

## Habakkuk's Two Tables #48

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### A REVIVAL

“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.

“A revival and a reformation must take place, under the ministration of the Holy Spirit. Revival and reformation are two different things. **Revival signifies a renewal of spiritual life**, a quickening of the powers of mind and heart, a resurrection from spiritual death. Reformation signifies a reorganization, a change in ideas and theories, habits and practices. Reformation will not bring forth the good fruit of righteousness unless it is connected with the revival of the Spirit. Revival and reformation are to do their appointed work, and in doing this work they must blend.” *Selected Messages*, book 1, 128.

“**When we** as a people **understand** what this book means to us, there will be seen among us **a great revival**.” *Testimonies to Ministers*, 113.

“When the books of Daniel and Revelation are better understood, believers will have an entirely different religious experience. . . One thing will certainly be understood from the study of Revelation—that the connection between God and His people is close and decided.” *The Faith I Live By*, 345.

### THE ELIJAH MESSAGE

#### THE JUDGMENT OF 70AD

Matthew 3:7

Matthew 3:1–3; Isaiah 40:1–5

#### THE VOICE

“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.

## 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.

## THE OPENING OF THE JUDGMENT

“It was needful that men should be awakened to their danger; that they should be roused to prepare for **the solemn events connected with the close of probation.**” *The Great Controversy*, 310.

## THE CLOSE OF PROBATION

“Today, in the spirit and power of Elias and of John the Baptist, **messengers of God’s appointment are calling the attention of a judgment-bound world to the solemn events soon to take place in connection with the closing hours of probation and the appearance of Christ Jesus as King of kings and Lord of lords.**” *Prophets and Kings*, 715–716.

“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. Read the first few verses of the fortieth chapter of Isaiah:

“‘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.’ Isaiah 40:3–5.

“‘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 forever.’ Verses 6–8.

“This chapter is filled with instruction appropriate for us at this time. The word of the Lord to us is: ‘Repent ye; prepare the way for a revival of My work.’” *Testimonies*, volume 8, 9–10.

## PARABLES

“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 state of the Church represented by the foolish virgins, is also spoken of as the Laodicean state.” *Review and Herald*, August 19, 1890.

“Again, these parables teach that there is to be **no probation after the judgment**. When the work of the gospel is completed, there immediately follows the separation between the good and the evil, and the destiny of each class is forever fixed.” *Christ’s Object Lessons*, 123.

## THE SHUT-DOOR DOCTRINE

“It is claimed that these expressions prove the shut-door doctrine, and that this is the reason of their omission in later editions. But in fact they teach only that which has been and is still held by us as a people, as I shall show.

“For a time after the disappointment in 1844, I did hold, in common with the advent body, that the door of mercy was then forever closed to the world. This position was taken before my first vision was given me. It was the light given me of God that corrected our error, and enabled us to see the true position.

“**I am still a believer in the shut-door theory**, but not in the sense in which we at first employed the term or in which it is employed by my opponents.

“There was **a shut door in Noah’s day**. There was at that time a withdrawal of the Spirit of God from the sinful race that perished in the waters of the Flood. God Himself gave **the shut-door message** to Noah: ‘My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years’ (Genesis 6:3).

“There was **a shut door in the days of Abraham**. Mercy ceased to plead with the inhabitants of Sodom, and all but Lot, with his wife and two daughters, were consumed by the fire sent down from heaven.

“There was **a shut door in Christ’s day**. The Son of God declared to the unbelieving Jews of that generation, ‘Your house is left unto you desolate’ (Matthew 23:38).

“Looking down the stream of time to the last days, the same infinite power proclaimed through John: ‘These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth’ (Revelation 3:7).

“I was shown in vision, and I still believe, that there was **a shut door in 1844**. All who saw the light of the first and second angels’ messages and rejected that light, were left in darkness. And those who accepted it and received the Holy Spirit which attended the proclamation of the message from heaven, and **who afterward renounced their faith and pronounced their experience a delusion, thereby rejected the Spirit of God, and it no longer pleaded with them.**

“Those who did not see the light, had not the guilt of its rejection. It was only the class who had despised the light from heaven that the Spirit of God could not reach. And this class included, as I have stated, both those who refused to accept the message when it was presented to them, and also those who, **having received it, afterward renounced their faith.** These might have a form of godliness, and profess to be followers of Christ; but having no living connection with God, they would be taken captive by the delusions of Satan. These two classes are brought to view in the vision—**those who declared the light which they had followed a delusion,** and the wicked of the world who, having rejected the light, had been rejected of God. No reference is made to those who had not seen the light, and therefore were not guilty of its rejection.” *Selected Messages*, book 1, 62–63.

