

EIGHTH

Exodus 22:29, 30 **first fruits** Leviticus 22:26, 27

Leviticus 8:1–10:3 **consecration and atonement of the priests**

Numbers 8 **cleansing of Levites**

Leviticus 12; Luke 1:59–64; Acts 7:8; Philippians 3:5; 2 Peter 2:5 **circumcision**

Leviticus 14:1–32 **leprosy**

Leviticus 15 **Running issue, sick flowers**

Leviticus 23:33–43; 29 **tabernacles**

Leviticus 25:20–24 **old store**

Numbers 6:10 **Nazarite**

1 Kings 6:37, 38

1 Kings 6:1 second **H2099—Ziv the second** month. Probably from an unused root meaning to *be prominent*; properly *brightness* (compare H2111), that is, (figuratively) the month of *flowers*. H2111—A primitive root; properly to *shake* off, that is, (figuratively) to *agitate* (as with fear): - move, tremble, vex.

1 Kings 6:38 eighth: **H945—Bul the eighth** month. The same as H944 (in the sense of *rain*); H944—For H2981; *produce* (of the earth, etc.); H2981—From H2986; *produce*, that is, a *crop* or (figuratively) *wealth*: - fruit, increase. H2986—A primitive root; properly to *flow*; causatively to *bring* (especially with pomp): - bring (forth), carry, lead (forth)

1 Kings 8:2

H388—Ethanim; Plural of H386; always with the article; the *permanent* brooks. H386—From an unused root (meaning to *continue*); *permanence*; hence (concretely) *permanent*; specifically a *chieftain*: - hard, mighty, rough, strength, strong.

1 Kings 8:10, 11, 65, 66; 1 Chronicles 5:1–7:10

1 Kings 12:32, 33

2 Kings 24:12

2 Chronicles 29:1–30:13

Nehemiah 8:18

Ezekiel 43:25–27

Revelation 17:11

A MINISTRY PREPARED FOR THE LATTER RAIN

“The **great issue** near at hand will weed out those whom God has not appointed and He will have a pure, true, sanctified ministry prepared for the latter rain.” *Selected Messages*, book 3, 385.

“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.” *The Great Controversy*, 608.

“In the absence of the persecution there have drifted into our ranks men who appear sound and their Christianity unquestionable, but who, **if persecution should arise**, would go out from us.” *Evangelism*, 360.

“I was pointed to the providence of God among His people and was shown that every trial made by the refining, purifying process upon professed Christians proves some to be dross. The fine gold does not always appear. **In every religious crisis** some fall under temptation. **The shaking of God blows away multitudes like dry leaves.** Prosperity multiplies a mass of professors. **Adversity purges them out of the church.** As a class, their spirits are not steadfast with God. They go out from us because they are not of us; for when tribulation or persecution arises **because of the word**, many are offended.” *Testimonies*, volume 4, 89.

THE FIRST MONTH

Joel 2:23; Ezra 7:9.

“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 dry bones need to be **breathed upon by the Holy Spirit of God**, that they may come into action, as by **a resurrection from the dead.**” *Bible Training School*, December 1, 1903.

“The act of Christ in breathing upon his disciples the Holy Ghost, and in imparting his peace to them, was as a few drops before the plentiful shower to be given on the day of Pentecost.” *Spirit of Prophecy*, volume 3, 243.

“Not one of us **will ever receive the seal of God** while our characters have one spot or stain upon them. It is left with us to remedy the defects in our characters, to cleanse the soul temple of every defilement. **Then the latter rain will fall upon us as the early rain fell upon the disciples on the Day of Pentecost.** . . .

“What are you doing, brethren, in the great work of preparation? Those who are uniting with the world are receiving the worldly mold and preparing for the mark of the beast. Those who are distrustful of self, who are humbling themselves before God and purifying their souls by obeying the truth these are receiving the heavenly mold and preparing for the seal of God in their foreheads. **When the decree goes forth and the stamp is impressed, their character will remain pure and spotless for eternity.**” *Testimonies*, volume 5, 214, 216.

