

AN OVERWHELMING SURPRISE

BOOK 26



Final Events of Earth's History

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Purpose of the Book

This book traces the final events that will soon move from prophecy into reality: the final warnings to the world, the gathering storm of the last conflict, the time of trouble, the deliverance of God's people, and the glorious return of Christ.

The pages are presented in chronological order. Though some of these developments will overlap in their progression, each has a clear beginning within the prophetic timeline. When arranged in their proper sequence, they reveal the unfolding story of the final movements of history.

The day of the Lord will come suddenly, unexpectedly.

Let no one feel that he is secure from the danger of being surprised

God's people are called to act in faith and obedience, discerning the signs of the times and preparing beforehand for the approaching crisis.

An Overwhelming Surprise Is Coming

"The great day of the LORD is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly, even the voice of the day of the LORD: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly." (Zephaniah 1:14).

The earth, which has been the home of humanity for nearly 6000 years, is fast approaching its final end. And we, who are now living will witness its closing scenes and its ultimate destruction. The closing drama of earth's history will not belong to a distant generation—it will unfold before our very eyes.

The wicked who are now alive will fall under the judgments of God. They will not escape. Neither will they be mourned, nor buried (Jeremiah 25:33), for the earth will be utterly depopulated and left desolate. And their dead bodies will lie scattered across its surface for a 1000 years, until the wicked are raised again to face their final judgment — the second death.

Yet not all will perish. A remnant will remain alive and will not taste death. They will not fall with the wicked. They will stand through the final great crisis, and at the appointed moment, their long-awaited hope will burst into a beautiful reality. For in a moment—in the twinkling of an eye—they will be changed (1 Thessalonians 4:17). Soon, their long-awaited hope will become reality. They will behold Jesus — the King of kings, descending in glory, accompanied by ten thousand times ten thousand angels, to claim His own.

Soon the earth will tremble under a final and mighty conflict. A time of trouble such as never was since the earth began will burst upon humanity. And the last seven plagues will begin to fall. And in that moment, the faithful will be taken—snatched from a doomed world—into the everlasting joy of the heavenly kingdom.

This is not imagination.

This is not distant prophecy.

This is what is coming.

And will soon break upon the world as an overwhelming surprise.

On the Brink of the Greatest Crisis

Prophecy Foretold

“Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.” (Isaiah 13:9).

Prophecy has foretold the closing scenes of earth’s history. We are living on the edge of final historical events that will shake the world with a force scarcely imagined. A time of trouble such as never was is rapidly approaching, and perplexities that few have even dreamed of are soon to break upon the inhabitants of the earth. For the world, the closing scenes of earth’s history will come as an overwhelming surprise. But for those who heed the prophetic word, they will unfold exactly as God has revealed.

The Scriptures reveal that angels are holding in check the winds of strife and destruction, preventing the full outbreak of global conflict until the world has been warned. But not for long. Even now, the final events are aligning. But the calm is temporary. A storm is gathering, ready to burst open upon the earth. When it breaks, the world will be plunged into a time of trouble such as never was. When God will command His angels to release those winds, a scene of strife will unfold so terrible that no pen can fully portray it.

While the world moves toward this crisis, many voices are proclaiming confidence and security. church ministers and Leaders are still assuring their people that peace and stability will continue. Yet the prophetic word warns that the coming of Christ will surprise those who trust in such assurances. While they are saying “Peace and safety,” the final crisis will suddenly break upon the world.

God, however, has not left humanity in darkness. The Lord has revealed beforehand the events that must take place before the return of Christ. Through the Scriptures, the closing scenes of earth’s history have been clearly outlined so that those who study them may understand what lies ahead.

The Final Earth Conflict Will be Between Truth and Error

“And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time” (Daniel 12-1)

The world's transgression has almost reached its limit. Confusion fills the world, and a great terror is soon to come upon human beings. The end is very near. God's people should be preparing for what is to break upon the world as an overwhelming surprise.

The “time of trouble, such as never was,” is soon to open upon us; and we shall need an experience which we do not now possess and which many are too indolent to obtain. It is often the case that trouble is greater in anticipation than in reality; but this is not true of the crisis before us. The most vivid presentation cannot reach the magnitude of the ordeal. In that time of trial, every soul must stand for himself before God. “Though Noah, Daniel, and Job” were in the land, “as I live, saith the Lord God, they shall deliver neither son nor daughter; they shall but deliver their own souls by their righteousness.”

The last great conflict between truth and error is but the final struggle of the long-standing controversy concerning the law of God. Upon this battle we are now entering—a battle between the laws of men and the precepts of Jehovah, between the religion of the Bible and the religion of fable and tradition. We should study the great waymarks that point out the times in which we are living.

Those who place themselves under God's control, to be led and guided by Him, will catch the steady tread of the events ordained by Him to take place. Inspired with the Spirit of Him who gave His life for the life of the world, they will no longer stand still in impotency, pointing to what they cannot do. Putting on the armor of heaven, they will go forth to the warfare, willing to do and dare for God, knowing that His omnipotence will supply their need.

We should now pray most earnestly that we may be prepared for the struggles of the great day of God's preparation.

The Day of the Lord will come suddenly, unexpectedly

“The day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; **then sudden destruction cometh upon them**, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.”

(1 Thessalonians 5:2-3)

The Day of the Lord will come suddenly and unexpectedly, and multitudes will be taken unawares and entirely unprepared. Though the signs of the times are steadily fulfilling, the final crisis does not appear to the majority as immediate or imminent. Life continues in its ordinary course—the sun shines, human activity proceeds as usual, and society appears outwardly stable. Yet beneath this apparent normalcy, the decisive moment is rapidly approaching.

While many look forward to long periods of peace and prosperity, the reality is entirely different. At the very time when confidence in human progress and security is strongest—when people are saying, “peace and safety”—sudden destruction will come upon them. The crisis does not announce itself with advance warning to those who are spiritually indifferent; it will break in upon them like a thief, leaving no opportunity for last-minute preparation.

The danger in this unfolding scenario lies not in lack of information, but in false security. Many feel safe because of outward religious profession, intellectual confidence, or material prosperity. Some believe they have ample time to prepare, while others assume the warnings do not apply to them personally. Yet this sense of security proves to be one of the greatest deceptions. No one is safe from being surprised unless they are spiritually awake and prepared.

Let no one feel that he is secure from the danger of being surprised. The final events will test every individual. None but those who have fortified their mind with the truths of the Bible will stand through the last great conflict. This preparation should not be superficial or last-minute—it involves fortifying the mind with the truths of Scripture so deeply that faith cannot be shaken by fear, deception, or sudden crisis. Those who rely on assumptions, feelings, or external associations rather than a personal grounding in truth will find themselves unready when the moment arrives.

A solemn warning stands against spiritual complacency. Many consider themselves spiritually rich and in need of nothing, yet remain unaware of their true condition. This self-deception leaves them exposed to the suddenness of the crisis. The call is therefore urgent and personal: to be watchful, to examine one’s condition, and to ensure readiness before the final events fully unfold.

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3 Years, 8 Months, 15 Days

1000 years


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Before reading this book, please refer to **BOOK 25** that presents the chronological order of the final prophetic events of earth's history. It traces **145 distinct events** exactly as they will unfold according to the prophetic record.

CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER OF FINAL PROPHETIC EVENTS

BOOK 25

SEQUENCE OF END TIME EVENTS SOON TO UNFOLD



DURATION
3 YEARS, 8 MONTHS, 15 DAYS

Starting point: U.S.A National Sunday Law

Ending point: Second Coming of Christ

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PHASE 1

USA Sunday
Law

Close of
probation

1. **USA National Sunday law** (Trigger of end of the world clock)
2. Final sign for God's people to free from the cities
3. Global Sunday laws passed
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5. Parthenon in Nashville, Tennessee city destroyed by fire balls
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7. Enforcement of Sunday observance worldwide
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11. Satan intensifies deceptions (False miracles)
12. Spirits of dead people appear in dreams to deceive
13. Mark of the beast enforced world wide (no buy, no sell)
14. Righteous sealed, sinner receive the mark
15. **Close of probation** (silently and unnoticed) for every living person

USA Passes National Sunday Law

“When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:” (Matthew 24:15-16)

When the United States of America—a nation that has long been favored with great religious liberty—will begin to restrict that freedom, a decisive prophetic turning point will occur. The nation that once upheld Protestant principles and republican ideals will gradually turn away from them.

This crisis will be manifested through a legislative act: the passing of a National Sunday Law. In this decree, the United States—acting as a secular power—will unite with influential Protestant churches, — the religious powers of the nation — to enforce the observance of the first day of the week as the National Day of Rest and Worship. Such legislation will exalt the false Sunday sabbath above the true Bible Sabbath established by God. By enforcing this institution of the papacy in direct opposition to the law of God, the nation will fully disconnect itself from righteousness. At that time their measure of guilt will be complete. In heaven this act will be recorded as national apostasy, and the inevitable result will be national ruin.

At this moment, a remarkable alliance will form. Protestantism will stretch its hand across the gulf to grasp the hand of the Roman catholic power, and it will also reach across the abyss to clasp hands with spiritualism. Through this threefold union—Apostate Protestantism, Roman Catholicism, and spiritualism—the United States will renounce the very principles upon which its Constitution was founded as a Protestant and republican government.

This union of secular authority and religious power—the enforcement of Sunday observance through national law—constitutes what is described in the Bible as the “abomination of desolation.” It represents the moment when civil legislation is used to exalt human tradition above the commandments of God. When these events take place, it will signal that Satan is working with extraordinary power in the affairs of the world. At that point, the prophetic clock marking the final events of earth’s history will have begun its final countdown, and it will be clear that the end is near.

This event will trigger the final prophetic clock described in
Daniel 12: 7-13 and Revelation 13:5

Sunday Laws Passed Globally

(Nations of the world will Follow America's Lead)

“And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.”... “And he causeth all, both small and great... to receive a **mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads**, That no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark” (Revelation 13:15-16)

After the initial enforcement of Sunday observance, the decree will eventually extend beyond USA and spread throughout the entire world. Sunday—the first day of the week, a common working day possessing no divine sanctity—will be exalted by human authority as a sacred day of rest and worship. Through legislative action, nations will command people to honor this spurious sabbath. In doing so, human law and traditions will be placed above the law of God. Yet from the beginning of creation, God rested on the seventh day, sanctified it, and set it apart as holy, establishing it as the Sabbath for His people throughout their generations. The enforcement of Sunday observance will therefore stand in direct opposition to the Sabbath of God's creation and will constitute an effort to make void the law of God..

As this movement spreads, Sunday legislation will be enacted in the legislative councils of nations across the world. Governments will attempt to bind the consciences of people in matters of religion by enforcing Sunday observance and applying oppressive pressure against those who remain faithful to the seventh-day Sabbath. Religious and secular authorities will unite in this effort, placing the principles of the papacy under the protection and authority of the state.

Through this union of church and state, the whole Christian world will be drawn into the crisis. The prophetic warning that Babylon makes all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication will be fulfilled, as nations and churches unite in setting aside the law of God. As a result, Christendom will be divided into two distinct classes. One group, by accepting Sunday observance as the sign of submission to earthly authority, will receive the mark of the beast. The other group, by remaining loyal to God's commandments and honoring the seventh-day Sabbath, will receive the seal of God, the token of allegiance to divine authority.

In this crisis, history will repeat the experience of ancient Babylon. Just as a golden image was erected and all people were commanded to worship it, so Sunday observance will be established and enforced throughout the world as a system of false worship. The decree compelling its observance will go forth to all nations, peoples, and languages. This represents an effort to undermine the memorial of creation—the Sabbath instituted by God—and to substitute in its place a day established by human authority.

Sunday law will be the Sign to Flee From the Cities

When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains. (Matthew 24:15, 16).

The enforcement of the false Sunday sabbath will stand as a solemn signal to God's people that the final conflict has begun, calling them to separate from the cities and seek refuge in quiet and secluded places as they prepare to pass through the closing scenes of earth's history. The enforcement of Sunday observance—the institution of the papacy will be set up in direct violation of the law of God. When this decree is established, it will signify that the limit of God's forbearance has been reached, that the measure of the world's iniquity is full, and that the angel of mercy is about to take her flight, never to return.

Christ Himself pointed to such a warning when He said: *"When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place... then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains"* (Matthew 24:15–16). Just as the siege of Jerusalem by the Roman armies became the signal for early Christians to flee the city before its destruction, so the enforcement of the false sabbath will be the sign for God's faithful people to leave the large cities. They will prepare to move from the large cities to smaller towns and eventually to retired homes in secluded places among the mountains.

The time is therefore near when God's people, like the early disciples, will be compelled to seek refuge in desolate and solitary places. As decrees against commandment keepers spread and the protection of civil authority is withdrawn, those who remain faithful to God's law will face severe persecution. Many will be imprisoned, many will be forced to flee for their lives from cities and towns, and some will become martyrs for Christ's sake while standing in defense of the truth. In such circumstances, believers will gather in small companies and find refuge in remote and mountainous regions where they can escape the hostility directed against them.

Because of the coming turmoil, preparation must take place before the crisis fully unfolds. When strife, confusion, and persecution intensify within the cities, it will become extremely difficult for people to leave them. Those who delay until the moment of crisis may find themselves trapped amid the conflict. The destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70 provides an important lesson: not one Christian perished in that catastrophe because they watched for the promised sign and fled when the warning appeared. In the same way, those who discern the prophetic signs today will not remain in the cities when the final crisis arrives.

Preliminary Judgments Will Start Falling in Cities

“I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place was a wilderness,
and all the cities thereof were broken down...” (Jeremiah 4:26–27)

The world is in a solemn phase of preliminary judgments, in which God will allow calamities to fall upon the earth—especially upon the great cities—as a final warning that His judgments are about to be fully revealed. These events will not yet be the final outpouring of wrath, but they will be clear, increasing signals that the time of trouble is at hand and rapidly approaching its climax.

