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THE THIRD ANGEL

“I then saw **the third angel**. Said my accompanying angel, ‘Fearful is his work. Awful is his mission. He is the angel that is to **select the wheat from the tares, and seal, or bind, the wheat for the heavenly garner**. These things should engross the whole mind, the whole attention.’” *Early Writings*, 119.

WORDS OF TRUTH

“‘Whose **fan** is in His hand, and He will throughly purge His floor, and gather His wheat into the garner.’ Matthew 3:12. This was one of the times of purging. **By the words of truth, the chaff was being separated from the wheat**. Because they were too vain and self-righteous to receive reproof, too world-loving to accept a life of humility, many turned away from Jesus. Many are still doing the same thing. **Souls are tested today as were those disciples in the synagogue at Capernaum**. When truth is brought home to the heart, they see that their lives are not in accordance with the will of God. They see the need of an entire change in themselves; but they are not willing to take up the self-denying work. Therefore they are angry when their sins are discovered. They go away offended, **even as** the disciples left Jesus, murmuring, ‘This is an hard saying; who can hear it?’” *The Desire of Ages*, 392.

CAPERNAUM

“One matter burdens my soul: The great lack of the love of God, which has been lost through continued resistance of light and truth, and the influence of those who have been engaged in active labor, who, in the face of evidence piled upon evidence, have exerted an influence to counteract the work of the message God has sent. I point them to the Jewish nation and ask, Must we leave our brethren to pass over the same path of blind resistance, till the very end of probation? If ever a people needed true and faithful watchmen, who will not hold their peace, who will cry day and night, sounding the warnings God has given, it is Seventh-day Adventists. Those who have had great light, blessed opportunities, who, like **Capernaum**, have been exalted to heaven in point of privilege, shall they by non-improvement be left to darkness corresponding to the greatness of the light given?

“I wish to plead with our brethren who shall assemble at the General Conference to heed the message given to the **Laodiceans**. What a condition of **blindness** is theirs! This subject has been brought to your notice again and again, but your dissatisfaction with your spiritual condition has not been deep and painful enough to work reform. ‘Thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked.’ **The guilt of self-deception is upon our churches**. The religious life of many is **a lie**.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 16, 106–107.

HIS OWN CITY

“At Capernaum Jesus dwelt in the intervals of His journeys to and fro, and it came to be known as ‘His own city.’ It was on the shores of the Sea of Galilee, and near the borders of the beautiful plain of Gennesaret, if not actually upon it.” *The Desire of Ages*, 252.

IN POINT OF PRIVILEGE

“Among the professed children of God, how little patience has been manifested, how many bitter words have been spoken, how much denunciation has been uttered against those not of our faith. Many have looked upon those belonging to other churches as great sinners, when the Lord does not thus regard them. Those who look thus upon the members of other churches, have need to humble themselves under the mighty hand of God. Those whom they condemn may have had but little light, few opportunities and privileges. If they had had the light that many of the members of our churches have had, they might have advanced at a far greater rate, and have better represented their faith to the world. Of those who boast of their light, and yet fail to walk in it, Christ says, ‘But I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgment, than for you. And thou, **Capernaum [Seventh-day Adventists, who have had great light]**, which art exalted unto heaven [**in point of privilege**], shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. But I say unto you, That it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for thee.’ At that time Jesus answered and said, ‘I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent [in their own estimation], and hast revealed them unto babes.’

“And now, because ye have done all these works, saith the Lord, and I spake unto you, rising up early and speaking, but ye heard not; and I called you, but ye answered not; **therefore will I do unto this house, which is called by my name, wherein ye trust, and unto the place which I gave to you and to your fathers, as I have done to Shiloh. And I will cast you out of my sight**, as I have cast out all your brethren, even the whole seed of Ephraim.’

“The Lord has established among us institutions of great importance, and they are to be managed, not as worldly institutions are managed, but after God’s order. They are to be managed with an eye single to his glory, that by all means perishing souls may be saved. To the people of God the testimonies of the Spirit have come, and yet many have not taken heed to reproofs, warnings, and counsels.

