

ADVENTISM'S VISITATION PART TEN

THE THREE AND ONE COMBINATION

“The work of God in the earth presents, from age to age, a striking similarity in every great reformation or religious movement. **The principles of God’s dealing with men are ever the same.** The important movements of the present have their parallel in those of the past, and the experience of the church in former ages has lessons of great value for our own time.” *The Great Controversy*, 343.

John 16:7–11

COURTYARD, HOLY PLACE AND MOST HOLY PLACE

JUSTIFICATION, SANCTIFICATION AND GLORIFICATION

Daniel 12:10

THREE TESTS

“In the wilderness of temptation Christ met the great leading temptations that would assail man. There He encountered, singlehanded, the wily, subtle foe, and overcame him. The first great temptation was upon appetite; the second, presumption; the third, love of the world.” *Testimonies*, volume 4, 44.

“Many who went forth to meet the Bridegroom under the messages of the first and second angels, refused **the third, the last testing message** to be given to the world, and a similar position will be taken when the last call is made.” *Review and Herald*, October 31, 1899.

“In the book of Revelation we read of a special work that God desires to have His people do in these last days. He has revealed His law and shown us the truth for this time. **This truth is constantly unfolding**, and God designs that we shall be intelligent in regard to it, that we may be able to distinguish between right and wrong, between righteousness and unrighteousness.

“**The third angel’s message, the great testing truth for this time**, is to be taught in all our institutions. God designs that through them this special warning shall be given, and bright beams of light shall shine to the world. Time is short. The perils of the last days are upon us, and we should watch and pray, and study and heed the lessons that are given us in the books of Daniel and the Revelation.” *Testimonies*, volume 6, 127–128.

THE FOURTH REPEATS THE SECOND

“The first and second messages were given in 1843 and 1844, and we are now under the proclamation of the third; but all three of the messages are still to be proclaimed. . . . **There cannot be a third without the first and second.** These messages we are to give to the world in publications, in discourses, showing in the line of prophetic history the things that have been and the things that will be.” *Selected Messages*, book 2, 104.

THREE ANGELS: REVELATION 14:6–12

“The Bible declares that before the coming of the Lord, Satan will work ‘with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness;’ and they that ‘received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved,’ will be left to receive ‘strong delusion, that they should believe a lie.’ 2 Thessalonians 2:9–11. Not until this condition shall be reached, and the union of the church with the world shall be fully accomplished throughout Christendom, will the fall of Babylon be complete. **The change is a progressive one, and the perfect fulfillment of Revelation 14:8 is yet future.**” *The Great Controversy*, 389.

“The message proclaimed by the angel flying in the midst of heaven is the everlasting gospel, the same gospel that was declared in Eden when God said to the serpent, ‘I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.’” *Selected Messages*, book 2, 106.

And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having **the everlasting gospel** to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, Saying with a loud voice,

Fear God

and **give glory to him**

for **the hour of his judgment is come:**

and **worship him** that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

“The parable of the ten virgins of Matthew 25, also illustrates the experience of the Adventist people.” *The Great Controversy*, 393.

“When the third angel’s message is preached as it should be, power attends its proclamation, and it becomes an abiding influence. It must be attended with divine power, or it will accomplish nothing. I am often referred to the parable of the ten virgins, five of whom were wise, and five foolish. **This parable has been and will be fulfilled to the very letter, for it has a special application to this time, and, like the third angel’s message, has been fulfilled and will continue to be present truth till the close of time.** In the parable, the ten virgins had lamps, but only five of them had the saving oil with which to keep their lamps burning. This represents the condition of the Church.” *Review and Herald*, August 19, 1890.

THREE KINGS & THE ALPHA AND OMEGA

THE FIRST ANGEL’S MESSAGE

JEHOIAKIM—DANIEL (ONE VERSE)

In the third year of the reign of **Jehoiakim** king of Judah came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and besieged it. Daniel 1:1.

TESTIMONY OF TWO

In the third year of the reign of **Jehoiakim** king of Judah came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and besieged it. . . . And Daniel continued *even* unto the first year of king **Cyrus**. Daniel 1:1, 21.