The judgments of God will begin to be seen more distinctly in the earth. Wars and rumors of wars will intensify, and destruction by fire and flood will multiply, declaring unmistakably that the closing scenes of earth’s history are imminent. The restraining hand of God will be gradually withdrawn, and as a result, violence, crime, and destruction will increase in every direction. Human beings, under satanic influence, will use their knowledge and inventions for harm, bringing suffering and death on an unprecedented scale.

The cities, in particular, will become the focal point of these judgments. Thousands of cities—already given over to corruption, idolatry, and moral decay—will face impending destruction. Large urban centers will be struck by devastating disasters, including fires, floods, earthquakes, pestilences, and social upheaval. Property and life will be swept away, and no earthly position or human protection will guarantee safety.

These calamities will come both through natural forces and human conflict. The waters of the deep will overflow their boundaries, flames will consume buildings, and the stability of society will collapse into confusion, violence, and social unrest. The world will witness a steady escalation of disasters that will not subside but will continue to increase until the return of Christ.

Yet these preliminary judgments—occurring now, before the close of probation—are partial, progressive, and increasing in intensity, forming a warning phase still mingled with mercy. These calamities are not yet the final destruction, but are divinely permitted signals—solemn warnings to the world—that the full wrath of God is near to be poured out. Each calamity testify that God is calling the world to awaken, to recognize that the end is near, that probation is closing, and that the coming of Christ is very near at hand.

Nashville city, Tennessee, in the USA Will be the first city to be destroyed by fireballs

For, behold, the LORD will come with fire,...For by fire and by his sword will the LORD plead with all flesh: and the slain of the lord shall be many” (Isaiah 66:15-16)



Nashville, Tennessee city, where Parthenon building is located. Soon, preliminary judgements, inform of fireballs from the sky, will fall in this city, as a warning to the world that the wrath of God is near.



The Nashville Parthenon building is a full-scale replica of the original temple in Athens, Greece. This building will be the very first to be destroyed by immense fireballs which will fall from heaven.

The goddess housed in the Nashville Parthenon is the **goddess Athena Parthenos**, A 42-foot-tall full-scale replica of the ancient Athenian statue of the Greek goddess of wisdom, craft, and war. She is holding Nike (goddess of victory) in her right hand. The goddess is depicted in full armor as a guardian of the city.



goddess Athena, inside the Parthenon building, Nashville city

“The same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.”

(Luke 17:29-30)

In Greek mythology, Athena is the goddess of wisdom and the useful art, and **the protector of cities**.

This so called “**protector of cities**” will be the First idol to be Destroyed by Immense Fireballs falling from the Sky

Nashville city judgements will be the first warning for the rest of the world cities.



Destruction of Cities

Judgement for the rest of the world cities

In the very near future, the world will enter a phase of escalating judgments in which cities—centers of human pride, wealth, and concentration of population—will increasingly become the focal points of sudden and overwhelming destruction. These events will not occur randomly, nor will they be isolated incidents; rather, they will unfold as part of a divinely permitted warning phase, signaling that the end of all things is rapidly approaching.

Large cities in particular will soon face sweeping destruction. cities will experience violent disruptions through explosions, earthquakes, and structural collapse. Magnificent structures, built at great expense and admired for their architectural beauty, will not stand; and populations will flee in panic. These events will not diminish but will increase in frequency and intensity. Disasters by land and sea—fires, floods, earthquakes, storms, and acts of violence—will follow one another in rapid succession, revealing that a restraining power that once held destruction in check is being progressively withdrawn.

At the same time, calamities such as fires, floods, pestilences, wars, and social upheaval will intensify across the world. These will not yet constitute the final outpouring of divine wrath, but rather a preliminary phase—partial, increasing, and mingled with mercy. Their purpose will be unmistakable: to awaken the inhabitants of the earth, to call attention to the nearness of Christ's coming, and to urge preparation before probation closes.

These destruction will not remain localized. What will begin in Nashville city will expand globally, forming a pattern of escalating calamity. Hurricanes, tempests, fires, floods, and disasters will occur in quick succession across nations, producing a level of distress that no human solution will be able to remedy. Society will become increasingly unstable, and no place—however secure it may appear—will offer true safety apart from divine protection.

In this unfolding crisis, it will become clear that these events are not accidental. They will be permitted as warnings from God, intended to reveal the fragility of human systems and the urgency of repentance. The message accompanying these events will be clear and urgent: the end is near, Christ's coming is imminent, and the time to prepare is now.

The judgments upon men, prior to the close of probation, will be mixed with mercy. However, when the last plagues will be poured out, they will be the most terrible, as they will be unmingled with mercy.

Image of the Beast Set Up World wide

“[He] deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that **they should make an image to the beast** which had the wound by a sword, and did live.” And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. (Revelation 13:14)

The image of the beast will be formed before probation closes; for it is to be the great test for the people of God, by which their eternal destiny will be decided. In the final crisis of earth’s history, a global religious–political alliance will emerge that Scripture describes as the “image of the beast.” This development will occur when Protestant churches around the world will unite upon doctrines they hold in common and will use their influence to persuade civil governments to enforce their religious decrees. Thus, by enforcing religious duties through civil legislation—especially the observance of Sunday—the Protestant churches will form an image to the beast.

The essence of the image of the beast will lie in the union of church and state for the enforcement of religious observance. The papal system once exercised this power by controlling the conscience through civil authority and imposing penalties upon dissenters, and Protestantism will mirror this structure when it appeals to governments to enforce its doctrines.

As this movement will spread across the world, the so-called Christian nations will become the theater of decisive events. Governments will enact laws regulating matters of worship and controlling the conscience, following the example set by the papacy. By using state authority to sustain the observance of Sunday, these nations will effectively enforce the worship of the papacy that established it. This process will mark a profound religious departure, leading to a universal apostasy in which church and state will unite to elevate human tradition above the law of God.

Prophecy also point to a broader alliance that will strengthen this system. Protestantism will stretch across the gulf to grasp the hand of the Roman power, and it will also reach across the abyss to clasp hands with spiritualism. Under the influence of this threefold union, the principles of civil and religious liberty will be increasingly set aside, and provision will be made for the propagation of teachings that support papal authority. Through this alliance, the enforcement of Sunday worship laws will gain widespread acceptance, and the image of the beast will be established on a worldwide scale.

This is the test that the people of God must have before they are sealed. All who prove their loyalty to God by observing His law, and refusing to accept a false sabbath, will rank under the banner of the Lord God Jehovah, and will receive the seal of the living God.

Vicegerent of Satan on Earth (Papacy) Start to Reign for 3 and half years

“They worshiped **the beast**, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him? And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to **continue forty and two months.**” (Revelation 13:5)

The Scriptures foretells that papacy is to regain its lost supremacy, and that the fires of persecution will be rekindled. Prophecy reveal that the papal system will stand as **the earthly representative—or vicegerent—of Satan** in the final conflict between truth and error. For 3.5 years, Papacy will exercise authority over peoples, nations, languages, and kingdoms, and the majority of the world will submit to this system—except those whose names are written in the Lamb’s book of life.

According to the prophecy of Revelation 13, the power symbolized by the beast (papacy) will receive authority from the dragon (satan) and will exercise influence over the nations of the earth. The prophecy declare that “*the earth and them which dwell therein*” will be caused to worship the papacy, recognizing its authority. This prophecy will be fulfilled when the United States shall enforce Sunday observance, which Rome claims as the special acknowledgment of her supremacy

In the closing scenes of earth’s history, Satan will intensify his deceptions. He will appear as an angel of light, displaying great power and heavenly glory, and will claim authority over the whole earth. In this deception, he will assert that the Sabbath has been changed from the seventh day to the first day of the week. Presenting himself as the lord of the first day, he will declare Sunday to be the test of loyalty, thus exalting the false sabbath above the day established by God at creation.

Through this deception, the final fulfillment of the prophecy in Revelation 13:4–8 will take place. The world will give allegiance to the papacy that receives its power from the dragon, and people will marvel at its authority, saying, “*Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?*” This power will speak great words and blasphemies against God, will oppose His name and His heavenly sanctuary, and will wage war against those who remain faithful to Him.

Thus, in the final crisis, the papal system will stand as the visible earthly authority through which Satan will seek to secure universal allegiance, elevating human authority above the commandments of God and directing the worship of the world toward a counterfeit system of religion.

Mark of the Beast

Enforced World Wide

“He causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads” (Revelation 13:16)

The Mark of the Beast will be the worldwide **enforced observance** of **Sundaykeeping** — a false sabbath established by the papacy — received by belief or enforced obedience through Sunday religious laws.

When Sunday observance shall be enforced by law, and the world shall be enlightened concerning the obligation of the true Sabbath (4th command), then whoever shall transgress the command of God, to obey a precept which has no God’s authority but that of Rome authority, will thereby honor papacy above God. He is worshiping the beast and his image. He is paying worship to Rome and to the power which enforces the false human tradition ordained by Rome. He is worshiping the beast and his image.

As people then knowingly reject the 4th Sabbath commandment which God has declared to be the sign of His authority, and honor in its stead Sunday which Rome has chosen as the mark of her authority, they will thereby accept **the mark of the beast** (sign of allegiance to Rome). And it is not until the issue is thus plainly set before the people, and they are brought to choose between the commandments of God and the commandments of men, that those who continue in transgression will receive “the mark of the beast.”

In the issue of the contest all Christendom will be divided into two great classes—those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, and those who worship the beast and his image and receive his mark. Although church and state will unite their power to compel “all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond” (Revelation 13:16), to receive “the mark of the beast,” yet the people of God will not receive it. The prophet of Patmos beholds “them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God” and singing the song of Moses and the Lamb. (Revelation 15:2, 3).

**The Image of the Beast (which is church united with governments)
will Enforce Sunday observance worldwide**

Those without mark of the Beast Will be forbidden to Buy or Sell

“And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.” (Revelation 13:17)

In the last great conflict of the controversy with Satan those who are loyal to God will see every earthly support cut off. Because they refuse to break His law in obedience to earthly powers, they will be forbidden to buy or sell. The time is coming when the people of God will not be able to buy or sell at any price. The decree will soon go forth prohibiting men to buy or sell of any man save him that hath the mark of the beast.

False Sunday-sabbath will be set up as was the image of Babylon, and everybody in the world will be forced to keep the first day of the week, a human made day. Church and state will unite to persecute those who keep the commandments of God. Those who will yield to worshipping on Sunday will be permitted to buy and sell. But those who will dare to refuse to keeping Sunday as a holy day will be denied to buy or sell. Religious powers, claiming to have the characteristics of a lamb, will show by their acts that they have the heart of a dragon and that they are instigated and controlled by Satan. The time is coming when God's people will feel the hand of persecution because they keep holy the seventh day.

Make haste to dig out your buried talents. If God has intrusted you with money, show yourselves faithful to your trust; unwrap your napkin, and send your talents to the exchangers, that when Christ shall come, He may receive His own with interest. In the last extremity, before this work shall close, thousands will be cheerfully laid upon the altar. Men and women will feel it a blessed privilege to share in the work of preparing souls to stand in the great day of God, and they will give hundreds as readily as dollars are given now.

If the love of Christ were burning in the hearts of His professed people, we would see the same spirit manifested today. Did they but realize how near is the end of all work for the salvation of souls, they would sacrifice their possessions as freely as did the members of the early church. They would work for the advancement of God's cause as earnestly as worldly men labor to acquire riches. Tact and skill would be exercised, and earnest and unselfish labor.

The Loud Cry

of Revelation 18

“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....Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.”

(Revelation 18:2, 4)

In the closing work of the gospel, a powerful movement known as the Loud Cry will arise, fulfilling the prophecy of Revelation 18. During this time another angel will come down from heaven with great power, and the earth will be lightened with the glory of God. This will mark the final worldwide proclamation of God’s warning message before the close of probation.

This message will join and strengthen the Third Angel’s Message, just as the midnight cry strengthened the second angel’s message during the Millerite movement. It will not replace the earlier warnings but will give them greater power and clarity, exposing the full corruption of Babylon and calling God’s people to separate from it. As the Loud Cry spreads, God’s servants will proclaim the message with deep spiritual conviction. Thousands of voices across the world will carry the warning to every nation and people. The proclamation will be accompanied by manifestations of divine power, with miracles and signs confirming the presence of God’s Spirit in the final proclamation of truth.

At the same time, the sins of Babylon will be openly revealed. The religious systems that have rejected God’s commandments and embraced false teachings will be exposed before the world. A clear call will then go forth to God’s people still within these systems: “Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins” (Revelation 18:4). Many sincere believers who had not previously understood these truths will respond to the call.

The movement will spread rapidly as the Holy Spirit convicts hearts. The message will advance not merely through human argument but through the power of the Spirit of God, bringing to fruition truths that had previously been sown. During this time some who once professed faith will reject the message and oppose it, while God will raise up humble instruments to proclaim the final warning. Faithful believers from all walks of life—men, women, youth, and even children—will take part in the work.

As the Loud Cry reaches its climax, sincere believers from many churches will respond to the call and unite with God’s faithful people, completing the final gathering of the righteous before the close of probation.

The Message to be Proclaimed During the Loud Cry

BABYLON IS FALLEN, IS FALLEN, THAT GREAT CITY

1

First warning!



“FEAR GOD, AND GIVE GLORY TO HIM; for the hour of his judgment is come”. (Rev 14:7)

A warning that there is only one true God (and his Son) who are to be worshipped and feared. Judgment begun in 1844 (Dan 8:14) and will close soon

2

2nd warning!



“BABYLON IS FALLEN, IS FALLEN, THAT GREAT CITY, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication”. (Rev 18:4)

A warning that Babylon (Catholic + fallen protestant churches) are fallen because of the false doctrines

3

Third warning!



