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“SANCTIFY THEM THROUGH THY TRUTH: THY WORD IS TRUTH” JOHN 17:17

The Parasite of Error

Age Does Not Make Error Truth *The Review and Herald, October 22, 1895.*

"Satan has wrought with deceiving power, bringing in a multiplicity of errors that obscure the truth. Error cannot stand alone, and would soon become extinct if it did not fasten itself like a parasite upon the tree of truth. Error draws its life from the truth of God. The traditions of men, like floating germs, attach themselves to the truth of God, and men regard them as a part of the truth. Through false doctrines, Satan gains a foothold, and captivates the minds of men, causing them to hold theories that have no foundation in truth. Men boldly teach for doctrines the commandments of men; and as traditions pass on from age to age, they acquire a power over the human mind. But age does not make error truth, neither does its burdensome weight cause the plant of truth to become a parasite. The tree of truth bears its own genuine fruit, showing its true origin and nature. The parasite of error also bears its own fruit, and makes manifest that its character is diverse from the plant of heavenly origin.

"It is through false theories and traditions that Satan gains his power over the human mind. We can see the extent to which he exercises his power by the disloyalty that is in the world. Even the churches that profess to be Christian have turned from the law of Jehovah, and have erected a false standard. Satan has had his hand in all this; for by directing men to false standards, he misshapes the human character, and causes humanity to acknowledge him as supreme. He works counter to the holy law of God, and denies God's jurisdiction. It is at his throne that every evil work finds its starting-point and obtains its support.

"Satan has charged injustice upon God, and at various times has set in motion all his supernatural agencies, in order to cut off from men the knowledge of God, to turn their attention from the temple of God, and to establish his own kingdom in the earth. At different times he has almost succeeded in spreading idolatry throughout the world. The history of the past shows that he has striven to obtain the mastery upon earth, and that his strife for supremacy has seemed to be almost wholly successful.

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He has worked in such a manner that the Prince of heaven has seemed to be lost sight of. It has seemed that the confederacy of idolatry has borne supreme sway, and that Satan had indeed become the god of this world. But the only begotten Son of God has looked upon the scene, has beheld human suffering and misery. With pity he has seen how his human agencies have been blinded by the deceptions of the enemy, and have become victims of Satanic cruelty. He has seen how Satan has exalted men simply for the purpose of casting them down, how he has flattered them, in order to draw them into his net and destroy them. He looked upon the schemes by which Satan works to blot from the human soul every trace of likeness to God; how he led them into intemperance so as to destroy the moral powers which God gave to man as a most precious, priceless endowment. He saw how, through indulgence in appetite, brain power was destroyed, and the temple of God was in ruins. He looked with compassion upon men who were becoming corrupted, ruined, murdered, and lost, through choosing a ruler who chained them to his car as captives, and yet these slaves were so bewildered, so beguiled and deceived, that they were actually pleased with their slavery as they moved on in gloomy procession toward eternal ruin,—to death in which is no hope of life, toward night to which comes no morning. He saw human beings possessed by devils, saw Satanic agencies incorporated with men, saw the bodies of men become the habitations for the degrading indwelling of demons. Man, made for the dwelling-place of God, became the habitation of dragons. The senses, the nerves, the passions, the organs of man,

were worked by supernatural agencies in the indulgence of the grossest, vilest lust. The very stamp of demons was impressed upon the countenances of men, and human faces reflected the expression of the legions of evil with which they were possessed. Such was the prospect upon which the world's Redeemer looked. What a horrible spectacle for the eyes of infinite purity to behold! Wherein can he behold his image? And yet God, the infinite One, 'so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son (for such a world!), that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.'"

School of the Prophets 2014 Update

By B. Krebec

School of the Prophets (the daughter ministry of *Future for America*) reached its one-year anniversary in September 2014, and is very happy to say that it was a blessed and successful first year! It started out in September 2013 with only four students, and three of those students have progressed to become staff members at *Future for America*, while still attending classes part-time at *School of the Prophets*.

Over the course of the last year, the Lord has guided all involved with these two ministries to accomplish great things, including: the completion of a girl's and boy's dorm, as well as a classroom and a workshop; the establishment of a garden on the school campus that yields a variety of fruits and vegetables, along with an orchard that has an array of fruit trees; a 30' x 90' greenhouse that has been planted on the school campus and is pressing through to its soon completion—it will be used year-round, and will allow students to gain hands-on experience with plants in all stages of their growth. *School of the Prophets* has also worked side by side with *Future for America* in hosting two camp-meetings at the local present-truth church. These large endeavors encompassed an assortment of tasks that required the Lord's assistance and the manpower of all



individuals involved in these two ministries, given the fact that guests were housed on campus as well as *Future for America's* property. The students in particular played key roles in setting up, recording, cooking, managing, cleaning, and closing each camp-meeting.

