

Habakkuk's Two Tables #39

PART FIVE: 1863

A CIVIL WAR BETWEEN NORTH & SOUTH

Isaiah 7:1–7

“God does not design that men shall appropriate all that the earth produces for their own selfish purposes. He calls upon them to bring their tithes and offerings into His storehouse, that there may be meat in His house.

“In India, China, Russia, and the cities of America, thousands of men and women are dying of starvation. The monied men, because they have the power, control the market. They purchase at low rates all they can obtain, and then sell at greatly increased prices. This means starvation to the poorer classes, and **will result in a civil war**. There will be a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation. ‘And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation, even to that same time; and at that time thy people shall be delivered, everyone that shall be found written in the book. . . . Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly, and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand.’” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 5, 305.

742 & 1863 WAS THE TURNING POINT IN CIVIL WAR

“**There are lessons to be learned from the history of the past; and attention is called to these, that all may understand that God works on the same lines now that He ever has done.** His hand is seen in His work and among the nations now, just the same as it has been ever since the gospel was first proclaimed to Adam in Eden.

“There are periods which are **turning points in the history of nations and of the church**. In the providence of God, when **these different crises arrive, the light for that time is given**. If it is received, there is spiritual progress; if it is rejected, spiritual declension and shipwreck follow. **The Lord in His word has opened up the aggressive work of the gospel as it has been carried on in the past, and will be in the future, even to the closing conflict, when Satanic agencies will make their last wonderful movement.**” *Bible Echo*, August 26, 1895.

AHAZ'S SIGN OF REBELLION

Isaiah 7:10–12

AHAZ'S REJECTED LIGHT (THE WATERS OF SHILOAH)

Isaiah 8:5–6; John 9:1–14

SILOAM

SHILOAH: H7975—*rill*; a fountain of Jerusalem:—**Shiloah**, Siloah. From **H7971**. **H7971**—a missile of attack, that is, spear; also (figuratively) a **shoot of growth**, that is, **branch**:—dart, plant, X put off, sword, weapon. **SILOAM: G4611**— Of Hebrew origin [**H7975**].

SENT

And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (**which is by interpretation, Sent.**) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing. John 9:7.

THE SENT OF GOD

“From the day when she heard the angel’s announcement in the home at Nazareth Mary had treasured every evidence that Jesus was the Messiah. His sweet, unselfish life assured her that He could be no other than **the Sent of God.**” *The Desire of Ages*, 145.

“The Pentecostal outpouring was Heaven’s communication that the Redeemer’s inauguration was accomplished. According to His promise **He had sent the Holy Spirit from heaven** to His followers as a token that He had, as priest and king, received all authority in heaven and on earth, and was the Anointed One over His people.” *Acts of the Apostles*, 38.

A SHOOT OF GROWTH

“Christ had bidden His people **watch for the signs of His advent** and rejoice as they should behold the tokens of their coming King. ‘When these things begin to come to pass,’ He said, ‘then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.’ **He pointed His followers to the budding trees of spring**, and said: ‘When they now **shoot forth, ye see** and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand. So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand.’ Luke 21:28, 30, 31.” *The Great Controversy*, 308.

“We must not wait for the latter rain. It is coming upon all who will **recognize** and appropriate the dew and showers of grace that fall upon us. When we gather up the fragments of light, when we appreciate the sure mercies of God, who loves to have us trust Him, then every promise will be fulfilled. [Isaiah 61:11 quoted.] The whole earth is to be filled with the glory of God.” *The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, volume 7, 984.

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BLINDNESS & THE LAODICEAN MESSAGE—REVELATION 3:18

As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world. When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and **he anointed the eyes of the blind man** with the clay. John 9:5–6.

“We need, O so greatly, keen discernment, clear spiritual eyesight. Our eyes need to be anointed with the heavenly eyesalve, that we may see all things clearly.” *Review and Herald*, October 26, 1905.

THE HEALTH MESSAGE

“In the Saviour’s manner of healing there were lessons for His disciples. On one occasion **He anointed the eyes of a blind man with clay**, and bade him, ‘Go, wash in the pool of Siloam. . . . He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.’ John 9:7. The cure could be wrought only by the power of the Great Healer, yet **Christ made use of the simple agencies of nature**. While **He did not give countenance to drug medication**, He sanctioned the use of **simple and natural remedies**.

“To many of the afflicted ones who received healing, Christ said, ‘Sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.’ John 5:14. **Thus He taught that disease is the result of violating God’s laws, both natural and spiritual**. The great misery in the world would not exist did men but live in harmony with the Creator’s plan.” *The Desire of Ages*, 824.

