

“The enemy of souls has sought to bring in the supposition that a great reformation was to take place among Seventh-day Adventists, and that this reformation would consist in giving up the doctrines which stand as the pillars of our faith, and engaging in a process of reorganization. Were this reformation to take place, what would result? The principles of truth that God in His wisdom has given to the remnant church, would be discarded. Our religion would be changed. The fundamental principles that have sustained the work for the last fifty years would be accounted as error. A new organization would be established. Books of a new order would be written. A system of intellectual philosophy would be introduced. The founders of this system would go into the cities, and do a wonderful work. The Sabbath of course, would be lightly regarded, as also the God who created it. Nothing would be allowed to stand in the way of the new movement. The leaders would teach that virtue is better than vice, but God being removed, they would place their dependence on human power, which, without God, is worthless. Their foundation would be built on the sand, and storm and tempest would sweep away the structure.” *Selected Messages*, book 1, 204.

“Satan is working that the history of the Jewish nation may be repeated in the experience of those who claim to believe present truth. The Jews had the Old Testament Scriptures, and supposed themselves conversant with them. But they made a woeful mistake. The prophecies that refer to the glorious second appearing of Christ in the clouds of heaven they regarded as referring to His first coming. Because He did not come according to their expectations, they turned away from Him. Satan knew just how to take these men in his net, and deceive and destroy them. . . .

“The very same Satan is at work to undermine the faith of the people of God at this time. **There are persons ready to catch up every new idea.** The prophecies of Daniel and the Revelation are misinterpreted. These persons do not consider that the truth has been set forth at the appointed time by **the very men whom God was leading to do this special work.** These men followed on step by step in the very fulfillment of prophecy, and those who have not had a personal experience in this work, are to take the Word of God and **believe on ‘their word’ who have been led by the Lord in the proclamation of the first, second, and third angels’ messages.** These messages, received and acted upon, are doing their work to **prepare a people to stand in the great day of God. If we search the Scriptures to confirm the truth God has given His servants for the world, we shall be found proclaiming the first, second, and third angels’ messages.**

“It is true that there are prophecies yet to be fulfilled. But very erroneous work has been done again and again, and will continue to be done by those who seek to find new light in the prophecies, and **who begin by turning away from the light that God has already given.** The messages of Revelation 14 are those by which the world is to be tested; they are the everlasting gospel, and are to be sounded everywhere. But the Lord does not lay upon those who have not had an experience in His work the burden of making a new exposition of those prophecies which He has, by His Holy Spirit, moved upon His chosen servants to explain.

“According to the light God has given me, this is the work which you, Brother F, have been attempting to do. Your views have found favor with some; but it is because these persons have not discernment to **see the true bearing of the arguments** you present. They have had but **a limited experience in the work of God for this time,** and they do not see where your views would lead them, and you do not see yourself where they would lead. They are ready to assent to your statements; they see nothing in them but that which is correct. But they are misled because you have woven together much Scripture in constructing your theory. Your arguments appear conclusive to them.

“Not so, however, with those who have an experimental knowledge of the truth that applies in the last period of this earth’s history. While they see that you hold some precious truth, they see also that you have misapplied Scripture, placing it in **a framework of error where it does not belong**, and making it give force to that which is not present truth. Because some accept that which you have written, do not become elated. It is most trying to your brethren who have confidence in you as a Christian and who love you as such, to state to you that **the network of argument**, which you have thought of so great consequence, is not the theory of truth that God has given His people to proclaim for this time.

“The light God has given me is that the Scriptures you have woven together **you yourself do not fully understand**. If you did, you would discern that **your theories tear up the very foundation of our faith**.

“My brother, I have had many testimonies to correct those who have started out in the same way you are now traveling. These persons **seemed sure that they were led by God**, and they have come with their different theories to ministers who were preaching the truth. I said to these ministers, ‘The Lord is not in this; be not deceived, neither take the responsibility of deceiving others.’ At camp meetings I have had to speak plainly in regard to those who were thus leading away from right paths. With pen and voice I have borne the message, ‘Go not ye after them.’” *Selected Messages*, book 1, 111, 112.

“Organization is a good thing. I have the word of the Lord plain and decisive that all who see the necessity of organization must themselves become an example by being organized, and carrying out to the letter the principles of organization in their life practice.

“Organization, carried out in the life as God means that it shall be, brings to every soul who is engaged in the work of God his submission to the divine will. It leads them to give themselves to God, to be worked by his Holy Spirit. Any who suppose that it does not mean this, are no longer to stand in responsible positions, having voice to control in **the great closing work** of these last days.” *General Conference Daily Bulletin*, February 18, 1897.