School of the Prophets has also been able to broaden the scope of class audiences by video-recording classes and posting these videos on YouTube, wishing for everyone from around the world to have the opportunity of partaking in the experience of learning present-truth and keeping up with the light of the third angel. Our students also play a major role in compiling and editing the monthly *Future News* publication. Moreover, *Future for America* has brought in other authors (including students) to publish articles that share light on present-truth that the Lord has revealed to them, and these articles will now be included in the *Future News* publication. Both *School of the Prophets* and *Future for America's* websites are currently managed and being improved by students as well.

This institution offers an education founded upon God's word, as seen in the Bible and in the Spirit of Prophecy. Character development in regards to spiritual, physical, emotional, and intellectual growth are emphasized, and we aim for the highest moral standard on and off campus. The environment at *School of the Prophets* allows both students and staff members to grow in unity with Christ and to labor together for Him. We are eager to welcome all who are interested in partaking in this experience with us! If you are interested in attending, please visit the school website at www.sotpar.org, or call (888) 278-7744 to learn more.

Future is Now

Tamina Bläsing is a twenty-one year old German native and has been working with *Future Is Now (FIN)*, which is *Future for America's* German counterpart for the last several years. Speakers from *Future for America* will be presenting at *FIN's* camp-meeting in Germany during the month of December

2014. This is one of many camp-meetings their ministry has held. Tamina has attended and worked at *School of the Prophets* in the United States for three trimesters. She specializes in construction and has blessed *School of the Prophets* with her workmanship in helping build greenhouse beds, a horse stable, and has also assisted in various tasks in the garden. English is not her first language, but she has voiced that being in America has helped her greatly improve her English speaking abilities. Below, is an article she wrote to emphasize to her readers the importance of recognizing our Laodicean condition and making the ultimate change for Christ:

Who Loves God the Most?

By T. Bläsing

Ever since I was a young teenager, I have been asking myself this question: How can an individual be born and raised as an Adventist child, possess a knowledge of the Bible while simultaneously be thinking that it all gets "old" at some point, and still be able to hold a relationship with Jesus Christ where they love him with all of their heart? As a youth, I would often attend youth congresses and sit in the audience of well known Adventist preachers who are famed for their incredible conversion experiences. I found it interesting that hardly any of them were raised Adventist, and if they were, then he or she had left the church at some point in their life and have finally found their way back to Christ. Again, questions like this would enter my mind: How do I experience this same experience? How will I be able to see Jesus acting in my life in such a powerful way, that I will gladly turn down any temptations this world puts before me, and instead manifest a desire to spend eternity with Him? As I would ponder these thoughts, this parable would come to mind:

There was a certain creditor which had two debtors: the one owed five hundred pence, and the other fifty. And when they had nothing to pay, he frankly forgave them both. Tell me therefore, which of them will love him most? Simon answered and said, I suppose that he,



to whom he forgave the most. And he said unto him, Thou hast rightly judged. Luke 7:41-43.

Like the parable said, the debtor who owed more and was forgiven more loved more. When do we owe God something? When we sin. It seems as though the greater the sinner, the greater their conversion experience. Such individuals often value their relationship with the Lord more than those who have not had their experience, and as a result they naturally “love the most.” If we think about it, is that not frequently the case? These “greater debtors” who come to the church after living a wild life in the world had heard the special ring that the plan of redemption has, and simply have a greater sense of gratitude to God than those who were raised hearing the stories of the Bible since they were young. This second group of people take for granted the Word of God because it becomes old to them, and the precious words seem to lose their proper worth and fascination to the eye and ear, when they should insight the opposite reaction.

The world offers many temptations that appear to be more interesting and exciting than the faith we claim to live by seems to offer, especially in the eyes of our youth, as it is very easy for them to yearn after the ways of the world. I would venture to say that this is a primary contributor to the reason our young people leave the church so often. It is never experience the value of can be far more appealing portrays it.

To recap, we have gone over owes God much and receives more. Now, we will move on to child owe God something? The 3:14-22 is an address to Adventists, we believe that we Laodicea.

I know thy works, that thou would thou wert cold or art lukewarm, and neither out of my mouth. Because 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. Revelation 3:15-17.

Nobody can serve two lords. Again, the question is raised: Do I as an Adventist child owe God something? I think this question can only be answered with a big, Yes!

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Here, God shows us our condition. We believe that we are rich, increased with goods, and have need of nothing. But, the sad truth is that we are wretched, miserable, and poor. We believe that we are good Christians and that the Lord is with us. We believe that we Adventists have the greatest relationship with God. But, the Lord has showed us our condition! He tells us that we are lukewarm—our hearts are half-hearted. We are incapable in our own power to keep up with our God-given duty. The Lord longs for us to be cold or hot, not lukewarm; He wants to spue us out of His mouth! In other words, He wishes that we are either completely in the world or that we are completely in His will and do our due diligence as Seventh-day Adventists. Nobody can serve two lords. Again, the question is raised: Do I as an Adventist child owe God something? I think this question can only be answered with a big, Yes! We must choose—are we cold or are we hot?