“Here now this, **O foolish people**, and without **understanding**; which have **eyes, and see not**; which have **ears, and hear not**: fear ye not me saith the Lord: **will ye not tremble at my presence**, which have placed the sand for the bound of the sea by a perpetual decree, that it cannot pass it: and though the waves thereof toss themselves, yet can they not prevail; though they roar, yet can they not pass over it? but this people hath a revolting and a rebellious heart; they are revolted and gone. Neither say they in their heart, Let us now fear the Lord our God, that giveth rain, both the former and the latter, in his season: he reserveth unto us the appointed weeks of the harvest. **Your iniquities have turned away these things**, and your sins have withholden good things from you. . . . They judge not the cause, the cause of the fatherless, yet they prosper; and the right of the needy do they not judge. Shall I not visit for these things? saith the Lord; **shall not my soul be revenged on such a nation as this?**’

“Shall the Lord be compelled to say, ‘Pray not thou for this people, neither lift up cry nor prayer for them, neither make intercession to me: for I will not hear thee’? ‘Therefore the showers have been withholden, and there hath been no latter rain. . . . Wilt thou not from this time cry unto me, My father, thou art the guide of my youth?’” *Review and Herald*, August 1, 1893.

Hosea 4:6; 5:1–4

RIGHT EARLY (A CRISIS IS TO BE REVEALED)

“I am deeply exercised in mind in reference to the low standard of piety among our people. And when I think of **the woes passed on Capernaum**, I think of how much heavier will come the condemnation upon those who know the truth and have not walked according to the truth, but in the sparks of their own kindling. In the night seasons I am addressing the people in a very solemn manner, beseeching them to ask their own consciences; What am I? Am I a Christian, or am I not? Is my heart renewed? Has the transforming grace of God moulded my character? Are my sins repented of? Are they confessed? Are they forgiven? Am I one with Christ as he is one with the Father? Do I hate what I once loved? Do I now love what I once hated?

“Do I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus? Do I feel I am the purchased possession of Jesus Christ, and that every hour I must consecrate myself to his service?

“We are standing upon **the threshold of great and solemn events. The whole earth is to be lightened with the glory of the Lord** as the waters cover the channels of the great deep. Prophecies are being fulfilled, and stormy times are before us. **Old controversies which have apparently been hushed for a long time will be revived, and new controversies will spring up; new and old will commingle**, and this will take place **right early**. The **angels are holding the four winds**, that they shall not blow, until the specified work of warning is given to the world; but the storm is gathering, the clouds are loading, ready to burst upon the world, and **to many it will be as a thief in the night**.

“**Many** smiled and would not believe when we told them, twenty and thirty years ago, that the Sunday would be urged upon all the world, and a law be made to compel its observance, and force conscience. We see it being fulfilled. All that God has said of the future will surely come to pass; not one thing will fail of all that he has spoken. Protestantism is now reaching hands across the gulf to clasp hands with papacy, and **a confederacy is being formed** to trample out of sight the Sabbath of the fourth commandment; and the man of sin, who, at the instigation of Satan, instituted the spurious sabbath, this child of papacy, will be exalted to take the place of God.

“All heaven is represented to me as watching **the unfolding of events. A crisis is to be revealed in the great and prolonged controversy in the government of God on earth. Something great and decisive is to take place, and that right early**. If any delay, the character of God and his throne will be compromised. The armory of heaven is open; all the universe of God and its equipments are ready. One word has justice to speak, and there will be **terrific representations upon the earth, of the wrath of God**. There will be **voices and thunderings and lightnings and earthquakes and universal desolation**. Every movement in the universe of heaven is to prepare the world for **the great crisis**.

“Intensity is taking possession of every earthly element; and as a people who have had great light and wonderful knowledge, **many of them are represented by the five sleeping virgins with their lamps, but no oil in their vessels; cold, senseless, with a feeble, waning piety.** While a new life is being diffused and is **springing up from beneath** and taking fast hold of all Satan’s agencies, **preparatory** to the last great conflict and struggle, a **new light and life and power is descending from on high**, and **taking possession of God’s people who are not dead**, as **many** now are, in trespasses and sins. **The people who will now see what is soon to come upon us by what is being transacted before us**, will no longer trust in human inventions, and will feel that the Holy Spirit must be **recognized, received**, presented before the people, that they **may contend for the glory of God**, and **work everywhere** in the byways and highways of life, for the saving of the souls of their fellow-men. The only rock that is sure and steadfast is the Rock of Ages. Those only who build on this Rock are secure.