“IF ANY MAN WORSHIP THE BEAST AND HIS IMAGE, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God.” (Rev 14:7)

A warning to all people that whoever worship in these fallen churches will receive the mark of the beast. And the wrath of God shall fall on them.

4

Another angel!



“And I heard another voice from heaven saying, **“COME OUT OF HER, MY PEOPLE,** lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues”. (Rev 18:4)

God’s final warning that all God-fearing people should come out of fallen churches without delay lest they receive the last 7 plagues

Persecution of God's People (3.5 yrs of persecution)

“Ye shall be hated of all men for my name’s sake.” (Matthew 10:22)

“All that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.” (2 Timothy 3:12)

As Christ was hated without cause, so will His people be hated because they are obedient to the commandments of God. If He who was pure, holy, and undefiled, who did good and only good in our world, was treated as a base criminal and condemned to death, His disciples must expect but similar treatment, however faultless may be their life and blameless their character. And all who prove their loyalty by obedience to the law of Jehovah must be prepared to be arrested, to be brought before councils that have not for their standard the high and holy law of God.

As the movement for Sunday enforcement becomes more bold and decided, the law will be invoked against commandment keepers. They will be threatened with fines and imprisonment, and some will be offered positions of influence, and other rewards and advantages, as inducements to renounce their faith. But their steadfast answer will be: “Show us from the word of God our error.” ... Those who are arraigned before the courts make a strong vindication of the truth, and some who hear them are led to take their stand to keep all the commandments of God. Thus, light will be brought before thousands who otherwise would know nothing of these truths.

Careful obedience to the word of God will be treated as rebellion. Blinded by Satan, the parent will exercise harshness and severity toward the believing child; the master or mistress will oppress the commandment-keeping servant. Affection will be alienated; children will be disinherited and driven from home. The words of Paul will be literally fulfilled: “All that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.” 2 Timothy 3:12. As the defenders of truth refuse to honor the Sunday-sabbath, some of them will be thrust into prison, some will be exiled, some will be treated as slaves.

Those who will live during the last days of this earth’s history will know what it means to be persecuted for the truth’s sake. In the courts injustice will prevail. The judges will refuse to listen to the reasons of those who are loyal to the commandments of God, because they know that arguments in favor of the fourth commandment are unanswerable. They will say, “We have a law, and by our law he ought to die.” God’s law is nothing to them. “Our law” with them is supreme. Those who respect this human law will be favored, but those who will not bow to the idol sabbath will have no favors shown them.

Little Time of Trouble

Persecution by Protestants and Catholics

“Ye shall be hated of all men for my name’s sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.” (Matthew 10:22)

We shall have to go through terrible times. The persecutions of Protestants by Romanism, by which the religion of Jesus Christ was almost annihilated, will be more than rivaled when Protestantism and popery are combined. The commandment-keeping people of God ere long will be placed in a most trying position; but all those who have walked in the light, and diffused the light, will realize that God interposes in their behalf. When everything looks most forbidding, then the Lord will reveal His power to His faithful ones. The tyranny of Rome will be exercised, but Christ is our refuge.

In this time of persecution, the faith of the Lord’s servants will be tried. They have faithfully given the warning, looking to God and to His word alone. God’s Spirit, moving upon their hearts, has constrained them to speak.... Yet when the storm of opposition and reproach bursts upon them, some, overwhelmed with consternation, will be ready to exclaim: “Had we foreseen the consequences of our words, we would have held our peace.” They are hedged in with difficulties. Satan assails them with fierce temptations. The work which they have undertaken seems far beyond their ability to accomplish. They are threatened with destruction. The enthusiasm which animated them is gone; yet they cannot turn back. Then, feeling their utter helplessness, they flee to the Mighty One for strength.

In summer there is no noticeable difference between evergreens and other trees; but when the blasts of winter come, the evergreens remain unchanged, while other trees are stripped of their foliage. So the falsehearted professor may not now be distinguished from the real Christian, but the time is just upon us when the difference will be apparent. Let opposition arise, let bigotry and intolerance again bear sway, let persecution be kindled, and the halfhearted and hypocritical will waver and yield the faith; but the true Christian will stand firm as a rock, his faith stronger, his hope brighter, than in days of prosperity.

Spirits of Dead People will Appear in Dreams to Deceive

“I saw three unclean spirits like frogs....They are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.” (Revelation 16:13, 14).

Satan has long been preparing for his final effort to deceive the world. We are warned that in the last days he will work with signs and lying wonders. And he will continue these wonders until the close of probation, that he may point to them as evidence that he is an angel of light and not of darkness. “And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.” (Revelation 16:13, 14). Except those who are kept by the power of God, through faith in His word, the whole world will be swept into the ranks of this delusion. The people are fast being lulled to a fatal security, to be awakened only by the outpouring of the wrath of God.

Many will be ensnared through the belief that spiritualism is a merely human imposture; when brought face to face with manifestations which they cannot but regard as supernatural, they will be deceived, and will be led to accept them as the great power of God. As the teachings of spiritualism are accepted by the churches, the restraint imposed upon the carnal heart is removed, and the profession of religion will become a cloak to conceal the basest iniquity. A belief in spiritual manifestations opens the door to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils, and thus the influence of evil angels will be felt in the churches.

Satan will come in to deceive if possible the very elect. He claims to be Christ, and he is coming in, pretending to be the great medical missionary. He will cause fire to come down from heaven in the sight of men to prove that he is God. It is the lying wonders of the devil that will take the world captive, and he will cause fire to come down from heaven in the sight of men. He is to work miracles; and this wonderful, miracle working power is to sweep in the whole world. Some will be tempted to receive these wonders as from God. The sick will be healed before us. Miracles will be performed in our sight.

Are we prepared for the trial which awaits us when the lying wonders of Satan shall be more fully exhibited? Will not many souls be ensnared and taken? By departing from the plain precepts and commandments of God, and giving heed to fables. The minds of many are preparing to receive these lying wonders. Faith in God’s word, prayerfully studied and practically applied, will be our shield from Satan’s power and will bring us off conquerors through the blood of Christ.

The Shaking Among God's People Before the Final Sealing

“Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.” (Isaiah 58:1)

Before the close of probation and the final sealing of God's faithful people, a great shaking will occur among those who profess to believe the third angel's message. This shaking will separate genuine believers from those whose commitment is superficial, preparing the church for the final crisis of earth's history. Many professed believers, including some leaders and ministers, will abandon the truth during the final crisis.

The shaking will be caused by the straight testimony called forth by the counsel of the True Witness to the Laodicean church. This message, calling for repentance and spiritual revival, will expose spiritual complacency and worldliness. Because of this, some will resist the message and rise up against it, producing a shaking among God's people.

As the final crisis approaches and persecution intensifies, many who have professed faith in the third angel's message will abandon their position. Those who have not been sanctified through obedience to the truth will unite with the spirit of the world and choose the easier and more popular path rather than remain loyal to God's commandments.

As a result, the visible ranks of God's people will be greatly reduced. Some ministers and influential leaders who once supported the message will turn against it and use their influence to oppose the truth and mislead others. Despite these departures, the church itself will not fall.

The shaking will separate the unfaithful from the faithful, removing those who persist in worldliness while leaving a purified remnant who remain loyal to God. In this time of testing, faith must be grounded in the Word of God rather than in human leaders or institutions. Through this purification, the faithful will be prepared to receive the seal of God. Those who remain loyal to the truth and whose lives have been transformed by repentance will be sealed as God's people. Only those who have fortified their minds with the truths of Scripture and maintained a living connection with Christ will be able to stand through the final conflict.

The Sealing of God's People

“Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples”. (Isaiah 8:16).

Just before the final crisis breaks upon the world, a solemn and decisive work will reach its climax—the sealing of God's people. This work will take place while divine mercy still lingers and before the full release of destructive forces upon the earth. At this moment, heavenly agencies will still be restraining the winds of strife, holding back the outbreak of universal calamity until every servant of God is fully prepared and marked for deliverance.

In this closing work, Christ will still be ministering in the heavenly sanctuary, interceding with deep compassion for His people. While this intercession continues, angels will be actively engaged in a specific mission upon the earth—sealing the faithful. This sealing will not be a visible mark, but an inward, irreversible work: a complete settling into the truth, both intellectually and spiritually, so that those who receive it will no longer be moved under any pressure, deception, or trial.

This sealing will be progressive but rapidly closing. The time for it will be very short, and it will soon pass forever. Now—while the winds are still being held—is the final opportunity to make one's calling and election sure. The sign, or seal, of God is revealed in the observance of the seventh-day Sabbath, the Lord's memorial of creation. When the sealing work is finished, the heavenly report will be given that the saints are numbered and sealed. Immediately following this, Christ will cease His intercession, the censer will be cast down, and probation will close with the solemn declaration: “It is done.”

The seal itself will represent complete loyalty to God. It will be inseparably connected with obedience to His law, especially the observance of the seventh-day Sabbath, which stands as the outward sign of allegiance to the Creator. Yet beyond outward observance, the seal will require full transformation of character. Not one will receive it while any spot, stain, or cherished sin remains. Every defect must be overcome, every sin confessed and forsaken, and the image of Christ perfectly reflected in the life.

This work will also be deeply connected with spiritual sensitivity. Those who receive the seal will be those who sigh and cry for the abominations done in the land—those whose hearts are grieved by sin, both in themselves and in the world. Their loyalty will not be superficial; it will be rooted in a deep love for righteousness and a hatred of evil.

As this sealing reaches its final phase, the Loud Cry of the third angel's message will swell across the earth. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, God's servants—many of them ordinary believers—will proclaim the final warning with great power. Truth will be carried by thousands of voices, accompanied by conviction, miracles, and unmistakable evidence of divine authority. Through this final message, the inhabitants of the earth will be brought to a decision, and the sealing will be completed.

Not all who profess to keep the Sabbath will be sealed

“Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven”. (Matthew 7:21)

There are many even among those who teach the truth to others who will not receive the seal of God in their foreheads. They had the light of truth, they knew their Master's will, they understood every point of our faith, but they had not corresponding works. These who were so familiar with prophecy and the treasures of divine wisdom, should have acted their faith. They should have commanded their households after them, that by a well-ordered family they might present to the world the influence of the truth upon the human heart.

Not one of us will ever receive the seal of God while our characters have one spot or stain upon them. It is left with us to remedy the defects in our characters, to cleanse the soul-temple of every defilement. Then the latter rain will fall upon us as the early rain fell upon the disciples on the day of Pentecost. We are too easily satisfied with our attainments. We feel rich and increased with goods, and know not that we are “wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked.” (Revelation 3:17). Now is the time to heed the admonition of the True Witness: “I counsel thee to buy of Me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.” (Verse 18).

This sealing will occur before the latter rain fully falls in its fullness and before the final outpouring of the seven last plagues. Those who delay preparation, expecting to be made ready in the last moment, will find themselves without a shelter in the coming storm. The sealing, therefore, will not be an event of the last second, but the result of a life of preparation brought to completion just before probation closes.

When the sealing is finished, it will mark a permanent distinction between the loyal and the disloyal. The sealed will stand as the 144,000—those who have the name of God written in their foreheads, representing full allegiance to Him. They alone will be prepared to pass through the time of Jacob's trouble without falling. In that coming crisis, when the world will be plunged into distress and the wicked will seek to destroy God's people, the sealed will be preserved. Though they will pass through severe trial, they will not be overcome. The God of Jacob will be their refuge, and heavenly angels will guard them.

Close of Probation

(silently and unnoticed)

“But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.”

(1 Thessalonians 5:1-2)

There is going to be a day when mercy ceases. The moment when probation closes. The hour when the destiny of every soul is forever sealed. That time is soon to come. Before the final judgments of God fall upon the earth, human probation will come to an end. This moment will mark the close of Christ’s mediatorial work in the heavenly sanctuary and the final decision of every human destiny. When the work of the investigative judgment concludes, the destiny of every person will have been determined for life or death. Each individual’s choice—whether for Christ or against Him—will then be permanently fixed. At this point Christ will cease His intercession in the heavenly sanctuary, lay aside His priestly garments, and clothe Himself with His kingly robes, signifying the end of His mediatorial ministry for humanity. With His intercession finished, mercy will no longer plead for the guilty inhabitants of the earth.

The righteous and the wicked will still be living upon the earth in their mortal state—men will be planting and building, eating and drinking, all unconscious that the final, irrevocable decision has been pronounced in the sanctuary above. Before the flood, after Noah entered the ark, God shut him in, and shut the ungodly out; but for seven days the people, knowing not that their doom was fixed, continued their careless, pleasure-loving life, and mocked the warnings of impending judgment. “So,” says the Saviour, “shall also the coming of the Son of man be.” Silently, unnoticed as the midnight thief, will come the decisive hour which marks the fixing of every man’s destiny, the final withdrawal of mercy’s offer to guilty men.

Only after this will the seven last plagues be poured out. These judgments represent the wrath of God unmixed with mercy, falling upon those who have rejected His final warning and received the mark of the beast. As these judgments descend, some will curse God, while others will rush to the people of God seeking to learn how they might escape. Yet by then probation will already have closed, and every destiny will have been forever decided.

The day is fast approaching, when Jesus will make the final pronouncements in the courts of heaven, “He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still” (Revelation 22:11).

PHASE 2

Time of
trouble



Special
Resurrection

1. **Time of Trouble Such as Never Was** (Michael stands up).
2. The Seven Last Plagues.
3. Death decree announced.
4. Time of Jacob trouble.
5. Saints flee to the mountains.
6. Satan himself Personates Christ (counterfeit 2nd coming).
7. **10 commandment received in the sky**

Time of Trouble Such as Never Was When Michael will stand up

“And at that time shall [Michael stand up](#), the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and **there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time**: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.” (Daniel 12:1)

The “time of trouble such as never was,” described in Daniel 12:1 and echoed in Matthew 24:21–22, is about to unfold as the final and most intense crisis in human history, occurring immediately after the close of probation. This period will begin when “Michael stands up”— when Christ will cease His mediatorial work in the heavenly sanctuary. At this decisive moment, mercy will no longer plead for the guilty, every case will be eternally decided, and humanity will be divided irrevocably between the righteous and the wicked. The restraining Spirit of God will be withdrawn from the earth, allowing evil to reach its fullest expression.