The first step in entering into a relationship with God is recognizing your condition. And let’s call it what it is: our condition is that we are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked, and we know that we need



to change. But, this will not be easy since one of our characteristics as a Laodicean is that we believe that we have need of nothing. After our condition is recognized, we must acknowledge the following command:

As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. Revelation 3:19.

This verse is also addressed to the church of Laodicea. God tells us here that everyone He loves, He rebukes and chastens. Does God love the church of Laodicea? Yes, with all of His heart, He does! That is the reason He reveals to them the condition of their hearts, and as the above verse states, He rebukes and chastens those whom He loves. And what does He convict them of? Their condition—their lack of perfect spirituality through Christ! Most of all, He desires that we aim to achieve the highest standard, and become the Seventh-day Adventists we are supposed to be.

And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?...Now on chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby. Hebrew 12:5-7,11.

My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord; neither be weary of his correction: For whom the Lord loveth he correcteth even as a father the son in whom he delighteth. Proverbs 3:11-12.

In these two passages, we see that God chastens us because He loves us—we are His children and we are told to heed His counsels. At first, it may seem that His chastening is grievous, but it is then turned

into the peaceable fruit of righteousness.

Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth: therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty: For he maketh sore, and bindeth up: he woundeth, and his hands make whole. Job 5:17, 18.

Here, we see that God makes us sore and wounds us, but later He binds us up and makes us whole again. When you are wounded, does it hurt? Oh yes, it does! But, God promises that He will bind us up and make us whole. Why do we need to be made sore and wounded? Could our character be the reason? Doing things that we like and saying things that we like—the very things that Jesus does not like? Are we traveling down the wrong road? We must be chastened by our Lord so that we recognize our condition and change it thereafter. How does God make us sore and wounded? By breaking our heart:

Reproach hath broken my heart; and I am full of heaviness: and I looked for some to take pity, but there was none; and for comforters, but I found none. Psalm 69:20.

He healeth the broken in heart and bindeth up their wounds. Psalm 147:3.

“The humble and broken heart can appreciate something of the love of God and the cross of Calvary. Ample will be the blessing experienced by him who meets the condition by which he may become a partaker of the favor of God.” *Selected Messages*, volume 1, 326.

“From the tilling of the soil, lessons may constantly be learned. No one settles upon a raw piece of land with the expectation that it will at once yield a harvest. Diligent, persevering labor must be put forth in the preparation of the soil, the sowing of the seed, and the culture of the crop. So it must be in the spiritual sowing. The garden of the heart must be cultivated. The soil must be broken up by repentance. The evil growths that



choke the good grain must be uprooted. As soil once overgrown with thorns can be reclaimed only by diligent labor, so the evil tendencies of the heart can be overcome only by earnest effort in the name and strength of Christ.” *Child Guidance*, 57.

It is certain that everyone knows the feeling of a broken heart. During such an experience, we often feel like we do not know where to go, or what the meaning of life is, and nothing seems to make sense. This is the exact condition that God is able to reach out to us the most. This internal condition brings us down on our knees asking God for help because we have no other solution.

Sorrow is better than laughter: for by the sadness of the countenance the heart is made better. Ecclesiastes 7:3.

It is when we are broken-hearted that God can start working with us to bind us up and make us whole again, so that we will become healthier and stronger in Him. As we read earlier, though our chastening incites grief, we are later bound up and made whole, and from that, grows within us the gratitude of the peaceable fruit of righteousness because we see how God led us and wanted the best for us.

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose. Romans 8:20.

This is a process that takes a lifetime. You never stop being a student in God’s school. But, I personally believe that if you enter into a relationship with God and you walk through all of the obstacles that come your way, your relationship with Him will never cease to become deeper and stronger. However, if you find yourself saying that your heart has not been broken and life is treating you well, God has a thousand ways to break your heart. Never forget, those whom He loves, He rebukes.

Whoso loveth instruction loveth knowledge: but he that hateth reproof is brutish. Proverbs 12:1.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction. Proverbs 1:7.

The fear of the Lord is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate. Proverbs 8:13.

He is in the way of life that keepeth instruction: but he that refuseth reproof erreth. Proverbs 10:17.

In order to hate evil, we have to be able to know what evil is. If we can discern between what is good and what is evil, the Bible tells us that we have strong meat.

But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil. Hebrew 5:14.

Have you ever asked yourself the question: For what reason is this message we proclaim so important? Why should I learn all of the time prophecies and know their beginning and ending dates? Why is it important to learn the timelines and their stories, and be able to connect all of them together? Because God in His love desires to show you and me what our future holds so that we can prepare ourselves. He shows us the end from the beginning.

This present-truth message humbles us in the dust before the Lord. It breaks our hearts because we realize how big and great our incredible God is! We truly come to realize that He holds everything is in His hands. Anything that happens is a testament that God wanted it that way at that particular time. He chose you, out of so many others out there to hear this message. When we read, hear, or study this message and our heart is somehow not touched, or if we are not humbled by it and realize how big God is and that our time of probation is about to close, then we should bring ourselves, our motivations, our goals, and our attitudes into question. The Lord does not provide His words or His counsel to His



people without intending that it will incite a change within us. And if it has not changed us yet, maybe it is because we still possess a half-hearted attitude for the things of God.

