

IAUA End Time Ministry

Preparing for the End of Time



Third Elijah Message

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Preface

"IAUA End Time Ministry" presents this book "*Third Elijah Message*" as part of the preparation of God's people for the End of Time. This book investigates the content and the prophetic importance of the Third Elijah Message.

God loves us and wants us to prepare for the end of time. He has revealed what will happen in the end of time. The final judgment of the world is coming soon. A final message from the Bible precedes the end of the world. A critical part of the final message is the Third Elijah Message to the church. This message will lead to a reformation and revival, as the 144,000 are prepared for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit with great power.

This book is for those who have learned the love of God for us and have a passionate love of God in their heart. Otherwise, the information in this book will seem pointless and legalistic.

¹⁵ **If ye love me, keep my commandments.** John 14:15

My purpose is to share my studies of the Bible and research into information about the Third Elijah Message. This book is a study guide to encourage your own study and research into understanding the Third Elijah Message of God. The material in this book is an expansion of a chapter in the book "*Preparing for the End of Time*".

This book is not a detailed scholarly presentation. My goal is to present the subject completely but simply and briefly. It is not my intent to try to convince you of these truths. It is my purpose to point you to truth in the Bible, which we often overlook. You will need to investigate and verify these truths for yourself.

The Internet is a valuable tool for research. The information in this book is available for online reading with many research links and additional material under ongoing development at the website:

www.ThirdElijahMessage.info

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Preachers, teachers, and students of the Bible take note. You will read ideas in this book you may find controversial and disturbing. Hold tightly to the teachings of the Bible and let the Bible interpret itself. Do not cling to the traditions and teachings of men, even if you have taught them yourself. Open your heart and mind and pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

About the Ministry

IAUA End Time Ministry is a personal, independent ministry. This ministry is my personal effort to follow the will of God. The purpose of the ministry is to witness to God's truth through Internet websites, email newsletters, printed books, and personal contact with those who show an interest in deeper additional truth.

This ministry agrees with the fundamental teachings of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination. I believe there is a fundamental teaching missing from the church doctrine. I also believe the church is teaching an error, which contradicts its own fundamental teachings.

This ministry is not a part of the SDA denomination and is not recognized or approved by the SDA denomination. I am part of a loose association of individuals seeking to further the knowledge and understanding of God. I do not follow the teachings of any other leader or ministry. I follow only the Bible.

Wherever possible, this ministry avoids entering into any controversy or confrontation on the truth I believe from the Bible. I only present these topics when an interest is shown in the subject of a deeper understanding of God's Law. It is the work of the Holy Spirit to draw others to greater truth. God also appoints prophets to do the work of calling His people to reformation and revival. I do not step out ahead of God's leading.

About the Author

Eliau is the pen name of Frank T. Clark. I use a pen name because this book is not about me. I am not seeking to promote myself. The pen name is a transliteration of the original Hebrew for Elijah. I am an ultraconservative, lifetime, fifth-generation, Seventh-day

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Adventist believer. No religion has the whole truth or is the exclusive source of truth. Each individual accepts truth as they study the Bible to understand for themselves.

I describe myself as an ultraconservative because I go beyond adhering to only the current teachings of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination. I believe errors have crept into the teachings of the church. I seek a return to the truth revealed to the early Adventist church there is "New Light" in God's Law we must seek. I seek a continued growth beyond the current complacent (Laodicean) attitude of the church to return to the primitive godliness of the Messiah, the disciples, and the apostles.

A few years ago, God awoke me to the renewed realization this world is going to end soon. While renewing my study of the Bible, He led me to see "Present Truth", I was not originally taught to see. These truths are critical to "Preparing for the End of Time".

It is my purpose to point you to truth in the Bible, which we often overlook. It is my intent and expectation you will study the Bible about this for yourself. It is my prayer the Holy Spirit will guide you.

¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth... He will show you things to come.

John 16:13 (FTCABE)

About the Cover

The intended color scheme of this book's cover is from God's sanctuary, which we find described in numerous places.

¹ And of the blue, and purple, and scarlet, they made cloths of service, to do service in the holy place, and made the holy garments for Aaron; as IAUA commanded Moses.

² And he made the ephod of gold, blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen.

Exodus 39:1-2

The background is royal blue, which represents God's law. Gold represents the riches of God's truth, purple represents the royalty of the King of Kings, and scarlet represents the blood of the Lamb. Linen is white, which represents purity.