This unprecedented time of trouble will be characterized by both external persecution and internal spiritual anguish of the people of God. Outwardly, the world will plunge into chaos under the seven last plagues, while civil and religious powers will unite in opposition to God’s people. Satan, knowing that his time is short, will work with relentless intensity, seeking to destroy the faithful and proving his rebellion to its fullest extent. Deception will reach its peak, and the wicked, driven by fear and rage, will attempt to eradicate commandment keepers, blaming them for the calamities falling upon the earth.

This period will be unlike any other in human history because it will combine the complete withdrawal of divine restraint, the full manifestation of satanic power, and the absence of Christ’s intercession. Never before will God’s people face such a convergence of physical danger, global catastrophe, and spiritual testing. Yet it will also be a time when divine protection is most evident. Angels will guard the faithful, and though the wicked will attempt to destroy them, they will not prevail.

The time of trouble will be mercifully shortened for the sake of the elect. At the darkest hour, when destruction will seem imminent, God will intervene. His voice will be heard from heaven, delivering the everlasting covenant to His people and announcing the day and hour of Christ’s coming. The power of God will be revealed, the law will be vindicated, and the faithful will be delivered. Immediately following this divine intervention, the sign of the Son of man will appear in the heavens, and Christ will return in glory.

The Great Day of the Lord's Anger

The great day of the Lord's anger will commence from the onset of the 7 last plagues till His Second coming.

📖 Zephaniah 1:14-18

14 **The great day of the LORD is near**, it is near, and hasteth greatly, even the voice of the day of the LORD: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly.

15 **That day is**

a day of wrath,

a day of trouble and distress,

a day of wasteness and desolation,

a day of darkness and gloominess,

a day of clouds and thick darkness, ¹⁶

a day of the trumpet and alarm against the fenced cities, and against the high towers.

17 And I will bring distress upon men, that they shall walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the LORD: and their blood shall be poured out as dust, and their flesh as the dung.

18 Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in **the day of the LORD's wrath**; but the **whole land shall be devoured by the fire** of his jealousy: for he shall make even a speedy riddance of all them that dwell in the land.



Seven Last Plagues Begins to fall

“And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth.” (Revelation 16:1)

The nations are now getting angry, but when Christ finishes His intercession in the sanctuary, then the seven last plagues threatened against those who worship the beast and his image and receive his mark (Revelation 14:9, 10), will be poured out. The plagues upon Egypt when God was about to deliver Israel were similar in character to those more terrible and extensive judgments which are to fall upon the world just before the final deliverance of God's people. In describing those terrific scourges, the book of Revelation states: “There fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image.” The sea “became as the blood of a dead man: and every living soul died in the sea.” And “the rivers and fountains of waters ...became blood.”

Terrible as these inflictions are, God's justice stands fully vindicated. The angel of God declares: “Thou art righteous, O Lord, ... because thou hast judged thus. For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy.” (Revelation 16:2-6). By condemning the people of God to death, they have as truly incurred the guilt of their blood as if it had been shed by their hands.... In the plague that follows, power is given to the sun “to scorch men with fire. And men were scorched with great heat.” Verse 8, 9.

These plagues will not universal, or the inhabitants of the earth would be wholly cut off. Yet they will be the most awful scourges that have ever been known to mortals. All the judgments upon men, prior to the close of probation, have been mingled with mercy. The pleading blood of Christ has shielded the sinner from receiving the full measure of his guilt; but in the final judgment, wrath will be poured out unmixed with mercy.

The bolts of God's wrath are soon to fall, and when He shall begin to punish the transgressors, there will be no period of break until the end. The storm of God's wrath is gathering, and those only will stand who are sanctified through the truth in the love of God. They shall be hid with Christ in God till the desolation shall be overpast.

Universal Death Decree

Against Sabbath Keepers in the Final Crisis

“And he had power to ... cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.” (Revelation 13:15)

When Jesus leaves the most holy, His restraining Spirit is withdrawn from rulers and people. They are left to the control of evil angels. Then such laws will be made by the counsel and direction of Satan, that unless time should be very short, no flesh could be saved. During the final Sunday law crisis, a universal death decree will be issued against those who remain loyal to God’s commandments, particularly those who keep the seventh-day Sabbath. This will become one of the most severe trials God’s people face before their deliverance.

As Sunday observance is enforced throughout the world, Sabbath keepers will be blamed for the plagues falling upon the earth. Many will claim that the pouring of the 7 last plagues are the result of people refusing to honor Sunday, arguing that peace and prosperity can only return if its observance is strictly enforced.

Under this pressure, civil authorities will withdraw protection from those who keep God’s commandments. Death decrees will be issued by rulers and religious leaders to kill Sabbath keepers, which will cause them to cry day and night for deliverance. This will be the time of Jacob’s trouble. Orders will be issued that unless the saints should yield their peculiar faith, give up the Sabbath, and observe the first day of the week, the people were at liberty after a certain time to put them to death. During this time God’s people will be scattered and hiding in various places—some confined in prisons, others seeking refuge in forests, mountains, and solitary retreats—while they pray earnestly for divine protection. Angels will provide them food and water, while the wicked will be suffering from hunger and thirst.

Hostility against them will intensify as many become convinced that those who honor God’s law are responsible for the world’s suffering. This accusation will inflame public anger and strengthen demands for their destruction. At the height of the crisis, crowds filled with hatred will prepare to attack the defenseless saints. Yet God will not abandon His people. Angels will stand guard over them, shielding them from harm even as their enemies rush forward with weapons raised.

Though a general death decree has fixed the time when commandment keepers may be put to death, their enemies will in some cases anticipate the decree, and before the time specified, will endeavor to take their lives. But none can pass the mighty guardians stationed about every faithful soul. Some are assailed in their flight from the cities and villages; but the swords raised against them will break and fall powerless as a straw. Others are defended by angels in the form of men of war.

The Time of Jacob's Trouble

“Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.” (Jeremiah 30:7)

After the close of probation, God's people will enter a solemn and fearful period known as **the time of Jacob's trouble**, a final and intense experience of trial that will come upon the faithful just before their deliverance at the Second Coming of Christ. As Satan once stirred up Esau to pursue Jacob, so he will soon stir up the wicked of the world to rise against those who keep the commandments of God. Seeing that a small remnant continues to resist his authority, he will seek to destroy them completely, believing that if he can blot them from the earth, his triumph will be secure.

During this time, Satan will act as the accuser of God's people, presenting before God an exaggerated record of their sins—sins which he himself has tempted them to commit. He will argue that they are as deserving of destruction as he is, claiming that God cannot justly forgive them while condemning him. Though he will see that holy angels are protecting them, he will not understand that their cases have already been decided in the heavenly sanctuary and that their sins have been pardoned. Yet, in his desperation, he will demand that they be given into his hands to destroy.

God will permit His people to be tested to the uttermost. Their faith, confidence, and firmness will be severely tried. As they reflect upon their past lives, they will become deeply conscious of their weakness and unworthiness, and at times their hope will seem to sink, for they will see little good in themselves. Satan will take advantage of this moment, seeking to overwhelm them with fear, persuading them that their cases are hopeless and that their sins can never be forgiven. His goal will be to break their faith, to cause them to yield to despair, and ultimately to turn them away from their allegiance to God.

Outwardly, they will be surrounded by danger. The death decree will hang over them, and human support will be entirely cut off. They will appear defenseless before a hostile world, yet unseen by human eyes, mighty angels will encamp around them to protect them. Like Jacob wrestling with the Angel, they will cling to God with earnest prayer, refusing to let go without His blessing. This will not be a struggle for forgiveness of known sin—for that has already been granted—but a deep anguish of soul, a desperate dependence upon God alone.

Though the time of Jacob's trouble will be a fearful ordeal, it will also be a time of divine assurance. Every true believer who endures will, by faith, behold the bow of promise encircling them—a symbol that God's covenant still stands and that deliverance is certain. And at the moment when destruction seems inevitable, God will intervene, His voice will be heard from heaven, and His people will be delivered forever.

Saints flee to the mountains

“Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast.” (Isaiah 26:20)

God’s people will still be present on the earth when seven last plagues will fall upon the earth. But as the final crisis deepens and the death decree is enforced against those who keep the commandments of God, the faithful will be compelled to flee from the cities and villages, seeking refuge in solitary and desolate places of the earth. When human protection will fail entirely, God alone will become the refuge of His people. As the time of trouble breaks upon the world “as a thief in the night,” the words of divine instruction will be fulfilled: *“Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers... hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast.”* These “chambers” will not be earthly shelters, but the protection of Christ and the guardianship of holy angels.

God’s people will not be gathered in one location, but will be scattered in small companies across different parts of the earth—hidden in forests, mountains, and the clefts of rocks. They will leave behind homes, possessions, and all earthly security, moving under divine direction to places prepared for their preservation. In vision, this scene is portrayed as a guided escape through darkness and danger—through forests and rugged mountain passes—until they are brought to places of safety, hidden from the sight of their enemies. These retreats, often referred to as the “munition of rocks,” will become their temporary refuge during the fiercest period of persecution.

Though outwardly abandoned and pursued, the saints will not be alone. Mighty angels will accompany them, directing their movements and ensuring their safety. In these lonely places, while the world is plunged into suffering, the faithful will be sustained by divine provision. Angels will supply them with food and water, even as the wicked, who have rejected God’s law, experience hunger, thirst, and increasing distress.

Although the plagues will devastate those who worship the beast and his image, the saints will be preserved by the power of God. The world around them will be filled with confusion, violence, and the movement of hostile forces determined to destroy them. Armies will be in conflict, and the wicked will be stirred with intense hatred against God’s people. Yet despite this overwhelming danger, the saints will remain secure—not because of their location, but because of the presence of God. Angels that excel in strength will encamp around them, and no power of earth or hell will be able to destroy even the weakest among them.

There will be no safety for those who disregard God’s law, for angels cannot shield those who persist in disobedience. But for those who remain steadfast, the Lord will manifest Himself as a mighty deliverer.

Spiritualism and the Final Deception: Demons Impersonating the Dead

“Take heed that ye be not deceived: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and the time draweth near: go ye not therefore after them.”

(Luke 21:8)

In the closing events of earth’s history, spiritualism will play a major role in preparing the world for Satan’s final deception. The foundation of this deception will be the false doctrine that human beings remain conscious after death and the dead can communicate with the living. Because many people believe that their departed loved ones still exist as conscious spirits, they will be susceptible to supernatural manifestations that appear to come from the dead.

During this deception, demons will impersonate the spirits of deceased relatives and friends. Many people will be confronted by spirits that appear to be beloved family members or acquaintances. These spirits will speak with familiarity and tenderness, appealing to the deepest emotions and sympathies of those they visit. Through these appearances, they will present dangerous false teachings while performing miraculous acts to convince people that their claims are genuine.

The deception will deepen further when demons begin impersonating the apostles and other biblical figures. These lying spirits will claim to be the apostles themselves and will contradict the teachings they originally gave under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. By presenting messages that oppose the Bible, they will seek to undermine confidence in Scripture and deny its divine authority, thereby removing the foundation of Christian faith. These manifestations will be accompanied by miracles and supernatural signs, leading many to accept spiritualistic teachings as truth despite the warnings of Scripture about deceptive wonders.

This worldwide deception will be strengthened by two foundational errors: the belief in the immortality of the soul and the acceptance of Sunday sacredness in place of the biblical Sabbath. Through these two doctrines, Satan will bring large numbers of people under his deceptions. These beliefs will prepare the world to accept increasingly powerful manifestations of spiritualistic power.

Finally, this deception will culminate in its ultimate stage when Satan himself appears impersonating Christ. This event will be the crowning act in the great drama of deception. Having already conditioned the world to trust supernatural manifestations and messages supposedly coming from the dead, Satan will appear as a being of overwhelming glory and power, convincing many that Christ has returned. Because of this overwhelming display, vast multitudes will believe the deception.

Satan's Final Deception: Impersonating Christ

“And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.”
(2 Corinthians 11:14)

In the closing scenes of earth's history, Satan will perform his most powerful and dangerous deception by impersonating Christ Himself. This act will be the crowning deception in the great controversy between Christ and Satan.

Because Christians have long looked forward to the visible return of Christ as the fulfillment of their hope, Satan will exploit this expectation by making it appear that Christ has already come. During this deception, Satan will manifest himself in different parts of the earth as a majestic being of dazzling brightness. His appearance will resemble the biblical description of the Son of God given in the book of Revelation (Rev 1:7). His presence will be surrounded by overwhelming supernatural glory, surpassing anything human eyes have ever witnessed. As he appears among people, many will proclaim with triumph that Christ has come, and multitudes will bow down in worship before him.

To strengthen this deception, Satan will perform extraordinary miracles. He will appear to heal diseases and perform supernatural acts that will convince many people that the power of heaven is working through him. Speaking as if he were Christ, he will claim that he has changed the Sabbath from the seventh day to Sunday, and he will command people to honor the day he claims to have blessed.

In this assumed character of Christ, Satan will strongly condemn those who continue to keep the seventh-day Sabbath. He will declare that those who persist in honoring the seventh day are blaspheming his name, thereby turning public opinion against the faithful people of God. This deception will therefore become a powerful force used to pressure the world into rejecting God's commandments.