SILENCE IN HEAVEN

THE FALL

“The news of man’s fall spread through Heaven—every harp was hushed. The angels cast their crowns from their heads in sorrow. All Heaven was in agitation. The angels were grieved at the base ingratitude of man, in return for the rich bounties God had provided. A council was held to decide what must be done with the guilty pair. The angels feared that they would put forth the hand, and eat of the tree of life, and thus perpetuate a life of sin.” *Spirit of Prophecy*, volume 1, 42.

THE CROSS

“But God suffered with His Son. Angels beheld the Saviour’s agony. They saw their Lord enclosed by legions of satanic forces, His nature weighed down with a shuddering, mysterious dread. **There was silence in heaven.** No harp was touched. Could mortals have viewed the amazement of the angelic host as in **silent** grief they watched the Father separating His beams of light, love, and glory from His beloved Son, they would better understand how offensive in His sight is sin.” *The Desire of Ages*, 693.

THE SECOND COMING

“Before his presence, ‘all faces are turned into paleness;’ upon the rejecters of God’s mercy falls the terror of eternal despair. ‘The heart melteth, and the knees smite together,’ ‘and the faces of them all gather blackness.’ [Jeremiah 30:6; Nahum 2:10.] The righteous cry with trembling, ‘Who shall be able to stand?’ The angels’ song is hushed, and there is a period of awful silence. Then the voice of Jesus is heard, saying, ‘My grace is sufficient for you.’ The faces of the righteous are lighted up, and joy fills every heart. And the angels strike a note higher, and sing again, as they draw still nearer to the earth.” *The Great Controversy*, 641.

THE DAY OF ATONEMENT

“In the sanctuary of the wilderness tabernacle and of the temple that were the earthly symbols of God’s dwelling place, one apartment was sacred to His presence. The veil inwrought with cherubim at its entrance was not to be lifted by any hand save one. To lift that veil, and intrude unbidden into the sacred mystery of the most holy place, was death. For above the mercy seat dwelt the glory of the Holiest—glory upon which no man might look and live. On the one day of the year appointed for ministry in the most holy place, the high priest with trembling entered God’s presence, while clouds of incense veiled the glory from his sight. **Throughout the courts of the temple every sound was hushed. No priests ministered at the altars. The host of worshipers, bowed in silent awe, offered their petitions for God’s mercy.**” *The Ministry of Healing*, 437.

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“These things happened unto them by way of example; and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages are come.’ 1 Corinthians 10:11, A. R. V.

“The Lord is in His holy temple: Let all the earth keep silence before Him.’ **Habakkuk 2:20.**” *Testimonies*, volume 8, 284, 285.

FIRE

“It was a sin in the ancient economy to offer a sacrifice upon the wrong altar, or to allow incense to be kindled from a strange fire. We are in danger of commingling the sacred and the common. The holy fire from God is to be used with our offerings. **The true altar is Christ, and the true fire is the Holy Spirit.** The Holy Spirit is to inspire, to teach, to lead, and to guide men, and make them safe counselors. If we turn aside from God's chosen ones, we are in danger of inquiring from strange gods, and of offering upon a strange altar.” *Ye Shall Receive Power*, 178.

PURIFICATION OR WRATH

“The **live coal is symbolical of purification.** If it touches the lips, no impure word will fall from them. The live coal also symbolizes the potency of the efforts of the servants of the Lord.” *Review and Herald*, October 16, 1888.

THIRTY-EIGHT—ARISE

Deuteronomy 2:13, 14; John 5:1–8

THE MIDNIGHT CRY

END OF THE 2300 DAYS

“I saw a throne, and on it sat the Father and the Son. I gazed on Jesus’ countenance and admired His lovely person. The Father’s person I could not behold, for a cloud of glorious light covered Him. I asked Jesus if His Father had a form like Himself. He said He had, but I could not behold it, for said He, ‘If you should once behold the glory of His person, you would cease to exist.’ Before the throne I saw the Advent people—the church and the world. I saw two companies, one bowed down before the throne, deeply interested, while the other stood uninterested and careless. Those who were bowed before the throne would offer up their prayers and look to Jesus; then He would look to His Father, and appear to be pleading with Him. A light would come from the Father to the Son and from the Son to the praying company. Then I saw an exceeding bright light come from the Father to the Son, and from the Son it **waved over the people before the throne. But few would receive this great light.** Many came out from under it and immediately resisted it; others were careless and did not cherish the light, and it moved off from them. Some cherished it, and went and bowed down with the little praying company. This company all received the light and rejoiced in it, and their countenances shone with its glory.

