

## THE FOUNDATIONS—PASADENA #2

“In the last days of this earth’s history, God’s covenant with His commandment-keeping people is to be renewed.” *Prophets and Kings*, 299.

**PETER’S DAY—1 PETER 2:2–12**

**IN DAYS OF OLD—EXODUS 19:5–6**

**PETER’S POINT OF REFERENCE—ISAIAH 8:14–17; 28:14–18**

**THE OLD PATHS—JEREMIAH 6:16–17**

“The enemy is seeking to divert the minds of our brethren and sisters from the work of preparing a people to stand in these last days. His sophistries are designed to lead minds away from the perils and duties of the hour. They estimate as of little value the light that Christ came from heaven to give to John for His people. They teach that the scenes just before us are not of sufficient importance to receive special attention. They make of no effect the truth of heavenly origin, and **rob the people of God of their past experience, giving them instead a false science. ‘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.’** [Jeremiah 6:16.]

“Let none seek to tear away **the foundations of our faith,—the foundations that were laid at the beginning of our work**, by prayerful study of the Word and by revelation. Upon these **foundations** we have been building for more than fifty years. Men may suppose that they have found a new way, that they can lay a stronger foundation than that which has been laid; but this is a great deception. ‘Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid.’ [1 Corinthians 3:11.] In the past, many have undertaken to build a new faith, to establish new principles; but how long did their building stand? It soon fell; for it was not founded upon the Rock.

“Did not the first disciples have to meet the sayings of men? did they not have to listen to false theories; and then, having done all, to stand firm, saying, ‘Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid’? So we are to hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end.” *Testimonies*, volume 8, 296–297.

“Let **the truths that are the foundation of our faith be kept before the people**. . . We are now to understand what the **pillars** of our faith are,—**the truths** that have made us as a people what we are, leading us on step by step.” *Counsels to Writers and Editors*, 28–29.

“**The truths that we received in 1841, ‘42, ‘43, and ‘44 are now to be studied and proclaimed.** The messages of the first, second, and third angels will in the future be proclaimed with a loud voice. They will be given with earnest determination and in the power of the Spirit.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 15, 371.

“I am instructed to say to those who endeavor to tear down the **foundation** that has made us Seventh-day Adventists: We are God’s commandment keeping people. For **the past fifty years** every phase of heresy has been brought to bear upon us, to becloud our minds regarding the teaching of the Word—especially concerning the ministration of Christ in the heavenly sanctuary, and the message of heaven for these last days, as given by the angels of the fourteenth chapter of Revelation. Messages of every order and kind have been urged upon Seventh-day Adventists, to take the place of the truth which, point by point, has been sought out by prayerful study and testified to by the miracle-working power of the Lord. But the **waymarks** which have made us what we are, are to be preserved, and they will be preserved, as God has signified through His word and the testimonies of His Spirit. He calls upon us to hold firmly with the grip of faith, to the fundamental principles that are based upon unquestionable authority.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 4, 246, 247.

WAY-MARK, n. [way and mark.] A mark to guide in traveling. Jeremiah 31:21. *Webster’s 1828 Dictionary*.

Set thee up waymarks, make thee high heaps: set thine heart toward the highway, *even* the way *which* thou wentest: turn again, O virgin of Israel, turn again to these thy cities. Jeremiah 31:21.

“I saw a company who stood well guarded and firm, giving no countenance to those who would unsettle **the established faith of the body**. God looked upon them with approbation. I was shown three steps—the first, second, and third angels’ messages. Said my accompanying angel, ‘Woe to him who shall move a block or stir a pin of these messages. The true understanding of these messages is of vital importance. The destiny of souls hangs upon the manner in which they are received.’ I was again brought down through these messages, and saw how dearly the people of God had purchased their experience. It had been obtained through much suffering and severe conflict. God had led them along step by step, until He had placed them upon **a solid, immovable platform**. I saw individuals approach **the platform** and examine **the foundation**. Some with rejoicing immediately stepped upon it. Others commenced to find fault with the foundation. They wished improvements made, and then **the platform** would be more perfect, and the people much happier. Some stepped off **the platform** to examine it and declared it to be laid wrong. But I saw that nearly all stood firm upon **the platform** and exhorted those who had stepped off to cease their complaints; for God was the Master Builder, and they were fighting against Him. They recounted the wonderful work of God, which had led them to **the firm platform**, and in union raised their eyes to heaven and with a loud voice glorified God. This affected some of those who had complained and left **the platform**, and they with humble look again stepped upon it.” *Early Writings*, 258.