Although Satan's impersonation of Christ will be extremely convincing, God will not leave His people without protection. Although the glory surrounding Satan will be almost irresistible, appearing greater than anything previously seen by human eyes, faithful believers who understand the Scriptures will not be deceived. One of the clearest biblical tests will be the manner of Christ's return. The true Second Coming of Christ will not involve Christ secretly appearing on earth or walking among people. Instead, Christ will come visibly in the clouds of heaven, and therefore God's people will recognize that any being appearing on earth and claiming to be Christ must be a deception.

Satan's Final Deception:

Imitating the Second Coming of Christ

“And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.”
(2 Corinthians 11:14)

Satan is preparing his deceptions that in his last campaign against the people of God, they may not understand that it is he. Satan will attempt to imitate the Second Coming of Christ, presenting one of the most powerful deceptions ever directed against humanity. Knowing that Christians have long awaited the return of Christ as the fulfillment of their hope, he will exploit this expectation by making it appear that Christ has already come. He who dared to face, and tempt, and taunt our Lord, and who had power to take Him in his arms and carry Him to a pinnacle of the temple, and up into an exceeding high mountain, will exercise his power to a wonderful degree upon the present generation, who are far inferior in wisdom to their Lord, and who are almost wholly ignorant of his subtlety and strength. In a marvelous manner will he affect the bodies of those who are naturally inclined to do his bidding.

He will come personating Jesus Christ, working mighty miracles; and men will fall down and worship him as Jesus Christ. We shall be commanded to worship this being, whom the world will glorify as Christ. What shall we do?—Tell them that Christ has warned us against just such a foe, who is man's worst enemy, yet who claims to be God; and that when Christ shall make His appearance, it will be with power and great glory, accompanied by ten thousand times ten thousand angels and thousands of thousands; and that when He shall come, we shall know His voice. The time is coming when Satan will work miracles right in your sight, claiming that he is Christ; and if your feet are not firmly established upon the truth of God, then you will be led away from your foundation. No storm or tempest can move those whose feet are planted on the principles of eternal truth. They will be able to stand in this time of almost universal apostasy.

He will declare that the Sabbath has been changed from the seventh to the first day of the week; and as lord of the first day of the week he will present this spurious sabbath as a test of loyalty to him. It is impossible to give any idea of the experience of the people of God who shall be alive upon the earth when celestial glory and a repetition of the persecutions of the past are blended. They will walk in the light proceeding from the throne of God. By means of the angels there will be constant communication between heaven and earth. And Satan, surrounded by evil angels, and claiming to be God, will work miracles of all kinds, to deceive, if possible, the very elect. God's people will not find their safety in working miracles, for Satan will counterfeit the miracles that will be wrought. God's tried and tested people will find their power in the sign spoken of in Exodus 31:12-18. They are to take their stand on the living word: “It is written.” This is the only foundation upon which they can stand securely.

Ten Commandments Revealed in the Sky

“And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple **the ark of his testament**” (Revelation 11:19)

During the climactic moments of the final crisis, just before the Second Coming of Christ, the Ten Commandments will appear in the sky. This scene occurs during the deliverance of God’s people amid the closing events of the seventh plague, when God publicly vindicates His law before the world.

God will speak from heaven, declaring the day and hour of Christ’s coming and announcing the everlasting covenant to His faithful followers as they stand looking toward heaven. “And as God speak the day and the hour of Jesus’ coming, and deliver the everlasting covenant to His people, there will appear a flaming light come from heaven like a train of fire. Then a hand will appear in heaven holding two tables of stone folded together, representing the Ten Commandments originally given by God on Mount Sinai. The commandments are displayed before the entire world as a testimony to the justice and authority of God’s law. Those who have kept the commandments of God will hear the blessing pronounced upon them.

A special halo of glory will surround the fourth commandment, causing it to stand out above the others. The Sabbath commandment will shine with particular brightness because it has been the central point of controversy during the final conflict. This public revelation of the law will bring a powerful realization to the wicked. They will recognize that they rejected God’s commandments and persecuted those who remained faithful.

The appearance of the Ten Commandments in the sky publicly vindicates God’s law, confirms the authority of the Sabbath, and reveals that those who remained loyal to God’s commandments were standing on the side of truth.

PHASE 3

God announce
day and hour



Satan bound on
desolate earth

1. **God announce day and hour of Jesus second coming**
2. Battle of Armageddon
3. God's People finally Delivered worldwide.
4. Special resurrection (for a few good and evil people).
5. Total Desolation of the Earth by the last 7th plague.
6. Christ 2nd Coming
7. General resurrection of righteous of all ages.
8. All sinners killed (1st death) - earth emptied of inhabitants.
9. **Satan bound (left) on the desolate earth (for 1000 years).**

God's voice will declare the Day and Hour of Jesus' coming

“Lo, this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us” (Isaiah 25:9).

“In the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.” Revelation 10:7. During the climax of the time of trouble, the voice of God will be heard from heaven declaring the day and hour of Jesus' coming. The earth will tremble under its power, yet its meaning will not be understood by all. The living saints—the 144,000—will recognize the voice of God, while the wicked will hear only the sound of thunder and earthquake. At that moment the saints will know that their deliverance is near. Scattered across the earth in prisons, forests, mountains, and solitary retreats, they will have been praying earnestly for God's protection while their enemies prepared to destroy them.

Just as the wicked are about to rush upon the defenseless people of God, divine power will intervene. Lo, a dense blackness, deeper than the darkness of the night, will fall upon the earth. Then a rainbow, shining with the glory from the throne of God, will span the heavens and seem to encircle each praying company. It will be at midnight that God will chose to deliver His people. As the wicked will be mocking around them, suddenly the sun will appear, shining in his strength, and the moon will stand still.... Dark, heavy clouds will come up and clash against each other. But there will be one clear place of settled glory, whence there will come the voice of God like many waters, that will shake the heavens and the earth. There will be a mighty earthquake. The graves will open, and those who has died in faith under the third angel's message, keeping the Sabbath, will come forth from their dusty beds, glorified, to hear the covenant of peace that God will make with those who has kept His law. Those who sleep in Jesus will be called from their prison house ... to a glorious immortality.

God voice, clear and melodious, will be heard saying, “Look up,” and lifting their eyes to the heavens, they will behold the bow of promise. The black, angry clouds that will be covering the firmament will be parted, and like Stephen they will look up steadfastly into heaven and see the glory of God and the Son of man seated upon His throne. While all the world is plunged in darkness, there will be light in every dwelling of the saints. They will catch the first light of His second appearing.

Relief and joy will replace the anguish of the time of trouble, and the saints will be transformed by the glory of God's presence. Their faces will shine with heavenly light, reflecting the glory of God.

The Special Resurrection (for some righteous and wicked)

“Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and **they also which pierced him:** Revelation 1:7.

“And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, **some to everlasting life**, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.” (Daniel 12:2)

There will be a partial resurrection occurring before the final resurrection of all the righteous. The special resurrection will be a unique and limited resurrection that will occur shortly before the visible Second Coming of Christ. This event will involve two specific groups—one righteous and one wicked—who will be raised for a particular purpose in the closing scenes of earth’s history.

During the final time of trouble, the graves will be opened, and a select group of the dead will be raised. The first group will consist of the faithful who died in the faith of the third angel’s message. These believers will be resurrected in a glorified state. Their purpose in being raised will be to hear God’s covenant of peace with His people—an announcement that will be delivered by the voice of God shortly before Christ appears. This covenant will confirm God’s promises to those who have remained loyal to His law.

A second group will also be raised at this time. These will be the wicked who directly opposed Christ and His truth, particularly those who mocked and derided Christ during His crucifixion and those who violently persecuted His followers. They also which pierced Him will be raised so that they may behold Christ coming in His glory. This will fulfill the prophecy of *Revelation 1:7*, which declares: “Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him.”

This event will occur when there will occur a mighty earthquake which will open the graves. The resurrected saints will come forth glorified specifically to hear the voice of God declaring the day and hour of Jesus’ coming and delivering the everlasting covenant to His people.

In the prophetic sequence of final events, the order surrounding the special resurrection will unfold as follows: the time of trouble will intensify, God’s voice will shake the earth, the special resurrection will occur, the faithful believers of the third angel’s message will be raised, those who pierced Christ will be raised, God will proclaim His covenant and the day and hour of Christ’s coming, and finally Christ will appear in the clouds, followed by the general resurrection of all the righteous.

The battle of Armageddon

the Final Gathering of the Nations

“I will call for a sword against him throughout all my mountains, saith the Lord God: every man’s sword shall be against his brother.” Ezekiel 38:21.

In the closing scenes of earth’s history, the battle of Armageddon will mark the final climax of the great controversy between Christ and Satan. This conflict will not be merely a local military battle but a worldwide struggle in which the forces of evil unite against God, His law, and His faithful people. The prophecies of Revelation 16, Revelation 19, and Daniel 12 all point to this final crisis, which ultimately culminates in the Second Coming of Christ.

The gathering for this conflict will be orchestrated through demonic deception and supernatural miracles. In fulfillment of Revelation 16:13–14, spirits of devils working miracles will go forth to the kings of the earth and the whole world, persuading them to unite in opposition to God. Two major errors—the immortality of the soul and the sacredness of Sunday—will be used by Satan to bring the world under his influence. Through these deceptive manifestations, Satan will succeed in bringing much of the world together in resistance against divine authority.

As the crisis intensifies, the world will unite in opposition to God’s faithful people. Crowds filled with hostility will surround the saints, believing they must destroy them to stop the judgments falling upon the earth. The people of God will appear defenseless as their enemies prepare to attack. Behind this uprising will be Satan’s final attempt to secure supremacy over the earth. Organizing the forces of rebellion, he will lead the wicked in a last effort to overthrow God’s authority and destroy His people.

Yet at the moment when destruction seems certain, God will intervene. As the wicked are about to rush upon the faithful, divine power will interrupt their plans. At midnight God will manifest His power for the deliverance of His people, stopping the attack and revealing His authority before the world.

Thus Armageddon will represent the final global confrontation between truth and error. Though the nations unite against God’s people, the conflict will end with divine intervention and the triumph of Christ.

The 7th Plague

That will destroy the Earth

“Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.” (Isaiah 13:9).

The seventh plague will bring the most severe physical destruction the planet has ever experienced. God will send lightnings from Heaven in His wrath, which will unite with fire in the earth. The mountains will burn like a furnace, and will pour forth terrible streams of lava, destroying gardens and fields, villages and cities; and as they pour their melted ore, rocks and heated mud into the rivers, will cause them to boil like a pot, and send forth massive rocks and scatter their broken fragments upon the land with indescribable violence. Whole rivers will be dried up. The earth will be convulsed, and there will be dreadful eruptions and earthquakes everywhere. God will plague the wicked inhabitants of the earth until they are destroyed from off it. The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, and be removed as a cottage. The elements shall be in flames, and the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll. The earth's crust will be rent by the outbursts of the elements concealed in the bowels of the earth. These elements, once broken loose, will sweep away the treasures of those who for years have been adding to their wealth by securing large possessions at starvation prices from those in their employ. There will be mighty earthquakes and great destruction of human life.

As the earthquake unfolds, the great cities of the world will collapse. The proud centers of human civilization will fall as buildings crumble and the landscape is radically altered. Natural features of the earth will also be affected: mountains and islands will be moved out of their places, leaving the planet's surface broken and uneven. At the same time, enormous hailstones—each about the weight of a talent—will fall from heaven, adding further devastation. In response to these judgments, the wicked will curse and blaspheme God because of the severity of the plague.

But as in the days of the great deluge Noah was preserved in the ark that God had prepared for him, so in these days of destruction and calamity, God will be the refuge of His believing ones. Through the psalmist He declares, “Because thou has made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation; there shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.” “For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion....”

Soon afterward Christ will appear in glory. At His coming the wicked who have united in rebellion against God will be destroyed by the brightness of His presence. With the destruction of the wicked and the devastation caused by the plagues, the earth will be left in profound desolation. Cities and villages will lie in ruins, trees will be uprooted and scattered, and the terrain will be torn and uneven.

The glorious Second Coming of Jesus

“For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first” (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17)

The most glorious and overwhelming event in the history of this world will come—the visible, literal, and majestic return of Jesus Christ. This will not be a secret or symbolic occurrence, but a universal, unmistakable manifestation witnessed by all the living. The entire world will behold Him as He descends from heaven in power and great glory.

The first sign of His coming will appear in the eastern sky as a small black cloud, about half the size of a man’s hand. Though it will seem insignificant at first, this cloud will be recognized by God’s faithful people as the sign of the Son of Man. As it steadily approaches the earth, it will grow larger, brighter, and more glorious, transforming into a great white cloud. Its base will shine like consuming fire, and above it will appear the rainbow of the covenant—a symbol of God’s enduring mercy and promise. What once seemed dark will soon radiate with divine brilliance, revealing that this cloud is the very glory surrounding Christ Himself.

As the cloud draws nearer, the full majesty of the scene will be unveiled. Jesus will be seen riding forth as a mighty conqueror, not as the suffering Saviour of His first advent, but as the victorious King of kings. He will be attended by an innumerable host of holy angels—“ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands.” The entire firmament will appear filled with radiant, living forms, and the splendor of the scene will surpass all human description.

At His appearing, the heavens themselves will be rolled together as a scroll, the earth will tremble violently, and every mountain and island will be moved out of its place. The overwhelming radiance of His presence will strike terror into the hearts of those who have rejected His mercy, while at the same time filling the righteous with awe, reverence, and joy.

As Christ descends, the trumpet of God will sound with commanding power across the earth. The voice of Christ will be heard, calling forth the sleeping saints from their graves: “Awake, awake, awake, ye that sleep in the dust, and arise.” This mighty call will penetrate every grave across the earth, and the righteous dead will rise clothed with immortal life. Then, The living righteous will be changed in a moment, receiving immortality. Then, they will be caught up together to meet the Lord in the air, fulfilling the promise of 1 Thessalonians 4:17.