Letter from the Author

Dear Brothers and Sisters of IAUA our Heavenly Father,

It is with immense joy, I present to you this Bible Study on the topics of present truth for the last generation. I hope this study draws you, as deeply as the Holy Spirit has drawn me, to a renewed interest in the Bible and Present Truth.

My spiritual journey wandered for years in circles and cycles because I thought I knew the Bible. In reality, I only studied what the church taught me to study. I was complacent, like the Laodicean church, as described by the Messiah in Revelation 3:14-22. I felt a half-hearted desire for more but was comfortable with the daily activities of life.

God knew my condition and by the work of the Holy Spirit impressed on my mind the nearness of the end of time. I had this realization from childhood but after years of hearing the same old tired prodding, I became callous to the warning of the Three Angels' Message. I believe the same is true of many in the church today. When I began to study more and meditate on the nearness of the end of time, a greater concern energized me about being prepared for the end of time.

While talking with others about the nearness of the end of time, I received a pair of small books, which deeply challenged my complacency about my knowledge of the Bible. I read things, which I had never heard before. The Holy Spirit opened my eyes to a vast amount of Bible truth of which I had been woefully ignorant. I hope this book will do the same for you.

With astonishing swiftness, my life began to change completely. As I began to dig deeper and deeper into the Bible, my whole outlook on life began to change. The things I had once enjoyed began to lose my interest. Bible study became my primary interest. Within a year, my job laid me off and I felt God moving in a powerful way to change my life.

While looking for work I threw myself even deeper into hours of daily study of the Bible and research of the new truths I was learning. It would be almost two years before God would allow me to return to the work force in serving His purposes and not the ways of the world.

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I hope this book will encourage you to a deeper study of the Bible. I believe the topics of this book are a valuable study guide to lead you to topics of importance, which we often overlook. The first book, "*Preparing for the End of Time*", is an introduction to a series of books, which covers the complete subject area of my studies on "Present Truth". This fifth book, "*Third Elijah Message*", expands on the most important of one of these subjects. As God leads and time allows, I will prepare other books expanding on these topics.

It is important to remind you, our belief in our precious Savior is what saves us. When this belief converts us, we will begin to grow into all truth. This belief leads us to study more of His Word. As we learn more about Him, His Love for us draws us closer to Him. When the love of God fills our hearts, we will become passionate about learning everything He tells us. The expression of our love is to follow the guidance He gives us.

¹⁵ If ye love me, keep my commandments.

John 14:15

We obey the guidance found in His Law of Love because we trust Him to know what is best for us. Obedience does not save us. Obedience sanctifies us as we prepare for a place in His kingdom of Love.

¹² Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

Philippians 2:12

Obedience and study are our work of salvation. Please, open your heart and pray for the work of the Holy Spirit. Let this book guide you to study deeply into His Word and learn more about His guidance for our lives. What I say may sometimes sound harsh but I pray you may sense a spirit, which is learning to be gentle, under the molding of the Holy Spirit.