“I saw the Father rise from the throne, and in a flaming chariot go into the holy of holies within the veil, and sit down. **Then Jesus rose up from the throne, and the most of those who were bowed down arose with Him.** I did not see one ray of light pass from Jesus to the careless multitude after He arose, and they were **left in perfect darkness.** Those who arose when Jesus did, kept their eyes fixed on Him as He left the throne and **led them out a little way.** Then He raised His right arm, and we heard His lovely voice saying, ‘Wait here; I am going to My Father to receive the kingdom; keep your garments spotless, and in a little while I will return from the wedding and receive you to Myself.’ **Then** a cloudy chariot, with wheels like flaming fire, surrounded by angels, came to where Jesus was. He stepped into the chariot and was borne to the holiest, where the Father sat. There I beheld Jesus, a great High Priest, standing before the Father. On the hem of His garment was **a bell and a pomegranate, a bell and a pomegranate.** Those who rose up with Jesus would send up their faith to Him in the holiest, and pray, ‘My Father, give us Thy Spirit.’ Then Jesus would breathe upon them the Holy Ghost. In that breath was light, power, and much love, joy, and peace.

“I turned to look at the company who were still bowed before the throne; they did not know that Jesus had left it. Satan appeared to be by the throne, trying to carry on the work of God. I saw them look up to the throne, and pray, ‘Father, give us Thy Spirit.’ Satan would then breathe upon them an unholy influence; in it there was light and much power, but no sweet love, joy, and peace. Satan’s object was to **keep them deceived** and to draw back and deceive God’s children.” *Early Writings*, 54, 55.

“They had **a bright light set up behind them** at the beginning of the path, which an angel told me was the ‘**midnight cry.**’ This light shone all along the path, and gave light for their feet, so that they might not stumble.

“If they kept their eyes fixed on **Jesus, who was just before them,** leading them to the city, they were safe. But soon some grew weary, and said the city was a great way off, and they expected to have entered it before. Then Jesus would encourage them by raising His glorious right

arm, and from His arm came **a light which waved over the advent band**, and they shouted ‘Alleluia!’ Others rashly denied the light behind them, and said that it was not God that had led them out so far. The light behind them went out, leaving their feet in perfect darkness, and they stumbled and lost sight of the mark and of Jesus, and fell off the path down into the dark and wicked world below.” *Early Writings*, 15. (Written on December 20, 1844.)

A FIRM PLATFORM

“I saw a company who stood well-guarded and firm, giving no countenance to **those who would unsettle the established faith of the body**. God looked upon them with approbation. I was shown three steps—the first, second, and third angels’ messages. Said my accompanying angel, ‘Woe to him who shall move a block or stir a pin of these messages. The true understanding of these messages is of vital importance. **The destiny of souls hangs upon the manner in which they are received.**’ I was again brought down through these messages, and saw how dearly the people of God had purchased their experience. It had been obtained through much suffering and severe conflict. God had led them along step by step, until He had placed them upon a solid, immovable **platform**. I saw individuals approach the **platform** and examine the **foundation**. Some with rejoicing immediately stepped upon it. Others commenced to find fault with the **foundation**. They wished improvements made, and then the **platform** would be more perfect, and the people much happier. Some stepped off the **platform** to examine it and declared it to be laid wrong. But I saw that nearly all stood firm upon the **platform** and exhorted those who had stepped off to cease their complaints; for God was the Master Builder, and they were fighting against Him. They recounted the wonderful work of God, which had led them to the firm **platform**, and in union raised their eyes to heaven and with a loud voice glorified God. This affected some of those who had complained and left the **platform**, and they with humble look again stepped upon it.