(the sea and the waves roaring; Men’s hearts failing them for fear) Luke 21:25–26; Ezekiel 37:9 (The Valley of Dry Bones)

“This church in Battle Creek is like **the valley of dry bones**. They need to be stirred with some power to give them life. Why we have had to work and pray and work even to have **Brother Jones** obtain a hearing in Battle Creek, and many of our leading men were provoked after they heard him talk to think that there were those in responsible positions who would close the door to light and to knowledge, keeping out just what they needed. But I have not time to write more.” *The 1888 Materials*, 189.

WAGGONER AND JONES

“The Lord in His great mercy sent a most precious message to His people through Elders Waggoner and Jones. . . . **This is the message that God commanded to be given to the world. It is the third angel’s message**, which is to be proclaimed with **a loud voice**, and **attended with the outpouring of His Spirit** in a large measure.” *Testimonies to Ministers*, 91.

“When the third angel’s message shall go forth with a loud voice, and **the whole earth shall be lightened with his glory**, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon God’s people. The revenue of glory has been accumulating for **this closing work of the third angel’s message.**” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 2, 206.

“The truth for this time, the third angel’s message, is to be proclaimed with **a loud voice, meaning with increasing power**, as we approach the great final test.” *The 1888 Materials*, 1710.

THE LATTER RAIN MESSAGE

“**The latter rain** is to fall upon the people of God. **A mighty angel is to come down from heaven, and the whole earth is to be lighted with his glory.**” *Review and Herald*, April 21, 1891.

THE LAODICEAN MESSAGE

“**The message given us by A. T. Jones, and E. J. Waggoner is the message of God to the Laodicean church**, and woe be unto anyone who professes to believe the truth and yet does not reflect to others the God-given rays.” *The 1888 Materials*, 1053.

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“**The time of test** is just upon us, for **the loud cry of the third angel** has already begun in the revelation of the righteousness of Christ, the sin-pardoning Redeemer. **This is the beginning of the light of the angel whose glory shall fill the whole earth.**” *Selected Messages*, book 1, 362.

“**Before the work is closed up and the sealing of God’s people is finished**, we shall receive **the outpouring of the Spirit of God**. Angels from heaven will be in our midst. The present is **a fitting-up time** for heaven **when we must walk in full obedience to all the commands of God.**” *Selected Messages*, book 1, 111.

“An unwillingness to yield up preconceived opinions, and to accept this truth, lay at the foundation of a large share of the opposition manifested at Minneapolis against the Lord’s message through Brethren Waggoner and Jones. By exciting that opposition Satan succeeded in shutting away from our people, in a great measure, **the special power of the Holy Spirit** that God longed to impart to them. The enemy prevented them from obtaining that efficiency which might have been theirs in carrying the truth to the world, as the apostles proclaimed it after the day of Pentecost. **The light that is to lighten the whole earth with its glory was resisted, and by the action of our own brethren has been in a great degree kept away from the world.**” *Selected Messages*, book 1, 235.

“What power must we have from God that icy hearts, having only a legal religion, **should see the better things provided for them—Christ and His righteousness! A life-giving message was needed to give life to the dry bones.**” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 12, 205.

“I lay down my pen and lift up my soul in prayer, that the Lord would **breathe** upon his backslidden people, which are **as dry bones**, that they may live.” *General Conference Bulletin*, February 4, 1893.

“A **straight testimony** must be borne to our churches and institutions, to arouse the sleeping ones.’

“When the word of the Lord is believed and obeyed, steady advancement will be made. **Let us now see our great need. The Lord cannot use us until he breathes life into the dry bones.** I heard the words spoken: ‘Without the deep moving of the Spirit of God upon the heart, without its life-giving influence, truth becomes a dead letter.’” *Review and Herald*, November 18, 1902.

“But not only does this simile of the dry bones apply to the world, but also to **those who have been blessed with great light**; for they also are like the skeletons of the valley. They have the form of men, the framework of the body; but they have not spiritual life. But the parable does not leave the dry bones merely knit together into the forms of men; for it is not enough that there is symmetry of limb and feature. **The breath of life must vivify the bodies**, that they may stand upright, and spring into activity. **These bones represent the house of Israel, the church of God**, and the hope of the church is the vivifying influence of the Holy Spirit. **The Lord must breathe upon the dry bones**, that they may live.