With all the love God places in my heart,



Frank T. Clark

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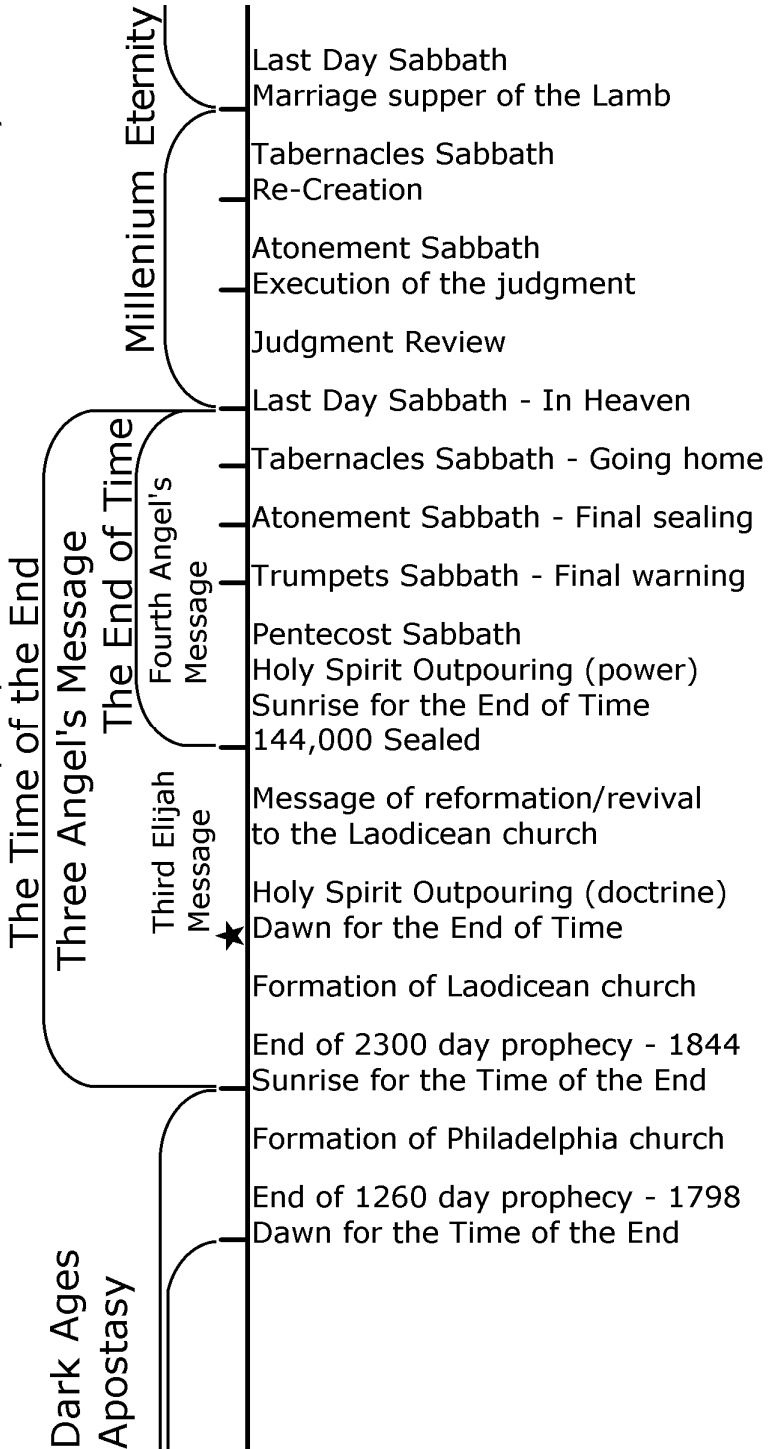
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Third Elijah Message — Prophetic Context

(A sequence of prophetic events in the church and world for the messages of God. This chart cannot and does not attempt to provide a time scale for events shown.)



Introduction

There is a special prophetic message of warning for the end of time. This message is found in the last chapter of the last book of the Old Testament. This message is to the church, which teaches the Three Angels' Message. God knew there would be great apostasy and resistance to returning to all the truth. He provided a special message, in His own words, recorded by Malachi for just this time when the "Law of Moses" is being nailed to the cross.

⁴ Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments.

Malachi 4:4

You will not hear this message being preached in the church. This message has waited silently for over two thousand years. This message is now being proclaimed. This is the time of the end. The end of time will soon be here. IAUUA is coming. Are you ready? God has promised a great prophet just before the end.

⁵ Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:

⁶ And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

Malachi 4:5-6

These are the words of the Messiah, which indicate the Third Elijah shall come (future tense) and the Second Elijah had come already (past tense). The Savior knew and understood the prophecy, which says the Third Elijah would restore all things.

¹⁰ And his disciples asked him, saying, Why then say the scribes that Elias must first come?

¹¹ And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things.

¹² But I say unto you, That Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer of them.

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¹³ Then the disciples understood that he spake unto them of John the Baptist. Matthew 17:10-13

Peter also knew the prophecy. The time of the end is a time of restoration of all things. The Sabbath truth has been restored. The truth of all that God has commanded is being restored.

²¹ Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

Acts 3:21

End Time Present Truth

There can be no dispute. The message of Malachi 4 is for the last days. The final destruction, by fire, of all the wicked is clearly described as the introduction to this message.

¹ For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.

² But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.

³ And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the LORD of hosts.

Malachi 4:1-3

The Ten Commandments are not the limit of God's law. The statutes and judgments of God are the expansion and details of the commandments. The statutes of God were not done away with at the cross. It is time for the modern children of Israel to return to the observance of all of God's law. The Messiah told us clearly.

¹⁷ Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

¹⁸ For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

¹⁹ Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least

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commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:17-19

The "Law of Moses" (statutes) was not nailed to the cross. Only the animal sacrifices and the animal sacrificial system were completed with the sacrifice of the Messiah. Notice I did not say "abolished". No part of the Law of God can ever be abolished. Animal sacrifices began with sin as a temporary atonement for sin to point to the perfect sacrifice to come. The animal sacrifices were "completed" and stand forever as a testimony of the purposeful leading of God. The purpose of the animal sacrifices and oblations ceased with the final sacrifice of the Messiah. The final sacrifices for sin will occur when the wicked are sacrificed for their own sin because they did not accept the sacrifice of the Messiah.