**“May God help you to receive the words that I have spoken.** Let those who stand as God’s watchmen on the walls of Zion be men who can see the dangers before the people,—men who can distinguish between truth and error, righteousness and unrighteousness.

“The warning has come: Nothing is to be allowed to come in that will disturb **the foundation of the faith upon which we have been building ever since the message came in 1842, 1843, and 1844.** I was in this message, and ever since I have been standing before the world, true to the light that God has given us. We do not propose to take our feet off **the platform** on which they were placed as day by day we sought the Lord with earnest prayer, seeking for light. Do you think that I could give up the light that God has given me? It is to be as the Rock of Ages. It has been guiding me ever since it was given. Brethren and sisters, God lives and reigns and works today. His hand is on the wheel, and in his providence he is turning the wheel in accordance with his own will. Let not men fasten themselves to documents, saying what they will do, and what they will not do. Let them fasten themselves to the Lord God of heaven. Then the light of heaven will shine into the soul-temple, and we shall see the salvation of God.” *Review and Herald*, April 14, 1903.

“Have perfect faith in the promises of Christ. ‘Teach them,’ He said, ‘all that I have commanded you.’ The Lord has many precious souls in Battle Creek, and they need the very words of instruction that Christ has given for them. The gospel of Christ is full of love, rich in assurance and comfort. **Every soul needs now to understand the foundation of his faith.** In simple language and under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, present the truth. We have the Word, that wonderful Book, which contains the very instruction needed at this time.

“The testing time is right upon us. We must build upon the Rock that will stand the storm of test and trial. As we see the fulfillment of prophecy, we know that the end of all things is at hand. Present the eternal principles of truth. Show what the Word of God declares is to take place on this earth. The God who gave Daniel instruction regarding the closing scenes of this earth’s history will certainly confirm the testimony of His servants as at the appointed time they give the loud cry.

**“All the messages given from 1840–1844 are to be made forcible now,** for there are many people who have lost their bearings. The messages are to go to all the churches.

“Christ said, ‘Blessed are your eyes, for they see; and your ears, for they hear. For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them’ [Matthew 13:16, 17]. Blessed are the eyes which saw the things that were seen in 1843 and 1844.

“The message was given. And **there should be no delay in repeating the message,** for the signs of the times are fulfilling; the closing work must be done. A great work will be done in a short time. A message will soon be given by God’s appointment that will swell into a loud cry. Then Daniel will stand in his lot, to give his testimony.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 21, 436–437.

## REVELATION SEVENTEEN—PASADENA #3

THE JUDGMENT OF THE GREAT WHORE—REVELATION 17:1-2

THE WILDERNESS—REVELATION 17:3; 12:6, 14

DRUNKEN WITH BLOOD—REVELATION 17:3-6

“A quarter of a century earlier, persecution had almost wholly ceased. Following this persecution, according to the words of Christ, the sun was to be darkened. On the 19th of May, 1780, this prophecy was fulfilled.” *The Great Controversy*, 306.

“The persecution of the church did not continue throughout the entire period of the 1260 years. God in mercy to His people cut short the time of their fiery trial. In foretelling the ‘great tribulation’ to befall the church, the Saviour said: ‘Except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect’s sake those days shall be shortened.’ Matthew 24:22. Through the influence of the Reformation the persecution was brought to an end prior to 1798.” *The Great Controversy*, 266-267.

THE MYSTERY OF THE WOMAN, AND THE BEAST—REVELATION 17:7; COLOSSIANS 1:26-27; 2 THESSALONIANS 2:7

THE BEAST THAT CARRIETH HER—REVELATION 17:7; DANIEL 7:7; 2:38, 39; REVELATION 17:12

THEY GIVE THEIR KINGDOM & RECEIVE POWER—REVELATION 17:17; 12

“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.” *Testimonies*, volume 7, 182.

THE BEAST—REVELATION 17:8

SHALL ASCEND—

“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.

#### OUT OF THE BOTTOMLESS PIT—

“‘When they shall have finished [are finishing] their testimony.’ The period when the two witnesses were to prophesy clothed in sackcloth ended in 1798. As they were approaching the termination of their work in obscurity, war was to be made upon them by the power represented as ‘the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit.’ In many of the nations of Europe the powers that ruled in Church and State had for centuries been controlled by Satan, through the medium of the papacy. But here is brought to view **a new manifestation of Satanic power.**” *The Great Controversy*, 268.

“That the expression ‘**bottomless pit**’ represents the earth in a state of **confusion and darkness** is evident from other scriptures.” *The Great Controversy*, 658.

