents to the new era were a sect everywhere spoken against. They had little or no reverence for the old and commandments nullifying traditions of Judaism. They were called movers of seditions, endangering the place and nation; drunken, because filled with the Holy Ghost; and mad, because mighty in the truth. They had peculiar faith; and their preaching and conduct were such as to cause the professors to accuse them of breaking the law; and finally they denounced and excluded the whole Jewish nation of religionists en masse for their infidelity. – The teaching and practice even of our Savior and the apostles appeared to them contradictory – at times they seemed to recognize the authority of the law, and then again totally to disregard it, and insist upon the new order of things. He resolved their ten commandments into two, dismissed the woman without being stoned according to the law, forgave sins without the legal sacrifices, healed without requiring to offer according to law, and that even on the Sabbath day; and yet declared that he came not to destroy the law, but to fulfill it. Again, when he had healed a leper, he charged him to go and show himself to the Priest and offer for his cleansing those things which Moses commanded. He also ate the Passover

according to law. Both he and his apostles, on some occasions excluded, and on others admitted the Gentiles to privileges, which according to the law could be enjoyed only by the Jews. Thus they recognized the presence and claims of both dispensations at the same time; one entering and displacing the other, not instantly, but gradually, by a succession of events, each distinct in itself, but all connected in harmony, transpiring in fulfillment of prophecy, and forming the circumstances of the Advent, which was one distinct event, and the nucleus of all the rest. A little before his crucifixion Jesus came as King to Jerusalem, the Metropolis and Capitol of that Dis.; the City was under his absolute authority for a time; he had declared its house desolate and now entered and cleansed the temple.

As then, so now, according to the Scriptures, a series of events constitute the circumstances of our Lord's appearing, and form the crisis of the two Dispensations. In that period his crucifixion and resurrection were the principle events to which all others are subservient. But there are other events connected with these, and which must of necessity precede them. One of these events as we have already seen is the cleansing of the Sanctuary. Another is the marriage. That Christ ever was or ever will be married as human beings are, no one pretends; but that there is a divine transaction, illustrated for our understanding under the figure of a marriage, it is infidelity to deny. Christ is the Bridegroom and New Jerusalem the Bride. The marriage then signifies their union in a special sense, and of course must take place where the bride is, in the heavens. The heavens must receive Jesus till the times of restitution, then the Father will send him from the heavens. He went to his Father's House in New Jerusalem, and

when he has prepared it he will come again from it to receive us. True the word, Gamos, which is rendered marriage or wedding, signifies "the nuptial ceremony, including the banquet; but not the banquet alone", as some would have us believe. Where is the place of these transactions? With the Bride of course. When the Bridegroom came to the marriage then, he could not have come to the earth from heaven, for then he would have come from instead of to the marriage, but he must have come to the place of marriage, in New Jerusalem.

But, says one, How could he come where he was already? We must remember that the Bride is not a person, but a City, 12,000 furlongs or 1500 miles square. The central point and fountain of all its glory is the Ancient of days. – Christ doubtless has been personally within the limits of that City ever since his ascension, and when the cry in '44 was given he came to the Ancient of Days and the scenes of marriage, which in their amplitude will occupy a great part, if not all, of the Dispensation of the fullness of times, then began. And, as when Christ comes again he will come from New Jerusalem after the scenes of marriage have there begun, every one will see that he will return to earth from the wedding, and we, waiting, will meet him and return with him to the bridal City to share in the festive joy.

Dear Brethren, I must close for the present and leave the subject with you. May the Lord correct and enlarge our conceptions of himself and his Plan, and direct our hearts into the patient waiting for Jesus. Let us in humble obedience follow the Lamb in the expanding developments of His Word and Providence. CANANDAIGUA, N.Y., Jan. 17, 1846. {1846 ORLC, LOM 43.22 to 44.7} 

# Isaiah 1 – Verse-by-verse (Part 6)

Jerry O'Donnell

Continuing with our study of Isaiah 1 with modern day application, for we are told that “they”, referring to the scriptures of the Old Testament but applicable to the New as well, “are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come” (1 Corinthians 10:11), we pick up in verse 24.

**Isaiah 1:24-26 Therefore saith the Lord, the LORD of hosts, the mighty One of Israel, Ah, I will ease me of mine adversaries, and avenge me of mine enemies: And I will turn my hand upon thee, and purely purge away thy dross, and take away all thy tin: And I will restore thy judges as at the first, and thy counsellors as at the beginning: afterward thou shalt be called, The city of righteousness, the faithful city.**

We combined all three verses together because it only makes sense to address the whole sentence and thought process instead of just one at a time. We shall now break it into segments to explain, but at least you have the whole thought in mind to consider.

Any misrepresentation, especially done on purpose, constitutes one to be an enemy of God. Bringing in worldliness into the message constitutes being an enemy of God. Downplaying doctrines so as to mingle with other denominations is an enemy of God. In fact, there are so many more scenarios that we probably would not be able to exhaust them all, so we turn to the Spirit of Prophecy on the matter:

“How little true discernment have they to distinguish between him who is a child of God, an heir of the

kingdom, and him who is a child of the wicked one, who is a child of disobedience, and an enemy of God! There are only two classes in our world: Those who are obedient to Jesus Christ, who seek the Master, to do his will, and work for the attainment of the salvation of their own souls, and the soul of every one who is associated with them, who names the name of Christ; and the children of disobedience. There are but two classes in our world. Then listen to the words of One who knows: ‘Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them.’ 1 John 4:4, 5. Souls are being deluded. The fear and love of God have not a controlling power. The world is their master, and they chase after its delusive, flattering mirage. Listen to One who gave his life for the world, ‘that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.’ He spake as never man spake. The whole of John 15 contains a most important lesson. Read it; obey it. Again, hear the voice of God, ‘Ye cannot serve God and mammon’” {SpTA06 8.1}.