²⁷ And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

Daniel 9:27

Beware of the error of including other laws, commanded by God to Moses for the children of Israel, with the ceasing of the animal sacrifices. Daniel and Hebrews make it clear the animal sacrifices ceased. Do not be deceived and throw out other inconvenient requirements of God on this flimsy excuse.

The First Elijah

Elijah declared the message of God to the children of Israel. His message was one of repentance and reformation. In this quote, adapted for the issues of our time, Baal represents the opinions of men. It does not matter whether they are pastors or church leaders.

²¹ And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word. 1 Kings 18:21

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We must depend primarily on the Word of God as our source for truth. Do not depend on the pastor or the church leaders for the truth. Heed the warning of God.

⁵ Thus saith the LORD; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD.

⁶ For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited.

⁷ Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is.

⁸ For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.

⁹ The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

¹⁰ I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.

Jeremiah 17:5-10

The Second Elijah

John the Baptist was the Second Elijah, declaring the message of God, preparing the way for the First Coming of the Messiah.

¹ Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the LORD, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.
Malachi 3:1

The message of the second Elijah, John the Baptist, was also to the children of Israel. It is time to confess we have ignored the law of God and repent. The time for ignorance and excuses is past.

¹ In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea,

² And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

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³ For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

Matthew 3:1-3

John the Baptist made a major impact on the people of his time.

⁵ Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan,

Matthew 3:5

⁵ And there went out unto him all the land of Judaea, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins.

Mark 1:5

The Third Elijah

The Third Elijah also declares the message of God, preparing the way for the Second Coming of the Messiah. The message of the Third Elijah is also to the modern children of Israel. It is to those within the church whom have studied and followed the Three Angels' Message. This message leads to the sealing of the 144,000. Those who do not accept the truth are also sealed to judgment.

¹ He cried also in mine ears with a loud voice, saying, Cause them that have charge over the city to draw near, even every man with his destroying weapon in his hand.

² And, behold, six men came from the way of the higher gate, which lieth toward the north, and every man a slaughter weapon in his hand; and one man among them was clothed with linen, with a writer's inkhorn by his side: and they went in, and stood beside the brasen altar.

³ And the glory of the God of Israel was gone up from the cherub, whereupon he was, to the threshold of the house. And he called to the man clothed with linen, which had the writer's inkhorn by his side;

⁴ And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof.

⁵ And to the others he said in mine hearing, Go ye after him

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through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity:

⁶ Slay utterly old and young, both maids, and little children, and women: but come not near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at my sanctuary. Then they began at the ancient men which were before the house.

Ezekial 9:1-6

The final sealing and judgment begin at the church.

¹⁷ For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?

I Peter 4:17

The most significant expansion of the details of the commandments found in the statutes is the yearly Sabbaths described in Leviticus 23. This is not all that is in the statutes and judgments. The 144,000 will acquaint themselves with and achieve perfect obedience through the grace of God by the study and practice of all of the statutes and judgments.

⁴⁸ Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

Matthew 5:48

² And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Romans 12:2

¹⁰ But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

1 Corinthians 13:10

⁷ Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

⁸ For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

Galatians 6:7-8

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Do not accept human traditions. Do not accept false teachings. Learn the truth for yourself.

¹⁵ Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.
2 Timothy 2:15

The time to make your decision for the truth is now. Many seem to be waiting for some sign from heaven before they will commit. Many seem to be waiting for the Sunday law before they get serious about God's message. The words of the Savior are a warning to us.

¹¹ And the Pharisees came forth, and began to question with him, seeking of him a sign from heaven, tempting him.

¹² And he sighed deeply in his spirit, and saith, Why doth this generation seek after a sign? verily I say unto you, There shall no sign be given unto this generation.

Mark 8:11-12

There may not be any sign to the church before the sealing of the 144,000. It may be too late for those who are supposed to be watching, waiting, and ready.

¹ Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.

² And five of them were wise, and five were foolish.

³ They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:

⁴ But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

⁵ While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.

⁶ And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.

⁷ Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.

⁸ And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.

⁹ But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.

¹⁰ And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the

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door was shut.

¹¹ Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.

¹² But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.

¹³ Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

Matthew 25:1-13

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In this chapter, a verse-by-verse and phrase by phrase investigation of Malachi chapter 4 is carefully made to determine the depths of its meaning. I am making some changes in the words, but not the meaning. I am also amplifying the focus of the concepts. By bringing together various translations and *Strong's Hebrew Dictionary* definitions, we reach a more understandable message without some of the archaic words and forms.