#### A SHUT DOOR MESSAGE

“It is those who by faith follow Jesus in the great work of the atonement who receive the benefits of His mediation in their behalf, while those who reject the light which brings to view this work of ministration are not benefited thereby. The Jews who rejected the light given at Christ’s first advent, and refused to believe on Him as the Saviour of the world, could not receive pardon through Him. When Jesus at His ascension entered by His own blood into the heavenly sanctuary to shed upon His disciples the blessings of His mediation, **the Jews were left in total darkness** to continue their useless sacrifices and offerings. The ministration of types and shadows had ceased. That **door** by which men had formerly found access to God was no longer open. The Jews had refused to seek Him in the only way whereby He could then be found, through the ministration in the sanctuary in heaven. Therefore they found no communion with God. **To them the door was shut.** They had no knowledge of Christ as the true sacrifice and the only mediator before God; hence they could not receive the benefits of His mediation.

“The condition of the unbelieving Jews **illustrates** the condition of the careless and unbelieving among professed Christians, who are **willingly ignorant of the work of our merciful High Priest.** In the typical service, when the high priest entered the most holy place, all Israel were required to gather about the sanctuary and in the most solemn manner humble their souls before God, that they might receive the pardon of their sins and not be cut off from the congregation. How much more essential in this antitypical Day of Atonement that we understand the work of our High Priest and know what duties are required of us.

“Men cannot with impunity reject **the warning** which God in mercy sends them. **A message** was sent from heaven to the world in Noah’s day, and their salvation depended upon the manner in which they treated that message. Because they rejected the warning, the Spirit of God was withdrawn from the sinful race, and they perished in the waters of the Flood. In the time of Abraham, mercy ceased to plead with the guilty inhabitants of Sodom, and all but Lot with his wife and two daughters were consumed by the fire sent down from heaven. So in the days of Christ. The Son of God declared to the unbelieving Jews of that generation: ‘Your house is left unto you desolate.’ Matthew 23:38. Looking down to the last days, the same Infinite Power declares, concerning those who ‘received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved’: ‘For this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: that they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.’ 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12. As **they reject the teachings of His word**, God withdraws His Spirit and leaves them to the deceptions which they love.” *The Great Controversy*, 430–431.

#### EZEKIEL THIRTY-SEVEN

##### 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.

“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.

Ezekiel 37:7–8

**NOISE: H6963**—From an unused root meaning **to call aloud; a voice or sound**:— + aloud, bleating, crackling, cry (+ out), fame, lightness, lowing, noise, + hold peace, [pro-] claim, proclamation, + sing, sound, + spark, **thunder (-ing)**, voice, + yell.

**SHAKING: H7494**—From **H7493**; *vibration, bounding, uproar*:—commotion, confused noise, earthquake, fierceness, quaking, rattling, rushing, shaking. **H7493**—A primitive root; to *undulate* (as the earth, the sky, etc.; also a field of grain), particularly **through fear**; specifically to *spring (as a locust)*:—**make afraid**, (re-) move, quake, (make to) shake, (make to) tremble.

#### ENTER ALSO

He shall **enter also** into **the glorious land**, and many *countries* shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon. Daniel 11:41.

##### 1798

“And **when the Papacy, robbed of its strength, was forced to desist from persecution**, John beheld **a new power** coming up to echo the dragon’s voice, and carry

forward the same cruel and blasphemous work. This power, **the last that is to wage war against the church and the law of God**, was symbolized by a beast with lamblike horns.” *Signs of the Times*, November 1, 1899.