And how does God avenge Himself? Through a purging.

“Satan will work his miracles to deceive; he will set up his power as supreme. The church may appear as about to fall, but it does not fall. It remains, while the sinners in Zion will be sifted out – the chaff separated from the precious wheat. This is a terrible ordeal, but nevertheless it must take place. None but those who

have been overcoming by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony will be found with the loyal and true, without spot or stain of sin, without guile in their mouths. We must be divested of our self-righteousness and arrayed in the righteousness of Christ" {2SM 380.2}.

"Some, I saw, have not a realizing sense of the importance of the truth or of its effect, and moving from the impulse of the moment or from excitement, often follow their feelings and disregard church order. Such seem to think that religion consists chiefly in making a noise. Some who have but just received the truth of the third angel's message are ready to reprove and teach those who have been established in the truth for years, and who have suffered for its sake and felt its sanctifying power. Those who are so puffed up by the enemy will have to feel the sanctifying influence of the truth and obtain a realizing sense of how it found them—'wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked.' When the truth begins to purify them and purge away their dross and tin, as it surely will when it is received in the love of it, the one who has this great work done for him will not feel that he is rich and increased in goods and has need of nothing" {EW 118.2}.

"Those who profess the truth and think they know it all before they have learned its first principles, and who are forward to take the place of teachers and reprove those who for years have stood stiffly for the truth, plainly show that they have no understanding of the truth, and know none of its effects; for if they knew any of the sanctifying power, they

should yield the peaceable fruits of righteousness and be humbled under its sweet, powerful influence. They would bear fruit to the glory of God, and understand what the truth has done for them, and esteem others better than themselves" {EW 118.3}.

"I saw that the remnant were not prepared for what is coming upon the earth. Stupidity, like lethargy, seemed to hang upon the minds of most of those who profess to believe that we are having the last message. My accompanying angel cried out with awful solemnity, "Get ready! get ready! get ready! for the fierce anger of the Lord is soon to come. His wrath is to be poured out, unmixed with mercy, and ye are not ready. Rend the heart, and not the garment. A great work must be done for the remnant" {EW 119.1}.

"Jesus and all the heavenly host looked with disgust upon the scene; yet God had a message for the church that was sacred and important. If received, it would make a thorough reformation in the church, revive the living testimony that would purge out hypocrites and sinners, and bring the church again into favor with God" {EW 228.2}.

"I asked the meaning of the shaking I had seen and was shown that it would be caused by the straight testimony called forth by the counsel of the True Witness to the Laodiceans. This will have its effect upon the heart of the receiver, and will lead him to exalt the standard and pour forth the straight truth. 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" {EW 270.2}.

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“The church must be purged, and will be” {1T 100.1}.

“The Lord will work to purify His church. I tell you in truth, the Lord is about to turn and overturn in the institutions called by His name” {PM 170.2}.

“God cannot bless the church till it is purged of this evil that corrupts minds and spirits, the souls of those who do not repent and change their course of action” {UL 122.3}.

“Let sin be called by its right name, and let it be purged from the church by confession, repentance, and reformation, that the members may not present before angels and men a misrepresentation of the truths they profess to believe” {ST, October 30, 1901 par. 11}.

And as regard of the restoration, do keep in mind that it shall look very different than it does now.

“Christ is waiting with longing desire for the manifestation of Himself in His church. When the character of Christ shall be perfectly reproduced in His people, then He will come to claim them as His own” {COL 69.1}.

“The city of righteousness, the faithful city” will be filled with the righteous saints. As stated, the purged church is going to look quite different than it does now. Keep in

mind, the New Jerusalem will only have citizens who are righteous: “he that is righteous, let him be righteous still” (Revelation 22:11).

**Isaiah 1:27 Zion shall be redeemed with judgment, and her converts with righteousness.**

Zion, representative of God’s purged people, will have passed successfully through the judgment hour being here and now and had been announced in the first angel’s message.

Of course, the converts will be converted with righteousness as that is what the condition of the final earthly appearance of God’s church will be. There will be no one in the church that is bad mouthing the Spirit of Prophecy, trying to edit out verses in the Bible, allowing abominations to take place, etc. There will be no worldliness to draw people in with either. It will be by righteousness alone for there will be a clear choice between the true Sabbath and the spurious one, between keeping the commandments of God or not.

**Isaiah 1:28 And the destruction of the transgressors and of the sinners [shall be] together, and they that**

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**forsake the LORD shall be consumed.**

There is no difference between an open sinner disregarding God and those who know the truth but continue in their transgressions. Both shall be condemned with one consequence – the consuming fires of hell.

**Isaiah 1:29-30 For they shall be ashamed of the oaks which ye have desired, and ye shall be confounded for the gardens that ye have chosen. For ye shall be as an oak whose leaf fadeth, and as a garden that hath no water.**

At first, being compared to a mighty oak that can withstand fierce tempests seems positive, but upon connecting both verses, we see that it is a negative thing. To fade away is to be forgotten, even as if they had never been. To have no water is to lack the access to the living water, even Christ Himself.

**Isaiah 1:31 And the strong shall be as tow, and the maker of it as a spark, and they shall both burn together, and none shall quench [them].**

When one realizes that the word

“tow” refers to a strand of flax and that a spark is involved that leads to burning with unquenchable fire, we see Malachi 4:1 being fulfilled: “For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.”

