

PROGRESSIVE MANIFESTATION OF THE POWER OF GOD

LOUD CRY MEANS INCREASING POWER

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SATAN’S POWER ALSO INCREASES

“We have now come to the last days of the work of the third angel’s message, when **Satan will work with increasing power** because he knows that his time is short. At the same time there will come to us through the gifts of the Holy Spirit, diversities of operations in the outpouring of the Spirit. This is the time of the latter rain.” *Selected Messages*, book 3, 83.

TWO CALLS DURING THE PERIOD OF THE LOUD CRY

“So in the last work for the warning of the world, **two distinct calls are made to the churches**. The second angel’s message is, ‘Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.’ And **in the loud cry of the third angel’s message** a voice is heard from heaven saying, ‘Come out of her, my people.’” *Review and Herald*, December 6, 1892.

THE EARTH IS LIGHTENED DURING THE PERIOD OF THE LOUD CRY

“The third angel, flying in the midst of heaven and heralding the commandments of God and the testimony of Jesus, represents our work. The message loses none of its force in the angel’s onward flight, for John sees it **increasing in strength and power until the whole earth is lightened with its glory**. The course of God’s commandment-keeping people in onward, ever onward. The message of truth that we bear must go to nations, tongues, and peoples. Soon it will go with a loud voice, and the earth will be lightened with its glory. Are we preparing for this great outpouring of the Spirit of God?” *Publishing Ministry*, 281.

THE TIME OF THE LATTER RAIN

“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.” *Review and Herald*, April 21, 1891.

THE MIDNIGHT CRY TYPIFIES THE LATTER RAIN

“You are getting the coming of the Lord too far off. I saw the latter rain was coming as [suddenly as] the midnight cry, and with ten times the power.” *Spalding and Magan*, 5.

MIDNIGHT CRY SWELLS INTO THE LOUD CRY

“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, 437.

THE MIDNIGHT CRY IS YET FUTURE

“There is a world lying in wickedness, in deception and delusion, in the very shadow of death,—**asleep, asleep**. Who are feeling travail of soul to awaken them? What voice can reach them? My mind was carried to the future, when the signal will be given. ‘Behold, the Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.’ But some will have delayed to obtain the oil for replenishing their lamps, and too late they will find that character, which is represented by the oil, is not transferable.” *Review and Herald*, February 11, 1896.

DAVID’S FOUR ANOINTING’S

First: 1 Samuel 16; Daniel 12:3, 4, 9, 10; Ezekiel 37:7, 8; Daniel 11:40–45.

INCREASE OF POWER

1 Chronicles 11:3, 9

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Second: 2 Samuel 1:1; 2:1–4; Samuel 2:11; 5:5; 1 Kings 2:11; 1 Chronicles 3:4; 29:27

Ezekiel 29:17–21

“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.

“It is with an earnest longing that I look forward to the time when **the events of the day of Pentecost** shall be repeated with even greater power than on that occasion. John says, ‘I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.’ Then, as at **the Pentecostal season**, the people will hear the truth spoken to them, every man in his own tongue.

“**God can breathe new life into every soul** that sincerely desires to serve Him (**Ezekiel 37**), and can **touch the lips with a live coal from off the altar (Isaiah 6)**, and cause them to become eloquent with His praise. Thousands of voices will be imbued with the power to speak forth the wonderful truths of God’s Word. **The stammering tongue will be unloosed (Isaiah 28)**, and the timid will be made strong to bear courageous testimony to the truth. May the Lord help His people to **cleans the soul temple from every defilement (Malachi 3:1–4)**, and to maintain such a close connection with Him that they may be partakers of **the latter rain when it shall be poured out (Revelation 18)**.” *Review and Herald*, July 20, 1886.