#### **1798 UNTIL THE SUNDAY LAW—DANIEL 11:40 & REVELATION 13:11**

“As America, the land of religious liberty, shall unite with the Papacy in forcing the conscience and compelling men to honor the false sabbath, the people of every country on the globe will be led to follow her example.” *Testimonies*, volume 6, 18.

#### **THE GLORIOUS LAND**

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#### **THE GLORY OF ALL LANDS**

In the day *that* I lifted up mine hand unto them, to bring them forth of the land of Egypt into a land that I had espied for them, flowing with milk and honey, which *is* **the glory of all lands**. . . . Yet also I lifted up my hand unto them in the wilderness, that I would not bring them into the land which I had given *them*, flowing with milk and honey, which *is* **the glory of all lands**. Ezekiel 20:6, 15.

Daniel 11:16

#### **URIAH SMITH:**

“After putting an end to the war, Pompey demolished the walls of Jerusalem, transferred several cities from the jurisdiction of Judea to that of Syria, and imposed tribute on the Jews. For the first time Jerusalem was by conquest placed in the hands of Rome, that power was to hold **the ‘glorious land’ in its iron grasp till it had utterly consumed it.**” *Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation*, 247.

#### **ALL THE COVENANT PROMISES**

“That which God purposed to do for the world through Israel, the chosen nation, He will finally accomplish through His church on earth today. He has ‘let out His vineyard unto other husbandmen,’ even to His covenant-keeping people, who faithfully ‘render Him the fruits in their seasons.’ Never has the Lord been without true representatives on this earth who have made His interests their own. These witnesses for God are numbered among the spiritual Israel, and **to them will be fulfilled all the covenant promises made by Jehovah to His ancient people.**” *Prophets and Kings*, 713.

“Of special value to God’s church on earth today—the keepers of His vineyard—are the messages of counsel and admonition given through the prophets who have made plain His eternal purpose in behalf of mankind. In the teachings of the prophets, His love for the lost race and His plan for their salvation are clearly revealed. The story of Israel’s call, of their successes and failures, of their restoration to divine favor, of their rejection of the Master of the vineyard, and of the carrying out of **the plan of the ages by a goodly remnant to whom are to be fulfilled all the covenant promises**—this has been the theme of God’s messengers to His church throughout the centuries that have passed. And

today God's message to His church—to those who are occupying His vineyard as faithful husbandmen—is none other than that spoken through the prophet of old:

‘Sing ye unto her, A vineyard of red wine. I the Lord do keep it; I will water it every moment: lest any hurt it, I will keep it night and day.’ Isaiah 27:2, 3.” *Prophets and Kings*, 22.

### THREE COVENANT PROMISES

#### THE MIND OF CHRIST

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus. Philippians 2:5.

#### A GLORIFIED BODY

In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality. 1 Corinthians 15:52–53.

#### A PROMISED LAND

Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, thy servants, to whom thou swarest by thine own self, and saidst unto them, I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have spoken of will I give unto your seed, and they shall inherit it forever. Exodus 32:13.

#### ANCIENT ISRAEL

“God brought His chosen people out of the land of Egypt. . . . that He might bring them to a **good land, a land which in His providence He had prepared** for them as a refuge from their enemies. He would bring them to Himself and encircle them in His everlasting arms; and in return for His goodness and mercy **they were to exalt His name and make it glorious in the earth.**” *Prophets and Kings*, 16.

#### MODERN ISRAEL

“Is it in vain that the declaration of eternal truth has been given **to this nation** to be carried to all the nations of the world? God has chosen a people and made them the repositories of truth weighty with eternal results. To them has been given the light that **must illuminate the world**. Has God made a mistake? Are we indeed His chosen instrumentalities? Are we the men and women who are to bear to the world the messages of Revelation fourteen, to proclaim the message of salvation to those who are standing on the brink of ruin? Do we act as if we were?” *Selected Messages*, book 1, 92.

#### DESIGNED BY GOD

“**The Lord has done more for the United States than any other country upon which the sun shines.** Here He provided an asylum for His people, where they could worship Him according to the dictates of conscience. Here Christianity has progressed in its purity. The life-giving doctrine of the one Mediator between God and man has been freely taught. God *designed* that this country should ever remain free for all people to worship Him in accordance with the dictates of conscience. He *designed* that its civil institutions, in their expansive productions, should represent the freedom of gospel privileges.” *Maranatha*, 193.