“I told him that the Lord had shown me in vision that mesmerism was **from the Devil, from the bottomless pit**, and that it would soon go there, with those who continued to use it.” *Review and Herald*, July 21, 1851.

REVELATION 9:2; 11:7; 20:1–3

#### PERDITION—2 THESSALONIANS 2:3

#### THE LAMB’S BOOK OF LIFE—REVELATION 13:3, 4, 8

#### WAS AND IS NOT—

“The periods here mentioned—‘forty and two months,’ and ‘a thousand two hundred and threescore days’—are the same, alike representing the time in which the church of Christ was to suffer oppression from Rome. The 1260 years of papal supremacy began in A.D. 538, and would therefore terminate in 1798. At that time a French army entered Rome and made the pope a prisoner, and he died in exile. Though a new pope was soon afterward elected, the papal hierarchy has never since been able to wield the power which it before possessed.” *The Great Controversy*, 266.

#### SHALL ASCEND—

“The influence of Rome in the countries that once acknowledged her dominion is still far from being destroyed. And **prophecy foretells a restoration of her power.** ‘I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.’ Verse 3. The infliction of the deadly wound points to the downfall of the papacy in 1798. After this, says the prophet, ‘his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.’ Paul states plainly that the ‘man of sin’ will continue until the second advent. 2 Thessalonians 2:3-8. To the very close of time he will carry forward the work of deception. And the revelator declares, also referring to the papacy: ‘All that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life.’ Revelation 13:8. In both the Old and the New World, the papacy will receive homage in the honor paid to the Sunday institution, that rests solely upon the authority of the Roman Church.” *The Great Controversy*, 578.

#### **THE RIDDLE—REVELATION 17:10, 11**

“There is need of a much closer study of the word of God; especially should Daniel and the Revelation have attention as never before in the history of our work. We may have less to say in some lines, in regard to the Roman power and the papacy; but we should call attention to what the prophets and apostles have written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit of God. The Holy Spirit has so shaped matters, both in the giving of the prophecy and in the events portrayed, as to teach that the human agent is to be kept out of sight, hid in Christ, and that the Lord God of heaven and His law are to be exalted. Read the book of Daniel. Call up, point by point, **the history of the kingdoms there represented.**” *Testimonies to Ministers*, 112.

#### **BABYLON, MEDO-PERSIA, GREECE, AND ROME—**

“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.

#### **FIVE ARE FALLEN**

Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, pagan Rome, and papal Rome—

#### **ONE IS—REVELATION 13:12**

“I saw that the two-horned beast had a dragon’s mouth, and that his power was in his head, and that the decree would go out of his mouth. Then I saw **the Mother of Harlots; that the mother was not the daughters**, but separate and distinct from them. She has had her day, and it is past, and **her daughters, the Protestant sects, were the next to come on the stage and act out the same mind that the mother had when she persecuted the saints.** I saw that as the mother has been declining in power, the daughters had been growing, and soon they will exercise the power once exercised by the mother.” *Spalding and Magan*, 1.

“At the time 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, is represented by a beast with lamblike horns. The beasts preceding it had risen from the sea; but this came up out of the earth, representing the peaceful rise of the nation which it symbolized—the United States.” *Signs of the Times*, February 8, 1910.

“What nation of the New World was in 1798 rising into power, giving promise of strength and greatness, and attracting the attention of the world? The application of the symbol admits of no question. **One nation, and only one, meets the specifications of this prophecy; it points unmistakably to the United States of America.**” *The Great Controversy*, 440.

#### **ONE IS YET TO COME—REVELATION 17:12**

#### **WHEN HE COMETH, HE MUST CONTINUE A SHORT SPACE—REVELATION 17:10, 11**

#### **ONE HOUR KINGS—REVELATION 17:12, 13, 17**

## THE BEAST IS THE EIGHTH—REVELATION 17:11

### THE TEN HORNS ARE KINGS—REVELATION 17:13

“**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. In their enmity against the people of God, they show themselves guilty also of the choice of Barabbas instead of Christ.” *Testimonies to Ministers*, 38–39.

### THESE HAVE ONE MIND—REVELATION 17:13–14

“Revelation 17:13–14 quoted. ‘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 unto 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.

“In the warfare to be waged in the last days there will be united, in opposition to God’s people, **all the corrupt powers that have apostatized from allegiance to the law of Jehovah**. In this warfare the Sabbath of the fourth commandment will be the great point at issue; for in the Sabbath commandment the great Law-giver identifies Himself as the Creator of the heavens and the earth.” *The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, 983.