Come, and let us return unto the Lord: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight. Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth. Hosea 6:1-3.

The Book of Joel

By M. Bruce

The Last Message To a Dying Church

Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the Lord cometh, for *it is nigh* at hand. Joel 2:1.

According to the apostle John, the three-step testing process of the everlasting gospel is explained in the following words:

And when he [The Holy Spirit] is come, he will **reprove the world of sin**, and of **righteousness**, and of **judgment**. John 16:8.

As students of prophecy, we understand this to be a representation of the three angel's messages. The first angel's message reveals our sin, the second angel's message points to the standard of righteousness, and the third angel's message is a warning of judgment; all will have to demonstrate whether or not we have responded to (and accepted) the first two messages. From this, we can clearly ascertain that the book of Joel represents the first angel's message—the warning message that contains all three messages.

First, we are told that we have repeated the sins of our fathers. Then, we are told that we are unable to

receive the Latter Rain, which is His Righteousness (Hosea 10:12). And finally, we are told that judgment is right upon us.

And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, Saying with a loud voice, **Fear God**, and **give glory to him**; for **the hour of his judgment is come**: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters. Revelation 14:6,7.

We understand that the first angel's message arrived at the time of the end in 1798, and was thereafter empowered on August 11, 1840 at the fall of the Ottoman Empire, thus proving that William Miller's understanding of the year-for-a-day principle was correct. This message was proclaimed with power in 1842 and 1843. Inspiration, however, informs us that the first angel's message is to be repeated.

“The first and second messages were given in 1843 and 1844, and we are now under the proclamation of the third; but all three of the messages are still to be proclaimed. **It is just as essential now as ever before that they shall be repeated to those who are seeking for the truth.** By pen and voice we are to sound the proclamation, showing their order and the application of the prophecies that bring us to the third angel's message. **There cannot be a third without the first and second.** These messages we are to give to the world in publications, in discourses, showing in the line of prophetic history the things that have been and the things that will be.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 17, 6.

Due to our Laodicean condition, we are unfit to pronounce the third angel's message without first receiving the first and second angel's messages.

“The whole earth is to be lightened with the glory of the Lord. The pure in heart shall see God. It is those who are following the Lamb whithersoever

He goeth that will receive power from that angel that came down from heaven ‘having great power.’ The first message is to be repeated proclaiming the second advent of Christ to our world. The second angel’s message is to be repeated, ‘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. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies’ [Revelation 18:2, 3].” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 16, 40.

To the student of prophecy that has been studying line upon line and keeping abreast of the advancing light of the third angel, this is easy to understand. But, as it has been foretold, many will not accept the principles set forth in the Bible that unlock these wonderful revelations in the Holy Writ.

“The third angel’s message will not be comprehended, the light which will lighten the earth with its glory will be called a false light, by those who refuse to walk in its advancing glory.” *The Review and Herald*, May 27, 1890.

One of the principles that has been laid down as part of the first angel’s message before 9/11 was the understanding that we are to study the Bible line upon line. This principle has been terribly misunderstood by most in this movement, along with Miller’s rules of interpretation. So, as a result, when the message of Joel came to light, the many opposing voices within this message produced a shaking amongst those who claimed to be the bearers of the last message to a dying world.

We should understand that each message is brought forth in a set order: the message arrives, the message is empowered, and finally the message is proclaimed with power.

In our history, the first angel arrived in 1889. This led to an understanding of Daniel 11:40-45 as well as the *Prophetic Keys* used to unlock this prophecy. The first angel was subsequently empowered at

9/11 with the restraint of Islam, thus proving the repetition of Millerite history.

This concept is also demonstrated in the message of Joel where the same sins that led to the rejection of Christ also took place in the history of the Millerite people, and are being repeated now.

We must also keep in mind that the second angel’s message (which arrived on 9/11—“Babylon is fallen is fallen”) is a warning to us that truth has been rejected.

“The whole chapter shows that Babylon that has fallen are the churches who will not receive the messages of warning the Lord has given in the first, second, and third angel’s messages. They refused the truth and accepted a lie. They refused the messages of truth. See 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12. The message in the 18th of Revelation is plain and clearly defined. Verse 3: ‘For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.’ Anyone who reads this chapter need not be deceived. How Satan would exult to have a message go broadcast, that the only people whom God has made the repositories of His law, are the ones to whom this message applies. The wine of Babylon is the exalting of the false and spurious Sabbath above the Sabbath which the Lord Jehovah hath blessed and sanctified for the use of man, also the immortality of the soul. These kindred heresies, and the rejection of the truth convert the church into Babylon. Kings, merchants, rulers, and religious teachers are all in corrupt harmony.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 1, 302.