In this opening quote of the message, I am emphasizing the reference to the Sacred Name of God and the three occurrences of the name, which I have transliterated to IAU A. This is my understanding, which is supported by years of study and evidence, which is documented in the book "*Sacred Name IAU A*".

¹ For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith IAU A of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.

² But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.

³ And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith IAU A of hosts.

⁴ Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments.

⁵ Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of IAU A:

⁶ And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

Malachi 4:1-6

The following is a verse-by-verse breakdown. I am making a personal translation of each verse. Each phrase of the verse is examined in detail.

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The Judgment of the Wicked

Now listen! The day is coming, like a burning furnace. All the proud and all who do wickedly, will be cut down like stubble. The day which is coming will burn them up, says Commander IAUA. It will not leave a root or branch of them.

There is a day of judgment coming, which will be complete and final. All traces of sin on the earth will be burned. All people will be destroyed, who do not belong in the kingdom of God. This should attract our attention. This opening statement emphasizes the importance of this message. This is also the context for the time of this message. Those who are facing their last decision at the end of time are being presented with the final issues. This is the final warning and call for the separating of good and evil.

⁴ And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. Revelation 18:4

The reference to the stubble of grass is traced back to the words of God. The people are specifically identified as grass.

⁶ The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodness thereof is as the flower of the field:

⁷ The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the LORD bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass.

⁸ The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever. Isaiah 40:6-8

Stubble is what is left when the grass is cut off. Those who disobey are cut off.

²⁹ Ye shall have one law for him that sinneth through ignorance, both for him that is born among the children of Israel, and for the stranger that sojourneth among them.

³⁰ But the soul that doeth ought presumptuously, whether he be born in the land, or a stranger, the same reproacheth the LORD; and that soul shall be cut off from among his people.

³¹ Because he hath despised the word of the LORD, and hath broken his commandment, that soul shall utterly be cut off; his iniquity shall be upon him. Numbers 15:29-31

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There are two classes of wicked people specifically identified as dried grass stubble to be burned. The group identified as evildoers we can easily understand. The group identified as the proud is a little more subtle. *Strong's Hebrew Dictionary* gives the synonyms arrogant, insolent, and presumptuous. The sense is, these are people who may have looked like good people on the outside.

¹⁰ And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. II Thessaonians 2:10

In their hearts they were too proud to yield to God. They did not come out of the remaining practices of the whore of Babylon. They did enough to look good and be acceptable to their peer group but were not willing to follow all the way.

⁴ These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb. Revelation 14:4

The prophet records these words directly from the mouth of God. This entire chapter is no thought inspiration recorded by the prophet with his own words. These words are the direct verbal statement of God. God gives His personal witness the destruction will be complete. The phrase "Lord of hosts", which I have translated "Commander IAUUA", emphasizes His position as Head of all the righteous, as the destruction of all traces of the wicked and their wicked works occurs.

The Hope of the Faithful

However, for those who respect My name the great light of righteousness, stands up in your defense with healing in His tassels. You will go out and leap for joy as calves released from the stall.

The identifying characteristic of the faithful righteous in this verse is respect for the name of God. I find it instructive to see this particular characteristic emphasized. Whenever I see this idea mentioned in the Bible, I cannot help but wonder. What does this

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mean for those who refuse to use His personal name and do not even want to know it?

⁶ Therefore my people shall know my name: therefore they shall know in that day that I am he that doth speak: behold, it is I. Isaiah 52:6

The great light of righteousness is not the sun. In Hebrew, the sun is always referred to as the great light. The great light of this verse is something more powerful and eternal. The physical light of the earth is the sun but the spiritual light of the earth is something quite different. The parallel with another end time verse is clear to the deep student of the Bible.

¹ And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. Revelation 18:1

The reference to healing tassels may seem odd but the deep student of the Bible will note the Hebrew word translated as tassels is the same word translated borders in this powerful verse.

³⁸ Speak unto the children of Israel, and bid them that they make them fringes in the borders of their garments throughout their generations, and that they put upon the fringe of the borders a ribband of blue: Numbers 15:38

The deep student of the Bible knows the fringe or tassel appears in this verse translated as hem. Now we see the complete circle of the thought of healing in His tassels. The great light of righteousness is the outpouring of the Holy Spirit as well as the coming of our Savior to give healing to those who follow Him all the way.