“I was pointed back to the proclamation of the first advent of Christ. John was sent in the spirit and power of Elijah to prepare the way of Jesus. Those who rejected the testimony of John were not benefited by the teachings of Jesus. Their opposition to the message that foretold His coming placed them where they could not readily receive the strongest evidence that He was the Messiah. Satan led on those who rejected the message of John to go still farther, to reject and crucify Christ. In doing this they placed themselves where they could not receive the blessing on the day of Pentecost, which would have taught them the way into the heavenly sanctuary. The rendering of the veil of the temple showed that the Jewish sacrifices and ordinances would no longer be received. The great Sacrifice had been offered and had been accepted, and the Holy Spirit which descended on the day of Pentecost carried the minds of the disciples from the earthly sanctuary to the heavenly, where Jesus had entered by His own blood, to shed upon His disciples the benefits of His atonement. **But the Jews were left in total darkness.** [“The Jews were left **in complete deception** and total darkness.” *Spiritual Gifts*, volume 1, 170.] They lost all the light which they might have had upon the plan of salvation, and still trusted in their useless sacrifices and offerings. The heavenly sanctuary had taken the place of the earthly, yet **they had no knowledge of the change**. Therefore they could not be benefited by the mediation of Christ in the holy place.

“Many look with horror at the course of the Jews in rejecting and crucifying Christ; and as they read the history of His shameful abuse, they think they love Him, and would not have denied Him as did Peter, or crucified Him as did the Jews. But God who reads the hearts of all, has brought to the test that love for Jesus which they professed to feel. All heaven watched with the deepest interest the reception of the first angel’s message. But many who professed to love Jesus, and who shed tears as they read the story of the cross, derided the good news of His coming. Instead of receiving the message with gladness, they declared it to be a delusion. They hated those who loved His appearing and shut them out of the churches. Those who rejected the first message could not be benefited by the second; neither were they benefited by the midnight cry, which was to prepare them to enter with Jesus by faith into the most holy place of the heavenly sanctuary. And by rejecting the two former messages, they have so darkened their understanding that they can see no light in the third angel’s message, which shows the way into the most holy place. I saw that as the Jews crucified Jesus, so the nominal churches had crucified these messages, and therefore they have no knowledge of the way into the most holy, and they cannot be benefited by the intercession of Jesus there. Like the Jews, who offered their useless sacrifices, they offer up their useless prayers to the apartment which Jesus has left; and Satan, pleased with the deception, assumes a religious character, and leads the minds of these professed Christians to himself, working with his power, his signs and lying wonders, to fasten them in his snare.” *Early Writings*, 258–261.

“Now was seen the application of those words of Christ in the Revelation, addressed to the church at this very time: ‘These things saith He that is holy, He that is true, He that hath the key of David, He that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth; I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it.’ Revelation 3:7, 8.

“It is **those who by faith follow Jesus** in the great work of the atonement who receive the benefits of His mediation in their behalf, while **those who reject the light which brings to view this work of ministration** are not benefited thereby. The Jews who rejected the light given at Christ’s first advent, and refused to believe on Him as the Saviour of the world, could not receive pardon through Him. When Jesus at His ascension entered by His own blood into the heavenly sanctuary to shed upon His disciples the blessings of His mediation, the Jews were left in **total darkness** to continue their useless sacrifices and offerings. The ministration of types and shadows had ceased. That door by which men had formerly found access to God was no longer open. The Jews had refused to seek Him in the only way whereby He could then be found, through the ministration in the sanctuary in heaven. Therefore they found no communion with God. To them the door was shut. They had no knowledge of Christ as the true sacrifice and the only mediator before God; hence they could not receive the benefits of His mediation.

“**The condition of the unbelieving Jews illustrates the condition of the careless and unbelieving among professed Christians, who are willingly ignorant of the work of our merciful High Priest.** In the typical service, when the high priest entered the most holy place, all Israel were required to gather about the sanctuary and in the most solemn manner humble their souls before God, that they might receive the pardon of their sins and not be cut off from the congregation. How much more essential in this antitypical Day of Atonement that we understand the work of our High Priest and know what duties are required of us.

“Men cannot with impunity reject the warning which God in mercy sends them. A message was sent from heaven to the world in Noah’s day, and their salvation depended upon the manner in which they treated that message. Because they rejected the warning, the Spirit of God was withdrawn from the sinful race, and they perished in the waters of the Flood. In the time of Abraham, mercy ceased to plead with the guilty inhabitants of Sodom, and all but Lot with his wife and two daughters were consumed by the fire sent down from heaven. So in the days of Christ. The Son of God declared to the unbelieving Jews of that generation: ‘Your house is left unto you desolate.’ Matthew 23:38. Looking down to the last days, the same Infinite Power declares, concerning those who ‘received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved’: ‘For this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: that they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.’ 2 Thessalonians 2:10–12. As they reject the teachings of His word, God withdraws His Spirit and leaves them to the deceptions which they love.” *The Great Controversy*, 430–431.