At 9/11, the first angel’s message was rejected by the leadership of the Seventh-day Adventist church. As a result, they were passed by, just as Christ passed by the Sanhedrin at His baptism, and just as the Protestant leadership was passed by on April 19, 1844. In both of these histories, two classes of worshippers were developed, and have been



represented by the eleven apostles and Judas in the time of Christ, as well as the five wise and five foolish virgins in the time of the Millerites. These things being so, at 9/11 we should clearly see that two classes of worshippers are being developed with the present truth movement. After all, the parable of the ten virgins will be repeated:

“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.” *The Review and Herald*, August 19, 1890.

One class of worshippers (due to the rejection of the principles of prophetic understanding that have been laid down since 1989) has rejected or is in the process of rejecting the first angel’s message. Therefore, they are unable to receive the latter rain that is sprinkling upon the waiting ones, prophetic line upon prophetic line.

Hear the rebuke and admonition of the prophet Joel who has faithfully given a warning message to the professed “disciples of Christ” in our day:

Awake, ye drunkards, and weep; and howl, all ye drinkers of wine, because of the new wine; for it is cut off from your mouth. Joel 1:5.

The other class of worshippers is comprised of those who understand and gladly receive the prophetic message, line upon line, and are thus receiving the new wine and are being prepared to proclaim the Midnight Cry to Adventism just before their door of probationary time closes at the Sunday Law. Both of these classes are foretold by the prophet Daniel:

Many shall be **purified**, and **made white**, and **tried**; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and **none of the wicked shall understand**; but **the wise shall understand**. Daniel 12:10.

The Sins of Your Fathers

Joel begins his message with a proclamation to the old men, which also includes the whole congregation:

Hear this, ye old men, and give ear, all ye inhabitants of the land. Hath this been in your days, or even in the days of your fathers? Joel 1:2.

The Spirit of Prophecy and the Bible both instruct us that the prophets are all speaking primarily about the end of the world:

“Never are we absent from the mind of God. God is our joy and our salvation. Each of the ancient prophets spoke less for their own time than for ours, so that their prophesying is in force for us. “Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come” (1 Corinthians 10:11).” *Selected Messages*, book 3, 338.

Some of the many voices out there make the claim that Joel is different, and that it is a prophecy only meant for us. But, by doing this, they are denying one of the characteristics of a God who demonstrates the end from the beginning:

Remember the former things of old: for I *am* God, and *there is* none else; I *am* God, and *there is* none like me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times *the things* that are not *yet* done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure. Isaiah 46:9,10.

Furthermore, they deny the testimony of the wise man, namely that there is “no new thing under the sun.”

Our God is a God of mercy; He does not bring judgments upon His people without first warning them and giving time to repent. He demonstrates this principle throughout the Scriptures, in that the Scriptures themselves were types for us at the end of the world.



Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; **I am the first, and I am the last**; and beside me *there is* no God. And who, as I, shall call, and shall declare it, and set it in order for me, since I appointed the ancient people? and the things that are coming, and shall come, let them shew unto them. Isaiah 44:6,7.

In the book of John, we are told that it is a principle of salvation to know who God is. The previous verse states a primary identifier of our Lord's character (see also Isaiah 46:9,10).

And **this is life eternal**, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. John 17:3.

Therefore, to make a claim that Joel never preached to a people in his time is to deny these principles and demonstrate that we do not know who God is. Let us now establish when the prophet prophesied in the past, and to whom. This will give us important points to understand for our own time; for we are the people who will meet with the more perfect fulfillment of this prophecy.

The Spirit of Prophecy pinpoints the time period when Joel was prophesying and to whom he was preaching:

“May 19, 1780, stands in history as “The Dark Day.” Since the time of Moses no period of darkness of equal density, extent, and duration, has ever been recorded. The description of this event, as given by eyewitnesses, is but an echo of the words of the Lord, recorded by the prophet Joel, **twenty-five hundred years previous** to their fulfillment: “The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord come.” Joel 2:31. *The Great Controversy*, 308.

If we count back 2,500 years from 1780, we will arrive at the year 720 B.C., just three years after the fall of the ten northern tribes of Israel in 723 B.C. The fact that Joel is prophesying in the year 720

B.C. (after the northern tribes had been decimated), makes it clear that Joel is preaching to the southern tribes of Judah and Benjamin, also known as Jerusalem. This is confirmed by the prophet Joel himself:

Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in **my holy mountain**. Joel 2:1.

And they shall bring all your brethren *for* an offering unto the LORD out of all nations upon horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and upon mules, and upon swift beasts, to **my holy mountain Jerusalem**, saith the LORD. Isaiah 66:20.

Armed with this information, we can now understand the next few verses and these will help unlock other parts of the Scripture:

Hath this been in your days, or even in the days of your fathers? Joel 1:2.

From this verse, we can ascertain that a judgment was about to come upon the land of Judah, which the Jews could have understood by familiarizing themselves with the judgments that had just befallen the northern tribes. This is confirmed by Isaiah:

Shall I not, as I have done unto Samaria and her idols, so do to Jerusalem and her idols? Isaiah 10:11.