## GLORIOUS

**GLORIOUS: 6643**—in the sense of **prominence**; splendor (as **conspicuous**), beautiful, goodly.

**LAND: H776**—From an unused root probably meaning to *be firm*; the *earth* (at large, or partitively a *land*): - X common, country, earth, field, ground, land, X nations, way, + wilderness, world.

### WHEN—THEN

“**When** the land which the Lord provided as an asylum for His people, that they might worship Him according to the dictates of their own consciences, the land over which for long years the shield of Omnipotence has been spread, the land which God has favored by making it the depository of the pure religion of Christ,—**when** that land shall, through its legislators, abjure the principles of Protestantism, and give countenance to Romish apostasy in tampering with God’s law,—it is **then** that **the final work of the man of sin will be revealed.**” *Signs of the Times*, June 12, 1893.

“The people of the United States have been a favored people; but **when** they restrict religious liberty, surrender Protestantism, and give countenance to popery, the measure of their guilt will be full, and ‘national apostasy’ will be registered in the books of heaven. The result of this apostasy will be **national ruin.**” *Review and Herald*, May 2, 1893.

“Our land is in jeopardy. The time is drawing on **when** its legislators shall so abjure the principles of Protestantism as to give countenance to Romish apostasy. The people for whom God has so marvelously wrought, strengthening them to throw off the galling yoke of popery, will by a national act give vigor to the corrupt faith of Rome, and thus arouse the tyranny which only waits for a touch to start again into cruelty and despotism. With rapid steps are we already approaching this period.” *The Spirit of Prophecy*, volume 4, 410.

### THE GREATEST LIGHT

“America, . . . where the greatest light from heaven has been shining upon the people, can become the place of greatest peril and darkness because the people do not continue to practice the truth and walk in the light.” *Selected Messages*, book 3, 387.

### THE GLORY OF THE WHOLE EARTH

“The unrivaled mercies and blessings of God have been showered upon our nation, it has been a land of liberty, and **the glory of the whole earth.** But instead of returning gratitude to God, instead of honoring God and his law, the professed Christians of America have become leavened with pride, covetousness, and self-sufficiency. The love of money, which is the root of all evil, has had a large place in their hearts. Many whose names are upon the church records have oppressed the poor, and grasped every possible advantage over those who were under them. They have lived to gratify appetite, to make extravagant display; and pride is fast making a Sodom of our world. But God is keeping his reckoning. The treatment of the poor, the robbery of the widow and the fatherless by those who are lifted up against the weak and helpless, is all written in the book of heaven. The cries of those who are oppressed have reached the ears of him who judgeth righteously.

“The time has come when judgment is fallen in the streets, and equity cannot enter, and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey. But the Lord’s arm is not shortened that it cannot save, and his ear is not heavy that it cannot hear. **The people of the United States have been a favored people;** but **when** they restrict religious liberty, surrender Protestantism, and give countenance to popery, the measure of their guilt will be full, and ‘national apostasy’ will be registered in the books of heaven. The result of this apostasy will be national ruin.

“The voices of those under the altar who have been slain for the word of God and the testimony of Jesus, **are still saying**, ‘It is time for thee, O Lord, to work: for they have made void thy law.’” *Review and Herald*, May 2, 1893.

### **THE GLORY DEFINED**

“In the seventeenth century thousands of pastors were expelled from their positions. The people were forbidden, on pain of heavy fines, imprisonment, and banishment, to attend any religious meetings except such as were sanctioned by the church. Those faithful souls who could not refrain from gathering to worship God were compelled to meet in dark alleys, in obscure garrets, and at some seasons in the woods at midnight. In the sheltering depths of the forest, a temple of God’s own building, those scattered and persecuted children of the Lord assembled to pour out their souls in prayer and praise. But despite all their precautions, many suffered for their faith. The jails were crowded. Families were broken up. Many were banished to foreign lands. Yet God was with His people, and persecution could not prevail to silence their testimony. Many were driven across the ocean to America and here laid **the foundations of civil and religious liberty which have been the bulwark and glory of this country.**” *The Great Controversy*, 252.