

Habakkuk's Two Tables #10

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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.** Revelation 14:6-7.

NO THIRD WITHOUT A FIRST AND 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. It is just as essential now as ever before that they shall be repeated to those who are seeking for the truth. By pen and voice we are to sound the proclamation, showing their order, and the application of the prophecies that bring us to the third angel's message. **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, 104-105.

THE PERFECT FULFILLMENT

“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.

1. **Fear God**
2. **give glory to him**
3. **the hour of his judgment** is come
4. **worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters**

NEHEMIAH: THE FOURTH DECREE

Moreover I said unto the king, If it please the king, let **letters** be given me to the governors beyond the river, that they may convey me over till I come into Judah; And a letter unto Asaph the keeper of the king's forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the palace which appertained to the house, and for the wall of the city, and for the house that I shall enter into.

And the king granted me, according to the good hand of my God upon me.
Nehemiah 2:7, 8.

ROYAL LETTERS

“His request to the king had been so favorably received that Nehemiah was encouraged to ask for still further assistance. To give dignity and authority to his mission, as well as to provide protection on the journey, he asked for and secured a military escort. **He obtained royal letters** to the governors of the provinces beyond the Euphrates, the territory through which he must pass on his way to Judea; and he obtained, also, a letter to the keeper of the king’s forest in the mountains of Lebanon, directing him to furnish such timber as would be needed. That there might be no occasion for complaint that he had exceeded his commission, Nehemiah was careful to have the authority and privileges accorded him, clearly defined.” *Prophets and Kings*, 633.

EVEN IN TROUBLOUS TIMES

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“The experience of Nehemiah is repeated in the history of God’s people in this time.”
Southern Watchman, April 12, 1904.

THE WALL

“**The law of ten commandments** is not to be looked upon as much from the prohibitory side, as from the mercy side. Its prohibitions are the sure guarantee of happiness in obedience. As received in Christ, it works in us the purity of character that will bring joy to us through eternal ages. To the obedient it is **a wall of protection.**” *Selected Messages*, book 1, 235.

THE STREET

Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where *is* the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk *therein*. Also I set watchmen over you, *saying*, **Hearken to the sound of the trumpet.** But they said, **We will not hearken.** Jeremiah 6:16–17.

TROUBLOUS TIMES

And **the nations were angry**, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth. Revelation 11:18.

DISTRESS OF NATIONS

And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and **upon the earth distress of nations**, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring. Luke 21:25.

1838

“As the prophetic period of this trumpet commenced by the voluntary surrender of power into the hands of the Turks by the Christian emperor of the East, so we might justly conclude that its termination would be marked by the voluntary surrender of that power by the Turkish Sultan back again into the hands of the Christians. **In 1838 Turkey became involved in war with Egypt.** The Egyptians bid fair to overthrow the Turkish power. To prevent this, the four great powers of Europe, England, Russia, Austria, and Prussia, interfered to sustain the Turkish government. Turkey accepted their intervention. A conference was held in London at which an ultimatum was drawn up to be presented to Mehemet Ali, the Pacha of Egypt. It is evident that when this ultimatum should be placed in the hands of Mehemet, the destiny of the Ottoman empire would be virtually lodged in the hands of the Christian powers of Europe. This ultimatum was placed in the hands of Mehemet on the 11th day of August 1840! and on that very day the Sultan addressed a note to the ambassadors of the four powers, inquiring what should be done in case Mehemet refused to comply with the terms which they had proposed. The answer was that he need not alarm himself about any contingency that might arise; for they had made provision for that. The prophetic period ended, and on that very day the control of Mohammedan affairs passed into the hands of Christians, just as the control of Christian affairs had passed into the hands of the Mohammedans 391 years and 15 days before. Thus the second woe ended, and the sixth trumpet ceased its sounding.” Uriah Smith, *Synopsis of Present Truth*, 217.

And the angel of the Lord said unto her, Behold, thou *art* with child, and shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name Ishmael; because the Lord hath heard thy affliction. And **he will be a wild man; his hand will be against every man, and every man’s hand against him;** and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren. Genesis 16:11–12.

So the wall was finished in the twenty and fifth *day of the month* Elul, in fifty and two days. Nehemiah 6:15.

