

Old Testament History; History Repeats; All the Prophets Speak About End of the World; the Last Generation; Types

**“Each of the ancient prophets spoke less for their own time than for ours, so that their prophesying is in force for us. ‘Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.’ 1 Corinthians 10:11. ‘Not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.’ 1 Peter 1:12. . . .**

**“The Bible has accumulated and bound up together its treasures for **this last generation. All the great events and solemn transactions of Old Testament history have been, and are, repeating themselves in the church in these last days.**”** *Selected Messages*, book 3, 338–339.

Ezekiel’s Wheels within Wheels; Reform Lines are the Links in the Chain; Order of Prophecy Emphasized; The Crown Moving; Events that Precede His Coming; Wars; Winds Restrained; Attention of the World

**“The history which the great I AM has marked out in His word, uniting link after link in the prophetic chain, from eternity in the past to eternity in the future, tells us where we are today in the procession of the ages, and what may be expected in the time to come. All that prophecy has foretold as coming to pass, until the present time, has been traced on the pages of history, and we may be assured that all which is yet to come will be fulfilled in its order.**

**“The final overthrow of all earthly dominions is plainly foretold in the word of truth. In the prophecy uttered when sentence from God was pronounced upon the last king of Israel is given the message: ‘Thus saith the Lord God; Remove the diadem, and take off the crown: . . . exalt him that is low, and abase him that is high. I will overturn, overturn, overturn, it: and it shall be no more, until He come whose right it is; and I will give it Him.’ Ezekiel 21:26, 27.**

**“The crown removed from Israel passed successively to the kingdoms of Babylon, Media, Persia, Greece, and Rome. God says, ‘It shall be no more, until He come whose right it is; and I will give it Him.’**

**“That time is at hand. Today the signs of the times declare that we are standing on the threshold of great and solemn events. Everything in our world is in agitation. Before our eyes is fulfilling the Savior’s prophecy of the events to precede His coming: ‘Ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars. . . . Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.’ Matthew 24:6, 7.**

**“The present is a time of overwhelming interest to all living. Rulers and statesmen, men who occupy positions of trust and authority, thinking men and women of all classes, have their attention fixed upon the events taking place about us. They are watching the strained, restless relations that exist among the nations. They observe the intensity that is taking possession of every earthly element, and they recognize that something great and decisive is about to take place—that the world is on the verge of a stupendous crisis.**

**“Angels are now restraining the winds of strife, that they may not blow until the world shall be warned of its coming doom; but a storm is gathering, ready to burst upon the earth; and when God shall bid His angels loose the winds, there will be such a scene of strife as no pen can picture.”** *Education*, 178, 179.

Erroneous Theories about the Combination of Humanity and Divinity; Fanaticism Similar to the Beginning Must be Met; Preparations of War Being Made; Precede the Great Day of God

“I awoke from my sleep last night with a great burden upon my mind. I was delivering a message to our brethren and sisters, and it was a message of warning and instruction concerning the work of some who are advocating erroneous theories as to the reception of the Holy Spirit, and its operation through human agencies.

“I was instructed that **fanaticism similar to that which we were called to meet after the passing of the time in 1844 would come in among us again in the closing days of the message**, and that we must meet this evil just as decidedly now as we met it in our early experiences.

“**We are standing on the threshold of great and solemn events.** Prophecies are fulfilling. Strange and eventful history is being recorded in the books of heaven—events which it was declared should shortly precede the great day of God. Everything in the world is in an unsettled state. The nations are angry, and great preparations for war are being made. Nation is plotting against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. The great day of God is hastening greatly. But although the nations are mustering their forces for war and bloodshed, the command to the angels is still in force, that they hold the four winds until the servants of God are sealed in their foreheads.” *Selected Messages*, book 1, 221.

The Lord is at the Door, we are at the Threshold; Controversies of Past Revived, New Controversies

“We are standing on **the threshold of great and solemn events.** Prophecy is fast fulfilling. **The Lord is at the door.** There is soon to open before us a period of overwhelming interest to all living. **The controversies of the past are to be revived; new controversies will arise.** The scenes to be enacted in our world are not yet even dreamed of. Satan is at work through human agencies. Those who are making an effort to change the Constitution and secure a law enforcing Sunday observance little realize what will be the result. A crisis is just upon us.” *Testimonies*, volume 5, 753.