Third: 2 Samuel 5:1–7, 17–25

David takes Jerusalem; reigns 33 years at Jerusalem; image of the beast test illustrated

Verse 17: Rephaim: valley of giants, to make whole, to mend, to cure (two sticks coming together) Verse 20: Baalperazim: the broken husband (Beulah) Isaiah 62:1–4; Hephzibah; delight; Verse 23, 24: the mulberry trees: weeping (for Tammuz); Verse 25: Geba: part that is Gazor: cut off

1 Chronicles 14:17—recognized by all lands

Fourth: 2 Samuel 12:20

“If we would have the spirit and power of the third angel’s message, we must present the law and the gospel together, for they go hand in hand. As **a power from beneath is stirring up the children of disobedience** to make void the law of God, and to trample upon the faith of Christ as our righteousness, **a power from above** is moving upon the hearts of those who are loyal, to exalt the law, and to lift up Jesus as a complete Saviour. **Unless** divine power is brought into the experience of the people of God, false theories and erroneous ideas will take minds captive, Christ and his righteousness will be dropped out of the experience of many, and their faith will be without power or life. Such will not have a daily, living experience of the love of God in the heart; and if they do not zealously repent, they will be among those who are represented by the **Laodiceans**, who will be spewed out of the mouth of God.” *Gospel Workers*, 103.

NATIVE LUSTER

“Satan has a large confederacy, his church. Christ calls them **the synagogue of Satan** because the members are **the children of sin**. The members of Satan’s church have been constantly working to cast off the divine law, and **confuse the distinction between good and evil**. Satan is working with great power in and through the children of disobedience, to exalt treason and apostasy as truth and loyalty. And at this time the power of his satanic inspiration is moving the living agencies to carry out the great rebellion against God that commenced in heaven.

“At this time the church is to put on her beautiful garments,—‘Christ our righteousness.’ There are clear, decided distinctions to be restored and exemplified to the world in holding aloft the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. The beauty of holiness is to appear in **its native luster** in contrast with the deformity and darkness of the disloyal, those who have revolted from the law of God.” *Testimonies to ministers*, 16.

“Notwithstanding the widespread declension of faith and piety, there are true followers of Christ in these churches. Before the final visitation of God’s judgments upon the earth there will be among the people of the Lord such a revival of primitive godliness as has not been witnessed since apostolic times. **The Spirit and power of God will be poured out upon His children**. At that time many will separate themselves from those churches in which the love of this world has supplanted love for God and His word. Many, both of ministers and people, will gladly accept those great truths which God has caused to be proclaimed at this time to prepare a people for the Lord’s second coming. The enemy of souls desires to hinder this work; and **before the time for such a movement shall come**, he will endeavor to prevent it by introducing **a counterfeit**. In those churches which he can bring under his deceptive power he will make it appear that God’s special blessing is poured out; there will be manifest what is thought to be great religious interest. Multitudes will exult that God is working marvelously for them, when the work is that of another spirit. Under a religious guise, Satan will seek to extend his influence over the Christian world.” *The Great Controversy*, 464.

THE COUNTERFEIT

“The enemy of souls has sought to bring in the supposition that **a great reformation was to take place among Seventh-day Adventists**, and that this reformation would consist in **giving up the doctrines which stand as the pillars** of our faith, and engaging in a process of reorganization. Were this reformation to take place, what would result? The principles of truth that God in His wisdom has given to the remnant church, would be discarded. **Our religion would be changed.** The fundamental principles that have sustained the work for the last fifty years would be accounted as **error. A new organization would be established.** Books of a new order would be written. **A system of intellectual philosophy would be introduced.** The founders of this system would go into the cities, and do a wonderful work. The Sabbath of course, would be lightly regarded, as also the God who created it. Nothing would be allowed to stand in the way of **the new movement.** The leaders would teach that **virtue is better than vice**, but God being removed, **they would place their dependence on human power**, which, without God, is worthless. Their foundation would be built on the sand, and **storm and tempest would sweep away the structure.**

“**Who has authority to begin such a movement?** We have our Bibles. We have our experience, attested to by **the miraculous working of the Holy Spirit.** We have a truth that admits of no compromise. Shall we not repudiate everything that is not in harmony with this truth?” *Selected Messages*, book 1, 204–205.

