

## Habakkuk's Two Tables #56

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### 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 MESSAGE OF CHRIST'S RIGHTEOUSNESS—ISAIAH 41:2, 25–27

#### EAST

#### THE SEALING MESSAGE—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

#### NORTH

“Heretofore those who presented the truths of the third angel's message have often been regarded as mere alarmists. Their predictions that religious intolerance would gain control in the United States, that church and state would unite to persecute those who keep the commandments of God, have been pronounced groundless and absurd. It has been confidently declared that this land could never become other than what it has been—the defender of religious freedom. But as the question of enforcing Sunday observance is widely agitated, **the event so long doubted and disbelieved is seen to be approaching, and the third message will produce an effect which it could not have had before.**

**“In every generation God has sent His servants to rebuke sin, both in the world and in the church.** But the people desire smooth things spoken to them, and the pure, unvarnished truth is not acceptable. Many reformers, in entering upon their work, determined to exercise great prudence in attacking the sins of the church and the nation. They hoped, by the example of a pure Christian life, to lead the people back to the doctrines of the Bible. But the Spirit of God came upon them as it came upon Elijah, moving him to rebuke the sins of a wicked king and an apostate people; they could not refrain from preaching the plain utterances of the Bible— doctrines which they had been reluctant to present. They were impelled to zealously declare the truth and the danger which threatened souls. The words which the Lord gave them they uttered, fearless of consequences, and the people were compelled to hear the warning.

“Thus the message of the third angel will be proclaimed. As the time comes for it to be given with greatest power, the Lord will work through humble instruments, leading the minds of those who consecrate themselves to His service. **The laborers will be qualified rather by the unction of His Spirit than by the training of literary institutions.** Men of faith and prayer will be constrained to go forth with holy zeal, declaring the words which God gives them. The sins of Babylon will be laid open. The fearful results of enforcing the observances of the church by civil authority, the inroads of spiritualism, the stealthy but rapid progress of the papal power—all will be unmasked. By these solemn warnings the people will be stirred. Thousands upon thousands will listen who have never heard words like these. In amazement they hear the testimony that Babylon is the church, fallen because of her errors and sins, because of her rejection of the truth sent to her from heaven. As the people go to their former teachers with the eager inquiry, Are these things so? the ministers present fables, prophesy smooth things, to soothe their fears and quiet the awakened conscience. But since many refuse to be satisfied with the mere authority of men and demand a plain ‘Thus saith the Lord,’ the popular ministry, like the Pharisees of old, filled with anger as their authority is questioned, will denounce the message as of Satan and stir up the sin-loving multitudes to revile and persecute those who proclaim it.

“**As the controversy extends into new fields** and the minds of the people are called to God’s downtrodden law, Satan is astir. The power attending the message will only madden those who oppose it. The clergy will put forth almost superhuman efforts to shut away the light lest it should shine upon their flocks. By every means at their command they will endeavor to suppress the discussion of these vital questions. The church appeals to the strong arm of civil power, and, in this work, papists and Protestants unite. **As the movement for Sunday enforcement becomes more bold and decided, the law will be invoked against commandment keepers.** They will be threatened with fines and imprisonment, and some will be offered positions of influence, and other rewards and advantages, as inducements to renounce their faith. But their steadfast answer is: ‘Show us from the word of God our error’—the same plea that was made by Luther under similar circumstances. Those who are arraigned before the courts make a strong vindication of the truth, and some who hear them are led to take their stand to keep all the commandments of God. Thus light will be brought before thousands who otherwise would know nothing of these truths.” *The Great Controversy*, 605–606.

**“The scenes connected with the working of the man of sin are the last features plainly revealed in this earth’s history. The people now have a special message to give to the world, the third angel’s message.”** *Selected Messages*, book 2, 102.

#### JUDGMENT

Jeremiah 6:22; Ezekiel 29:18–21; Isaiah 10:5–6

#### 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.

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**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.