### **Conclusion:**

We shall only survive what comes upon the church if we “say of the LORD, [He is] my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust” (Psalms 91:2). When we have been convinced that staying with the Conference, our favorite independent ministry, even ourselves alone, we are on shaking sand. But if we can honestly live according to Psalms 91:14, “Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name”, then the Lord responds “With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation” (Psalms 91:16).

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# How Do You Resolve It?

Jerry O'Donnell

*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.*

## **Is It Just Belief or Is Baptism Required?**

Acts 16:31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

Mark 16:16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

Among many Protestant denominations, there is an argument of baptism being required or if belief is sufficient. Those that obviously advocate for belief alone use Acts 16:31, while those that advocate that both belief and baptism are required use Mark 16:16.

So, are we able to discern the answer since both verses look very much definitive? Yes, we can, after we add yet another verse to the mix. "He that endureth to the end shall be saved" (Matthew 10:22). Now we have belief, belief with baptism, and enduring until the end of one's life. And if we search the scriptures deeper, there is a possibility that we

would find more verses to cloud the matter, like, "the devils also believe, and tremble" (James 2:19), in which belief causes action.

The answer lies in the method of studying the Bible. According to Isaiah 28:9-10, we are instructed to gather all of the verses on the subject and study them all out. It is then and only then that the Bible actually speaks to us of the truth. When we contemplate a verse, we apply our own interpretation then.

Now, with the Bible telling us how to get the answer, we find that belief, baptism, and endurance are all involved, not negating the result of actions. Just belief is the one in error along with belief and baptism because both imply "once saved, always saved", of which the Bible does not teach.

Those who think the Bible teaches "once saved, always saved" based upon John 10:28-29, in which it says, "And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any [man] pluck them out of my

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hand. My Father, which gave [them] me, is greater than all; and no [man] is able to pluck [them] out of my Father's hand", neglect to read the lead in verse of John 10:27, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:", taking note that the verse ends with a colon and not a period. While we listen to the voice of Jesus and follow His words, then it is true that no one can pluck us out of His hand, but the moment we choose to stop following and stop listening to His words, then the promise is no longer applicable.

For those who are very staunch about Acts 16:31 encouraging only belief simply do not understand God's Word. Although it is true that "believe" is all alone in that verse without condition, the Bible assumes one has the knowledge of the other verses on the subject, hence, Isaiah

28:9-10 guidance on how to study the Bible. If God had to bring in all of the conditions into every verse no matter the subject, the Bible would end up being something much heavier to carry around. In other words, in this example, every time the Bible says "believe", God does not have to exhaust the pages with adding on "and be baptized" and "endure to the end". He just has to identify those conditions once and when we encounter a verse that just says "believe", we ought to recall those other verses and know what God means, "Do not forget to be baptized and stay faithful until the end."

So, again, the answer is in the method of Bible study, of which there is only one proper method of study according to Isaiah 28:9-10.



## Keep the Sabbath Holy

Jerry O'Donnell

*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.*

### Sabbath, Not A Day to Sleep Away

None should feel at liberty to spend sanctified time in an unprofitable manner. It is displeasing to God for Sabbath-keepers to sleep during much of the Sabbath. They dishonor their Creator in so doing, and, by their example, say that the six days are too precious for them to spend in resting. They must make money, although it be by robbing themselves of needed sleep, which they make up by sleeping away holy time. They then excuse themselves by saying, "The Sabbath was given for a day of rest. I will not deprive

myself of rest to attend meeting; for I need rest." Such make a wrong use of the sanctified day. They should, upon that day especially, interest their families in its observance, and assemble at the house of prayer with the few or with the many, as the case may be. They should devote their time and energies to spiritual exercises, that the divine influence resting upon the Sabbath may attend them through the week. Of all the days in the week, none are so favorable for devotional thoughts and feelings as the Sabbath. {GW92 208.4}

Although there are exceptions, like illness, the point is that the Sabbath is not a day to catch up on sleep while over exhausting one's self in the labor of six days. And when Ellen White is referring to the labor, it is not the labor of seeking souls. She is referring to labor to earn an income, maintain a home, and then enjoying life in general. Ministers having a taxing week, a taxing experience Sabbath morning and into the afternoon; this is not in question here.

Basically, if God did not command the fourth commandment, human beings would wear themselves out working all of the time while ignoring their responsibilities for reaching their brothers and sisters with the gospel, let alone leading their own families unto God. We may think life is selfish now in general in the world, but if Sabbath keepers joined in on Sabbath with the rest of the world, it would be far worse.

God forbid if we are exhausted on Sabbath from the labor of binge-watching television and movies to all hours of the night on the other six days figuring one can catch up on rest on the Sabbath, even in missing Sabbath school and church service.

The rest God refers to in the commandments is a rest from

cleaning house, working for one's self or an employer, taking care of the physical premise, etc. Rest does not mean sleep necessarily. All this resting from labor frees up quite a bit of time. That time is to be replaced with what has been neglected all week – ample time with God, outside of a small segment in each day even if it is an hour or a bit more, as well as time with the family.

Labor to put food on the table and maintain a home does not permit a whole lot of family togetherness, especially where children are in the home. But on the Sabbath, there is no excuse. Resting from these laborious responsibilities, we get to spend time banding the family together, especially as Ellen White says that a “husband” is the “house band”. Resting from those responsibilities strengthens our relationship with God by spending a significant amount of time with Him.

In addition to spending time with God and the family, it is also a day that has been freed up for other type of labor – literature distribution, visitations as permitted to the sick and lonely, etc.

So, how unprofitable are your Sabbaths, which is a way of asking, how selfish are your Sabbaths?