“The Spirit of God, with its vivifying power, must be in every human agent, that every spiritual muscle and sinew may be in exercise. **Without the Holy Spirit, without the breath of God**, there is torpidity of conscience, loss of spiritual life. Many who are without spiritual life have their names on the church records, but they are not written in the Lamb’s book of life. They may be joined to the church, but they are not united to the Lord. They may be diligent in the performance of a certain set of duties, and may be regarded as living men; but many are among those who have ‘a name that thou livest, and art dead.’

“Unless there is genuine conversion of the soul to God; unless **the vital breath of God** quickens the soul to spiritual life; unless the professors of truth are actuated by heaven-born principle, they are not born of the incorruptible seed which liveth and abideth forever. Unless they trust in the righteousness of Christ as their only security; unless they copy His character, labor in His spirit, they are naked, they have not on the robe of His righteousness. The dead are often made to pass for the living; for those who are working out what they term salvation after their own ideas, have not God working in them to will and to do of His good pleasure.

“**This class is well represented by the valley of dry bones Ezekiel saw in vision.**” *Review and Herald*, January 17, 1893.

(Four Winds & the Day of the East Wind) Ezekiel 37:9; Revelation 7:1–3; 9:4

“After the death of Mohammed, he was succeeded in the command by Abubekr, A.D. 632, who, as soon as he had fairly established his authority and government, dispatched a circular letter to the Arabian tribes, from which the following is an extract:—‘When you fight the battles of the Lord, acquit yourselves like men, without turning your backs; but let not your victory be stained with the blood of women and children. Destroy no palm-trees, nor burn any fields of corn. Cut down no fruit-trees, nor do any mischief to cattle, only such as you kill to eat. When you make any covenant or article, stand to it, and be as good as your word. And as you go, **you will find some religious persons who live retired in monasteries**, and propose to themselves to serve God that way; let them alone, and neither kill them nor destroy their monasteries. And you will find another sort of people that belong to the synagogue of Satan, who have shaven crowns; be sure you cleave their skulls, and give them no quarter till they either turn Mohammedans or pay tribute.’

“‘It is not said in prophecy or in history that the more humane injunctions were as scrupulously obeyed as the ferocious mandate; but it was so commanded them.’ And the preceding are the only instructions recorded by Gibbon, as given by Abubekr to the chiefs whose duty it was to issue the commands to all the Saracen hosts. ‘The commands are alike discriminating with the prediction, as if the caliph himself had been acting in known as well as direct obedience to a higher mandate than that of mortal man; and in the very act of going forth to fight against the religion of Jesus, and to propagate Mohammedanism in its stead, he repeated the words which it was foretold in the Revelation of Jesus Christ that he would say.’

“In remarks upon chapter 7:1–3, we have shown that the seal of God is the Sabbath of the fourth commandment; and history is not silent upon the fact that there have been observers of the true Sabbath all through the present dispensation. But the question has here arisen with many, Who were those men who at this time had the seal of God in their foreheads, and who thereby became exempt from Mohammedan oppression? Let the reader bear in mind the fact, already alluded to, that there have been those all through this dispensation who have had the seal of God in their foreheads, or have been intelligent observers of the true Sabbath; and let them consider further that what the prophecy asserts is that the attacks of this desolating Turkish power are not directed against them, but against another class. The subject is thus freed from all difficulty; for this is all that the prophecy really asserts. Only one class of persons is directly brought to view in the text; namely, those who have not the seal of God in their foreheads; and the preservation of those who have the seal of God is brought in only by implication. Accordingly, we do not learn from history that any of these were involved in any of the calamities inflicted by the Saracens upon the objects of their hate. They were commissioned against another class of men. And the destruction to come upon this class of men is not put in contract with the preservation of other men, but only with that of the fruits and verdure of the earth; thus, Hurt not the grass, trees, nor any green thing, but only a certain class of men. And in fulfillment, we have the strange spectacle of an army of invaders sparing those things which such armies usually destroy, namely, the face and productions of nature; and, in pursuance of their permission to hurt those men who had not the seal of God in their foreheads, cleaving the skulls of a class of religionists with shaven crowns, who belonged to the synagogue of Satan.

“These were doubtless a class of monks, or some other division of the Roman Catholic Church. Against these the arms of the Mohammedans were directed. And it seems to us that there is a peculiar fitness, if not design, in describing them as those who had not the seal of God in their foreheads; inasmuch as that is the very church which has robbed the law of God of its seal, by tearing away the true Sabbath, and erecting a counterfeit in its place.” Uriah Smith, *Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation*, 500–502.

The Winds—Ezekiel 37:9; Revelation 7:1–3 (**His Rough Wind**) Isaiah 27:8–9. (**Rough: H7186**—*severe*)