

## Habakkuk's Two Tables #55

PART SIX: 1989

### TAKING THE WORLD

#### EGYPT

He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and **the land of Egypt** shall not escape. Daniel 11:42.

“Why is it so hard to lead a self-denying, humble life? Because professed Christians are not dead to **the world**. It is easy living after we are dead. But many are longing for the leeks and onions of **Egypt**. They have a disposition to act and dress as much like **the world** as possible and yet go to heaven. Such climb up some other way. They do not enter through the strait gate and narrow way.” *Testimonies*, volume 1, 131.

“I am filled with sadness when I think of our condition as a people. The Lord has not closed heaven to us, but our own course of continual backsliding has separated us from God. Pride, covetousness, and love of **the world** have lived in the heart without fear of banishment or condemnation. . . . The church has turned back from following Christ her leader and is steadily retreating toward **Egypt**. . . . Have we not been seeking the friendship and applause of **the world** rather than the presence of Christ and a deeper knowledge of His will?” *Testimonies*, volume 5, 217–218.

“The plagues of **Egypt** when God was about to deliver Israel were similar in character to those more terrible and extensive judgments which are to fall upon **the world** just before the final deliverance of God's people.” *The Great Controversy*, 628.

“Many are not growing strong, because they do not take God at his Word. They are conforming to **the world**. Every day they pitch their tents nearer to **Egypt**, when they should encamp a day's march nearer the heavenly Canaan.” *Signs of the Times*, March 6, 1884.

“The Lord God of Israel is to execute judgment upon **the gods of this world**, as upon **the gods of Egypt**.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 10, 240.

**ESCAPE: 6413**—deliverance, (that is) escape (-d), remnant. 6412: a refugee: -(that have) escape (-d, -th), fugitive.

“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.

“Foreign nations will **follow the example of the United States**. Though she leads out, yet the same crisis will come upon our people in all parts of the world.” *Testimonies*, volume 6, 395.

Revelation 13:11–15

Revelation 17:10–18, 1–3, 4–6

Daniel 7; Daniel 8; Revelation 13:3–4

#### ASSYRIA, EGYPT . . .

“The crown removed from **Israel** passed successively to the kingdoms of **Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome**. God says, ‘It shall be no more, until He come whose right it is; and I will give it Him.’” *Education*, 179.

Revelation 17:13; 13:2

“‘These have one mind.’ There will be a universal bond of union, one great harmony, **a confederacy** of Satan’s forces. ‘And shall give their power and strength to the beast.’ Thus is manifested the same arbitrary, oppressive power against religious liberty, freedom to worship God according to the dictates of conscience, as was manifested by the Papacy, when in the past it persecuted those who dared to refuse to conform with the religious rites and ceremonies of Romanism.” *Maranatha*, 187.

“Thus while **the dragon, primarily, represents Satan**, it is, in a secondary sense, a symbol of **pagan Rome**.” *The Great Controversy*, 439.

“**Kings and rulers and governors have placed upon themselves the brand of antichrist, and are represented as the dragon** who goes to make war with the saints—with those who keep the commandments of God and who have the faith of Jesus.” *Testimonies to Ministers*, 38.

#### STRUCTURE

1798—deadly wound healed—message of the hour—close of probation

#### EGYPT: LYBIA & ETHIOPIA

But he shall have **power** over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and **the Libyans and the Ethiopians** shall be at his steps. Daniel 11:43.

And he causeth all, both **small and great, rich and poor, free and bond**, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads. Revelation 13:16.

“Fearful is the issue to which the world is to be brought. The powers of earth, uniting to war against the commandments of God, will decree that, “**all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond**” (Revelation 13:16), shall conform to the customs of the church by observance of the false sabbath. All who refuse compliance will be visited with civil penalties, and it will finally be declared that they are deserving of death.” *The Great Controversy*, 604.

"In short, that contemporary map of shame would be the graphic expression of the atrocity we have come to describe so blandly as the division of the world into North and South, which is to say, in plainer terms, the division of nations, and of populations within nations, into rich and poor. . . .

"It is just such a map of shame that Pope John Paul does hold up to the world in his moral assessment of the geopolitical arrangements that are setting up our future for us. .

.. "On the modern map of world shame that is the subject of so much of John Paul's attention, North and South do not figure as precise geographical terms. Instead, they are global frontiers where wealth and poverty divide not only nations, but societies within nations. . . .

"Whether it is applied in the confines of the United States, or in the world at large, John Paul's moral assessment of North and South is simple and clear. In a morally adjusted economy, he insists, the rich should not get richer if the poor get poorer." *Keys of This Blood*, Malachi Martin, 163–164, 171.

### MILITARY MIGHT

Jeremiah 46:8–9; Ezekiel 38:5

**But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things** of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be **at his steps**. Daniel 11:43.

And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Revelation 13:17.

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### STEPS

**STEPS: 4703**—from **6805**; a step; fig. companionship:- going, step. **6805**: to pace, i.e. step regularly; (upward) to mount; (along) to **march**; (down and caus.) to hurl: –bring, go, march (through), run over.

"With the ungodly there will be a deceptive harmony that but partially conceals a perpetual discord. In their opposition to the will and the truth of God they are united, while on every other point they are rent with hatred, emulation, jealousy, and deadly strife." *Testimonies*, volume 5, 101.

"As we approach the last crisis, it is of vital moment that harmony and unity exist among the Lord's instrumentalities. The world is filled with storm and war and variance. **Yet under one head—the papal power**—the people will unite to oppose God in the person of His witnesses. This union is cemented by the great apostate. While he seeks to unite his agents in warring against the truth he will work to divide and scatter its

advocates. Jealousy, evil surmising, evilspeaking, are instigated by him to produce discord and dissension.” *Testimonies*, volume 7, 182.