### A CONFEDERACY OF COVETOUSNESS—

“In these last days, there are arising strange fallacies and man-made theories which God declares shall be broken in pieces. The spirit of covetousness has led men to seek worldly advantage, and by extravagance and display they have tried to hide their wicked deeds which they have done in order to reach their object. Men occupying high positions of trust have revealed this unlawful desire for gain; they have practised extortion and robbery, and have gratified the evil passions of their hearts, until our cities are corrupted through their wickedness. God has declared that he will uncover these works of deceit and robbery by their own working. In some cases the judgments of God have already fallen heavily on these cities.

“‘The Lord spake thus to me with a strong hand, and instructed me that I should not walk in the way of this people, saying, Say ye not. A confederacy, to all them to whom this people shall say, A confederacy; neither fear ye their fear, nor be afraid. Sanctify the Lord of hosts himself; and let him be your fear, and let him be your dread. And he shall be for a sanctuary; but for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offense to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. And many among them shall stumble, and fall, and be broken, and be snared, and be taken. Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples.’” *Review and Herald*, July 18, 1907.

#### ASSOCIATE YOURSELVES WITH SECRET SOCIETIES—

“The Lord declares through the prophet Isaiah: ‘Associate yourselves, O ye people, and ye shall be broken in pieces; and give ear, all ye of far countries: gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces; gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces. Take counsel together, and it shall come to nought; speak the word, and it shall not stand: for God is with us. For the Lord spake thus to me with a strong hand, and instructed me that I should not walk in the way of this people, saying, Say ye not, A confederacy, to all them to whom this people shall say, A confederacy; neither fear ye their fear, nor be afraid. Sanctify the Lord of hosts Himself; and let Him be your fear, and let Him be your dread.’ Isaiah 8:9–13.

“There are those who question whether it is right for Christians to belong to **the Free Masons and other secret societies**. Let all such consider the scriptures just quoted. If we are Christians at all, we must be Christians everywhere, and must consider and heed the counsel given to make us Christians according to the standard of God’s Word.” *Evangelism*, 617–618.

#### THESE SOCIETIES OFFER SOME ADVANTAGES—

“In the revelation of His righteous judgments, God will break up all these associations; and when the judgment shall sit and the books be opened, there will be revealed the un-Christlikeness of the whole confederacy. Those who choose to unite with these secret societies are paying homage to idols as senseless and as powerless to bless and save the soul as are the gods of the Hindus.

“These societies offer some advantages which from a human point of view appear like great blessings, but not so when judged by the Lord’s measurement. Behind their apparent advantages are concealed satanic agencies. The larger the income drawn into the treasury, the more and deeper is the evil. The ungodly gain which has enriched these societies will, when traced out in all its bearings, be seen to be a curse. The words which Eliphaz spoke to Job are true in respect to these associations: ‘I saw him “taking root,” but I “cursed his habitation”’ (Job 5:3). They are Satan’s traps, his net to entangle souls.” *Selected Messages*, book 2, 131.

#### WAR WITH THE LAMB—REVELATION 17:14

“He [Satan] is full of anger because he cannot bind the people of God into bundles with the world, to render to him complete allegiance. **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. In their enmity against the people of God, they show themselves guilty also of **the choice of Barabbas** instead of Christ. God has a controversy with the world. When the judgment shall sit, and the books shall be opened, he has an awful account to settle, which would now make the world fear and tremble, were men not blinded and bewitched by Satanic delusions and deceptions. God will call the world to account for the death of his only begotten Son, whom to all intents and purposes the world has crucified afresh, and put to open shame **in the persecution of his people**. The world has rejected Christ in the person of his saints, has refused his messages in the refusal of the messages of prophets, apostles, and messengers. They have rejected those who have been co-laborers with Christ, and for this they will have to render an account.” *Review and Herald*, August 29, 1893.



## REVELATION SIXTEEN

“The powers of Satan are mustering for battle. Stern conflicts are before us. Press together, my brethren and sisters, press together. Bind up with Christ. ‘Say ye not, A Confederacy; . . . neither fear ye their fear, nor be afraid. Sanctify the Lord of hosts himself; and let him be your fear, and let him be your dread. And he shall be for a sanctuary to his people; but for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. And many among them shall stumble, and fall, and be broken, and be snared, and be taken.’

“I am instructed to say to those who know the truth, ‘Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples. And I will wait upon the Lord, that hideth his face from the house of Jacob, and I will look for him. Behold, I and the children whom the Lord hath given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel from the Lord of hosts, which dwelleth in Mount Zion. And when they shall say unto you, seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter; should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead? To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.’