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# Healthy Living

Ellen White

*Periodically, we need 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.*

## Hard-To-Digest Vegetables Are to Be Cooked

The great backsliding upon health reform is because unwise minds have handled it and carried it to such extremes that it has disgusted in place of converting people to it. I have been where these radical ideas have been carried out. Vegetables prepared with only water, and everything else in like manner. This kind of cookery is health deform, and there are some minds so constituted that they will accept anything that bears the features of rigorous diet or reform of any kind. {CD 212.1}

Shew proves to be a precious help; I don't know how we could keep house without him. He makes bread, just excellent pies, buns; and cooks vegetables. {DG 271.7}

For those who can use them, good vegetables, prepared in a healthful manner, are better than soft mushes and porridge. {HL 90.4}

Sister H needs to confine herself strictly to a diet of grains, fruits, and

vegetables, cooked without flesh or grease of any kind. {2T 62.1}

The reform my husband had made in his diet, previous to his sickness, had a very beneficial influence upon his health. His head was generally free from pain and never felt clearer. By eating no meat, but grains, fruits and vegetables, simply cooked, his appetite was good, and he partook of his food with a keen relish. His brain felt so clear that he thought it safe for him to labor on, trusting much to the beneficial influence of his simple diet; and in addition to the labors and burdens he had hitherto borne, he added the Health Reform – making extra efforts to teach Sabbath-keeping Adventists how to live to preserve health and enjoy the blessing of God. {RH, February 27, 1866 par. 7}

Fruits and grains and vegetables would, if cooked properly and eaten in moderate quantities, be proper articles of diet. {16MR 173.1}



## Healthy And Delicious Recipes

Reen Swindle

### Mexican Sweet Potatoes

Scrub the sweet potatoes and cut them in half before roasting.

Rub a tiny amount of olive oil and a sprinkle of salt onto the potatoes

before popping into the 400\* oven.

Depending on the size of the potato, it cuts down the roasting time to about 25 to 35 minutes, instead of 45

minutes to 60 minutes.

When they are done, top them with your favourite black bean salsa and Creamy Cilantro Sauce.

### **Creamy Cilantro Sauce**

#### **Ingredients**

- 1 cup raw or roasted cashews
- ½ cup water
- ¼ cup lime juice (juice from 2 limes)
- 2 large handfuls cilantro leaves and tender stems
- ½ teaspoon sea salt

#### **Instructions**

1. Place the cashews in a bowl and cover them with water. Soak for

1 hour (or the very least, 30 minutes if you have a highspeed blender). For preparation in advance, you can soak the cashews overnight, which is even better.

2. Juice the limes.
3. Drain the cashews. Add the cashews, water, lime juice, cilantro, and sea salt to a blender, then blend on high for 1 minute. Stop and scrape, then add additional liquid if necessary to come to the desired creamy consistency. Blend for several minutes until creamy and smooth.



**“Food should be so simple that its preparation will not absorb all the time of the mother. It is true, care should be taken to furnish the table with healthful food prepared in a wholesome and inviting manner.” AH 262**

## *Natural Vitamins*

*Jerry O'Donnell*

### ***Benefits of Walnuts***

1. Walnuts have higher antioxidant activity than any other common nut.
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- be one way to support the health of your microbiota and your gut.
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7. Eating walnuts may help control blood sugar by mechanisms beyond their influence on weight control.

8. It is suggested that nuts may slightly improve the blood pressure benefits of a heart-healthy diet.
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  10. Observational studies in older adults have linked eating walnuts to better brain function, including faster processing speed, more mental flexibility and better memory.
  11. Eating walnuts may help support sperm health and male fertility.
  12. Regularly eating walnuts has been consistently shown to decrease cholesterol levels.
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## Authorized KJV vs Catholic Bible

Jerry O'Donnell

*If you are using anything but the KJV, you are using a Catholic influenced Bible, which strategically twists and leaves out key words and verses so as to make even the ecumenical movement between religions outside of Christianity possible. And Ellen White does identify not to use them for reliability: "Wycliffe's Bible had been translated from the Latin text, which contained many errors." {GC 245.1}. Latin is Catholic or which most modern versions rely upon.*

### Is Jesus Lord or Not?

Many modern versions drop the reference of "Lord" in **Luke 23:42**, which is at least one verse that steals away from Jesus' lordship.

**King James Version:** And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.

### In Error:

**American Standard Version:** And he said, Jesus, remember me when thou comest in thy kingdom.

**Amplified Bible:** And he was saying, "Jesus, [please] remember me when You come into Your kingdom!"

**Berean Literal Bible:** And he was saying, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom!"

**Berean Study Bible:** Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom!"

**Christian Standard Bible:** Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

**Contemporary English Version:** Then he said to Jesus, "Remember me when you come into power!"

**English Revised Version:** And he said, Jesus, remember me when thou comest in thy kingdom.

**English Standard Version:** And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

**GOD'S WORD® Translation:** Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you enter your kingdom."

**Good News Translation:** And he said to Jesus, "Remember me, Jesus, when you come as King!"



**Holman Christian Standard Bible:**

Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom!"