The Resurrection of the Righteous of all ages

“For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout... and the dead in Christ shall rise first.” — *1 Thessalonians 4:16* “All that are in the graves shall hear his voice.” — *John 5:28–29*. “The dead shall be raised incorruptible.” — *1 Corinthians 15:52*

The general resurrection of the righteous will occur at the visible Second Coming of Christ and will involve the resurrection of all the righteous of every age. Amid the reeling of the earth, flashes of lightning, and peals of thunder, the voice of the Son of God will call forth the sleeping saints. He will look upon the graves of the righteous and, raising His hands toward heaven, will proclaim: “Awake, awake, awake, ye that sleep in the dust, and arise!” At that command, the dead who belong to Christ will hear His voice, and they will live. Graves throughout the world will open, and the righteous dead will come forth. From every generation of history, the redeemed will come forth from their graves.

This resurrection will include the faithful of all generations—from every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. The redeemed will be an exceeding great army covering the earth, rising from the prison house of death and clothed with immortal glory. Those who rise will come forth in the same stature in which they entered the grave, yet their bodies will be completely transformed. The mortal and corruptible form, once marked by weakness and decay, will be restored in immortal beauty and perfection. Every trace of disease, deformity, and death will disappear, and the saints will stand before Christ with glorified, incorruptible bodies.

At the same moment that the righteous dead are raised, the living righteous — 144,000—will be transformed. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, their mortal bodies will become immortal. Together with the resurrected saints they will be prepared to meet Christ.

Then a joyful reunion will take place. Friends long separated by death will be reunited, and families who were divided by the grave will embrace again, never more to part. Finally, the entire company of the redeemed will ascend together to meet their Lord. As Scripture promises, they will be caught up together in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.

The Earth totally Depopulated

“And the slain of the Lord shall be at that day from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried.”

Jeremiah 25:33.

“Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.” Isaiah 13:9.

At the Second Coming of Christ, the earth will be **completely emptied of its Inhabitants**. When Christ returns in glory, every sinner then living will be blotted from the face of the whole earth, consumed with the spirit of his mouth, and destroyed by the brightness of his glory. As Scripture declares, the wicked will be “consumed with the spirit of His mouth and destroyed by the brightness of His coming” (2 Thessalonians 2:8). The glory that brings life to the righteous will bring destruction to those who have rejected Him.

The destruction will be universal. As Jeremiah foretold, “the slain of the Lord shall be at that day from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth” (Jeremiah 25:33). No living wicked will remain.

With the righteous taken to heaven and the wicked destroyed, the earth will be left without human life. The catastrophic upheavals associated with the final plagues and the great earthquake will leave the world devastated—cities in ruins, mountains broken apart, and the landscape torn and desolate. This condition corresponds with Jeremiah’s prophetic vision of the earth appearing “without form and void,” where “there was no man, and all the cities thereof were broken down” (Jeremiah 4:23–26). The planet will resemble a chaotic wilderness.

During this time, Satan and his fallen angels will remain on the ruined earth. For a thousand years he will wander through this desolation, with no human beings left to deceive, forced to contemplate the consequences of his rebellion against God.

“Behold, the Lord maketh the earth empty, and maketh it waste, and turneth it upside down, and scattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof” “The land shall be utterly emptied, and utterly spoiled; for the Lord hath spoken this word.” (Isaiah 24:1-3) “Because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant. Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate; therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned.” (Isaiah 24:5-6) The whole earth appears like a desolate wilderness.

Satan left on the Desolate Earth “Bottomless Pit” for a 1000 yrs

“And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and **bound him a 1000 years**: (Revelation 20:1-2)

After the Second Coming of Christ, the earth will remain desolate for one thousand years, fulfilling the prophecy of the “bottomless pit” described in Revelation 20. With humanity removed from the earth, the world will be left without inhabitants. The planet will become a vast desolate wilderness. Cities and villages will lie in ruins after the catastrophic earthquake, buildings will be destroyed, and the landscape will be covered with debris. Trees will be uprooted and scattered, while mountains collapse and the terrain becomes uneven and broken.

In this shattered condition the earth itself will constitute the “bottomless pit” and will become the prison of Satan during a thousand years. The prophecy does not describe a literal underground prison but the ruined earth—emptied of human life and reduced to chaos and desolation. This scene parallels the vision of Jeremiah 4:23–26, where the prophet says “‘I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was without form, and void... there was no man” (Jeremiah 4:23–26)”

Here is to be the home of Satan with his evil angels for a thousand years. Limited to the earth, he will not have access to other worlds to tempt and annoy those who have never fallen. It is in this sense that he is bound: there are none remaining, upon whom he can exercise his power. He is wholly cut off from the work of deception and ruin which for so many centuries has been his sole delight.

With no living humans to tempt or deceive, he will wander through the ruined world. For a thousand years he will roam across the desolated world, reflecting upon the devastation that his rebellion has caused.

PHASE 4

**Millenium in
Heaven**

**Eternity in the
New Earth**

1. **Millenium in heaven** (Saints stay in heaven for 1000 years)
2. Saints Judge the sinners during this time
3. Christ 3rd coming (after 1000 years are over)
4. Christs and saints descend on the desolate earth
5. New Jerusalem city descends
6. All sinners resurrected and receive their punishment (2nd death)
7. Earth's surface totally burned by fire (lake of fire)
8. Earth recreated a new by Jesus in saints' presence
9. Saints inherits newly recreated earth
10. **Eternity** (Life without an end starts on earth)

Righteous Ascend to Heaven

“Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord”. (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17)

Immediately following the resurrection of the righteous and the transformation of the living saints, the redeemed of all ages will begin their glorious ascent to heaven with Christ. Having been gathered from every part of the earth, they will be caught up together in the clouds to meet their Lord, and from that moment forward they will never again be separated from Him.

All the redeemed will enter the cloud together, united as one vast family—those who have been raised from the grave and those who have been translated without seeing death. Surrounded by a multitude of holy angels, they will begin a journey unlike anything ever experienced before. For seven days they will ascend through the heavens, traveling toward the eternal kingdom, while scenes of glory unfold before them and the realization of their deliverance fills them with awe and gratitude.

At the close of this ascent, they will arrive at the sea of glass before the throne of God. There, in the presence of Christ and the angels, the redeemed will receive the tokens of victory. Jesus Himself, with His own right hand, will place crowns upon their heads—crowns that bear their individual names and reflect their experience and faithfulness. Some crowns will shine with many stars, others with fewer, yet every soul will be perfectly satisfied, recognizing the righteousness and love of Christ in every reward.

Each of the redeemed will also receive a golden harp and a palm branch of victory, symbolizing triumph over sin, suffering, and death. Clothed in pure white garments—robes made radiant through the merits of Christ’s blood—they will stand in perfect order upon the sea of glass, forming a vast and harmonious assembly, including the 144,000 who stand as a distinct and fully sealed company. Angels will surround them, and heaven itself will echo with joy and adoration.

Within this scene of overwhelming joy, one of the most profound moments will occur—the meeting of Adam with Christ. As the father of the human race beholds the marks of crucifixion in the Saviour’s hands and feet, he will fully comprehend the cost of redemption. Overcome with humility, he will fall at Christ’s feet, acknowledging Him as the Lamb who was slain. Christ, in tender compassion, will lift him up and restore him, inviting him to behold once more the Eden that was lost and is now redeemed.

Judgment of the wicked during the 1000-Year Millennium

And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them:.
(Revelation 20:4-6)

"And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened... and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works." Revelation 20:12, 13

During the thousand-year reign in heaven, occurring between the first and second resurrections, will be the time when the redeemed—those who have been taken to heaven—will reign with Christ as kings and priests, participating directly in the judgment of the wicked and of fallen angels.

At this time, thrones will be set, and judgment will be given to the saints of the Most High. United with Christ, who will preside as the supreme Judge, the redeemed will take part in reviewing the cases of the lost. This judgment will not be for God's information, for He already knows all things, but for the satisfaction of the redeemed and the entire universe. Every question regarding sin, justice, and the fate of the wicked will be carefully examined and fully understood.

The books of record in heaven will be opened, containing the names, deeds, motives, and life histories of all humanity. The righteous will compare each life with the standard of God's law—the Bible—and every case will be decided according to the deeds done in the body. Nothing will be hidden. Every action, every neglected opportunity, and every misuse of entrusted gifts will be brought into review. The use of every talent and the choices of every individual will be weighed with perfect justice. The degree of their guilt will be examined, and the measure of punishment each will receive will be determined in harmony with divine justice. Every sentence will be seen to be fair, proportionate, and righteous. As they examine the records, they will come to fully understand why some were saved and others lost. Questions that may have troubled them—regarding loved ones, apparent injustices, or hidden circumstances—will be resolved. The justice, mercy, and love of God will be completely vindicated before their minds.

During this same period, the saints will also participate in the judgment of fallen angels. In fulfillment of the apostolic declaration that the saints shall judge angels, the redeemed will examine the rebellion of Satan and his hosts, understanding fully the origin, development, and consequences of sin in the universe.

Then, at the close of the thousand years, Christ will descend again to the earth with the saints and the Holy City. The wicked dead will be raised in the second resurrection, and the final execution of judgment will follow.

The 3rd Coming of Christ And Descent of the New Jerusalem

“The Lord my God shall come, and all the saints with Thee.” ...“And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.” Zechariah 14:4-5

And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. (Revelation 21:2-3)

At the close of the thousand years, one of the most majestic and climactic events in the history of redemption will take place—the descent of Christ with the redeemed and the Holy City, the New Jerusalem, from heaven to the earth.

Christ will return again to the earth, this time accompanied not only by the host of holy angels but also by all the redeemed who have reigned with Him during the millennium. In overwhelming majesty and authority, He will descend to the very place from which He ascended—the Mount of Olives. As His feet touch the mount, it will cleave apart, forming a vast and mighty plain. This great valley will be divinely prepared as the resting place for the Holy City. The redeemed, under the leadership of Christ, will stand upon the great plain, now sanctified and prepared for the reception of the Holy City. This moment will fulfill the promise that the saints will return with Christ and dwell with Him upon the earth made new.

At Christ’s command, the wicked dead will then be raised in the second resurrection. They will come forth as a vast and numberless multitude, covering the earth like the sand of the sea. In striking contrast to the righteous who were raised at the first resurrection in immortality and beauty, the wicked will arise bearing the marks of sin—disease, deformity, and the results of a life lived in rebellion against God. This moment will reveal the complete distinction between the saved and the lost.

As this scene unfolds, the New Jerusalem will be seen descending from heaven in dazzling splendor. The city, radiant with the glory of God, will move downward from the heavens and settle upon the mighty plain prepared for it. Its brilliance will surpass all earthly beauty, reflecting the perfection and holiness of God’s eternal kingdom. Christ, with His people and the angels, will then enter the Holy City.

This event will set the stage for the final judgment and the ultimate eradication of sin. It will stand as a visible demonstration of Christ’s complete victory, as heaven itself descends to earth and the eternal kingdom of God is established in righteousness and glory.

The Second Resurrection of the Wicked

"But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished"
(Revelation 20:5-6)

At the end of a 1000 years, the second resurrection will occur. This will be the resurrection of all the wicked who have ever lived, starting with Cain. The wicked will be raised from their graves to face the final judgment. As Revelation 20:5 declares, "the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished."

Those raised in this resurrection will come forth with the same character they possessed in life. Their spirit of rebellion against God will remain unchanged, revealing that even if given another opportunity, they would continue in opposition to His government.

Unlike the righteous, who are raised in immortality and perfection, the wicked will return in the same sinful condition in which they died. The marks of sin and the consequences of their lives will still be evident, reflecting the destructive effects of rebellion against God.

The number of those raised will be vast beyond counting—an innumerable multitude drawn from every generation of human history. People from all classes of society will stand together in this resurrection: rulers, warriors, and leaders of ancient times alongside ordinary men and women from every age.

When they are raised, Satan will again assume leadership over them. Filled with the same spirit of rebellion, they will unite into a massive host and spread across the earth, eventually surrounding the New Jerusalem in the belief that they can capture the city of God.

This gathering will mark the final stage of the great controversy, when the wicked assemble against the Holy City before the closing scenes of judgment reveal the justice of God's government before the entire universe.

The Great Panoramic Judgment

Before the final destruction of sin and sinners, a great panoramic judgment scene will unfold before the entire universe, revealing the full history of the great controversy between Christ and Satan. This moment will occur just before the final execution of judgment and will demonstrate the perfect justice and righteousness of God.

Above the throne will appear the cross, and from this central symbol of redemption the entire plan of salvation will be revealed like a vast panoramic view. Before the assembled hosts, the history of the rebellion against God and the work of redemption will be displayed in living scenes. The panorama will begin with the temptation and fall of Adam, showing the origin of sin and the entrance of suffering and death into the world. From there, the unfolding story of the great plan of redemption will be presented step by step.

The life of Christ will then appear in vivid detail. The spectators will witness His humble birth, His early life of simplicity and obedience, His baptism in the Jordan River, and His temptation in the wilderness. The scenes will continue with the record of His ministry of mercy and love, including the miracles through which He healed the sick and raised the dead. The solemn scenes of Christ's suffering will also be revealed. His betrayal, His unjust trial, and His crucifixion will appear clearly before the assembled wicked. Those who once rejected Him will see again the events of Calvary, recognizing the enormity of their guilt.

During this revelation, every individual will see his or her own life and actions displayed. Each person will clearly understand the choices they made and the influence those choices had. Ellen White explains that every eye will see the work that he has done, leaving no room for denial or excuse. Those who mocked Christ and rejected His claims will stand speechless before the overwhelming evidence of His divine authority. The priests and rulers who condemned Him will behold again the scenes of Calvary and realize the gravity of their actions.