“‘And **I saw three unclean spirits** like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked,’—without the robe of Christ’s righteousness—’and they see his shame.’ . . .

“These subjects are of the utmost importance. Urge our people to consider them carefully. When they do this, their minds will be so fully occupied with matters of eternal consequence that they will lose sight of the little differences that once annoyed them. They will realize that prophecy is even now fulfilling. If the minds of the people of God were not occupied with things of minor consequence, they would see that the signs of the times are fast fulfilling, and that events of the greatest consequence to them are taking place in the world and in the churches pointed out by the words, ‘Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.’” *Bible Training School*, December 1, 1902.

## THE TEN HORNS ARE TEN KINGS—REVELATION 17:13–14; DANIEL TWO

“We have come to a time when God’s sacred work is represented by the feet of the image in which the iron was mixed with the miry clay. . . . But statesmen will uphold the spurious sabbath, and will mingle their religious faith with the observance of this child of the papacy, placing it above the Sabbath which the Lord has sanctified and blessed, setting it apart for man to keep holy, as a sign between Him and His people to a thousand generations. The **mingling of churchcraft and statecraft is represented by the iron and the clay**. This union is weakening all the power of the churches. This investing the church with the power of the state will bring evil results. Men have almost passed the point of God’s forbearance. They have invested their strength in politics, and have united with the papacy. But the time will come when God will punish those who have made void His law, and their evil work will recoil upon themselves.” *The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, volume 4, 1168–1169.

**PSALM 83**

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## THE TEN KINGS—PASADENA #4

THE SHIPS OF TARSHISH—PSALM 48:1–8; 2 CHRONICLES 9:21–22; PSALM 107:23; ISAIAH 60:9

WEEP AND HOWL—JAMES 5:1–7; ISAIAH 23:1, 6–9, 14; EZEKIEL 27:12, 25–26. 32–36

ALAS, ALAS—REVELATION 18:9–12; 15–19; REVELATION 8:13

THE END FROM THE BEGINNING—ISAIAH 44:6–8

EGYPT—EZEKIEL 29 & 30

“The plagues upon 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.

“The Lord God of Israel is to execute judgment upon the gods of this world as upon the gods of Egypt.” *Last Day Events*, 240.

“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 dress and act 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.

THE EAST WIND—GENESIS 41:5–6, 23–27

JUDGMENT—EXODUS 10:13; EXODUS 14:21

THE CHILDREN OF THE EAST—GENESIS 25:6

ISHMAEL—GENESIS 16:12

“By many the disposition to fret is encouraged until they become like grown-up children. They do not leave this portion of their child life behind them. They cherish these feelings until they cramp and dwarf the whole life by their querulous complaints. And not only their own lives but the lives of others also. They carry with them the **spirit of Ishmael, whose hand was against everybody, and everybody’s hand against him.**” *Adventist Home*, 226.

THE WILD ARABIAN ASS—GENESIS 16:12

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

FROM GENESIS TO REVELATION—REVELATION 9:7, 9, 16, 17

#### **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.

#### **THE ANGRY HORSE AND THE FOUR WINDS**

“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.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 20, 217.

#### **WILLIAM MILLER**

“Preachers and people have looked upon the book of Revelation as mysterious and of less importance than other portions of the Sacred Scriptures. But I saw that this book is indeed a revelation given for the especial benefit of those who should live in the last days, to guide them in ascertaining their true position and their duty. **God directed the mind of William Miller to the prophecies and gave him great light upon the book of Revelation.**” *Early Writings*, 231.

#### **THE TRUMPETS**

“And I beheld and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying, with a loud voice, **Woe, woe, woe**, to the inhabitants of the earth, by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels which are yet to sound.

“In prophetic scripture, the sounding of trumpets is always used to denote **the downfall of some empire**, nation, or place, or some dreadful battle, which may decide the fate of empires, nations, or places. At the fall of Jericho, the trumpet was the instrument, in the hands of the priest of the mighty God of Jacob, which cast down her walls, destroyed the city, and a curse pronounced against the man that should ever build up her walls again. Again, the trumpet was the instrument by which Gideon put to flight the armies of the aliens. And the prophet Amos says, ‘Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid?’ Therefore we may reasonably conclude that a trumpet is the harbinger of destructive wars, and the dissolution of empires, states, or the earth, as the case may be. The seven trumpets mentioned in Revelation, the three last of which are mentioned in our text, **indicate the final overthrow of the powers spoken of in the prophecy.**” *William Miller’s Works*, volume 2, Lecture 8, 115.