THE EVERLASTING GOSPEL

Daniel: H1840—Judge or judgment of God

THE HOUR OF HIS JUDGMENT

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DANIEL ONE

A PROPHETIC TESTING MESSAGE

“When, early in the reign of Jehoiakim, Nebuchadnezzar for **the first time** besieged and captured Jerusalem, and carried away Daniel and his companions, with others specially chosen for service in the court of Babylon, **the faith of the Hebrew captives was tried to the utmost**. But those who had learned to place their trust in the promises of God found these all-sufficient in every experience through which they were called to pass during their sojourn in a strange land. The Scriptures proved to them a guide and a stay.” *Prophets and Kings*, 428.

DARKNESS—MANASSEH TO JEHOIAKIM

Manasseh (wicked), Amon (wicked), **Josiah (righteous)**, Jehoahaz (wicked; taken captive to Egypt), Jehoiakim (wicked)

Josiah: H2977—From the same root as **H803** and **H3050**. **H803**—*to found; foundation*:—*foundation*. **H3050**—*Jah*, the sacred name.

LUTHER

“It was his [Luther’s] work to build in the temple of the Lord. There were living stones buried from sight amid the papal rubbish of false doctrines, forms, and ceremonies, and he must search them out, and **lay them on the true foundation**. The followers of Christ were not then united as a peculiar and holy people separate from the world. They were **mingled** with the sons of Belial, and must be separated by the power of divine truth.” *Signs of the Times*, July 19, 1883.

A PROPHECY

Behold, **the days come**, that all that *is* in thine house, and that which thy fathers have laid up in store unto this day, shall be carried into Babylon: nothing shall be left, saith the Lord. And of thy sons that shall issue from thee, which thou shalt beget, shall they take away; and **they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon**.

Then said Hezekiah unto Isaiah, Good *is* the word of the Lord which thou hast spoken. And he said, *Is it not good*, if peace and truth be in my days? 2 Kings 20:17–19.

THE TIME OF THE END

In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and besieged it. And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house of God: which he carried into the land of Shinar to the house of his god; and he brought the vessels into the treasure house of his god. Daniel 1:1–2.

AN INCREASE OF KNOWLEDGE

“Through the Hebrew captives the Lord was made known to the heathen in Babylon. This idolatrous nation was given **a knowledge of the kingdom the Lord was to establish**, and through His power maintain against all the power and craft of Satan. Daniel and his fellow-companions, Ezra and Nehemiah, and many others were witnesses for God in their captivity. **The Lord scattered them among the kingdoms of the earth** that their light might shine brightly amid the black darkness of heathenism and idolatry. **To Daniel God revealed the light of His purposes, which had been hidden for many generations.** He chose that Daniel should see in vision the light of His truth, and reflect this light on the proud kingdom of Babylon. On the despot king was permitted to flash light from the throne of God. Nebuchadnezzar was shown that the God of heaven was ruler over all the monarchs and kings of earth. His name was to go forth as the God over all gods. God desired Nebuchadnezzar to understand that the rulers of earthly kingdoms had a ruler in the heavens. God’s faithfulness in rescuing the three captives from the flames and vindicating their course of action showed His wonderful power.

“**Great light shone forth from Daniel and his companions.** Glorious things were spoken of Zion, the city of the Lord. **Thus the Lord designs that spiritual light shall shine from His faithful watchmen in these last days.** If the saints in the Old Testament bore such a decided testimony of loyalty, how should God’s people today, having the accumulated light of centuries, shine forth, when the prophecies of the Old Testament shed their veiled glory into the future!” *Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, volume 4, 1169.