We see this being fulfilled around eight years after Joel begins his proclamation in 720 B.C. (2 Kings 18:10).

Now it came to pass in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah, *that* Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the defenced cities of Judah, and took them. Isaiah 36:1.

To ensure that the southern tribes understood his words, he directed them back to their fathers in Israel who had just fallen at the hand of the Assyrian nation whom the Lord used as the rod of His chastisement against them.

“The destruction that befell the northern



kingdom was a direct judgment from Heaven. The Assyrians were merely the instruments that God used to carry out His purpose. Through Isaiah, who began to prophesy shortly before the fall of Samaria, the Lord referred to the Assyrian hosts as “the rod of Mine anger.” “The staff in their hand,” He said, “is Mine indignation.” Isaiah 10:5.” *Prophets and Kings*, 291.

The book of Joel uses figurative language to confirm to the student of prophecy at the end of time that it is the same nation coming upon the southern tribes that had just taken their sister nation, Israel:

For a nation is come up upon my land, strong, and without number, whose teeth *are* the teeth of a lion, and he hath the cheek teeth of a great lion. Joel 1:6.

Scripture clearly identifies the nation of Assyria as represented by a lion:

Israel *is* a scattered sheep; the lions have driven *him* away: first the king of Assyria hath devoured him; and last this Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon hath broken his bones. Jeremiah 50:17.

Notice that the verse above refers to two powers. The first one, Assyria, takes the northern tribes captive, followed by Babylon who takes the southern tribes captive for 70 years. Both of these nations typify Papal Rome at the end of the world. In the following quote, Sister White clearly ties the two together when referring to the Sunday Law crisis:

“An idol sabbath has been set up, as the golden image was set up in the plains of Dura. And as **Nebuchadnezzar**, the king of Babylon, issued a decree that all who would not bow down and worship this image should be killed, so a proclamation will be made that all who will not reverence the Sunday institution will be punished with imprisonment and death. Thus the Sabbath of the Lord is trampled underfoot. But the Lord has declared, “Woe unto them that decree unrighteous decrees, and write grievousness which

they have prescribed” [**Isaiah 10:1**]. [Zephaniah 1:14-18; 2:1-3, quoted.]” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 14, 91.

Sister White also likens the 70 year captivity in Babylon to the 1260 years of Papal oppression:

“God’s church on earth was as verily in captivity during this long period of relentless persecution as were the children of Israel held captive in Babylon during the period of the exile.” *Prophets and Kings*, 714.

Therefore, Joel is prophesying to us who live at the end of the world about the papacy (represented by both these nations). Manasseh was captured by Assyria, but Judah was eventually destroyed by Babylon. The prophet is speaking to Seventh-day Adventists (Jerusalem), asking them the question, “Hath this been in your days, or even in the days of your fathers?”

In order to understand the sins that our fathers committed, and to ensure that we do not repeat them, we need to understand what Joel means when he says “hath this.” Therefore, we need to understand what “this” is.

From verse three, we know that this message was to be passed down to the fourth generation by the first generation:

Tell ye your children of it, and *let* your children *tell* their children, and their children another generation. Joel 1:3.

We also understand that this—the fourth generation—is as far as the Lord allows His probationary time to extend. During this time, we receive the warning against repeating the same sins that our fathers committed, and afterwards (if we do not obey) the same judgments will come upon us that came upon our fathers.

The LORD *is* longsuffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and by no means clearing *the guilty*, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children **unto the third and fourth generation**. Numbers



14:18.

When we go on to read verse four, we understand that the “this” that Joel is referring to is a nation (verse six) represented by four insects (verse four), which I am saying demonstrates a progressive set of judgments upon these four generations in Adventism. They are understood to be paralleled in the time of the Millerites—the fathers of Adventism.

We have previously read that the Assyrians who came against the northern tribes were “a direct judgment from Heaven”. In the book of Joel, we also read that this nation, prefigured by Assyria and Babylon, was likewise sent by God, confirming a progressive set of judgments upon God’s people.

And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you. Joel 2:25.

Rule XII of Miller’s rules of interpretation states: “God takes care that history and prophecy doth agree, so that the true, believing children of God may never be ashamed.” Therefore, since history and prophecy both agree that Rome is the nation and army in question (represented by these four insects), we need to look back into Millerite history to understand how Rome affected and influenced the majority of God’s people to reject Him on October 22, 1844.

An important part of comprehending this progressive fourfold judgment is to come to an understanding that the number four, illustrated in Joel by these four insects which are set against four generations, is linked to the scattering.

Then lifted I up mine eyes, and saw, and behold four horns. And I said unto the angel that talked with me, What *be* these? And he answered me, These *are* the horns which have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem. Zechariah 1:18, 19.

We have come to understand that the scattering is directly linked to the 2520.

And I will scatter you among the heathen, and will draw out a sword after you: and your land shall be desolate, and your cities waste. Leviticus 26:33.