“**Those who are carnally minded now**, notwithstanding the warnings given of God in his word **and** through the testimonies of his Spirit, will **never unite** with the holy family of the redeemed. They are sensual, debased in thought, and abominable in the sight of God. They have **never** been sanctified through the truth. **They are not partakers of the divine nature**, have **never overcome self and the world with its affections and lusts.** These characters are all through our churches, and as the result the churches are weak and sickly and ready to die. There must be no indifferent testimony borne now, but a **decided, pointed** testimony, **rebuking every impurity**, and **exalting** Jesus. We must as a people be in the attitude of **expectation, working and waiting and watching and praying.**

“This blessed hope of the second appearing of Christ needs to be presented often to the people, with its solemn realities; looking for the soon appearing of our Lord Jesus to come in his glory, will lead to the regarding of earthly things as emptiness and nothingness. All worldly honor or distinction is of no value, for the true believer lives above the world; his steps are advancing heavenward. He is a pilgrim and stranger. **His citizenship is above.** He is gathering the sunbeams of the righteousness of Christ into his soul, that he may be a burning and shining light in the moral darkness that has enshrouded the world. What vigorous faith, what lively hope, what fervent love, what holy, consecrated zeal for God is seen in him, and what a decided distinction between him and the world! ‘Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.’ ‘Watch ye therefore, for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.’ ‘Therefore be ye ready also; for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.’ ‘Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments.’” *Special Testimonies*, 1b, 37–40.

“It is **in a crisis** that character is revealed. When the earnest voice proclaimed at **midnight**, “Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him,” and the sleeping virgins were roused from their slumbers, it was seen who had made preparation for **the event**. Both parties were taken unawares; but one was prepared for the **emergency**, and the other was found without **preparation**. So now, a sudden and unlooked-for calamity, something that brings the soul face to face with death, will show whether there is any real faith in the promises of God. It will show whether the soul is sustained by grace. The great final test comes at the close of human probation, when it will be too late for the soul’s need to be supplied.” *Christ’s Object Lessons*, 412.

Revelation 8:1–5.

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Amos 3:7

SOMETHING GREAT AND DECISIVE

“God’s message for the inhabitants of earth today is, ‘Be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.’ Matthew 24:44. The conditions prevailing in society, and especially in the great cities of the nations, proclaim in thunder tones that the hour of God’s judgment is come and that the end of all things earthly is at hand. We are standing on **the threshold of the crisis of the ages**. In quick succession the judgments of God will follow one another—fire, and flood, and earthquake, with war and bloodshed. We are not to be surprised at this time **by events both great and decisive**; for the angel of mercy cannot remain much longer to shelter the impenitent.” *Prophets and Kings*, 278.

“As the wheellike complications were under the guidance of the hand beneath the wings of the cherubim, so the complicated play of human events is under divine control. Amidst the strife and tumult of nations He that sitteth above the cherubim still guides the affairs of this earth.

“The history of nations speaks to us today. To every nation and to every individual God has assigned a place in His great plan. Today men and nations are being tested by the plummet in the hand of Him who makes no mistake. All are by their own choice deciding their destiny, and God is overruling all for the accomplishment of His purposes.

“The prophecies which the great I AM has given in His word, uniting link after link in the chain of events, from eternity in the past to eternity in the future, tell us where we are today in the procession of the ages and what may be expected in the time to come. All that prophecy has foretold as coming to pass, until the present time, has been traced on the pages of history, and we may be assured that all which is yet to come will be fulfilled in its order.

“Today the signs of the times declare that we are standing on the **threshold of great and solemn events**. Everything in our world is in agitation. Before our eyes is fulfilling the Savior’s prophecy of the events to precede His coming: ‘Ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars.... Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.’ Matthew 24:6, 7.

“The present is a time of overwhelming interest to all living. Rulers and statesmen, men who occupy positions of trust and authority, thinking men and women of all classes, **have their attention fixed upon the events taking place about us**. They are watching **the relations that exist among the nations**. They observe the **intensity** that is taking possession of every earthly element, and they recognize that **something great and decisive is about to take place—that the world is on the verge of a stupendous crisis**.

“The Bible, and the Bible only, gives a correct view of these things. Here are revealed the great final scenes in the history of our world, **events that already are casting their shadows before, the sound of their approach** causing the earth to tremble and **men’s hearts to fail them for fear.**” *Prophets and Kings*, 536, 537.

“A crisis has arisen in the government of God on earth. Enmity to God has struck its roots deep in human hearts. It has become widespread, both in the world and in the professed churches of Christ. A wakeful impiety is quickened into an instinctive vigilance, and rouses to demonstration of hatred against the testing truth for this time. Wherever the truth is proclaimed, it will be opposed in a decided manner.