³⁶ And besought him that they might only touch the hem of his garment: and as many as touched were made perfectly whole. Matthew 14:36

In the final phrase of the verse, we recognize our arrival in heaven and our leaving the Holy City after the Re-Creation will be an outburst of joy. We will go out and leap for joy as calves released from the chains of their stalls. We will be free from the chains of sin and restored to the perfect home God originally designed for us.

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¹ 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

Can you see the face of Adam when he is restored to being with His Savior, restored to the beautiful Garden of Eden, and the Tree of Life, which will be the Central Park of the Holy City?

² In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. Revelation 22:2

We all long for this day when all shall be restored.

The Triumph of Righteousness

You will trample the wicked. They will be ashes under the soles of your feet, in the day I will do this, says Commander IAUA.

This is a solemn and fearful promise of God. There will be a day when the wicked and everything tainted with evil will be nothing but ashes under our feet. IAUA who is Commander of all the righteous creation promises and warns. He will do this.

³ And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: Revelation 22:3

The Statutes and judgments

Remember the "Law of Moses", my servant, which I commanded to him in Horeb for all Israel, statutes and judgments.

The deep student of the Bible notices the parallel important meaning of the first word of this verse. God has previously called us in His own words and His own voice to remember something equally important.

⁸ Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Exodus 20:8

Don't you think the "Law of Moses" has the same kind of importance? Does "remember" only mean to recall or does it mean

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to follow and obey? He has also provided, in His own words, with the same commandment to remember, a specific method to be a constant reminder of obedience to ALL His commandments. It is also a powerful visible witness to our commitment to obey.

³⁹ And it shall be unto you for a fringe, that ye may look upon it, and remember all the commandments of the LORD, and do them; and that ye seek not after your own heart and your own eyes, after which ye use to go a whoring:

⁴⁰ That ye may remember, and do all my commandments, and be holy unto your God. Numbers 15:39-40

This special message is given to those in these last days who are ready and willing to follow the Lamb wherever He leads them. God does not hesitate to call it the "Law of Moses" but reminds us Moses is His servant and it is His commandment given for all of us. This command specifically applies to an exclusive group at the end of time who are also called His servants and who are not ashamed to be called the children of Israel.

³ Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.

⁴ And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel. Revelation 7:3-4

The "Law of Moses" is called statutes and judgments. Many are looking for an excuse to ignore the "Law of Moses", the statutes, also known as the THURA (Torah). They sometimes use the excuse the statutes and the law (Torah) did not exist until Moses. They need to carefully consider the testimony of God.

⁵ Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws (Torah).

Genesis 26:5

The law was not recorded until Moses but God says even Abraham knew the law.

The Coming of Elijah

Listen! I will send you Elijah the prophet, before the coming of the great and terrible day of IAUA.

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God has specified the message. Now He specifies there will be a prophet to proclaim this message. Like John the Baptist, someone who will come in the spirit and power of Elijah.

17 And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord. Luke 1:17

Again, we are reminded, this will occur just before the great and terrible day of IAUA.

31 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come. Joel 2:31

The disciples were aware of this prophecy by the words of the scribes. They were puzzled by the appearance of Elijah at the transfiguration when the Messiah had already come.

10 And his disciples asked him, saying, Why then say the scribes that Elias must first come? Matthew 17:10

The Messiah acknowledged a third Elijah prophet would come in the future, before His Second Coming, and restore all of God's truth, which had not yet been lost in the Dark Ages to follow.

11 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things. Matthew 17:11

The Messiah also specified John the Baptist was the Second Elijah who had preceded His own appearance in His First Coming.

12 But I say unto you, That Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer of them.

13 Then the disciples understood that he spake unto them of John the Baptist. Matthew 17:12-13

The Results of the Message

He will restore the obedient heart of the patriarch fathers to the righteous children of Israel. He will return the heart's desire of the children to the desire for righteousness held by

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their fathers. Then I will come and smite the earth with total destruction.

The Third Elijah Message will restore the first love, which has been left behind.

⁴ Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Revelation 2:4

The message will restore the love from a heart of obedience.

¹⁵ If ye love me, keep my commandments. John 14:15

The love of the patriarchs for the Law of God will be restored to the hearts of the true children of Israel

¹⁶⁵ Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them. Psalms 119:165

The loss of the understanding of all of God's Law has caused the love of His Law to be lost. Love awakens the heart of the true follower of God, restores, and joins them with the heart of the patriarch fathers.

Misleading Presentations

I am saddened when I hear presentations on the subject of "The Elijah Message", which are misleading. I am always a little excited when I hear the topic is to be presented. I know the presentations will not truly cover the topic as my study of the Bible shows it to be. The presentations are often excellent and cover some valuable teachings. However, they are not a presentation on the true meaning and purpose of the Third Elijah Message.