Since 723 B.C. marks the date of the first 2520-year prophecy (which was brought upon the northern tribes), this should inform students of prophecy that Joel is directing our thoughts to the final scattering of God’s people that will take place at the soon-coming Sunday Law. Let us now recap what we have discussed:

At this point we have read and can recognize that the prophet Joel at the end of the world is preaching to the first generation of Adventism that came after the fall of those Protestants who, on October 22, 1844, were left praying to the throne of Satan (*Early Writings*, 55, 56). This was a result of the work of the four insects that represent Rome’s work in bringing upon them a fourfold judgment which culminated with the unfaithful being scattered on October 22, 1844. The specifics of that work by Rome through these four insects upon the Protestants, which led up to 1844, will be covered more fully in our next article.

We have also arrived to the conclusion that each generation was to pass this message down to the next generation until it reached the fourth and last generation at the end of the world, whereupon every type in the Bible will be fulfilled. Since all the prophets are speaking about the end of the world, we can also take into consideration that Ezekiel 8 shows four abominations that lead to God’s people worshipping the sun at the Sunday Law. As students of prophecy, we should rightly make the connection that these four abominations have something in common with the work of the four insects. These two illustrations of the number four are, in fact, one truth that is to be pieced together line upon line.

Let us now consider the four abominations in Ezekiel 8. The first abomination is pointing us to the root of all sin that sits within the depths of each of our hearts—a sin which can only be truly understood under the bright light of inspiration.



Then said he unto me, Son of man, lift up thine eyes now the way toward the north. So I lifted up mine eyes the way toward the north, and behold northward at the gate of the altar this **image of jealousy** in the entry. Ezekiel 8:5.

It was Lucifer's jealousy towards Christ that led him to nourish his pride. Surely the jealousy in our hearts will lead us to likewise reject our Savior.

“The heavenly councils pleaded with Lucifer. The Son of God presented before him the greatness, the goodness, and the justice of the Creator, and the sacred, unchanging nature of His law. God Himself had established the order of heaven; and in departing from it, Lucifer would dishonor his Maker, and bring ruin upon himself. But the warning, given in infinite love and mercy, only aroused a spirit of resistance. Lucifer allowed jealousy of Christ to prevail, and he became the more determined. Pride in his own glory nourished the desire for supremacy.” *The Great Controversy*, 495–496.

The words above are warning us that if we do not recognize this evil in ourselves, we will manifest the next step in rebellion against God:

“None are farther from the kingdom of Heaven than self-righteous formalists, filled with pride at their own attainments, while they are wholly destitute of the spirit of Christ; while envy, jealousy, or love of praise and popularity controls them. They belong to the same class that John addressed as a generation of vipers, children of the wicked one. They serve the cause of Satan more effectively than the vilest profligate; for the latter does not disguise his true character; he appears what he is.” *Signs of the Times*, January 11, 1883.

Not based upon time, but rather based upon an understanding of these four abominations found in Ezekiel, we can ascertain the four generations of Adventism that lead down to our time. The first generation from 1844-1888 did not crucify this evil of jealousy, but rather allowed it to nourish itself

amongst their hearts.

“Warnings have been given me that the publishing house upon the Pacific coast should not, in thought, word, or deed, depreciate the office at Battle Creek, neither should the publishing house at Battle Creek look with envy and jealousy upon the instrumentalities the Lord has established upon the Pacific Coast. Plans should be carefully considered in Battle Creek, that they may in no case militate against the work in Oakland. But the image of jealousy was long ago set up, and has provoked to jealousy, which has grieved the Spirit of God.” *Pamphlets 150*, 21.

It is fitting that in this time period, the jealousy of our fathers—which is a counterfeit of God's true protective jealousy towards His people—manifested itself in the publishment of the 1863 chart, thus marking the beginning of the scattering of Miller's jewels.

The next abomination comes about as a result of not heeding the warnings to crucify the pride and jealousy in our stony hearts:

And he said unto me, Go in, and behold the wicked abominations that they do here. So I went in and saw; and behold every form of creeping things, and abominable beasts, and all the idols of the house of Israel, pourtrayed upon the wall round about. And there stood before them seventy men of the ancients of the house of Israel, and in the midst of them stood Jaazaniah the son of Shaphan, with every man his censer in his hand; and a thick cloud of incense went up. Then said he unto me, Son of man, **hast thou seen what the ancients of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in the chambers of his imagery?** for they say, The LORD seeth us not; the LORD hath forsaken the earth. Ezekiel 8:9-12.

This is clearly a depiction of some form of spiritualistic worship. Since it represents something figurative at the end of the world, it is imperative that we understand what it

means for us.

“Spiritualism is about to take the world captive. There are many who think that Spiritualism is upheld through trickery and imposture, but this is far from the truth. Superhuman power is working in a variety of ways, and few have any idea as to what will be the manifestations of Spiritualism in the future. The foundation for the success of Spiritualism has been laid in the assertions that have been made from the pulpits of our land. The ministers have proclaimed as Bible doctrines falsehoods that have originated with the arch deceiver.” *Evangelism*, 602.