PARALLEL MOVEMENTS

“The work of God in the earth presents, from age to age, a striking similarity in every great reformation or religious movement. The principles of God’s dealing with men are ever the same. The important movements of the present have their **parallel** in those of the past, and the experience of the church in former ages has lessons of great value for our own time.” *The Great Controversy*, 343.

THE FIRST AND SECOND ANGEL’S MESSAGES

“God has given the messages of Revelation 14 **their place in the line of prophecy**, and their work is not to cease till the close of this earth’s history. The first and second angel’s messages are still truth for this time, and are to run **parallel with this which follows.** The third angel proclaims his warning with a loud voice. ‘After these things,’ said John, ‘I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power, and the earth was lightened with his glory.’ In this illumination, the light of all the three messages is combined.” *The 1888 Materials*, 803–804.

THE PARABLE OF THE TEN VIRGINS

“I am often referred to the parable of the ten virgins, five of whom were wise, and five foolish. **This parable has been and will be fulfilled to the very letter**, for it has a special application to this time, and, like the third angel’s message, has been fulfilled and will continue to be present truth till the close of time.” *Review and Herald*, August 19, 1890.

THE SEVEN THUNDERS

“After these seven thunders uttered their voices, the injunction comes to John as to Daniel in regard to the little book: ‘Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered.’ These relate to **future events which will be disclosed in their order**. Daniel shall stand in his lot at the end of the days. John sees the little book unsealed. Then Daniel’s prophecies have their proper place in the first, second, and third angels’ messages to be given to the world. The unsealing of the little book was the message in relation to time.

“The books of Daniel and the Revelation are one. One is a prophecy, the other a revelation; one a book sealed, the other a book opened. John heard **the mysteries which the thunders uttered**, but he was commanded not to write them.

“The **special light given to John** which was expressed in the seven thunders was a **delineation of events which would transpire under the first and second angels’ messages**. It was not best for the people to know these things, for their faith must necessarily be tested. In the order of God most wonderful and advanced truths would be proclaimed. The first and second angels’ messages were to be proclaimed, but no further light was to be revealed before these messages had done their specific work. This is represented by the angel standing with one foot on the sea, proclaiming with a most solemn oath that time should be no longer.” *The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, volume 7, 971.

LAST SEVEN SOUTHERN KINGS

Manasseh: H4519—*causing to forget*.

Amon: H526—properly to *build up*; *architect*.

Josiah: H2977—*foundation*.

Jehoahaz: H3059—*Jehovah seized*.

Jehoiakim: H3079—*Jehovah will raises*; to *rise*.

Jehoiachin: H3078—*Jehovah will establish*; *erect*; hence (causatively) to *set up, tarry*.

Zedekiah: H6667—to *make right* (in a moral or forensic sense): *cleanse*.

LAST SEVEN NORTHERN KINGS

Jeroboam II: *a people; a tribe* (as those of Israel); figuratively a *flock*.

Zechariah: to *mark (so as to be recognized)*, that is, to *remember*; bring (*call*). John 10:16.

Shallum: to *be completed*; end, finish, *restore, reward*. Isaiah 56:3–8.

Menahem: *comforter*. to *sigh, breathe* strongly; to *be sorry, repent*. Acts 3:19–23.

Pekahiah & Pekah: to *open* (the senses, especially the eyes). Revelation 14:8.

Hoshea: deliver, rescue, bring (having) salvation, get victory. Daniel 12:1.

BELSHAZZAR'S FALL

EXTERNAL

“**In the history of Nebuchadnezzar and Belshazzar**, God speaks to **nations** of today. We are to take to heart the lessons he sought to teach these rebellious kings; for if Belshazzar had pursued **a course in harmony with the instruction given to his grandfather**, he would have retained not only his kingdom but his life. He disregarded the lessons, and went on in rebellion against God, committing the very sins for which his grandfather had been reprovved and punished. He, too, **lifted himself up in pride and exaltation**, and the final judgment of God fell upon him and his house. His great sin was that, notwithstanding God had given him light, he refused to walk in **the paths of righteousness**.” *Signs of the Times*, July 20, 1891.