“In this time of prevailing iniquity, the Protestant churches that have rejected a ‘Thus saith the Lord,’ will reach a strange pass. They will be converted to the world. In their separation from God, they will seek to make falsehood and apostasy from God the law of the nation. **They will work upon the rulers of the land to make laws to restore the lost ascendancy of the man of sin, who sits in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. The Roman Catholic principles will be taken under the protection of the state.** The protest of Bible truth will no longer be tolerated by those who have not made the law of God their rule of life.” *Review and Herald*, December 21, 1897.

But **tidings** out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many. Daniel 11:44.

#### TIDINGS

“What was the result of the outpouring of the Spirit on the Day of Pentecost? **The glad tidings of a risen Saviour** were carried to the uttermost parts of the inhabited world.” *The Acts of the Apostles*, 48.

But tidings out of **the east** and out of **the north** shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many. Daniel 11:44.

#### EAST AND NORTH

##### THE SEALING MESSAGE

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. Revelation 7:2–3.

##### THE MESSAGE OF THE SECOND COMING

“Soon there appears **in the east** a small black cloud, about half the size of a man’s hand. It is the cloud which surrounds the Saviour and which seems in the distance to be shrouded in darkness. The people of God know this to be the sign of the Son of man.” *The Great Controversy*, 640.

1 Kings 18:38–46

##### THE MESSAGE OF CHRIST’S RIGHTEOUSNESS

Isaiah 41:2, 25–27

#### DESTROY

“The whole world is to be stirred with enmity against Seventh-day Adventists, because **they will not yield homage to the Papacy**, by honoring Sunday, the institution of this anti-Christian power. It is the purpose of Satan to cause them to be **blotted from**

**the earth**, in order that his supremacy of the world may not be disputed.” *Review and Herald*, August 22, 1893.

“When this grand work is to take place in the battle, prior to the last closing conflict, many will be imprisoned, many will flee for their lives from cities and towns, and many will be martyrs for Christ’s sake in standing in defense of the truth.” *Maranatha*, 199.

“I was pointed down to the time when the third angel’s message was closing. The power of God had rested upon His people; they had accomplished their work and were prepared for the trying hour before them. They had received the latter rain, or refreshing from the presence of the Lord, and the living testimony had been revived. **The last great warning had sounded everywhere, and it had stirred up and enraged the inhabitants of the earth who would not receive the message.**” *Early Writings*, 279.

“The season of distress and anguish before us will require a faith that can endure weariness, delay, and hunger—a faith that will not faint though severely tried. . . . The **“time of trouble, such as never was,”** is soon to open upon us; and we shall need an experience which we do not now possess and which many are too indolent to obtain. It is often the case that trouble is greater in anticipation than in reality; **but this is not true of the crisis before us. The most vivid presentations cannot reach the magnitude of the ordeal.**” *The Great Controversy*, 621–622.

And he shall plant **the tabernacles of his palace** between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him. Daniel 11:45.

**PLANT: 5193**—to strike in, i.e. fix; spec. to plant (lit. or fig.): –fasten, plant (-er).

**TABERNACLES: 168**—from **166**; a **tent** (as clearly; conspicuous from a distance): –covering, (dwelling) (place), home, tabernacle, tent **166**: to be clear: –shine.

**PALACE: 643**—a pavilion or palace-tent:- palace.

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## SEAS

And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues. Revelation 17:15.

## MOUNTAIN

Isaiah 2:2–3; Daniel 9:20

## BETWEEN

### BLOCKING THE MESSAGE

“Though being unable to expel God from His throne, Satan has charged God with satanic attributes and has claimed the attributes of God as his own. He is a deceiver, and through his serpentine sharpness, through his crooked practices he has drawn to himself the homage which man should have given to God, and **has planted his satanic throne between the human worshiper and the divine Father.**” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 7, 215.

“Just prior to the coming of the Son of man, there is—and has been for years—a determination on the part of the enemy to cast his hellish shadow right **between** man and his Saviour.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 6, 7.

“**Satan will try to interpose himself** and discourage the workers, so as to prevent them from giving the message of light and warning.” *Testimonies*, volume 7, 35.

“He, the great Teacher, was in the world; He was the light of the world; but Satan interposed his hellish shadow **between** Him and the souls whom Christ came to save.” *Signs of the Times*, March 20, 1901.

“**Formality, worldly wisdom, worldly caution, worldly policy**, will appear to many to be the very power of God, but when accepted, **it stands as an obstacle to prevent God’s light in warnings, reproof, and counsel from coming to the world.**” *Selected Messages*, book 2, 19.

“The things of the world are their idols. **These interpose between the soul and Christ**, and the solemn and awful realities that are crowding upon us are but dimly seen and faintly realized.” *Testimonies*, volume 5, 456.

“Let no one run the risk of interposing himself **between** the people and the message of heaven. The message of God will come to the people; and if there were no voice among men to give it, the very stones would cry out.” *Counsels to Writers and Editors*, 38.

“But when one man allows another to step in **between** him and the duty that God has pointed out to him, . . . such a man, instead of growing and developing, will lose his spirituality.” *Testimonies*, volume 9, 280.

“We entreat of you who oppose the light of truth, to **stand out of the way of God’s people**. Let Heaven-sent light shine forth upon them in clear and steady rays.” *Review and Herald*, May 27, 1890.

“Stand out of the way, Brethren. **Do not interpose yourselves between God and His work.**” *Selected Messages*, book 3, 386.

“The Sabbath is the Lord’s test, and no man, be he king, priest, or ruler, is authorized to come **between** God and man.” *Testimonies*, volume 9, 234.

“God means just what He says. Man has interposed **between** God and the people, **and the Lord has sent forth the third angel with the message.**” *Testimonies*, volume 8, 94.