The first shortcoming of these presentations usually begins with a concentration on verse six to the exclusion of verse four. Verse four is sometimes mentioned but after the phrase "Law of Moses" is read, the meaning quickly shifts to the "Law of God" and becomes limited to only the Ten Commandments. The word "statutes" is often ignored.

The next shortcoming is an interpretation of the sixth verse as referring only to families, fathers, and their children. The entire content of the Third Elijah Message is usually wrapped up in less than fifteen minutes and the rest of the presentations are completely

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given over to the discussion of the family as the only purpose of this important message from God.

While the presentations and concepts about the family are excellent and valuable, they do not address the true concept of the Third Elijah Message from what I read in the Bible. The words of the Bible are misrepresented and the presentation veered completely away from the message God has for us to understand.

A deeper understanding of verse six is the restoration of the heart of obedience of the patriarch fathers Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob to the modern children of Israel who are grafted into the vine. Consider these words of God to Isaac concerning his father Abraham.

⁴ And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed;

⁵ Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws. Genesis 26:4-5

A proper focus of the message is on the meaning and importance of verse four. This leads us to a message of reformation and a coming out of the apostasies of Babylon.

Present Truth Focus

I believe the Third Elijah Message is critical to preparing for the end of time. I believe it is the call to the 144,000 for their final preparation before the sealing begins at Pentecost. I believe it is a call to return to obedience to all of the Law of God, including the part called by God Himself, the Law of Moses. The statutes and judgments are explicitly mentioned as the part of the Law of God, which needs to be remembered.

The Messiah knew there would be a falling away and a prophesied restoration of all things.

¹¹ And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things. Matthew 17:11

Peter knew there would be a restoration of all things.

²¹ Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began. Acts 3:21

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Daniel prophesied about the falling away where the Law of God would be changed.

²⁵ And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time. Daniel 7:25

Paul spoke explicitly about the falling away where the Law of God would be broken down.

³ Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; II Thessalonians 2:3

Those called of God at this time will build the wasted places of truth and understanding. They will restore the foundations of truth, which have been trampled by Babylon. They will repair the breach, which has been made by the enemy of souls, in the practice and understanding of God's Law.

¹² And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in. Isaiah 58:12

They will clear the paths of righteousness and they will walk in them. They will follow wherever the Lamb leads them here on earth, long before they reach heaven.

⁴ These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb. Revelation 14:4

This is the special message from God of "Present Truth" in Malachi 4:4 for these last days. This forgotten prophecy is what we need to focus upon as we prepare for the end of time. This message will result in a reformation and a revival of the church. This message will shake the church to its foundations. Most in the church will never accept the Law of Moses. God can tell them to remember it but they will refuse.

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A chart of the prophetic context of final events surrounding the Third Elijah Message is shown on the back cover of the book.

The prophecy of the Third Elijah fits into the prophetic context of other major milestones in the Time of the End leading to the End of Time. The Time of the End comes after the falling away from truth, at the end of the Dark Ages of apostasy.

³ Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

⁴ Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

II Thessalonians 2:3-4

I think of the "Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil" as an analogy of the apostasies, which took root in the Catholic Church of Rome and grew to a mighty tree. The Protestant Reformers fought against the great tree of apostasies beginning at the leaves and branches. With the passing of each reformer, his followers stagnated at the level to which they had been led. Later reformers went further in reform beginning at the point of the last reformer.

The first of the great time prophecies, which spanned the Dark Ages of apostasy, ended in 1798 marking the dawn of first light for the Time of the End. The last great time prophecy ended in 1844 marking the sunrise of the Time of the End.

¹⁴ And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.

¹⁷ So he came near where I stood: and when he came, I was afraid, and fell upon my face: but he said unto me, Understand, O son of man: for at the time of the end shall be the vision.

¹⁹ And he said, Behold, I will make thee know what shall be in the last end of the indignation: for at the time appointed the end shall be.

Daniel 8:14,17,19

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It is important to take note the Hebrew word translated "time appointed" in this verse from Daniel is exactly the same word which appears twice in Leviticus 23:4 translated first as "feasts" and secondly as "seasons". I refer to these seasonal appointed times as yearly Sabbaths.

⁴ These are the feasts of the LORD, even holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their seasons.

Leviticus 23:4

I believe the yearly Sabbaths are markers for specific end time events. This verse also links the time of the end and the time appointed.

³⁵ And some of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make them white, even to the time of the end: because it is yet for a time appointed.

Daniel 11:35

The time of the end is mentioned in several prophetic passages associated with major events.