**International Standard Version:** Then he went on to plead, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom!"

**Literal Emphasis Translation:** And he said to Jesus, Remember me when You come into Your kingdom!

**New American Standard Bible:** And he was saying, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom!"

**New Heart English Bible:** And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom."

**New International Version:** Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

**New Living Translation:** Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom."

**Weymouth New Testament:** And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your Kingdom."

**Worrell New Testament:** And he said, "Jesus, remember me, when Thou comest in Thy Kingdom."

**Correct, This Time:**

**A Faithful Version:** Then he said to Jesus, "Remember me, Lord, when You come into Your kingdom."

**Anderson New Testament:** And he said to Jesus: remember me, Lord, when thou comest in thy kingdom.

**Aramaic Bible in Plain English:** And he said to Yeshua, "My Lord, remember me when you come into your Kingdom."

**Bishops' Bible of 1568:** And he sayde vnto Iesus: Lorde, remember me, when thou comest into thy kyngdome.

**Catholic Public Domain Version:** And he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

**Coverdale Bible of 1535:** And he sayde vnto Iesus: LORDE, remembre me, whan thou comest in to thy kyngdome.

**Darby Bible Translation:** And he said to Jesus, Remember me, [Lord,] when thou comest in thy kingdom.

**Douay-Rheims Bible:** And he said to Jesus: Lord, remember me when thou shalt come into thy kingdom.

**Geneva Bible of 1587:** And he sayd vnto Iesus, Lorde, remember me, when thou comest into thy kingdome.

**Godbey New Testament:** And he said to Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou mayest come in thy kingdom.

**Haweis New Testament:** And he said to Jesus, Remember me, Lord, when thou comest in thy kingdom.

**Lamsa Bible:** And he said to Jesus, Remember me, my Lord, when you come in your kingdom.

**Literal Standard Version:** and he said to Jesus, "Remember me, Lord, when You may come in Your kingdom";

**Mace New Testament:** then said he to Jesus, Lord, remember me when you enter into your kingdom.

**NET Bible:** Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom."

**New King James Version:** Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom."

**Smith's Literal Translation:** And he said to Jesus, Remember me, Lord, when thou shouldest come into thy kingdom.

**Tyndale Bible of 1526:** And he sayde vnto Iesus: Lorde remember me

when thou comest into thy kyngdome.

**Webster's Bible Translation:** And he said to Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.

**World English Bible:** He said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when you come into your Kingdom."

**Worsley New Testament:** And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.

**Young's Literal Translation:** and he said to Jesus, 'Remember me, lord, when thou mayest come in thy reign;'



## Questions And Answers

*Jerry O'Donnell*

***Allow at least three (3) months before your question may appear.***

**QUESTION:** Can God only remove curses? Can a curse be placed upon the whole family or over only a few who brought on the curse? Can practicing witches place curses upon people?

**ANSWER:** In the event of a real curse being placed upon a person or family, yes, God only can remove the curse. That does not mean human beings cannot be involved, but all credit belongs to God because it is God Who would be working through the human being. Even though Paul cast out the spirit of divination from a damsel (Acts 16:16-20), it was God using Paul that accomplished the task.

Curses can be placed upon whole families and not just the few who brought it on. So, a couple children sneaking the Ouija board into the home will not only suffer the curse but it can affect the whole family. This is no different than Achan in Joshua 7, where, because of one person, Israel lost the battle to Ai. After removing the curse through the death of Achan and his family, Israel won the next round in the battle.

And curses do not have to come through practicing witches, though that is one way curses can come. Simply bringing material into the home thinking that there is no evil in an object is actually an invitation for Satan and his demons to make their abode. Collecting books on witches or witchcraft is one example of the invitation. Collecting statues of "other gods" is more obvious of an act. This is why there was a book burning in the time of Paul (Acts 19:18-20). It was not safe to just throw the material away or even give it away.

**QUESTION:** In the January publication on page 27 regarding prophecy, I thought Satan and his angels only were left behind and that the saved living rise after the saved dead, so could you provide clarification please?

**ANSWER:** On earth after the second coming, only Satan and his angels remain. But at the second coming, the ones "taken" are the ones destroyed and eaten by the eagles. We do not want to be a "taken"

person for destruction, but we want to be left standing behind to have Jesus cause us to come up to the cloud to meet him (1 Thessalonians 4:17) and then head to Heaven for a thousand years. So, you are correct that after the second coming and before the third coming, only Satan and his angels with rotting corpses are left on the planet.

We were addressing two different points in time. January’s publication was addressing the moment of the second coming while you are referring to the period *after* the second coming when this planet will have no living human beings on it.

**QUESTION:** Are certain Ellen White’s original writings a result of being influenced by other human beings?

**ANSWER:** This type of statement is often used to point at the later writings of Ellen White as being unreliable. A lot of those accusers believe that after 1888, people such as her son and others influenced

Ellen White, being up in age and supposedly easily persuadable.

In Ellen White’s words: “I suppose if I had challenged them to tell me when, at what time and place this work changed, which made of none effect the testimonies because corrupted or contaminated with human influence, it would not have been so easy to specify the precise time” {Ms37-1890}.

In other words, Ellen White debunks that notion, therefore, do not listen to non-prophetic individuals of today who claim to have the ability to know what is truth and error among Ellen White’s writings.

**QUESTION:** What is the difference between spying and detective work?

**ANSWER:** Spying, which is not necessarily evil, is a covert, secret activity that does not usually allow the people who are being spied upon to know that spying is going on. Detective work usually is a public activity trying to figure out a matter,

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of which may involve questioning a number of people. It usually includes an announcement to the person being questioned as to the identity of the questioner: “Hi, I am detective \_\_\_\_\_”. Both spies and detectives may be used to figure out secrets. It is just that one is more secretive than the other. One is neither sinful or not sinful in comparison.

**QUESTION:** Why did God use some countries to save Israel and not others?

**ANSWER:** As one reads through the Kings and Chronicles in the Old Testament, we see certain countries coming to the aide of either Judah or Israel. We see that Babylon leveled Judah while Medes and Persians freed the Jews.

In all honesty, God may use and not use whoever He would like to or not like to. There is no pattern given in the Bible for God’s choice. We are not aware of any scripture that declares, “Because this nation has feared my name, I shall have them assist my people.” Some were motivated to help by the usual methods: favors and payments. Therefore, there is no clear-cut answer for this question.