“I saw a number of companies that seemed to be bound together by cords. Many in these companies were in **total darkness**; their eyes were directed downward to the earth, and there seemed to be no connection between them and Jesus. But scattered through these different companies were persons whose countenances looked light, and whose eyes were raised to heaven. Beams of light from Jesus, like rays from the sun, were imparted to them. An angel bade me look carefully, and I saw an angel watching over every one of those who had a ray of light, while evil angels surrounded those who were in darkness. I heard the voice of an angel cry, ‘Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come.’

“A glorious light then rested down upon these companies, to enlighten all who would receive it. Some of those who were in darkness received the light and rejoiced. Others resisted the light from heaven, saying that it was sent to lead them astray. The light passed away from them, and they were left in darkness. Those who had received the light from Jesus joyfully cherished the increase of precious light which was shed upon them. Their faces beamed with holy joy, while their gaze was directed upward to Jesus with intense interest, and their voices were heard in harmony with the voice of the angel, ‘Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come.’ As they raised this cry, I saw those who were in darkness thrusting them with side and with shoulder. Then many who cherished the sacred light, broke the cords which confined them and stood out separated from those companies. As they were doing this, men belonging to the different companies and revered by them passed through, some with pleasing words, and others with wrathful looks and threatening gestures, and fastened the cords which were weakening. These men were constantly saying, ‘God is with us. We stand in the light. We have the truth.’ I inquired who these men were, and was told that they were ministers and leading men who had rejected the light themselves, and were unwilling that others should receive it.

“I saw those who cherished the light looking upward with ardent desire, expecting Jesus to come and take them to Himself. Soon a cloud passed over them, and their faces were sorrowful. I inquired the cause of this cloud and was shown that it was their disappointment. The time when they expected their Saviour had passed, and Jesus had not come. As discouragement settled upon the waiting ones, the ministers and leading men whom I had before noticed, rejoiced, and all those who had rejected the light triumphed greatly, while Satan and his evil angels also exulted.

“Then I heard the voice of another angel saying, ‘Babylon is fallen, is fallen!’ A light shone upon those desponding ones, and with ardent desires for His appearing, they again fixed their eyes upon Jesus. I saw a number of angels conversing with the one who had cried, ‘Babylon is fallen,’ and these united with him in the cry, ‘Behold, the Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet Him.’ The musical voices of these angels seemed to reach everywhere. An exceedingly bright and glorious light shone around those who had cherished the light which had been imparted to them. Their faces shone with excellent glory, and they united with the angels in the cry, ‘Behold, the Bridegroom cometh.’ As they harmoniously raised the cry among the different companies, those who rejected the light pushed them and with angry looks scorned and derided them. But angels of God wafted their wings over the persecuted ones, while Satan and his angels were seeking to press their darkness around them, to lead them to reject the light from heaven.

“Then I heard a voice saying to those who had been pushed and derided, ‘Come out from among them, and touch not the unclean.’ In obedience to this voice, a large number broke the cords which bound them, and leaving the companies that were in darkness, joined those who had previously gained their freedom, and joyfully united their voices with them. I heard the voice of earnest, agonizing prayer from a few who still remained with the companies that were in darkness. The ministers and leading men were passing around in these different companies, fastening the cords more firmly; but still I heard this voice of earnest prayer. Then I saw those who had been praying reach out their hands for help toward the united company who were free, rejoicing in God. The answer from them, as they earnestly looked to heaven, and pointed upward, was, ‘Come out from among them, and be separate.’ I saw individuals struggling for freedom, and at last they broke the cords that bound them. They resisted the efforts which were made to fasten the cords tighter and refused to heed the repeated assertions: ‘God is with us.’ ‘We have the truth with us.’