**FIRST FOUR TRUMPETS: WESTERN ROME, 476**

**FIFTH AND SIXTH TRUMPET: EASTERN ROME, 1449, PAPAL ROME 1798**

**SEVENTH TRUMPET: MODERN ROME**

## EVERY MAN'S HAND: EGYPT—GENESIS 16:12

### EGYPT IS THE DRAGON—EZEKIEL 29:2–3

#### KINGS, RULERS AND GOVERNORS ARE THE DRAGON

“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. In their enmity against the people of God, they show themselves guilty also of the choice of Barabbas instead of Christ.” *Testimonies to Ministers*, 38.

#### THE TEN KINGS—REVELATION 17:12–14, 16–17

“The so-called Christian world is to be the theater of great and decisive actions. Men in authority will enact laws controlling the conscience, after the example of the Papacy. Babylon will make all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. **Every nation will be involved.** Of this time John the Revelator declares: ‘The merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, My people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities. Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double. How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her; for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow’ (Revelation 18:3–7).

“‘These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for He is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with Him are called, and chosen, and faithful’ (Revelation 17:13, 14).

“‘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 unto 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.

“In the warfare to be waged in the last days there will be united, in opposition to God’s people, **all the corrupt powers** that have apostatized from allegiance to the law of Jehovah. In this warfare the Sabbath of the fourth commandment will be the great point at issue; for in the Sabbath commandment the great Law-giver identifies Himself as the Creator of the heavens and the earth.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 1, 296–297.

#### THE END FROM THE BEGINNING—REVELATION 13:2

#### 496: HIS POWER—DANIEL 8:12; DANIEL 11:31

#### 330: HIS SEAT—DANIEL 8:11; DANIEL 11:24

### **533: HIS GREAT AUTHORITY**

“In 330 a. d. Constantine removed his capital from Rome to Constantinople. The ancient city was left to the papal power and the pope occupied in Rome a throne higher than any occupied by the Cæsars. Constantine laid the foundation of the papacy; but it remained for Justinian to complete the edifice in 533 a. d., by declaring that memorable decree which constituted the pope the head of all the churches. The Heruli, the Vandals, and the Ostrogoths were of the Arian faith and opposed to the bishop of Rome. The decree could not go into effect until 538 a. d., when the last of the Margin opposing powers was overthrown by the armies of Justinian.” Stephen Haskell, *The Story of the Seer of Patmos*, 229.

“Such was the position of affairs, when, **in 533, Justinian entered upon his Vandal and Gothic wars. Wishing to secure the influence of the pope and the Catholic party**, he issued that memorable decree which was to constitute the pope the head of all the churches, and from the carrying out of which, in 538, the period of papal supremacy is to be dated. And whoever will read the history of the African campaign, 533-534, and the Italian campaign, 534-538, will notice that the Catholics everywhere hailed as deliverers the army of Belisarius, the general of Justinian.” Uriah Smith, *Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation*, 150.

## 9/11, THE DAY OF THE EAST WIND—PASADENA #5

“Now comes the word that I have declared that New York is to be swept away by a tidal wave. This I have never said. I have said, as I looked at the great buildings going up there, story after story: ‘What terrible scenes will take place when the Lord shall arise to shake terribly the earth! Then the words of Revelation 18:1–3 will be fulfilled.’ The whole of the eighteenth chapter of Revelation is a warning of what is coming on the earth. But I have no light in particular in regard to what is coming on New York, only I know that one day the great buildings there will be thrown down by the turning and overturning of God’s power. From the light given me, I know that **destruction** is in the world. One word from the Lord, one touch of His mighty power, and these massive structures will fall. Scenes will take place the fearfulness of which we cannot imagine.” *Review and Herald*, July 5, 1906.

CHANGING DISPENSATIONS—ACTS 7:55–56; ISAIAH 3:13–14; DANIEL 12:1

### THE SHAKING OF THE POWERS THAT RULE ON EARTH

“December 16, 1848, the Lord gave me a view of the shaking of the powers of the heavens. I saw that when the Lord said ‘heaven,’ in giving the signs recorded by Matthew, Mark, and Luke, He meant heaven, and when He said ‘earth,’ He meant earth. The powers of heaven are the sun, moon, and stars. They rule in the heavens. **The powers of earth are those that rule on the earth.** The powers of heaven will be shaken at the voice of God. Then the sun, moon, and stars will be moved out of their places. They will not pass away, but be shaken by the voice of God.