**QUESTION:** Why are you frequently

hammering at things?

**ANSWER:** We personally believe that we, in general, have strayed so far that blatant sin is now acceptable. Further, we believe that Satan has infiltrated just about everything and so it is not safe to be participating in anything. But here are the words of Ellen White to provide a better reason:

“The religion of Jesus is endangered. It is being mingled with worldliness. Worldly policy is taking the place of the true piety and wisdom that comes from above, and God will remove His prospering hand from the conference. Shall the ark of the Covenant be removed from this people? Shall idols be smuggled in? Shall false principles and false precepts be brought into the sanctuary? Shall antichrist be respected? Shall the true doctrines and principles given us by God, which have made us what we are, be ignored? Shall God’s instrumentality, the publishing house, become a mere political, worldly institution? This is directly where the enemy, through blinded, unconsecrated men, is leading us” {Ms29-1890}.

And that was written in 1890. How much worse is it today with the ecumenical movement and the respect being paid to Rome?



## *Prophecy Made Plain*

*Jerry O'Donnell*

**In Revelation 10:1-2, How Do We Know That the Little Book is the Book of Daniel?**

Here are the verses in question: “And I saw another mighty angel come

down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow [was] upon his head, and his face [was] as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire: And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon

the sea, and [his] left [foot] on the earth.”

The key to understanding the connection is by the reference of a “little book open”. Isaiah, Ezekiel, and Jeremiah are not considered little books. The books of Moses, which are Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy mostly, have their own collective name, and they also are not little books, neither is Moses’ book Job.

Seeing that at the time Revelation was written, the New Testament had not been assembled, the reference must point to an Old Testament book. So, looking in the Old Testament smaller books, we find one in particular book that was identified as being closed or shut up, and that would be the book of Daniel.

Daniel 12:9 clearly states the opposite of being open by using the word “closed”: “And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words [are] closed up and sealed till the time of the end.”

Likewise, Daniel 12:4 makes

reference to two synonyms for the word “closed” by using “shut up” and “seal”: “But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, [even] to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.”

After conducting a search using “close” or any form thereof, “seal” or any form thereof, and “shut” along with the word “word”, “words”, “book”, “books”, etc. we find only two possible choices. The first is Daniel and the other referenced in Isaiah but not identified: “And the vision of all is become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed, which [men] deliver to one that is learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I cannot; for it [is] sealed: And the book is delivered to him that is not learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I am not learned” (Isaiah 29:11-12). There is no further indication of what book is in question as “a book” is not fully defined.

Therefore, we conclude that Daniel is the proper choice.



## Watchman, Let Him Declare What He Seeth

*This section is not about revealing the apostasy and creating ill feeling towards the conference. It is to make sure that no one is caught up in those that participate in the apostasy. That is what it means to “Declare What I See” because God says, “When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked [man] shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand” (Ezekiel 3:18). We have enough to worry about our own life; we do not need your (in general) blood to be on us too.*

**January 29—Advent Messenger**

**More than 100 Adventist Leaders  
and their Churches Signed  
Commitments to Support the UN’s**

**Sustainable Development Goal #13,  
which Aims to Combat Climate  
Change**

**Comment:** Why would we joy an

initiative that is eventually going to be part of the ushering in of Sunday law? Are we so blinded?

**EGW:** "The evils that had overspread the land had become incurable; and upon Israel was pronounced the dread sentence: "Ephraim is joined to idols: let him alone." "The days of visitation are come, the days of recompense are come; Israel shall know it."" Hosea 4:17; 9:7. {PK 285.2}

### January 29—Fulcrum 7

#### **Brave Sister in Alaska Renounces Her Ordination in a Sermon**

Linda Kubacki joined this SDA Church in 2015, when the ordination of women was a big issue, due to the July GC Session where it was rejected for the third straight time. She didn't understand what all the fuss was about, having not studied the issue for herself in the Bible. In late 2021, she was encouraged to be ordained as an elder at her local church. She allowed it to happen at the encouragement of her pastor, and resolved to study it out later. Last Sabbath, she shared the conclusion of her study to the North Pole Church: The Bible does not support the ordination of women.

**EGW:** "... stand for the right though the heavens fall" {Ed 57.3}.

**Comment:** It is a rare moment to be able to show something positive.

### February 10—Fulcrum 7

#### **Adventist Health Will Offer Abortions at Oregon Hospital It Would Acquire**

Adventist Health said it would not require Mid-Columbia to change any of its current "reproductive" services, presumably including abortion.

**Bible:** "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good" (1 Thessalonians 5:21).

**Comment:** So, if one has no intention of making a restriction, then do not proceed with the purchase.

### January 29—Advent Messenger

**Catholics, Adventists, Pentecostals, and Baptists made the following declaration during an Ecological Conference: "When We Work Together, We are Happy; My Work is Your Work, and our Work is the Work of God"**

"The presence of different religious denominations was also highlighted, Catholic Church, Brotherhood of the Holy Cross, Assembly of God, Baptist Church, Adventist Church. They were gathered in a true dialogue, seeking to walk together in favor of the Full Life of peoples, especially of young people. Elements that were expressed in the moment of prayer, where in the Ticuna language, they picked up: 'Wü'igü tchi i puracüëgü, rü tataëgü', when we work together we are happy, my work is your work and our work is the work God's!" [3]