FEAR GOD—NOT MAN (HE WOULD NOT DEFILE HIMSELF)

Daniel 1:3–10

GIVE HIM GLORY (LET OUR COUNTENANCES BE LOOKED UPON)

Daniel 1:11–15

OPENING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Daniel 1:16–17

THE HOUR OF HIS JUDGMENT IS COME (THE END OF THE DAYS)

Daniel 1:18–20

DANIEL TWO

“**We have come to a time when** God’s sacred work is represented by **the feet of the image** in which the iron was mixed with the miry clay. God has a people, a chosen people, whose discernment must be sanctified, who must not become unholy by laying upon the foundation wood, hay, and stubble. Every soul who is loyal to the commandments of God will see that the distinguishing feature of our faith is the seventh-day Sabbath. If the government would honor the Sabbath as God has commanded, it would stand in the strength of God and in defense of the faith once delivered to the saints. But statesmen will uphold the spurious sabbath, and will **minge** their religious faith with the observance of this child of the papacy, placing it above the Sabbath which the Lord has sanctified and blessed, setting it apart for man to keep holy, as a sign between Him and His people to a thousand generations. **The mingling of churchcraft and statecraft is represented by the iron and the clay.** This union is weakening all the power of the churches. **This investing the church with the power of the state will bring evil results.** Men have almost passed the point of God’s forbearance. They have invested their strength in politics, and have united with the papacy. But the time will come when God will punish those who have made void His law, and their evil work will recoil upon themselves.” *The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, volume 4, 1168.

DANIEL THREE

“The vainglory and oppression seen in the course pursued by the heathen king, Nebuchadnezzar, is being and will continue to be manifested in our day. **History will repeat itself.** In **this age the test will be on the point of Sabbath observance.** The heavenly universe behold men trampling upon the law of Jehovah, making the memorial of God, the sign between him and his commandment-keeping people, a thing of naught, something to be despised, while a rival sabbath is exalted **as was the great golden image in the plain of Dura.** Men claiming to be Christians will call upon the world to observe this spurious sabbath that they have made. All who refuse will be placed under oppressive laws. This is the mystery of iniquity, the devising of satanic agencies, carried into effect by the man of sin.” *The Youth Instructor*, July 12, 1904.

THE SECOND ANGEL’S MESSAGE

JEHOIACHIN—EZEKIEL (TWO VERSES)

Now it came to pass in the thirtieth year, in the fourth *month*, in the fifth *day* of the month, as I *was* among the captives by the river of Chebar, **that the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God.** In the fifth *day* of the month, which *was* the fifth year of king **Jehoiachin’s** captivity. Ezekiel 1:1–2.

MANIFESTATION OF GOD’S GLORY

Ezekiel: H3168—God will strengthen.

THE TEMPLE ERECTED

Chapter 40 onward

THE THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE

ZEDEKIAH—JEREMIAH (THREE VERSES) [JEHOAHAZ & JEHOIACHIN NOT MENTIONED]

The words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiah, of the priests that *were* in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin: To whom the word of the Lord came in the days of **Josiah** the son of Amon king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign. It came also in the days of **Jehoiakim** the son of Josiah king of Judah, unto the end of the eleventh year of **Zedekiah** the son of Josiah king of Judah, unto the carrying away of Jerusalem captive in the fifth month. Jeremiah 1:1–3.

JUDGMENT

Jeremiah: H3414—God will rise or raise.
Hosea 6:1–3

THE FOURTH ANGEL'S MESSAGE

ISAIAH

The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of **Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah**, kings of Judah. Isaiah 1:1.

THE YEAR UZZIAH DIED—ISAIAH 6

A KING IS A KINGDOM

Daniel 2:37–39

UZZIAH AND JOTHAM

TWO NATIONS

Genesis 25:23; Ezekiel 37:21–22; Daniel 8:20–21; Revelation 11:8; 13:11

DAVID & SOLOMON

“The principles taught in the schools of the prophets were the same that molded David’s character and shaped his life. The word of God was his instructor. . . .

“In the early life of Solomon also are seen the results of God’s method of education. Solomon in his youth made David’s choice his own. Above every earthly good he asked of God a wise and understanding heart. And the Lord gave him not only that which he sought, but that also for which he had not sought—both riches and honor. The power of his understanding, the extent of his knowledge, **the glory of his reign, became the wonder of the world.**

“In **the reigns of David and Solomon**, Israel reached the height of her greatness.” *Education*, 48.