INTERNAL

“**In the history of Nebuchadnezzar and Belshazzar**, God speaks to **the people of today**. The condemnation that will fall upon the inhabitants of the earth in this day will be because of their **rejection of light**. Our condemnation in the judgment **will not** result from the fact that we have lived in error, but from the fact that **we have neglected Heaven-sent opportunities for discovering truth**. The means of becoming conversant with the truth are within the reach of all; but, like the indulgent, selfish king, we give more attention to the things that charm the ear, and please the eye, and gratify the palate, than to the things that enrich the mind, the divine treasures of truth. It is through the truth that we may answer the great question, ‘What must I do to be saved?’” *Bible Echo*, September 17, 1894.

“**To the last ruler of Babylon, as in type to its first,** had come the sentence of the divine Watcher: ‘O king, . . . to thee it is spoken; The kingdom is departed from thee.’ Daniel 4:31.” *Prophets and Kings*, 533.

THE FOOLISH KING

“Belshazzar had been given many opportunities for knowing and doing the will of God. **He had seen his grandfather Nebuchadnezzar banished from the society of men.** He had seen the intellect in which the proud monarch gloried taken away by the One who gave it. **He had seen** the king driven from his kingdom, and made the companion of the beasts of the field. But Belshazzar’s love of **amusement** and **self-glorification effaced the lessons he should never have forgotten**; and he committed sins similar to those that brought **signal judgments on Nebuchadnezzar.** He wasted the opportunities graciously granted him, neglecting to use the opportunities within his reach for becoming acquainted with truth. ‘What must I do to be saved?’ was a question that the great but **foolish king** passed by indifferently.” *Bible Echo*, April 25, 1898.

SIGNAL: noun—**A sign that gives or is intended to give notice**; or the notice given. Adjective—Eminent; remarkable; **memorable**; distinguished from what is ordinary. *Webster’s 1828 Dictionary*.

“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.” *Testimonies*, volume 8, 296–297.

“There was in the palace **a woman who was wiser than them all**,—the queen of Belshazzar’s grandfather. In this emergency she addressed the king in language that sent a ray of light into the darkness. ‘**O king, live forever**,’ she said; ‘**let not thy thoughts trouble thee**, nor let thy countenance be changed: there is a man in thy kingdom, in whom is the spirit of the holy gods; and in **the days of thy father** light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, was found in him; whom the king Nebuchadnezzar thy father, the king, I say, thy father, **made master of the magicians, astrologers, Chaldeans, and soothsayers**: . . . now **let Daniel be called, and he will show the interpretation.**’ . . .

“Daniel did not swerve from his duty. He held the king’s sin before him, showing him the lessons he might have learned, but did not. Belshazzar had not heeded the events so significant to him. He had not read his grandfather’s history correctly. The responsibility of knowing truth had been laid upon him, but the practical lessons he might have learned and acted upon had not been taken to heart; and his course of action brought the sure result.

“**This was the last feast** of boasting held by the Chaldean king; for he who bears long with man’s perversity had passed **the irrevocable sentence**. Belshazzar had greatly dishonored the One who had exalted him as king, and **his probation was taken from him.**” *Youth Instructor*, May 26, 1898.

“**In that last night of mad folly**, Belshazzar and his lords had filled up the measure of their guilt and the guilt of the Chaldean kingdom. **No longer could God’s restraining hand ward off the impending evil.** Through manifold providences, God had sought to teach them reverence for His law. ‘We would have healed Babylon,’ He declared of those whose judgment was now reaching unto heaven, ‘but she is not healed.’ Jeremiah 51:9. Because of the strange perversity of the human heart, God had at last found it necessary to pass the irrevocable sentence. **Belshazzar was to fall**, and his kingdom was to pass into other hands.” *Prophets and Kings*, 530.

