

Habakkuk's Two Tables #15

PART TWO: LINE UPON LINE

THE PARABLE OF THE TEN VIRGINS

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

“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.” *Review and Herald*, August 19, 1890.

THE SEVEN THUNDERS

“The special light given to John which was expressed in the seven thunders was a delineation of **events** which would transpire under the first and second angels' messages.

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“After these seven thunders uttered their voices, the injunction comes to John as to Daniel in regard to the little book: ‘Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered.’ These relate to **future events** which will be disclosed in their order.” *The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, volume 7, 971.

THE FIRST AND SECOND ANGEL'S MESSAGES

“God has given the messages of Revelation 14 **their place in the line of prophecy**, and their work is not to cease till the close of this earth's history. The first and second angel's messages are still truth for this time, and are to run **parallel with this which follows**. The third angel proclaims his warning with a loud voice. ‘After these things,’ said John, ‘I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power, and the earth was lightened with his glory.’ In this illumination, the light of all the three messages is combined.” *The 1888 Materials*, 803–804.

SPECIFICATIONS

“We must have a **knowledge of the Scriptures**, that we may **trace down the lines of prophecy**, and understand **the specifications given by the prophets**, and by Christ and the apostles; that we may not be ignorant; but be able to see that the day is approaching, so that with increased zeal and effort, we may exhort one another to faithfulness, piety, and holiness.” *Review and Herald*, July 31, 1888.

ELIJAH

And his disciples asked him, saying, Why then say the scribes that **Elias must first come?** And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias **truly shall first come**, and restore all things. But I say unto you, That Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer of them. Matthew 17:10–12.

TWO CALLS

“So in the last work for the warning of the world, **two distinct calls are made to the churches**. The second angel’s message is, ‘Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.’ And in the loud cry of the third angel’s message a voice is heard from heaven saying, ‘**Come out of her, my people.**’” *Review and Herald*, December 6, 1892.

And the Lord God formed man *of* the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. Genesis 2:7.

EZEKIEL 37 AND THE BREATHE OF GOD

Ezekiel 37:1–14

THE BREATH OF PENTECOST

“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.

REVIVAL

“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.

“A revival of true godliness among us is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs. To seek this should be our first work.” *Selected Messages*, book 1, 121.

“When the books of Daniel and Revelation are better understood, believers will have an entirely different religious experience.” *Testimonies to Ministers*, 112–114.

“To John were opened scenes of deep and thrilling interest in the experience of the church. He saw the position, dangers, conflicts, and final deliverance of the people of God. **He records the closing messages which are to ripen the harvest of the earth, either as sheaves for the heavenly garner or as fagots for the fires of destruction.** Subjects of vast importance were revealed to him, especially for the last church, that those who should turn from error to truth might be instructed concerning the perils and conflicts before them. None need be in darkness in regard to what is coming upon the earth.” *The Great Controversy*, 341.

A MESSAGE

“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.

ADVENTISM

“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.

MANUSCRIPT RELEASES, VOLUME 20, 216–217

“Just as long as those who profess the truth are serving Satan, his hellish shadow will cut off their views of God and heaven. They will be as those who have lost their first love. They cannot view eternal realities. That which God has prepared for us is represented in Zechariah, chapters 3 and 4, and 4:12–14: ‘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.’

“The Lord is full of resources. He has no lack of facilities. It is because of our lack of faith, our earthliness, our cheap talk, our unbelief, manifested in our conversation, that dark shadows gather about us. Christ is not revealed in word or character as the One altogether lovely, and the chiefest among ten thousand. When the soul is content to lift itself up unto vanity, the Spirit of the Lord can do little for it. Our shortsighted vision beholds the shadow, but cannot see the glory beyond. **Angels are holding the four winds, represented as an angry horse seeking to break loose and rush over the face of the whole earth, bearing destruction and death in its path.**

“Shall we sleep on the very verge of the eternal world? Shall we be dull and cold and dead? **Oh, that we might have in our churches the Spirit and breath of God breathed into His people, that they might stand upon their feet and live.** We need to see that the way is narrow, and the gate strait. But as we pass through the strait gate, its wideness is without limit.”

REVELATION 7:1–3

And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding **the four winds of the earth**, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.

And **I saw another angel ascending from the east**, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.

THE ANCIENT PEOPLE

Isaiah 44:6–8

ISHMAEL’S PROPHECY

Genesis 16:12

THE WILD ARABIAN ASS

Wild: sense of *running* wild; the *onager*:— wild (ass).

A **wild ass** used to the wilderness, **that snuffeth up the wind** at her pleasure; in her occasion who can turn her away? all they that seek her will not weary themselves; in her month they shall find her. Jeremiah 2:24.

THE FIRST AND LAST

And the shapes of the locusts *were* like unto **horses prepared unto battle**. . . . the sound of chariots of **many horses** running to **battle**. . . . The number of the army of the **horsemen** *were* two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them. And thus **I saw the horses** in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and **the heads of the horses** *were* as the heads of lions. Revelation 9:7, 9, 16, 17.

ISLAM IS THE ANGRY HORSE

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THE OLD PATHS

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.

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**. Jeremiah 6:16.

DIRECTED BY THE HAND OF THE LORD

“I have seen that the 1843 chart was directed by the hand of the Lord, and that it should not be altered; that the figures were as He wanted them; that His hand was over and hid a mistake in some of the figures, so that none could see it, until His hand was removed.” *Early Writings*, 74–75.

DESIGNED FOR GOD’S PEOPLE

“I saw that God was in the publishment of the chart by Brother Nichols. I saw that there was a prophecy of this chart in the Bible, and if this chart is designed for God’s people, if it [is] sufficient for one it is for another, and if one needed a new chart painted on a larger scale, all need it just as much.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 13, 359.

DESTRUCTION AND DEATH

Angels are holding the four winds, represented as an angry horse seeking to break loose and rush over the face of the whole earth, bearing **destruction and death** in its path.

REVELATION 9/11

And they had a king over them, *which is* the angel of the bottomless pit, whose **name** in the Hebrew tongue *is* Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath *his* name Apollyon. Revelation 9:11.

Abaddon: A destroying angel; Apollyon: a destroyer