As the panorama concludes, every question regarding truth and error in the great controversy will be fully revealed. The consequences of Satan's rebellion and the results of his rule will be clearly displayed before all created intelligences throughout the universe. At this moment, every being will acknowledge the justice of God. Even Satan himself will recognize the righteousness of God's government. Ellen White explains that every knee will bow before the Son of God, and Satan will acknowledge that his rebellion has made him unfit for heaven. With all the facts of the controversy laid open, the entire universe will declare that God is just and righteous in all His judgments.

After this universal acknowledgment of God's justice, the final judgment will be executed. Fire will come down from God out of heaven and will consume the wicked. In this final act of divine justice, the wicked will receive their recompense, and sin will be completely destroyed.

Every knee shall bow

Satan will acknowledge Christ

“That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” (Philippians 2:10–11)

During this great judgment scene, every question regarding truth and error in the long conflict between Christ and Satan will be made completely clear. The entire universe will see the consequences of Satan’s rebellion and the justice of God’s actions. No doubt will remain concerning the righteousness of God’s government.

Confronted with the overwhelming evidence, Satan himself will acknowledge the justice of God’s sentence. Satan will bow before Christ and confess that God’s judgments are just. In this moment, the prophecy of *Philippians 2:10–11* will be fulfilled as every knee bows before the Son of God and every tongue acknowledges His authority.

The wicked who followed Satan will also recognize the truth. Seeing the full revelation of God’s justice and their own choices, they will unite in declaring that God’s ways are just and true. The entire universe will acknowledge that God has acted with perfect righteousness throughout the history of the great controversy.

Yet even after this confession, Satan will make one final desperate attempt to overthrow Christ and seize the city of God. Gathering the resurrected wicked under his leadership, he will attempt a final assault against the New Jerusalem. At that moment, the final judgment will be executed. Fire will come down from God out of heaven and will consume Satan, his angels, and all who have joined him in rebellion. This act of divine justice will bring an end to sin and rebellion.

With the destruction of Satan and the wicked, sin will be completely eradicated from the universe. The entire creation will then be clean, free from every trace of rebellion and suffering.

The Final Destruction of the Wicked (Gog and Magog)

”Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and that day that is coming will set them on fire, says the Lord Almighty. Not a root or a branch will be left to them. . . Then you will trample down the wicked; they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I do these things, says the Lord Almighty.” (Malachi 4:1,2).

After the completion of the thousand-year reign in heaven, Christ will return to the earth for the third and final time, accompanied by the redeemed and a vast host of angels. As He descends in overwhelming majesty, He will command the wicked dead to arise in the second resurrection. They will come forth as an innumerable multitude, covering the earth as the sand of the sea, bearing the marks of sin and rebellion.

At this moment, Satan—who has been bound by circumstances during the millennium—will see the vast multitudes now under his control, and his hopes will revive. Once again he will assume leadership, deceiving the wicked and organizing them into a mighty army. Filled with rebellion, they will unite under his command in a final attempt to overthrow Christ and seize the Holy City, the New Jerusalem. With determined purpose, this countless host will advance across the earth, moving in disciplined formation toward the city of God.

But this will be Satan’s last and final deception. As the wicked surround the Holy City and prepare to attack, divine judgment will suddenly fall. Fire will come down from God out of heaven, and the earth itself will break apart. Hidden forces within the earth will be unleashed, and devouring flames will burst from every chasm. The entire surface of the earth will become a vast, seething lake of fire. Even the rocks will burn, and the day of final judgment will fully arrive.

In this destruction, the wicked will receive their punishment according to their deeds. Some will be destroyed swiftly, while others will suffer longer, yet all will receive a just recompense in perfect harmony with their lives. The full penalty of God’s law will be executed, and justice will be completely satisfied. Satan, the root of rebellion, and all who followed him, the branches, will be utterly destroyed—both soul and body. This will be the second death, from which there will be no resurrection.

At the same time, the fire that destroys the wicked will also purify the earth. Every trace of the curse of sin will be swept away. The earth will be cleansed completely, as though sin had never existed, leaving only one eternal reminder—the marks of Christ’s crucifixion, which will forever testify to the cost of redemption.

With the eradication of sin, the entire universe will be fully restored. Every created being will recognize the justice and love of God. The long-standing controversy will be forever settled, and rebellion will never rise again. As Scripture declares, affliction will not rise up the second time.

Sin will Never Rise Again

"He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for **the former things have passed away.**" (Revelation 21:4)

After the final destruction of sin and sinners, the great controversy between Christ and Satan will come to its complete and eternal end. Sin will never rise again because the entire universe will have witnessed its origin, its development, and its terrible results. Through the long history of rebellion and redemption, every intelligent being will fully understand the justice, love, and righteousness of God's government.

The universe will forever bear witness to the nature and consequences of sin. Because the history of rebellion has been fully revealed, no being will ever again be deceived regarding its character. The exposure of Satan's rebellion will remove the possibility of another uprising.

The history of the great controversy will stand through eternity as a testimony that true happiness is inseparably connected with obedience to God's law. All intelligent beings will understand that God's law is the foundation of peace, order, and joy throughout the universe.

By the end of the controversy, every question concerning truth and error will have been resolved. The accusations once made against God will be fully answered, and His character will stand completely vindicated before angels, redeemed humanity, and the inhabitants of unfallen worlds.

With the final removal of sin, harmony will be restored throughout creation. The rebellion that once disrupted the peace of heaven will never appear again. The entire universe will then exist in perfect unity and peace, filled with harmony and gladness as life, light, and joy flow from the Creator throughout the limitless realms of space.

The Recreation of the New Earth

“And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.” Revelation 21:1

“For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and **the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind**“ (Isaiah 65:17)

The fire that consumes the wicked purifies the earth. Every trace of the curse is swept away. No eternally burning hell will keep before the ransomed the fearful consequences of sin. After the millennium and the final destruction of sin, God will recreate the earth and restore it to perfect beauty. The desolate world that resulted from sin and judgment will be purified and renewed to become the eternal home of the redeemed.

Following the final judgment, the earth will be cleansed by fire. The same fire that destroys Satan, the wicked, and sin will also remove every trace of corruption from creation, lifting the curse that has rested upon the earth since humanity’s fall. When this purification by fire is complete, God will recreate the world in beauty and perfection, fulfilling the prophecy of Revelation 21:1: “I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away.” The New Jerusalem, the holy city of God, will become the capital of the renewed earth.

The New Earth will be the permanent home of the redeemed, where pain, sorrow, suffering, and death will no longer exist. The beauty and harmony of creation will be fully restored. Clear streams will flow across the landscape, and trees will spread their branches along the pathways prepared for God’s people. In the midst of this restored world will stand the tree of life, bearing fruit each month, with leaves symbolizing the complete healing and restoration of humanity. Access to this tree will represent the full reversal of the loss brought by sin.

Life in the New Earth will be filled with continual growth, joy, and discovery. Freed from the limitations of sin, the redeemed will experience unending progress in knowledge, strength, and happiness.

The great controversy between Christ and Satan will be forever ended. Sin and sinners will exist no more, and the entire universe will enter into perfect harmony. From God, the source of life and light, joy will flow throughout creation as the redeemed, the angels, and the inhabitants of unfallen worlds live together in eternal peace under His government.

The Beauty of the New Earth

“There shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. Rev 21:4

After the final destruction of sin and the recreation of the earth, the New Earth will be restored to the beauty and harmony originally intended in Eden. This renewed world will be a place of breathtaking natural beauty, peaceful life, and perfect harmony between humanity, nature, and God.

One of the central features of the New Earth will be the River of Life. A crystal-clear river will flow from the throne of God through the Holy City. This river will sparkle with purity and life, symbolizing the eternal vitality flowing from God to His creation. Along the banks of this river will grow the Tree of Life, which will bear fruit every month and that its leaves will serve the nations. Access to this tree will represent the complete restoration of the life that humanity lost when sin entered the world.

The New Earth will also be filled with beautiful landscapes and flowing streams. Clear streams of water and magnificent natural scenery throughout the renewed world. Waving trees will cast gentle shadows along the pathways prepared for the redeemed, creating a landscape of peaceful beauty. There will be beautiful homes and fields full of vibrant life. The grass will be living green, and the environment will be filled with joy and vitality. Birds will sing sweetly, and the entire landscape will reflect the harmony of a world free from sin.

The geography of the New Earth will include vast plains, hills, and mountains, all restored in perfect beauty. The earth will be renewed in its original Edenic glory, fulfilling God’s original purpose in creating the world. The animal world will also exist in perfect peace and harmony. The prophecy of Isaiah foretells the wolf and the lamb will feed together and that no creature will hurt or destroy in God’s holy mountain (Isaiah 65:25). Violence and predation will disappear entirely, and all living creatures will exist in harmony.

Life on the New Earth will also include the joyful activity of the redeemed. They will build houses and live in them, cultivate the land, and enjoy the beauty of nature. These promises reflect the prophecy of Isaiah 65:21, which describes the redeemed building homes and inhabiting them.

“The saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever.” (Daniel 7:18)

Eternity In the Paradise of God

“the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever.

And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places” Isaiah 32:17-18

Human language is inadequate to describe the reward of the righteous. It will be known only to those who behold it. No finite mind can comprehend the glory of the Paradise of God.

In the Bible the inheritance of the saved is called “a country.” Hebrews 11:14-16. There the heavenly Shepherd leads His flock to fountains of living waters. The tree of life yields its fruit every month, and the leaves of the tree are for the service of the nations. There are ever-flowing streams, clear as crystal, and beside them waving trees cast their shadows upon the paths prepared for the ransomed of the Lord. There the wide-spreading plains swell into hills of beauty, and the mountains of God rear their lofty summits. On those peaceful plains, beside those living streams, God’s people, so long pilgrims and wanderers, shall find a home. “My people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places.” “Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders; but thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise.” “They shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: ... Mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.” (Isaiah 32:18; 60:18; Isaiah 65:21, 22).

There, “the wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.” “Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree.” “The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; ... and a little child shall lead them.” “They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain,” saith the Lord. (Isaiah 35:1; 55:13; Isaiah 11:6, 9).

And the years of eternity, as they roll, will bring richer and still more glorious revelations of God and of Christ. As knowledge is progressive, so will love, reverence, and happiness increase. The more men learn of God, the greater will be their admiration of His character. As Jesus opens before them the riches of redemption and the amazing achievements in the great controversy with Satan, the hearts of the ransomed will thrill with more fervent devotion, and with more rapturous joy they will sweep the harps of gold; and ten thousand times ten thousand and thousands of thousands of voices will unite to swell the mighty chorus of praise.

“The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein forever.” Psalm 37:29.

Life in Endless Ages

“For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain. And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD. “Isaiah 66”

After the final destruction of sin and the complete restoration of God’s creation, the redeemed will enter into an eternal life of joy, learning, and discovery. Eternity will not be a state of inactivity but of continual growth in knowledge, fellowship, and understanding of God’s works.

In this restored universe, the redeemed will interact with the inhabitants of unfallen worlds. The children of earth will learn from beings who never fell into sin, sharing in the wisdom gained through ages spent contemplating the works and character of God. Through these exchanges, deeper insights into the purposes of the Creator will unfold. The redeemed will also be free to explore the universe, traveling from world to world and studying the wonders of God’s creative power. These explorations will deepen their appreciation for the Creator and reveal the vastness of His works.

The entire universe will be open to exploration. With perfected understanding, the redeemed will study the wonders of God’s handiwork across the vast expanse of creation. Among all subjects of study, the science of redemption will stand supreme. The plan of salvation—long contemplated by angels and unfallen beings—will remain the central theme of study as the redeemed explore the depth of God’s love revealed in the saving of humanity.

The study of the incarnation of Christ, His atoning sacrifice and mediatorial work, will employ the mind of the diligent student as long as time shall last; and, looking to heaven with its unnumbered years, he will exclaim, “Great is the mystery of godliness. As eternity advances, every faculty will expand and every capacity increase. New discoveries will continually unfold, and the joy of learning will never cease. All this will occur in a universe completely cleansed from sin, where the harmony of God’s creation is fully restored and no trace of rebellion or suffering remains.

“In eternity we shall learn that which, had we received the enlightenment that it was possible to obtain here, would have opened our understanding. The themes of redemption will employ the hearts and minds and tongues of the redeemed through the everlasting ages. They will understand the truths which Christ longed to open to His disciples, but which they did not have faith to grasp. Forever and forever new views of the perfection and glory of Christ will appear. Through endless ages the faithful Householder will bring forth from His treasures things new and old.

The Law of God will forever remain Sabbath will forever be kept in all eternity

“And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD. “Isaiah 66”

“All his commandments are sure. They stand fast for ever and ever” Psalm 111:7-9

After sin has been completely eradicated and the earth has been recreated in perfect beauty, the government of God will stand forever in unchallenged authority, and His law will remain the eternal foundation of harmony throughout the universe. The redeemed, together with the angelic host and the inhabitants of unfallen worlds, will live in perfect obedience to that law, not as a burden, but as the expression of love and loyalty to their Creator.

At that time, the prophecy of Isaiah will be fulfilled in its fullest sense: “from one Sabbath to another” all flesh will come to worship before God. This will not be a temporary arrangement, but an everlasting reality. The Sabbath, which was instituted at creation when the foundations of the earth were laid, will continue as a perpetual memorial of God’s creative power and authority. It will never be abolished, altered, or replaced. Instead, it will be honored by all created beings throughout eternity as the sacred sign of allegiance to the Creator.

In that restored universe, the Sabbath will shine with even greater significance, for it will stand not only as a memorial of creation, but also as a reminder of redemption. The redeemed will gather every Sabbath in joyful worship, acknowledging both the power that created them and the grace that saved them. Their obedience will flow naturally from hearts fully transformed into the likeness of Christ. The Sabbath, as the central sign of loyalty, will distinguish forever those who serve God. What was once the great point of controversy on earth will become the universal symbol of unity in heaven and the new earth. All beings will willingly and joyfully observe it, recognizing it as the seal of God’s authority and the sign of their eternal relationship with Him.