TWO GREAT ERRORS

“Through the two great errors, the immortality of the soul and Sunday sacredness, Satan will bring the people under his deceptions. While the former lays the foundation of spiritualism, the latter creates a bond of sympathy with Rome. The Protestants of the United States will be foremost in stretching their hands across the gulf to grasp the hand of spiritualism; they will reach over the abyss to clasp hands with the Roman power; and under the influence of this threefold union, this country will follow in the steps of Rome in trampling on the rights of conscience.” *The Great Controversy*, 588.

“The Bible declares that before the coming of the Lord, Satan will work ‘with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness;’ and they that ‘received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved,’ will be left to receive ‘strong delusion, that they should believe a lie.’ 2 Thessalonians 2:9-11. Not until this condition shall be reached, and the union of the church with the world shall be fully accomplished throughout Christendom, will the fall of Babylon be complete. The change is a progressive one, and the perfect fulfillment of Revelation 14:8 is yet future.” *The Great Controversy*, 389.

“When Jesus began His public ministry, He cleansed the Temple from its sacrilegious profanation. Among the last acts of His ministry was the second cleansing of the Temple. **So in the last work for the warning of the world, two distinct calls are made to the churches.** The second angel’s message is, ‘Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication’ (Revelation 14:8). And in the loud cry of the third angel’s message a voice is heard 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’ (Revelation 18:4, 5).” *Selected Messages*, book 2, 118.

“The Lord has a controversy with **his professed people** in these last days. In this controversy men in responsible positions will take a course directly opposite to that pursued by Nehemiah. They will not only ignore and despise the Sabbath themselves, but they will try to keep it from others by burying it beneath the rubbish of custom and tradition. In churches and in large gatherings in the open air, **ministers will urge upon the people the necessity of keeping the first day of the week**. There are calamities on sea and land: and these calamities will increase, one disaster following close upon another; and the little band of conscientious Sabbath-keepers will be pointed out as the ones who are bringing the wrath of God upon the world by their disregard of Sunday.

“Satan urges this falsehood that he may take the world captive. It is his plan to compel men to accept errors. He takes an active part in the promulgation of all false religions, and will stop at nothing in his efforts to enforce erroneous doctrines. Under a cloak of religious zeal, men, influenced by his spirit, have invented the most cruel tortures for their fellow-men, and have inflicted the most awful sufferings upon them. Satan and his agents have the same spirit still; and the history of the past will be repeated in our day.” *Review and Herald*, March 18, 1884.

“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.

“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.

“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.

Dear Elder Pippenger,

This is just a small note from our recent news regarding North and South Korea. Yesterday the two presidents shook hands, it was 65 years since a North Korean president had walked into a South Korean territory, to perhaps end a civil war that would have theoretically lasted 65 years.

Subsequently South Korean President will be invited to North Korea's capital North Korean leader Kim Jong-un invited Moon Jae-in.

Kim means "Gold", which we can also associate with the sun, and on the other side we have "Moon", which is often associated with silver. We have in one sense the sun that meets the moon, gold, money to make peace after 65 years of war. The sun, the gold, sets foot on the territory of the moon, and the moon, silver, is invited to the capital of gold, of the sun.

It is difficult to go deep into the meaning of Korean names, but here is what we can find.

"Jong" or "Jung", and means "Just / proper."

"Un" means "grace or kindness."

Kim Jung-Un = "Gold", "Just", "grace"

(Kim Jung-Un's father was Kim Jung-il, "il" meaning sun.)

As a family name, Moon is written with one hanja, meaning "writing"

"Jae-in" is a Korean unisex given name. Its meaning is based on the name of the name.

"Jae", Hanja 才: "talent" 財: "wealth" 裁: "cultivate" 再: "again"

"In" As a family name, meaning "mark" or "seal"

Moon Jae-in = "Writing", "talent, wealth, cultivate, again", "mark, seal"

Is not it strange to see the seal in the name of the South Korean president? Moreover we have a doubling with "writing" and "mark, seal".

And now if we bring together the two names we have gold, righteousness, grace that goes with writing, sealing that is related to talent, wealth, cultivate, and again.

Can we see it as a transition or something that is sealed? It should be hollow to see a prophetic application.

Fraternally in Christ Brian