PENTECOST—52 DAYS

And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven sabbaths shall be complete: Even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye **number fifty days;** and ye shall offer a new meat offering unto the Lord. Ye shall bring out of your habitations two wave loaves of two tenth deals: they shall be of fine flour; they shall be baken with leaven; *they are* the **firstfruits** unto the Lord. Leviticus 23:15–17.

NEHEMIAH 7:1—PEOPLE NUMBERED

AS ONE MAN: ACTS 2:1

And **all the people gathered themselves together as one man** into the street that *was* before the water gate; and they spake unto Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had commanded to Israel. And Ezra the priest brought the law before the congregation both of men and women, and all that could hear with understanding, upon **the first day of the seventh month**. And he read therein before the street that *was* before the water gate from the morning until midday, before the men and the women, and those that could understand; and the ears of all the people *were attentive* unto the book of the law. Nehemiah 8:1–3.

And because of all this we make **a sure covenant**, and write *it*; and our princes, Levites, *and* priests, seal *unto it*. Now those that **sealed were . . .** Nehemiah 9:38-10:1.

A SEALING

“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.” *Testimonies*, volume 5, 214.

ZERUBBABEL

Zerubbabel: H2216—From H2215 and H894; *descended of* (that is, from) *Babylon*, that is, born there; *Zerubbabel*, an Israelite: - Zerubbabel.

H2215—A primitive root; to *flow away*. **H894**—*confusion; Babel* (that is, Babylon), including Babylonia and the Babylonian empire.

THE SECOND ANGEL

And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. Revelation 14:8.

THE FOURTH ANGEL

And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. Revelation 18:2.

PROPHET SIGNS

Thus Ezekiel is unto you a sign: according to all that he hath done shall ye do: and when this cometh, ye shall know that I *am* the Lord God. Ezekiel 24:24.

Behold, I and the children whom the Lord hath given me *are* for signs and for wonders in Israel from the Lord of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion. Isaiah 8:18.

And the angel that talked with me came again, and waked me, as a man that is wakened out of his sleep, And said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold **a candlestick** all *of* gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his **seven lamps** thereon, and **seven pipes** to the seven lamps, which are upon the top thereof: And two olive trees by it, one upon the right side of the bowl, and the other upon the left side thereof.

So I answered and spake to the angel that talked with me, saying, **What are these, my lord?**

Then the angel that talked with me answered and said unto me, **Knowest thou not what these be?** And I said, **No, my lord.**

Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts. Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain: and **he shall bring forth the headstone** thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto it.

Moreover the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, **The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it;** and thou shalt know that the Lord of hosts hath sent me unto you. For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel with those seven; they are the eyes of the Lord, which run to and fro through the whole earth.

Then answered I, and said unto him, **What are these two olive trees** upon the right side of the candlestick and upon the left side thereof?

And I answered again, and said unto him, What be **these two olive branches** which through the two golden pipes empty the golden oil out of themselves?

And he answered me and said, **Knowest thou not what these be?** And I said, No, my lord. Then said he, These *are* **the two anointed ones**, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth. Zechariah 4:1–14.

Speak to Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, saying, **I will shake the heavens and the earth;** And I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms, and I will destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the heathen; and I will overthrow the chariots, and those that ride in them; and the horses and their riders shall come down, everyone by the sword of his brother.

In that day, saith the Lord of hosts, will I take thee, O Zerubbabel, my servant, the son of Shealtiel, saith the Lord, and will make thee as **a signet**: for I have chosen thee, saith the Lord of hosts. Haggai 2:21–23.

ELIJAH

DARKNESS

And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the Lord God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word. 1 Kings 17:18.

MANY DAYS

And it came to pass *after many days*, that the word of the Lord came to Elijah in the third year, saying, Go, show thyself unto Ahab; and I will send rain upon the earth. 1 Kings 18:1.

1260 DAYS

Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by **the space of three years and six months**. James 5:17.

JEZEBEL

Was it not told my lord what I did when Jezebel slew the prophets of the Lord, how I hid an hundred men of the Lord's prophets by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water? 1 Kings 18:13.

Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest **that woman Jezebel**, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols. And **I gave her space to repent** of her fornication; and she repented not. Revelation 2:20–21.

Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse. Malachi 4:5–6.