“Everything has been moving on just as the Lord revealed in prophecy that it would. **Something great and decisive is soon to take place, else no flesh would be saved.** The character of God will not be compromised. Under the wrath of God, universal desolation will soon reach all parts of the known world. There have been lightnings and earthquakes, fires and floods, calamities by sea and land; but who reads these **warnings**? What impression is made upon the world? What change in their attitude is seen? No more than was seen in the inhabitants of the Noachian world. The people are just as ardent today in their games, in their horse racing, in their love of amusement, as were the antediluvians, who ‘knew not until the flood came, and took them all away,’ They had heaven-sent warnings, but they refused to listen. By their attitude they declared, We want not thy way, O God; we want our own way, our own will. Today the world is mad: an insanity is upon men and women, and is hurrying them on to eternal ruin. Every species of indulgence prevails, and men have become so infatuated with vice that they will not listen to warnings or appeals.

“The Lord says to the people of the earth, ‘Choose you this day whom ye will serve.’ All are now deciding their eternal destiny. Men need to be aroused to realize the solemnity of the time, **the nearness of the day when human probation shall be ended.** God gives no man a message that **it will be five years or ten years or twenty years** before this earth’s history shall close. He would not give any living being an excuse for delaying the **preparation** for his appearing. He would have no one say, as did the unfaithful servant, ‘My Lord delayeth his coming;’ for this leads to reckless neglect of the opportunities and privileges given to prepare us for that great day. Everyone who claims to be a servant of God is called to do his service as if each day might be the last.” *Review and Herald*, November 27, 1900.

“The signs in the sun, moon, and stars have been fulfilled. Since that time earthquakes, tempests, tidal waves, pestilence, and famine have multiplied. The most awful destructions, by fire and flood, are following one another in quick succession. The terrible disasters that are taking place from week to week speak to us in earnest tones of warning, declaring that the end is near, that **something great and decisive will soon of necessity take place.**

“Probationary time will not continue much longer. **Now God is withdrawing his restraining hand from the earth.** Long has he been speaking to men and women through the agency of his Holy Spirit; but they have not heeded the call. Now he is speaking to his people, and to the world, **by his judgments.** The time of these judgments is a time of mercy for those who have not yet had opportunity to learn what is truth. Tenderly will the Lord look upon them. His heart of mercy is touched; his hand is still stretched out to save. Large numbers will be admitted to the fold of safety who in these last days will hear the truth for the first time.” *Review and Herald*, November 22, 1906.

“Everything in this world is in an unsettled state. **The nations are angry, and preparations for war are being made.** But though there is among the nations an increasing unrest, though they are mustering their forces, **they are as if held back from action by an unseen power. The angels are holding the four winds until the servants of God are sealed in their foreheads.**

“**Soon strife among the nations will break out with an intensity that we do not now anticipate.** The present is a time of overwhelming interest to all living. Rulers and statesmen, men who occupy positions of trust and authority, thinking men and women of all classes, have their attention fixed upon the events taking place about us. They are watching the strained, restless relations that exist among the nations. They observe the intensity that is taking possession of every earthly element, and **they realize that something great and decisive is about to take place, that the world is on the verge of a stupendous crisis.**

“A moment of respite has been graciously given us of God. Every power lent us of Heaven is now to be used in working for those perishing in ignorance. There must be no delay. **The truth must be proclaimed in the dark places of the earth. Obstacles must be met and surmounted. A great work is to be done, and to those who know the truth for this time, this work has been entrusted.**” *Review and Herald*, November 17, 1910.

Isaiah 5:26; 18; John 12:31–33

“The work of the Holy Spirit is to convince the world of sin, of righteousness and of judgment. **The world can only be warned by seeing those who believe the truth sanctified through the truth,** acting upon high and holy principles, showing in a high, elevated sense, the line of demarcation between those who keep the commandments of God, and those who trample them under their feet. **The sanctification of the Spirit signals the difference between those who have the seal of God,** and those who keep a spurious rest-day. When the test comes, it will be clearly shown what the mark of the beast is. It is the keeping of Sunday. Those who after having heard the truth, continue to regard this day as holy, bear the signature of the man of sin, who thought to change times and laws. *Bible Training School*, December 1, 1903.

“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: [Revelation 18:3–7, quoted].

“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 19, 242, 243.

PSALMS 46

Psa 46:5 God *is* in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, *and that right*^{H6437} early.^{H1242}

H6437—A primitive root; to *turn*; by implication to *face*, that is, *appear, look*, prepare, regard, (have) respect (to), (re-) turn (aside, away, back, face, self), X right [early].

H1242—From **H1239**; properly *dawn* (as the *break* of day); generally *morning*: day, early, morning. **H1239**—A primitive root; properly to ***plough***, or (generally) *break* forth, that is, (figuratively) to *inspect, admire, care for, consider*: seek out.

THE HEATHEN RAGE

Psalm 2; 102:13–22; Acts 4:26

“Heretofore those who presented 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. . . . 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.” *The Great Controversy*, 605–606.