ENOCH, METHUSELAH & NOAH

“The power of Christ, the crucified Saviour, to give eternal life, should be presented to the people. We should show them that the Old Testament is as verily the gospel in types and shadows as the New Testament is in its unfolding power. The New Testament does not present a new religion; the Old Testament does not present a religion to be superseded by the New. The New Testament is only the advancement and **unfolding of the Old**. Abel was a believer in Christ, and was as verily saved by His power as was Peter or Paul. Enoch was a representative of Christ as surely as was the beloved disciple John. Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for God took him. **To him was committed the message of the second coming of Christ**. ‘And Enoch also, **the seventh from Adam**, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of His saints, to execute **judgment** upon all.’ Jude 14, 15. The message preached by Enoch and his translation to heaven were a convincing argument to all who lived in his time. These things were an argument that **Methuselah and Noah** could use with power to show that the righteous could be translated.” *Testimonies*, volume 6, 392.

METHUSELAH: Man of the dart/spear, or alternatively “**his death shall bring**”^[1] *Wikipedia*.

[1] Cornwall and Stelman Smith, *The Exhaustive Dictionary of Bible Names*.

METHUSELAH: H4968—From **H4962** and **H7973**; *man of a dart*. **H4962**—From the same as **H4970**; properly an *adult* (as of full length). **H4970**—From an unused root meaning to *extend*; properly *extent* (of time); but used only adverbially (especially with other particles prefixed), *when* (either relative or interrogitive):—long, when. **H7973**—From **H7971**; a *missile* of attack, that is, *spear*; also (figuratively) a *shoot* of growth, that is, *branch*—dart, plant, X put off, sword, weapon.

HIS DEATH SHALL BRING JUDGMENT

Genesis 5:21–27

65—904—JUDGMENT (DOOR CLOSES)

65 (742)—2520 (677–1844)—JUDGMENT (DOOR CLOSES)

AFTER SEVEN DAYS

Genesis 7:1–4, 10

AFTER MILLER’S SCATTERING IT RAINS FOR FORTY DAYS

A REMNANT SHALL RETURN

Then said the Lord unto Isaiah, Go forth now to meet Ahaz, thou, and **Shearjashub thy son**, at the end of the conduit of the upper pool in the highway of the fuller’s field. Isaiah 7:3.

AHAZ’S SHIPWRECK (THE KING OF THE NORTH)

Isaiah 8:7–8

ADVENTISM’S REJECTED SIGN—THE 2520

ADVENTISM’S REJECTED LIGHT (HEALTH REFORM)

“Seventh-day Adventists are handling momentous truths. More than forty years ago [in 1863] the Lord gave **us special light on health reform**, but how are we walking in that light? How many have refused to live in harmony with the counsels of God! As a people, we should make advancement proportionate to the light received. It is our duty to understand and respect the principles of health reform. On the subject of temperance we should be in advance of all other people; and yet there are among us well-instructed members of the church, and even ministers of the gospel, who have little respect for the light that God has given upon this subject. They eat as they please and work as they please.” *Testimonies*, volume 9, 158.

ADVENTISM’S SHIPWRECK (THE ALPHA AND OMEGA APOSTASY)

“What is the message that we are to give?—‘Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. . . .’

“To my ministering brethren I would say, Prosecute this work with tact and ability. Set to work the young men and the young women in our churches. Combine the medical missionary work with the proclamation of the third angel’s message. Make regular, organized effort to lift the churches out of the dead level into which they have fallen, and have remained for years. Send into the churches workers who will set the principles of health reform in their connection with the third angel’s message, before every family and individual. Encourage all to take a part in work for their fellow men, and see if the breath of life will not quickly return to these churches. . . .

“The indifference which has existed among our ministers in regard to health reform and medical missionary work is surprising. Some who do not profess to be Christians treat these matters with greater reverence than do some of our own people, and unless we arouse, they will go in advance of us.” *Special Testimonies for Ministers and Workers*, 18–19.

THE LORD'S PHYSICIAN

“The answer came in a very forceful way. Friday evening, February 15, as Ellen White met with her family in the sitting room for worship, she was deeply burdened with a decision about Dr. Kellogg’s invitation. She began to pray about it. In reporting the experience, she says, ‘I was asking the Lord where I should go and what I should do. I was for backing out. . . . Well, while I was praying and was sending up my petition, there was, as has been a hundred times or more, a soft light circling around in the room, and a fragrance like the fragrance of flowers, of a beautiful scent of flowers.’—MS 43a, 1901. And a voice said, ‘Respect the courtesy of My servant, John Kellogg, **the physician by My appointment**. He needs encouragement that you can give him. Let him put his trust in Me. My arm is strong to uphold and sustain. He may safely lean upon My strength. I have a work for him to do. He must not fail nor be discouraged.’”
Arthur White, *EGW Biography*, volume 5, 53.