“The work of John was foretold by the prophet Malachi: ‘Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord: and he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers.’ Malachi 4:5, 6. John the Baptist went forth in the spirit and power of Elijah, to prepare the way of the Lord, and to turn the people to the wisdom of the just. He was a representative of those living in the last days, to whom God has entrusted sacred truths to present before the people, to prepare the way for the second appearing of Christ. And the same principles of temperance which John practiced should be observed by those who in our day are to warn the world of the coming of the Son of man.” *Temperance*, 91.

I WILL SEND MY MESSENGER

Behold, I will send my messenger, and **he shall prepare the way** before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts. But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he *is* like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: And he shall sit *as* a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness. Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the Lord, as in the days of old, and as in former years. Malachi 3:1–4.

THE VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see *it* together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken *it*.

The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh *is* grass, and all the goodliness thereof *is* as the flower of the field: The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the Lord bloweth upon it: surely the people *is* grass. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift *it* up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God! Isaiah 40:1–9.

THE DAYS OF AHAB

“Among the mountains of Gilead, east of the Jordan, there dwelt in the days of Ahab a man of faith and prayer whose fearless ministry was destined to check the rapid spread of apostasy in Israel. Far removed from any city of renown, and occupying no high station in life, Elijah the Tishbite nevertheless entered upon his mission confident in God's purpose to prepare the way before him and to give him abundant success. The word of faith and power was upon his lips, and his whole life was devoted to the work of reform. His was the **voice of one crying in the wilderness** to rebuke sin and press back the tide of evil. And while he came to the people as

a reprover of sin, his message offered the balm of Gilead to the sin-sick souls of all who desired to be healed.” *Prophets and Kings*, 119.

THE MOLD OF THE PRIESTS AND RULERS

“John was called to do a special work; he was to prepare the way of the Lord, to make straight His paths. The Lord did not send him to the school of the prophets and rabbis. He took him away from the assemblies of men to the desert, that he might learn of nature and nature’s God. God did not desire him to have the mold of the priests and rulers. He was called to do a special work. **The Lord gave him his message.** Did he go to the priests and rulers and ask if he might proclaim this message?—No, God put him away from them that he might not be influenced by their spirit and teaching. He was the voice of one crying in the wilderness, ‘Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain; and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it’ (Isaiah 40:3–5). This is the very message that must be given to our people; we are near the end of time, and the message is, Clear the King’s highway; gather out the stones; raise up a standard for the people. The people must be awakened. It is no time now to cry peace and safety. We are exhorted to ‘cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins’ (Isaiah 5:1).” *Selected Messages*, book 1, 410.

MILLER

“Thousands were led to embrace the truth preached by William Miller, and servants of God were raised up in the spirit and power of **Elijah** to proclaim the message. Like **John**, the forerunner of Jesus, those who preached this solemn message felt compelled to lay the ax at the root of the tree, and call upon men to bring forth fruits meet for repentance. Their testimony was calculated to arouse and **powerfully affect the churches and manifest their real character.** And as the solemn warning to flee from the wrath to come was sounded, many who were united with the churches received the healing message; they saw their backslidings, and with bitter tears of repentance and deep agony of soul, humbled themselves before God. And as the Spirit of God rested upon them, they helped to sound the cry, ‘Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come.’” *Early Writings*, 233.

“What is our work? The same as that given to John the Baptist, of whom we read: ‘In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in **the wilderness of Judea**, and saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make His paths straight.’ Matthew 3:1–3.

“All who are truly engaged in the work of the Lord for these last days will have **a decided message to bear.**” *Testimonies*, volume 8, 9.

MESSAGE EMPOWERED

And Elijah said, As the Lord of hosts liveth, **before whom I stand**, I will surely show myself unto him to day. 1 Kings 18:15.

FOUNDATIONAL MESSAGE

And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the Lord be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word. 1 Kings 18:21.

THE TEST

Then said Elijah unto the people, I, *even I only*, **remain a prophet of the Lord**; but **Baal's prophets** *are* four hundred and fifty men. Let them therefore give us two bullocks; and let them choose one bullock for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and lay *it* on wood, and put no fire *under*: and I will dress the other bullock, and lay *it* on wood, and put no fire *under*: And call ye on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the Lord: and **the God that answereth by fire, let him be God**. And all the people answered and said, It is well spoken. 1 Kings 18:22–24.

THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ENEMIES

And Elijah said unto the prophets of Baal, Choose you one bullock for yourselves, and dress it first; for ye are many; and call on the name of your gods, but put no fire under. And they took the bullock which was given them, and they dressed it, and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, O Baal, hear us. But there was no voice, nor any that answered. And they leaped upon the altar which was made. And it came to pass at noon, that Elijah mocked them, and said, Cry aloud: for he is a god; either he is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is in a journey, or peradventure he sleepeth, and must be awaked. And they cried aloud, and cut themselves after their manner with knives and lancets, till the blood gushed out upon them. And it came to pass, when midday was past, and they prophesied until the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that there was neither voice, nor any to answer, nor any that regarded. 1 Kings 18:25–29.

RESTORING THE FOUNDATIONS

And Elijah said unto all the people, Come near unto me. And all the people came near unto him. And **he repaired the altar of the Lord** *that was* broken down. 18:30.

And *they that shall be* of thee **shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations**; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in. Isaiah 58:12.

THE EVERLASTING COVENANT

And **Elijah took twelve stones**, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, unto whom the word of the Lord came, saying, **Israel shall**

be thy name: And with the stones he built an altar in the name of the Lord: and he made a trench about the altar, as great as would contain two measures of seed. 1 Kings 18:31–32.

As for thee also, by **the blood of thy covenant** I have sent forth thy prisoners out of the pit wherein *is* no water. Turn you to the strong hold, ye prisoners of hope: even today do I declare *that* I will render double unto thee; When I have bent Judah for me, filled the bow with Ephraim, and raised up thy sons, O Zion, against thy sons, O Greece, and made thee as the sword of a mighty man.

And the Lord shall be seen over them, and his arrow shall go forth as the lightning: and the Lord God shall blow the trumpet, and shall go with whirlwinds of the south. The Lord of hosts shall defend them; and they shall devour, and subdue with sling stones; and they shall drink, *and* make a noise as through wine; and they shall be filled like bowls, *and* as the corners of the altar. And the Lord their God shall save them in that day as **the flock of his people:** for they *shall be as* **the stones** of a crown, **lifted up as an ensign** upon his land. Zechariah 9:11–16.

To whom coming, *as unto* a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, *and* precious, Ye also, **as lively stones**, are built up **a spiritual house, an holy priesthood**, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. Unto you therefore which believe *he is* precious: but unto them which be disobedient, **the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner**, And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, *even to them* which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.

But *ye are* **a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation**, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: Which in time past *were* not a people, but *are* now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy. 1 Peter 2:4–10.

Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and **keep my covenant**, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These *are* the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel. Exodus 19:5–6.

A MEASURED OUTPOURING OF WATER

And he put the wood in order, and cut the bullock in pieces, and laid *him* on the wood, and said, Fill four barrels with water, and pour *it* on the burnt sacrifice, and on the wood. And he said, Do *it* the second time. And they did *it* the second time. And he said, Do *it* the third time. And they did *it* the third

time. And the water ran round about the altar; and he filled the trench also with water. 1 Kings 18:33–35.

THE TRUE PROPHET

And it came to pass at *the time of* the offering of the *evening* sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, **let it be known this day** that thou *art* God in Israel, and *that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word.* 1 Kings 18:36.

Hear me, O Lord, hear me, that this people may know that thou *art* the Lord God, and *that* thou hast turned their heart back again. Then the fire of the Lord fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that *was* in the trench. And when all the people saw *it*, they fell on their faces: and they said, The Lord, he *is* the God; the Lord, he *is* the God. 1 Kings 18:37–39.

JUDGMENT

And Elijah said unto them, Take the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape. And they took them: and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon, and slew them there. 1 King 18:40.

SEVEN TIMES—DISAPPOINTMENT

And Elijah said unto Ahab, Get thee up, eat and drink; for *there is* a sound of abundance of rain. So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees, And said to his servant, Go up now, look toward the sea. And he went up, and looked, and said, *There is* nothing. And he said, Go again seven times.

And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there ariseth **a little cloud** out of the sea, like a man's hand. And he said, Go up, say unto Ahab, Prepare *thy chariot*, and get thee down, that the rain stop thee not. And it came to pass in the meanwhile, that the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was **a great rain**. And Ahab rode, and went to Jezreel. 1 Kings 18:41–45.