“When Satan has undermined faith in the Bible, he directs men to other sources for light and power. Thus he insinuates himself. Those who turn from the plain teaching of Scripture and the convicting power of God’s Holy Spirit, are inviting the control of demons. Criticism and speculation concerning the Scriptures have opened the way for Spiritualism and Theosophy--those modernized forms of ancient heathenism--to gain a foothold even in the professed churches of our Lord Jesus Christ.” *Evangelism*, 591.

In reference to this passage from Ezekiel concerning the words of Christ, “the chambers of his imagery,” there is a warning given to those who would claim to be the anointed ones at the end of time, while in reality they are false prophets.

Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here *is* Christ, or there; believe *it* not. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if *it were* possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Behold, I have told you before. Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, *he is* in the secret chambers; believe *it* not. Matthew 24:23-26.

The second generation of Adventism (1888-1919) likewise did not heed the message of Joel, but instead exalted their opinions above the Word of

the Lord. In so doing, they rejected the messages of Jones and Waggoner who had been sent by the Lord with the true latter rain message.

“The Lord in His great mercy sent a most precious message to His people through Elders Waggoner and Jones.” *Testimonies to Ministers*, 91.

This led to the rejection of the Spirit of Prophecy and the introduction of the many modern false Bibles that we have in Adventism today:

“Both in the [Battle Creek] Tabernacle and in the college the subject of inspiration has been taught, and **finite men have taken it upon themselves to say that some things in the Scriptures were inspired and some were not.** I was shown that the Lord did not inspire the articles on inspiration published in the Review, neither did He approve their endorsement before our youth in the college. When men venture to criticize the Word of God, they venture on sacred, holy ground, and had better fear and tremble and hide their wisdom as foolishness. God sets no man to pronounce judgment on His Word, selecting some things as inspired and discrediting others as uninspired. The testimonies have been treated in the same way; but God is not in this.--Letter 22, **1889.**” *Selected Messages*, book 1, 23.

Brothers and Sisters, this should make us fear and tremble. If it does not, let us consider the next abomination the Lord has revealed to us; perhaps maybe it will help us to see the reality of our current situation.

Then he brought me to the door of the gate of the Lord’s house which *was* toward the north; and, behold, there sat women **weeping for Tammuz.** Ezekiel 8:14.

To understand this, we will borrow from an author who is very familiar with ancient pagan rites and ceremonies:

“The weeping ceremony was connected with agricultural rites. Corn deities were weeping deities, they shed fertilizing tears; and the sowers simulated

the sorrow of divine mourners when they cast seed in the soil 'to die', so that it might spring up as corn. This ancient custom, like many others, contributed to the poetic imagery of the Bible. 'They that sow in tears', David sang, 'shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.' In Egypt the priestesses who acted the parts of Isis and Nephtys, mourned for the slain corn god Osiris." *Myths of Babylonia and Assyria*, Donald A. MacKenzie, 1915, 83.

Though I may not agree with his theology, it is clear that from this excerpt we are able to see that the weeping of Tammuz symbolizes a false rain god, representing a counterfeit message that will be given by those who do not heed the warnings presented by the prophet, Joel.

In light of the controversy in this movement over the desire to public evangelize instead of tarrying at the feet of Jesus and allowing Him to perfect His holiness in us prior to evangelizing, this particular truth should cause us to sit up and pay attention.

One of the attributes of God is that he always allows the enemy to bring forth a counterfeit truth before the actual truth. Since the third prophetic generation of Adventism (1919-1989), Satan has been doing a great counterfeit work to ensure that God's people are unable to receive the latter rain when it comes. Since the 1919 Bible Conference where The Doctrine of Christ was introduced by W.W. Prescott, Adventism has slowly removed the prophetic message and replaced it with a false Christ who only loves and forgives—a Christ that does not judge or punish iniquity. In order to go along with this false system of beliefs, our whole doctrinal understanding had to be changed.

In 1957, the book *Questions on Doctrine* was introduced, and it fulfilled the following statement found in the Spirit of Prophecy:

“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.**” *Selected Messages*, book 1, 204.

Since 1989, when the first angel arrived back on the scene and began to sound a worldwide warning to Seventh-day Adventists of the impending Sunday Law crisis, the four insects of Joel (the theological abominations of Rome) have accomplished, and are again accomplishing, the destruction of many souls within God's remnant church.

We must arouse! The Lord who knows the end from the beginning has brought forth a precious message of warning to save us from the impending peril of failing to obtain the latter rain and be cut off for eternity. I pray that this will reignite a desire to seek the Lord while He may still be found, and will ensure that we repent of the sins that caused our forefathers to fall, as their destructive nature has continued into our time. In an upcoming edition, I will explain and unfold the four insects by showing how they relate to these four abominations, and the impact they have upon the fourth and last generation in history. I will also explain their relation to the seven times of Leviticus 26. Once this has been examined, we will begin to uncover the meaning behind the number four in Bible prophecy.