**EGW:** "Even in business relations we cannot, without involving principle, connect ourselves with those who are not loyal to God. What the one party feels that conscience forbids, the other allows. And this not merely in regard to religious matters, but in business transactions. The one acts from selfish motives, regardless of God's law or the salvation of the soul; and if the other sincerely loves God



and the truth, there must be either a sacrifice of principle or frequent and painful differences. It will require a continual struggle to resist the worldly influence and example of his ungodly associate. He has great difficulties to meet; for he has placed himself on the enemy's ground. The only safe course is to give heed to the inspired injunction: "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers; for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?" "Come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean; and I will receive you."" {HS 215.4}

**EGW:** "Fanaticism and noise have been considered special evidences of faith. Some are not satisfied with a meeting unless they have a powerful and happy time. They work for this and get up an excitement of feeling. But the influence of such meetings is not beneficial. When the happy flight of feeling is gone, they sink lower than before the meeting because their happiness did not come from the right source. The most profitable meetings for spiritual advancement are those which are characterized with solemnity and deep searching of heart; each seeking to know himself, and earnestly, and in deep humility, seeking to learn of Christ." {1T 412.1}

## **February 22—Advent Messenger**

### **The International Pathfinder Camporees Know How to Party Like Rock Stars**

Why are our church leaders so obsessed with having the hippest and most fashionable youth ministry programs? Why are they so determined to operate their church functions like nightclubs, secular music festivals, and party venues? Why are they attempting to be the most well-known form of thrill-seeking entertainment? We have pastors who are using every worldly technique imaginable to increase their audience and gather as many followers as possible. They are literally treating church events as if they were entertainment shows. The "Camporees Immortals" organizers even imitated a scene from the Hollywood movie called "The Ghost Rider," in which Nicholas Cage played the role of an immortal ghost with fire coming out of his motorcycle wheels.

## **February 2—Fulcrum 7**

### **No, You Can't Pick Your Own Sabbath Rest. Blasphemous Youth Conference In SEC**

During this meeting, an animated 'singer' repeatedly told the audience that you can choose your own Sabbath, it doesn't have to be on Saturday.

**EGW:** "As the storm approaches, a large class who have professed faith in the third angel's message, but have not been sanctified through obedience to the truth, abandon their position, and join the ranks of the opposition. By uniting with the world and partaking of its spirit, they have come to view matters in nearly the same light; 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." {GC88 608.1}



# News And Comments

## February 2—PBS

### **U.S. boosts military presence in Philippines to counteract China's increasing aggression**

Matthew 24:6 says, "And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all [these things] must come to pass, but the end is not yet." Be not troubled over these rumors, while to the unconverted, "Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth" (Luke 21:26).

## February 6—Daily Beast

### **Right-Wingers Melt Down Over 'Satanic' Pfizer-Sponsored Grammys**

"Give ear, O my people, [to] my law: incline your ears to the words of my mouth" (Psalms 78:1). We are not to be listening to that satanic content. As stated before, it seems the various media outlets and celebrities are no longer being subtle. It is "in your face" attitude. That is because the vast majority of society has been brainwashed.

## February 12—Fox News

### **California politician suggests fix to state's brazen prostitution: Legalize it**

So, the solution to any fight that takes effort, funds, and persistence, among other things, is to give up? No wonder immorality is winning. "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good" (Romans 12:21).

## February 12—The Telegraph

### **Old people should embrace 'mass suicide', says Yale professor**

"Yusuke Narita, an assistant professor of economics, has also suggested that euthanasia could be made compulsory." Law or no law, suicide is against God's will. So much for living by the biblical principle: "With the ancient [is] wisdom; and in length of days understanding" (Job 12:12). At the age of 37, it is easy to set rules for those of wisdom. That young person has a lot to learn.

## February 14—Fox News

### **California's grid faces collapse as leaders push renewables, electric vehicles, experts say**

The fact that they are headstrong to move forward despite this obviously not being ready as a solution shows a disregard to human life as well as an agenda that will see no derailment. "The way of a fool [is] right in his own eyes" (Proverbs 12:15).

## February 14—Religion News

### **Why students at a Kentucky Christian school are praying and singing round the clock**

"I saw that God has honest children among the nominal Adventists and the fallen churches, and before the plagues shall be poured out, ministers and people will be called out from these churches and will gladly receive the truth. Satan knows this; and before the loud cry of the third angel is given, he raises an excitement in these religious bodies, that those who have rejected the truth may think that God is with them. He hopes to deceive the

honest and lead them to think that God is still working for the churches. But the light will shine, and all who are honest will leave the fallen churches, and take their stand with the remnant." {EW 261.1}

## **February 22—ABC News**

### **Putin suspending nuclear treaty with US is 'big mistake,' Biden tells David Muir**

With this step being taken by Putin, it is just another step closer to war, which is yet another rumor of wars: "And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all [these things] must come to pass, but the end is not yet" (Matthew 24:6).

## **February 23—Rolling Stone**

### **The Christian Nationalist Machine Turning Hate Into Law**

Protestants are ready to fulfill prophecy: "The 'image to the beast' represents that form of apostate Protestantism which will be developed when the Protestant churches shall seek the aid of the civil power for the enforcement of their dogmas. The "mark of the beast" still remains to be defined" {GC88 445.2}.

## **February 24—Biz Crazt**

### **Experts predicted a wheat shortage after Russia invaded Ukraine. Why didn't this happen?**

And this is exactly why Jesus said, "Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day [is] the evil thereof" (Matthew 6:34). Only God knows the future. While "Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for

looking after those things which are coming on the earth" (Luke 21:26), at -peace Christians know that all is in God's hands. Instead of worrying about and preparing for what to do in a wheat shortage crisis, true Christians were focused properly on the activity of what we have been commissioned to do.