I saw that **the powers of earth are now being shaken** and that **events come in order.** War, and rumors of war, sword, famine, and pestilence are first to **shake** the powers of earth, **then** the voice of God will **shake** the sun, moon, and stars, and this earth also. I saw that **the shaking of the powers in Europe** is not, as some teach, the shaking of the powers of heaven, but it is **the shaking of the angry nations.**” *Early Writings*, 41.

### TURNING POINTS: 9/11

“**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.

### THE REFRESHING

“The **latter rain** is to fall upon the people of God. **A mighty angel is to come down from heaven, and the whole earth is to be lighted with His glory.** Are we ready to take part in the glorious work of the third angel? Are our vessels ready to receive the heavenly dew? Have we defilement and sin in the heart? If so, let us cleanse the soul temple, and prepare for **the showers of the latter rain.** The **refreshing** from the presence of the Lord will never come to hearts filled with impurity. May God help us to die to self, that Christ, the hope of glory, may be formed within!” *Review and Herald*, April 21, 1891.

### LUKE 21

WHAT SIGN?—LUKE 21:5–7

CHRIST’S PARABLE—LUKE 21:29–33

### THE TREES

“**Mark the cursing of the fig tree**, representing **the Jewish nation, covered with leaves of profession**, but no fruit to be found thereon. The curse is pronounced upon the fig tree, which represents the moral, thinking, living agent, cursed of God, living as were the Jews for forty years after this event, yet dead. **Mark, the other trees, representing the Gentiles**, were not covered. **They were leafless**, making no pretension to having a knowledge of God. Their **time of fruit-leaving** was not yet.” *Special Testimonies for Ministers and Workers*, number 7, 59–61.

SUMMER IS NIGH AT HAND—JEREMIAH 8:20

THE HARVEST—MATTHEW 13:39

### THE BUDDING TREES OF SPRING

“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.

SPRINGTIME—JOEL 2:23

IN THAT DAY—ISAIAH 27:2–9; ISAIAH 5:5–7



## THE VINEYARD PARABLE—ISAIAH 5:1–30; MATTHEW 21:33–45

### A LESSON FOR US

“As a people the Jews had failed of fulfilling God’s purpose, and **the vineyard was taken from them**. The privileges they had abused, the work they had slighted, was entrusted to others.

“**The parable of the vineyard applies not alone to the Jewish nation. It has a lesson for us.** The church in this generation has been endowed by God with great privileges and blessings, and He expects corresponding returns.” *Christ’s Object Lessons*, 296.

### TERRIBLE JUDGMENTS

“Those who are true learners in the school of Christ will study with intense interest **the parable of the vineyard**. In this parable Christ presented the true condition of the once chosen people of God. He revealed to them their sinful breach of trust. He designed this parable to be a lesson to all, warning them that unless they walk in the ways of the Lord, keeping all His commandments, He can not bless and sustain them. The church on earth is greatly beloved by God. It is the fold provided for the sheep of His pasture. But the Lord will not serve with the sins of His people. Many times He has suffered calamity and defeat to come upon them because they have glorified themselves, weaving false principles into their practise. He willingly forgives those who repent, but **He will remove His favor** from those who go on sinning, exalting self, and mingling the sacred with the common. **Terrible judgments will destroy those** who have misrepresented Him, saying, ‘The temple of the Lord, The temple of the Lord, The temple of the Lord, are these,’ when their example is misleading.” *Signs of the Times*, October 31, 1900.

“**In the work of God no kingly authority is to be exercised by any human being**, or by two or three. The representatives of the Conference, as it has been carried with authority for the last 20 years, shall be no longer justified in saying, ‘**The temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord are we.**’ The men in positions of trust have not been carrying the work wisely.

“The Lord calls for wise men to preside over His work, and to be faithful shepherds of His flock. He has a work to be done in every city. The General Conference has fallen into strange ways, and **we have reason to marvel that judgment has not fallen**, showing ‘by terrible things in righteousness’ that God is not a man that He should lie.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 14, 280.

### IN MEASURE—JOHN 3:34

“Only those who are living up to the light they have will receive greater light. Unless we are daily advancing in the exemplification of the active Christian virtues, **we shall not recognize the manifestations of the Holy Spirit in the latter rain**. It may be falling on hearts all around us, but we shall not discern or receive it.” *Testimonies to Ministers*, 507.

“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.

**THE DEBATE: 9/11—ISAIAH 27:8**

**ISAIAH 27**

## THE EVERLASTING GOSPEL—PASADENA #6

ISAIAH 27:11

AN ENSIGN: ISAIAH 5:25–26; ZECHARIAH 9:16

**Ensign:** a *flag*; also a *sail*; by implication a *flagstaff*; generally a *signal*; figuratively a *token*: - banner, pole, sail, (en-) sign, standard.