“Persons were continually leaving the companies that were in darkness and joining the free company, who appeared to be in an open field **raised above the earth**. Their gaze was directed upward, the glory of God rested upon them, and they joyfully shouted His praise. They were closely united and seemed to be wrapped in the light of heaven. Around this company were some who came under the influence of the light, but who were not particularly united to the company. All who cherished the light shed upon them were gazing upward with intense interest, and Jesus looked upon them with sweet approbation. They expected Him to come and longed for His appearing. They did not cast one lingering look to earth. But again a cloud settled upon the waiting ones, and I saw them turn their weary eyes downward. I inquired the cause of this change. Said my accompanying angel, ‘They are again disappointed in their expectations. Jesus cannot yet come to earth. They must endure greater trials for His sake. They must give up errors and traditions received from men and turn wholly to God and His Word. They must be purified, made white, and tried. Those who endure that bitter trial will obtain an eternal victory.’” *Early Writings*, 240–243.

“But Satan flatters some, through his chosen servants, as he flattered Eve in Eden, ‘Thou shalt not surely die;’ and tells them there will be a season for repentance, a time of probation when the filthy can be made pure. The co-workers with Satan and his angels carry the light into the future age, teaching **probation after the advent of Christ**, which deludes the sinner, and leads the cold-hearted professor to carnal security. They become careless and indifferent, and walk stumblingly over the hours of their probation. The light is made to reach far ahead, where all is total darkness. Michael stands up. Instead of mercy, the deluded sinner feels wrath unmixed with mercy, having awakened too late to the fatal deception. **This plan was studied by Satan, and is carried out by ministers who turn the truth of God into a lie.**” *Life Sketches*, 341.

FORMER THINGS OF OLD, DECLARING THE END

“The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done, is that which shall be done; and there is no new thing under the sun. Is there any thing whereof it may be said: See, this is new? It hath been already of old time which was before us.’ Ecclesiastes 1:9, 10.

“That which hath been is now, and that which is to be hath already been, and God requireth that which is past.’ Ecclesiastes 3:15.

“Remember the former things of old, for I am God, and there is none else: I am God, and there is none like me: Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done.’ Isaiah 46:9, 10. See Deuteronomy 32:7, 8.

“Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples; (margin types) and they are written for OUR admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. 1 Corinthians 10:11.

“Let us now examine some of the former things of ancient time, which declare the end, and compare them with the things now being done. While Israel was in Egyptian bondage, they were not permitted to keep the Holy Sabbath; but God set his hand to deliver them, and with a high hand, and an outstretched arm, brought he them out of it, and led them by a pillar of cloud by day, and by a pillar of fire by night. And when they had reached the wilderness by the Red Sea, which was before them, and the Egyptians behind them, the pillar of fire which was before them, and had led them on, removed from before them and went behind them, and shut down between them and the Egyptians. It was light to Israel, but dark to the Egyptians, so that they came not near each other all that night.

“The above is an example of God’s setting his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, and by the proclamation of the hour of his judgment, the fall of Babylon and the midnight cry, he brought them out of spiritual Egypt, into the wilderness of the people, and when **we passed the midnight cry, our pillar of light** was behind us. It is indeed dark to our enemies, so that they come not near us; but it is light to us, while we remember all the way the Lord our God has led us. The proclamation of ‘43, the fall of Babylon, and the midnight cry, are sure way marks, and **are our pillar of fire behind us**, which sheds a brilliant light upon our pathway.—When Israel had crossed the Red Sea, and were free from Egyptian bondage, the Lord reminded them of his Holy Sabbath, and said, ‘How long refuse ye to keep my commandments, and my laws, for see that the Lord hath given you the Sabbath.’ So also now the first important truth brought to our minds after we came into the wilderness of the people, this side of ‘44, was the Sabbath truth. It has been ringing in our ears, ‘How long refuse ye to keep my commandments, and my laws.’ Israel coming to Mount Sinai, was an example of our coming to Mount Zion, the city of the living God. See Hebrews 12:18–22. And God speaking the Ten Commandments [which were the strength and glory of Israel, as they passed over Jordan, and had power over the nations of Canaan] from Sinai, whose voice then shook the earth, is a lively example of His roaring out of Zion, and uttering his voice from Jerusalem. Then he will ‘shake not the earth only, but also heaven,’ verse 26. At this time God’s covenant keeping people, the remnant, have ‘power over the nations.’” James White, *Advent Review Extra*, September 1850.