The law of God itself will be seen in its true character—as a perfect reflection of divine love, righteousness, and truth. It will be understood by all intelligences as the very foundation of happiness and peace. No longer misunderstood or resisted, it will be universally honored. From angels to redeemed humanity, every being will recognize that God’s law is not restrictive, but life-giving—an eternal expression of His character.

Throughout eternity, this law will remain unchanged. It existed before humanity was created, governed the heavenly hosts, and will continue to govern all creation forever. Its principles—love to God and love to one another—will be perfectly lived out in every heart. There will be no rebellion, no discord, and no deviation from its precepts. The entire universe will be bound together in perfect harmony under the unchanging principles of God’s government—secure forever, with sin never to rise again.

End

"Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets." (Amos 3:7).



But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.
1 Thessalonians 5:4.



"None but those who have fortified the mind with the truths of the Bible will stand through the last great conflict."

CONCLUSION

Final Appeal: The Last Call Before It Is Forever Too Late

The final events of earth's history are not distant shadows on the horizon—they are unfolding now. Quietly. Steadily. Irreversibly. The world moves forward, unaware that it stands on the edge of eternity.

Soon, very soon, the last warning will be given. The final decision will be made. Probation will close. And when it closes—it will close forever. There will be no second chance. No further opportunity. No return to mercy. Every case will be decided for life or for death.

Many are waiting for a great sign. Many are expecting more time. Many believe they will prepare later. But Scripture warns otherwise. The end will come as an overwhelming surprise. While the world speaks of peace and safety, sudden destruction will break upon it. While men are absorbed in the pursuits of life—buying, selling, building, and planning—the final crisis will arrive. And in that moment, the unprepared will realize too late that eternity has already been decided. But it does not have to be so.

Heaven has given warning. God has not hidden these things. He has revealed them plainly through His Word, through prophecy, and through the unfolding signs of our time. Every event has been laid out—not to create fear, but to awaken the soul.

This is the purpose of this book. Not merely to inform—but to prepare. Not merely to explain—but to warn. Not merely to describe the end—but to help you stand in it. Because one question remains above all others: **Are you ready?** Are you ready to stand when the world is shaken? Are you ready to remain faithful when truth is tested? Are you ready to meet Christ when He appears in the clouds of heaven?

Only those who have anchored their lives in the Word of God will stand. Only those who have chosen truth over convenience, obedience over compromise, and Christ above all else will endure the final crisis. The time for decision is not in the future. It is now. Choose whom you will serve. Choose truth while it is still available. Choose Christ before mercy ceases. Because soon—The voice of God will be heard. The heavens will open. And the King of kings will appear. For some, it will be terror. For others, it will be deliverance. And when that moment comes—It will be too late to choose.

Christ died that you may have life, and have it in abundance. “This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.” (John 17:3)

Choose Christ today, that you may live.

Final advise to all who read this book

In this life we must meet fiery trials and make costly sacrifices, but the peace of Christ is the reward. There has been so little self-denial, so little suffering for Christ's sake, that the cross is almost entirely forgotten. We must be partakers with Christ of His sufferings, if we would sit down in triumph with Him on His throne. So long as we choose the easy path of self-indulgence, and are frightened at self-denial, our faith will never become firm, and we cannot know the peace of Jesus, nor the joy that comes through conscious victory. The most exalted of the redeemed host that stand before the throne of God and the Lamb, clad in white, know the conflict of overcoming, for they have come up through great tribulation.

No one need say that his case is hopeless, that he cannot live the life of a Christian. Ample provision is made by the death of Christ for every soul. Jesus is our ever-present help in time of need. Only call upon Him in faith, and He has promised to hear and answer your petitions. Oh, for living, active, faith! We need it; we must have it, or we shall faint and fail in the day of trial. The darkness that will then rest upon our path must not discourage us, or drive us to despair. It is the veil with which God covers His glory when He comes to impart rich blessings. We should know this by our past experience. In that day when God has a controversy with His people, this experience will be a source of comfort and hope.

It is now that we must keep ourselves and our children unspotted from the world. It is now that we must wash our robes of character and make them white in the blood of the Lamb. It is now that we must overcome pride, passion, and spiritual slothfulness. It is now that we must awake, and make determined effort for symmetry of character. "Today if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts." (Hebrews 4:7). We are in a most trying position, waiting, watching for our Lord's appearing. The world is in darkness. "But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief." Those who have yielded to circumstances rather than engage in this conflict, will not know how to stand in that day when anguish will be upon every soul, when, though Noah, Job, and Daniel were in the land, they could save neither son nor daughter, for everyone must deliver his soul by his own righteousness.

What are you doing, brethren, in the great work of preparation? Now is the time to prepare. The seal of God will never be placed upon the forehead of an impure man or woman. It will never be placed upon the forehead of the ambitious, world-loving man or woman. It will never be placed upon the forehead of men or women of false tongues or deceitful hearts. All who receive the seal must be without spot before God,—candidates for heaven. Search the Scriptures for yourselves, that you may understand the fearful solemnity of the present hour.

Final advise to all who read this book

A message was sent from Heaven to the world in Noah's day, and their salvation depended upon the manner in which they treated that message. Because they rejected the warning, the Spirit of God was withdrawn from the sinful race, and they perished in the waters of the flood. In the time of Abraham, mercy ceased to plead with the guilty inhabitants of Sodom, and all but Lot with his wife and two daughters were consumed by the fire sent down from heaven. So, in the days of Christ, the Son of God declared to the unbelieving Jews of that generation, "Your house is left unto you desolate." Looking down to the last days, the same infinite power declares, concerning those who "received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved," "For this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie; that they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness." As they reject the teachings of his Word, God withdraws his Spirit, and leaves them to the deceptions which they love.

Just before us is the "hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth." All whose faith is not firmly established upon the Word of God will be deceived and overcome. Satan "works with all deceivableness of unrighteousness" to gain control of the children of men; and his deceptions will continually increase. But he can gain his object only as men voluntarily yield to his temptations. Those who are earnestly seeking a knowledge of the truth, and are striving to purify their souls through obedience, thus doing what they can to prepare for the conflict, will find, in the God of truth, a sure defense. "Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee," is the Savior's promise.

The "time of trouble such as never was," is soon to open upon us; and we shall need an experience which we do not now possess, and which many are too indolent to obtain. It is often the case that trouble is greater in anticipation than in reality; but this is not true of the crisis before us. The most vivid presentation cannot reach the magnitude of the ordeal. In that time of trial, every soul must stand for himself before God. Though Noah, Daniel, and Job were in the land, "as I live, saith the Lord God, they shall deliver neither son nor daughter; they shall but deliver their own souls by their righteousness." Now, while our great High Priest is making the atonement for us, we should seek to become perfect in Christ. Not even by a thought could our Saviour be brought to yield to the power of temptation, so should we.

1. Ground Yourself Deeply in the Word of God

Do not rely on feelings, opinions, or human teachings. Anchor your mind firmly in the Scriptures. Fill your thoughts daily with the truth of God's Word until it becomes your foundation. Only those who are firmly established in the Bible will stand when deception overwhelms the world. Satan will do everything possible to keep you from understanding it—therefore, study it diligently.

2. Test Every Teaching with Scripture

Do not accept anything simply because it appears powerful, popular, or convincing. Examine every doctrine, every miracle, and every spiritual claim against the Word of God. In the last days, falsehood will closely resemble truth. Only Scripture can reveal the difference. If something does not align with God's Word, reject it completely.

3. Walk in Obedience to God's Commandments

Do not separate faith from obedience. True loyalty to God is revealed in keeping His commandments. In the final crisis, obedience will distinguish those who belong to God from those who follow deception. Expect opposition, ridicule, and pressure—but remain faithful. Strength to stand will come only from God.

4. Receive and Love the Truth

Do not merely know the truth—love it. Cherish it. Live it. Those who treat truth lightly or casually will be swept away by deception. Only those who deeply love what is true will be protected when powerful delusions arise. Make truth your highest priority.

5. Seek the Constant Guidance of the Holy Spirit

Do not depend on your own understanding. Invite the Holy Spirit to transform your heart and guide your thoughts. It is only through His power that you can discern truth from error. Without Him, even clear truth can be misunderstood. With Him, deception loses its power.

6. Live a Life of Prayer and Watchfulness

Do not become spiritually careless. Stay alert. Pray continually. Watch for the subtle workings of deception. In moments of temptation, call upon God immediately. Even the weakest believer who depends on God will overcome, while the strongest who rely on themselves will fall.

7. Reject Spiritualism and False Miracles

Do not be deceived by supernatural signs, healings, or impressive manifestations. Not every miracle comes from God. In the last days, deceptive powers will perform wonders to mislead many. If any manifestation contradicts God's Word, reject it—no matter how real or powerful it appears.

8. Stand Firm When the Whole World is Deceived

Do not follow the crowd. A time is coming when deception will be so convincing that nearly the entire world will accept it. Even appearances may seem to confirm the false. But stand firm. If it does not agree with Scripture, do not yield—no matter how widespread or persuasive it becomes.

9. Develop a Living Relationship with Christ


Do not rely on mere knowledge or outward profession. Know Christ personally. Walk with Him daily. Let your faith be alive, not theoretical. Only those who have a real, living connection with Him will recognize His voice and resist deception. Relationship—not just information—is your safeguard.

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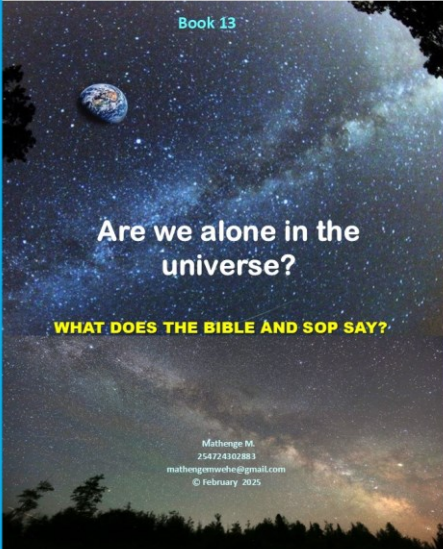
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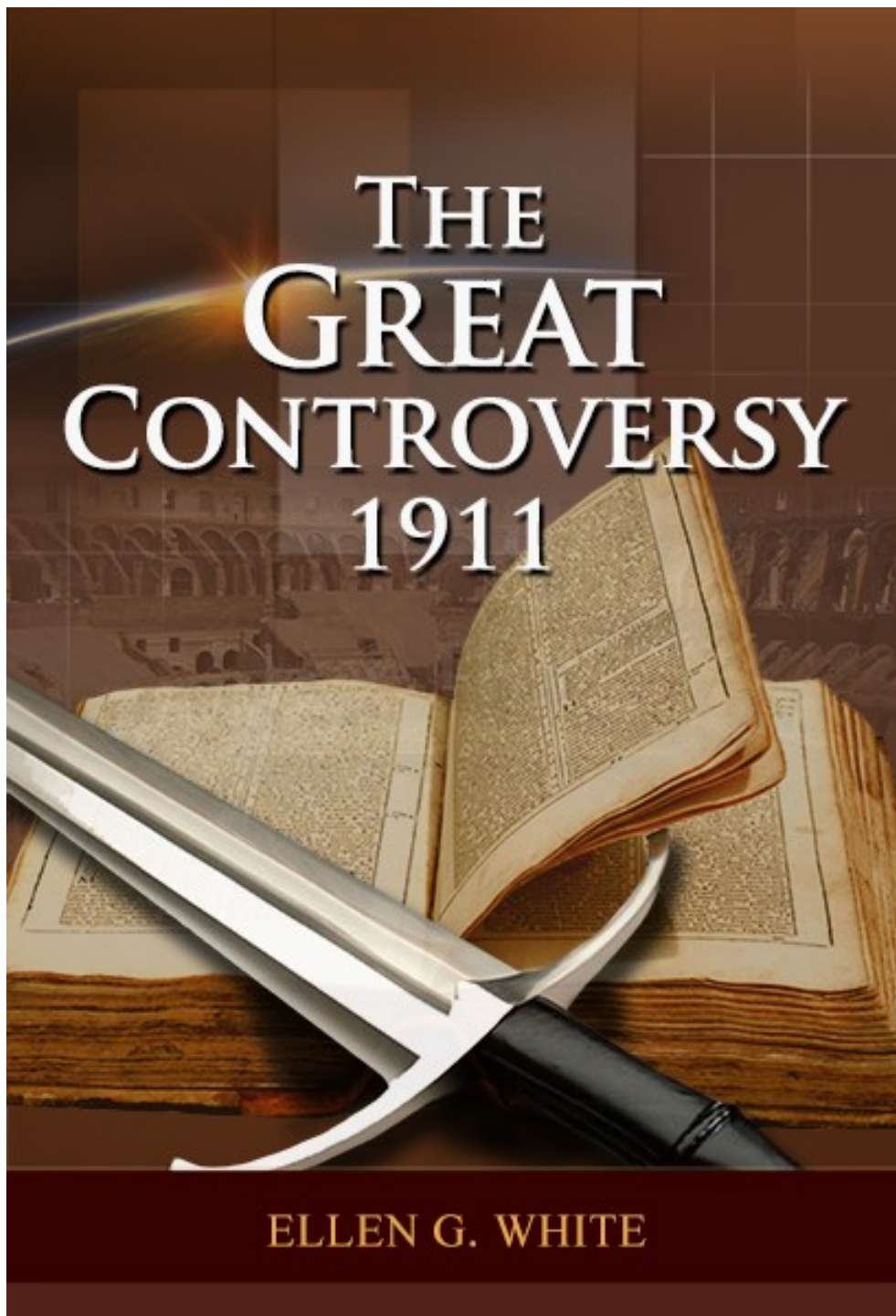
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