WHEN THE BUD IS PERFECT—ISAIAH 18:3–7; JOHN 15:1–6; ISAIAH 30:8–18

TURN ASIDE OUT OF THE PATH

“On this path the Advent people were traveling to the city, which was at the farther end of the path. They had a **bright light set up behind them at the beginning of the path**, which an angel told me was **the midnight cry. This light shone all along the path** and gave light for their feet so that they might not stumble. If they kept their eyes fixed on **Jesus, who was just before them**, leading them to the city, they were safe. But soon some grew weary, and said the city was a great way off, and they expected to have entered it before. Then Jesus would encourage them by raising His glorious right arm, and from His arm came a light which waved over the Advent band, and they shouted, ‘Alleluia!’ **Others rashly denied the light behind them** and said that it was not God that had led them out so far. The light behind them went out, leaving their feet in perfect darkness, and they stumbled and lost sight of the mark and of Jesus, and fell off the path down into the dark and wicked world below.’ *Early Writings*, 14.

“Here we see that the church—the Lord’s sanctuary—was the first to feel the stroke of the wrath of God. The ancient men, those to whom God had given great light and who had stood as guardians of the spiritual interests of the people, had betrayed their trust. **They had taken the position that we need not look for miracles and the marked manifestation of God’s power as in former days.** Times have changed. These words strengthen their unbelief, and they say: The Lord will not do good, neither will He do evil. He is too merciful to visit His people in judgment. Thus ‘Peace and safety’ is the cry from men who will never again lift up their voice like a trumpet to show God’s people their transgressions and the house of Jacob their sins. These dumb dogs that would not bark are the ones who feel the just vengeance of an offended God. Men, maidens, and little children all perish together.” *Testimonies*, volume 5, 211.

RETURNING AND REST—JEREMIAH 6:16–17; ISAIAH 30:15; 28:12

RESTORING THE OLD PATHS—ISAIAH 58:12

FINDING THE REST—JEREMIAH 6:16

THE REST IS THE REFRESHING—ISAIAH 28:9–13

THE SOUND OF THE TRUMPET—JEREMIAH 6:17

## WE MUST NOT WAIT

“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.

“Unless those who can help in—are aroused to a sense of their duty, **they will not recognize the work of God when the loud cry of the third angel shall be heard.** When light goes forth to lighten the earth, instead of coming up to the help of the Lord, they will want to bind about His work to meet their narrow ideas. Let me tell you that the Lord will work in this last work in a manner very much out of the common order of things, and in a way that will be contrary to any human planning. There will be those among us who will always want to control the work of God, to dictate even what movements shall be made when the work goes forward under the direction of the angel who joins the third angel in the message to be given to the world. God will use ways and means by which it will be seen that He is taking the reins in His own hands. The workers will be surprised by the simple means that He will use to bring about and perfect His work of righteousness.” *Testimonies to Ministers*, 300.

“Now, brethren, God wants us to take our position with the man that carries the lantern; we want to take our position where the light is, and where God has given the trumpet a certain sound. **We want to give the trumpet a certain sound.** We have been in perplexity, and we have been in doubt, and the churches are ready to die. But now here we read: ‘And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird’ [Revelation 18:1–2].

“Well now, how are we going to know anything about that message **if we are not in a position to recognize anything of the light of heaven when it comes to us?** And we will just as soon pick up the darkest deception when it comes to us from somebody that agrees with us, when we have not a particle of evidence that the Spirit of God has sent them. Christ said, ‘I come in the name of my Father, but ye will not receive me’ [see John 5:43]. Now, that is just the work that has been going on here ever since the meeting at Minneapolis. Because God sends a message in his name that does not agree with your ideas, therefore [you conclude] it cannot be a message from God.” *Sermons and Talks*, volume 1, 142.

“If the truth for this time, if the signs that are thickening on every hand, that testify that the end of all things is at hand, are not-sufficient to arouse the sleeping energy of those who profess to know the truth, then **darkness proportionate to the light** which has been shining will overtake these souls. **There is not the semblance of an excuse for their indifference that they will be able to present to God in the great day of final reckoning.** There will be no reason to offer as to why they did not live and walk and work in the light of the sacred truth of the word of God, and thus reveal to a sin-darkened world, through their conduct, their sympathy, and their zeal, that the power and reality of the gospel could not be controverted.” *Review and Herald*, July 21, 1896.