“**The greatest and most favored nation upon the earth is the United States.** A gracious Providence has shielded this country, and poured upon her **the choicest of Heaven’s blessings.** Here the persecuted and oppressed have found refuge. Here the Christian faith in its purity has been taught. This people have been the recipients of great light and unrivaled mercies. But these gifts have been repaid by ingratitude and forgetfulness of God. The Infinite One keeps a reckoning with the nations, and their guilt is proportioned to the light rejected. A fearful record now stands in the register of Heaven against our land; but the crime which shall fill up the measure of her iniquity is that of making void the law of God.” *Spirit of Prophecy* volume 4, 398.

“The long reign of Uzziah [also known as Azariah] in the land of Judah and Benjamin was **characterized by a prosperity greater than that of any other ruler since the death of Solomon**, nearly **two centuries before**. For many years the king ruled with discretion. Under **the blessing of Heaven** his armies regained some of the territory that had been lost in former years. Cities were rebuilt and fortified, and the position of the nation among the surrounding peoples was greatly strengthened. Commerce revived, and **the riches of the nations flowed into Jerusalem**. Uzziah’s name ‘spread far abroad; for he was marvellously helped, till he was strong.’ 2 Chronicles 26:15.

“This outward prosperity, however, was **not accompanied by a corresponding revival of spiritual power**. The temple services were continued as in former years, and multitudes assembled to worship the living God; but **pride and formality gradually took the place of humility and sincerity**. Of Uzziah himself it is written: ‘When he was strong, his heart was lifted up to his destruction: for he transgressed against the Lord his God.’ Verse 16.

“The sin that resulted so disastrously to Uzziah was one of **presumption**. In violation of a **plain command** of Jehovah, that none but the descendants of Aaron should officiate as priests, the king entered the sanctuary ‘to burn incense upon the altar.’ **Azariah the high priest** and his associates remonstrated, and pleaded with him to turn from his purpose. ‘Thou hast trespassed,’ they urged; ‘neither shall it be for thine honor.’ Verses 16, 18.

“Uzziah was filled with wrath that he, the king, should be thus rebuked. But he was not permitted to profane the sanctuary against the united protest of those in authority. While standing there, in wrathful rebellion, he was suddenly smitten with a divine judgment. **Leprosy appeared on his forehead**. In dismay he fled, never again to enter the temple courts. Unto the day of his death, some years later, Uzziah remained a leper—a living example of the folly of departing from a plain ‘Thus saith the Lord.’ **Neither his exalted position nor his long life of service could be pleaded as an excuse for the presumptuous sin by which he marred the closing years of his reign, and brought upon himself the judgment of Heaven**.

“God is no respecter of persons. ‘The soul that doeth aught presumptuously, whether he be born in the land, or a stranger, the same reproacheth the Lord; and that soul shall be cut off from among his people.’ Numbers 15:30.” *Prophets and Kings*, 303–304.

“The case of Uzziah the king reveals how God will punish the sin of presumption. . . .

“Through successive generations iniquity has increased, until we are nearing the time when God shall say, **The cup of their iniquity is full.** In David’s day the contempt placed upon the law of God led him to exclaim, ‘It is time for thee, Lord, to work: for they have made void thy law.’ The disrespect shown to the law did not lessen its value in the sight of the psalmist. Instead, he saw all the more need of standing in its defense; and as he saw it trampled under unholy feet, he exclaimed: ‘Therefore I love thy commandments above gold; yea, above fine gold.’ In this age men have gone to great lengths in arrogance and in blasphemous denunciation of God’s law. They have accepted a false sabbath in the place of the day that God sanctified and gave to man as a memorial of creation. Their disobedience is great, and well may the prayer go forth from unfeigned lips, ‘It is time for thee, Lord, to work: for they have made void thy law.’ **The boundary line will soon be reached.** The crisis will soon come, and then God will interfere. When mercy’s limits are passed, God will work, and show that he is God. The Judge of all the earth will vindicate his honor, and punish the rebellious inhabitants of the earth.” *Review and Herald*, August 14, 1900.

ISAIAH 38–39

Isaiah 38:7–8; 39:3; 40:1–9

40:1, 5; 51:9, 17, 52:1; 52:11; 57:14; 24:4–16

6:3; 28:1–5; 35:1–2; 40:5; 45:25; 46:13; 58:8; 60:1–2, 7, 13, 19; 62:1–3;
66:18–19