## **February 24—Yahoo News**

### **Girl Scout sells out entire cookie inventory after drag queens and other gay bar patrons rush her stand: 'Everyone was so friendly and kind'**

Acts of kindness alone do not reveal a person is a Christian. Even the devil and his agents can be kind: "And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore [it is] no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works" (2 Corinthians 11:14-15).

## **February 26—Fox News**

### **Dark money group pushing gas stove crackdown has significant financial stake in green energy**

"The Lord would have His people bury political questions. On these themes silence is eloquence. Christ calls upon His followers to come into unity on the pure gospel principles which are plainly revealed in the word of God. We cannot with safety vote for political parties; for we do not know whom we are voting for. We cannot with safety take part in any political schemes" {GW 391.2}. And yet, we have many Christians calling for stricter climate change regulations.



# Meaning of Names Tell A Story

**Nehemiah 3:7 And next unto them repaired Melatiah the Gibeonite, and Jadon the Meronothite, the men of Gibeon, and of Mizpah, unto the throne of the governor on this side the river.**

Meronoth does not have a definition, but Melatiah means "Jehovah delivered"; Jadon means "thankful"; Gibeon means "hill city"; and Mizpah means "watchtower". In the parable from Jesus, a watchtower is put into His vineyard (Mark 12:1). It is an instrument used in observation of the vineyard so as to address those things that need addressing as they become revealed. In the church, which is today's vineyard, that would be sin that needs addressed. And the job of the elder or pastor is not just to point out sin in our lives but to lead us to the only one that can deliver us from sin and that is Jehovah, of Whom we should be thankful for seeing not only can we be delivered from our sins but done so freely. And in the end, "he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon" (Revelation 16:16). Jehovah shall gather us into the hill, which in the Hebrew tongue is "the mount of the congregation" (Isaiah 14:13), even the name of Zion (Isaiah 51:16), where the "new Jerusalem" (Revelation 21:2) is located. So, how thankful are you towards Jehovah for delivering you from your sins?

**Nehemiah 3:8 Next unto him repaired Uzziel the son of Harhaiah, of the goldsmiths. Next unto him also repaired Hananiah the son of [one of] the apothecaries, and they fortified Jerusalem unto the broad**

**wall.**

Uzziel means "my strength is God"; Harhaiah means "fear of Jehovah"; Hananiah means "God has favoured"; and Jerusalem means "teaching of peace". So, are you one of God's favored people because you make Him your strength and fear Him through obedience to all that He commands accepting the peace offering between God and man, which is through Jesus Christ His Son, the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6)?

**Nehemiah 3:9 And next unto them repaired Rephaiah the son of Hur, the ruler of the half part of Jerusalem.**

Rephaiah means "healed of Jehovah"; Hur means "hole"; and Jerusalem means "teaching of peace". Sin leaves a hole in us, emptiness, even a feeling of unworthiness. Jehovah can heal us of these things. That is what the gospel is all about, which is the teaching that there is peace between God and man through His Son, Jesus Christ. So, are you feeling that something is missing in your life? If so, will you turn to Jehovah for healing?

**Nehemiah 3:10 And next unto them repaired Jedaiah the son of Harumaph, even over against his house. And next unto him repaired Hattush the son of Hashabniah.**

Jedaiah means "praised of Jehovah"; Harumaph means "split nose"; Hattush means "assembled"; and Hashabniah means "whom Jehovah

regards". Being praised of Jehovah and being regarded by Jehovah should remind us of Job: "the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that [there is] none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?" (Job 1:8). We ought to choose wisely who we assemble with because Job's friends did not turn out to be friends after all, which is pretty much the story between Job losing everything and being blessed in the end. Symbolically, it would feel like we were punched in the face, in the nose specifically, possibly splitting it open to have friends like that, even a wife who said, "curse God, and die" (Job 2:9). A broken nose is severely painful. So, can Jehovah regard, even praise you before others, or are you disappointing Him by allowing sin in your life?



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fragile life can be and to take seriously every moment entrusted to us. We are responsible for how we spend our time. Do we spend it approved of God, or do we spend it selfishly?

And of course, we want all to recognize God's protection, especially against what may have been bad timing of moving into this home over three years ago, or was it protection from Satan's way of trying to snuff out a voice for God? God only knows the answer. Yes, it was bad timing to inherit what we inherited, but for the smoke detectors to not make a sound, that makes it a bit more suspicious.

Thank you, God, for Your protection!



## ***Ellen White Abbreviations In this Issue***

1SM - Selected Messages Book 1

1T - Testimonies For The Church  
Volume One

2SM - Selected Messages Book 2

2T - Testimonies For The Church  
Volume Two

16MR - Manuscript Releases  
Volume Sixteen

CD - Counsels on Diet and Foods

COL - Christ's Object Lessons

DG - Daughters of God

ED - Education

GC - The Great Controversy  
(1911)

GC88 - The Great Controversy

GW92 - Gospel Workers (1892)

EW - Early Writings

HL - Healthful Living

HS - Historical Sketches of the  
Foreign Missions of the Seventh-  
day Adventists

Ms19-1888

Ms29-1890

Ms37-1890

PK - Prophets and Kings

PM - The Publishing Ministry

RH - The Review and Herald

SpTA06 - Special Testimonies for  
Ministers and Workers.--No. 6

ST - The Signs of the Time

UL - The Upward Look

## Natural Remedies

Reen Swindle

**COMMENT:** *In these times we live in, even access to natural supplements will become increasingly difficult to access, so we are going to try our best to use the most natural means possible to deal with health situations.*

### ***Chew on some Cherries for Insomnia***

It turns out that cherries are chock-full of melatonin (the hormone that tells your body it's time to fall asleep), so if you find yourself tossing and turning, open up your fridge and pop a handful of cherries in your mouth, masticating them thoroughly.



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