Quick Succession

“We are standing on the threshold of **great and solemn events.** Many of the prophecies are about to be fulfilled **in quick succession.** Every element of power is about to be set to work. **Past history will be repeated; old controversies will arouse new life**, and peril will beset God’s people on every side. Intensity is taking possession of the human family.” *Review and Herald*, August 31, 1897.

A Scattering and a Gathering

“I am instructed to say that slowly, but surely, the wheel of Providence is turning. We know not how soon our Lord will say, ‘It is done.’ His coming is drawing nigh. ‘Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning; and ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their Lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately. Blessed are those servants, whom the Lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them.’

“**Great and solemn events** are soon to take place; and the Lord says, ‘**I will scatter; and I will also gather together a people to serve me.**’ God’s judgments are in the land. To the whole world the warning message is to be given.” *Review and Herald*, May 27, 1902.

Revelation Eighteen Lightens the Earth; are We Justified by Faith?; Thief in the Night; Four Winds Held

“I am deeply exercised in mind in reference to the low standard of piety among our people. And when I think of the woes passed on Capernaum, I think of how much heavier will come the condemnation upon those who know the truth and have not walked according to the truth, but in the sparks of their own kindling. In the night seasons I am addressing the people in a very solemn manner, beseeching them to ask their own consciences; What am I? Am I a Christian, or am I not? Is my heart renewed? Has the transforming grace of God moulded my character? Are my sins repented of? Are they confessed? Are they forgiven? Am I one with Christ as he is one with the Father? Do I hate what I once loved? Do I now love what I once hated? Do I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus? Do I feel I am the purchased possession of Jesus Christ, and that every hour I must consecrate myself to his service?

“We are standing upon **the threshold of great and solemn events**. The whole earth is to be lightened with the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the channels of the great deep. Prophecies are being fulfilled, and stormy times are before us. Old controversies which have apparently been hushed for a long time will be revived, and new controversies will spring up; new and old will commingle, and this will take place right early. The angels are holding the four winds, that they shall not blow, until the specified work of warning is given to the world; but the storm is gathering, the clouds are loading, ready to burst upon the world, and to many it will be as a thief in the night.” *SpTA01b*, 37, 38.

Life Descending from on High; in Antitypical Day of Atonement; Must be Sanctified

“We **stand on the threshold of great and solemn events**. Prophecy is fast fulfilling. A new life is descending from on high and taking possession of God’s people. Some souls will have to advance fast or they will have to be left far behind in darkness. The judgment is hastening. The word of God is rebuking, warning, and entreating men to reach the Bible standard, but Satan has brought about such a condition of things in our churches that it will be most difficult to bring them to their senses and arouse them to see their God-given responsibilities. If they will with real contrition of heart confess their sins they may, through watchfulness and prayer, come off **conquerors**. But they must look beyond earthly gain, away from worldly advantages, to the great beyond. They must hesitate at no sacrifice for Christ’s sake, who has paid for them the penalty of the law transgressed.

“We are now living in the solemn period of the antitypical day of atonement. In the type, the sins of the people were, on the atonement day, to be called to mind and repented of. It was a time of humiliation and affliction of soul. The greatest care was enjoined that every part of the service be attended to with becoming reverence, lest the anger of the Lord be displayed. The high priest was required to make the most careful and solemn preparation, and he must guard himself with the utmost diligence from all contamination. How much more while the antitypical atonement is going on in heaven, should those who minister in sacred things be holy. ‘Be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord.’ Said Christ, ‘I sanctify Myself that they also may be sanctified.’ Those who are sent to the people in Christ’s stead should be men of God, pure in life, pure in conversation, ensamples to the flock. They have a solemn work before them, warning every man and teaching every man, in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus. ‘Whereunto I also labor striving according to His working which worketh in me mightily.’” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 5, 5.