THE STORM APPROACHES

“As the storm **approaches, a large class** who have professed faith in the third angel’s message, but **have not been sanctified through obedience to the truth, abandon their position and join the ranks of the opposition.**” *The Great Controversy*, 608.

A SOUND APPEARANCE

“In the absence of the persecution there have drifted into our ranks men who appear sound and their Christianity unquestionable, but who, if persecution should arise, would **go out from us.**” *Evangelism*, 360.

THE SHAKING

“I was pointed to the providence of God among His people and was shown that every trial made by the refining, purifying process upon professed Christians proves some to be dross. The fine gold does not always appear. **In every religious crisis** some fall under temptation. **The shaking of God blows away multitudes like dry leaves.** Prosperity multiplies a mass of professors. **Adversity purges them out of the church.** As a class, their spirits are not steadfast with God. They **go out from us because they are not of us**; for when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, **many** are offended.” *Testimonies*, volume 4, 89.

“**The great issue** near at hand will weed out those whom God has not appointed and He will have a pure, true, sanctified ministry prepared for the latter rain.” *Selected Messages*, book 3, 385.

“The **work** which the church has failed to do in a time of peace and prosperity she will have to do in a **terrible crisis** under most discouraging, forbidding circumstances. The warnings that worldly conformity has silenced or withheld must be given under the fiercest opposition from enemies of the faith. And at that time the **superficial, conservative class**, whose influence has steadily retarded the progress of the work, will **renounce the faith and take their stand with its avowed enemies**, toward whom their sympathies have long been tending.” *Testimonies*, volume 5, 463.

“As God’s people approach **the final crisis**, they must with increasing power **proclaim the message He has given them**. The warning must be given to the churches. God’s requirements must be laid before those who are transgressing His law. They must be made to understand that this is a life and death question. **God’s remnant people are to fill the earth with the cry of the third angel.**” *Review and Herald*, July 16, 1901.

“The one-hour laborers will be brought in at the eleventh hour, and will consecrate their ability and all their entrusted means to advance the work. These will receive the reward for their faithfulness, because they are true to principle, and shun not their duty to declare the whole counsel of God. **When those who have had abundance of light throw off the restraint which the word of God imposes, and make void his law, others will come in to fill their places and take their crown.**” *Review and Herald*, June 15, 1897.

“There are **diligent students of the word of prophecy** in all parts of the world, who are obtaining light and still greater light from searching the Scriptures. This is true of **all nations, of all tribes, and all peoples**. These will come from the grossest error, and **will take the places of those who have had opportunities and privileges and have not prized them**. These have worked out their own salvation with fear and trembling lest they become deficient in doing the ways and will of God, while **those who have great light**, have, through perversity of their own natural hearts, turned away from Christ because displeased with the requirements.

“But God will not be left without witness. The **one-hour labourers** will be brought in at **the eleventh hour**, and will consecrate ability and all their entrusted means to advance the work. These will receive the reward for their faithfulness, because they are true to principle and shun not their duty to declare the whole counsel of God. When **those who have had abundance of light** throw off the restraint which the Word of God imposes, and make void His law, **others will come in to fill their place, and take their crown.**

“While **many** have reduced **the Word, the Truth, the holy law of Jehovah to a dead letter**, and by their example testify that the law of Jehovah is a hard, rigorous burden, while they say, We will lay off this yoke; we will be free; we will no longer remain in covenant relation with God; we will do as we please, there will be men who have had very meagre opportunities, who have walked in ways of error because they knew not any other or better way, to whom beams of light will come. As the word from Christ came to Zacchaeus, ‘I must abide at thy house,’ so the word will come to them. And the one supposed to be a hardened sinner will be found to have a heart as tender as a child, because Christ has deigned to notice him.

“Great is the work of the Lord. Men are choosing sides. Even **those supposed to be heathen** will choose the side of Christ, while **those who become offended, as did the disciples,** will go away and **walk** no more with Him. And **others will come in and occupy the place they have left vacant.** The time is very near when man shall have reached the prescribed limits. . . The record of their works in the books of heaven is ‘**Weighed in the balances, and found wanting.**’” *Testimonies to Southern Africa*, 50–51.

WE KNOW

“We know that unconsecrated Seventh-day Adventists, who have a knowledge of the truth, but who have linked themselves with worldlings **will depart entirely from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits.** The enemy will gladly hold out inducements to them, to lead them to carry on a warfare against the people of God. But those who are true and steadfast will have a strong and powerful defense in God.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 7, 186.