⁴⁰ And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.

Daniel 11:40

The book of Daniel was sealed from understanding until the time of the end when knowledge of the Bible was revived after the Dark Ages of Catholic Apostasy from truth.

⁴ But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

Daniel 12:4

Daniel questioned the things he was shown and was explicitly told the prophecies were sealed until the time of the end.

⁹ And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.

Daniel 12:9

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The KJV Bible never explicitly uses the phrase "end of time" as I use it but the phrase "end of days" is similar and appears only once.

¹³ **But go thou thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days.**

Daniel 12:13

Three Angels Message

The message of the Three Angels is a prophecy of a great revival and reformation, which begins the time of the end. The prophetic fulfillment began as an outgrowth of the Great Awakening of the first half of the nineteenth Century, which climaxed with the Millerite Revival of 1831-1844. This revival ended with the Great Disappointment of October 22, 1844, which was believed to be the Day of Atonement in that year.

The Millerites never observed God's Sacred Calendar and had little understanding of how to determine the calendar. It is likely they were misled by whatever sources they consulted or they consulted ignorant sources. It is now clear they selected a Gregorian Calendar date which was a month late. A careful examination of Ellen White's words contradicts this determination and shows the truth. Passover follows equinox, which is about March 20.

The time of the Passover corresponded to the close of March or the beginning of April... {DA 75.2} Also {PP 537.3}

If October 22 was the Day of Atonement, then Passover would have been about May 4. This is clearly outside the scope of her statement no matter how non-specific it is.

They made a mistake in calendar determination of the date and what was to occur on the date. Nevertheless, they correctly recognized the significance of the Day of Atonement in 1844. This error does not invalidate their other teachings and understandings.

A remnant of the believers continued with the message and formed the Seventh-day Adventist denomination. Using the model of the seven churches of Revelation 2-3, this was initially the church of Philadelphia.

The sunrise came for the time of the end. The restoration of the seventh day Sabbath was a great stride forward and cut down the trunk of the great tree of apostasy. The Seventh-day Adventist

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denomination is proclaiming the Three Angels' Message of Revelation 14 in the Time of the End leading to the End of Time.

⁶ And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,

⁷ Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

⁸ And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.

⁹ And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,

¹⁰ The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

¹¹ And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.

¹² Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

Revelation 14:6-12

First Angel

The message of the first angel is a warning of impending judgment. The end of the world is coming. Time has come for the judgment of the dead. When this event ends, the judgment of the living will begin and the end will soon come.

¹⁸ And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldst give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and

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shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth.

Revelation 11:18

The investigative judgment is not for God who already knows all things but for the angels and the beings of the unfallen worlds to demonstrate the truth and righteousness of His judgment. This trial has a jury of our peers, twenty-four elders who sit in judgment at this time.

⁹ I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire.

¹⁰ A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.

Daniel 7:9-10

The elders are also mentioned in Revelation.

⁴ And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold.

Revelation 4:4

The number of twenty-four elders is composed of two witnesses each representing the twelve tribes of Israel.

Second Angel

The message of the second angel warns of the apostasy of Babylon. The implication is that we need to leave these apostasies. The power and identity of Babylon is clearly identified.

¹ And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:

² With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.

³ So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I

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saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

⁴ **And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:**

⁵ **And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.**

Revelation 17:1-5

I think it is important to note the first and third angels speak with a loud voice. The second angel does not. Is this symbolic of a failure to recognize all the apostasies of Babylon? Is this the reason for the repeat of this message by the fourth angel who speaks mightily with a strong voice?

Third Angel

The message of the third angel is also a severe warning of judgment. This is especially targeted to those who follow the beast, Babylon, and the image to the beast.

¹⁴ **And 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.**

¹⁵ **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.**

¹⁶ **And 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 13:14-16

Third Elijah Message

The Third Elijah Message is to the church, which proclaims the Three Angels' Message to the world. This is a message of

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reformation and revival, which specifically prepares the 144,000 for their work and begins the end of time. It is interesting to see the mention of the 144,000 before Revelation 14:6, though evidence suggests they appear near the end of the message and not before. This is one of many a chronological discontinuity in the narrative of Revelation.

¹ And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.

² And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps:

³ And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.

⁴ These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.

⁵ And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.

Revelation 14:1-5

The church has become complacent and has not continued its original zeal to grow into all truth. God, who knows the future and all things, described the church at this time as the Laodicean church of Revelation 3:14-22. I place the time of retreat from pursuing all truth at about 1888.

Reformation Message

The Third Elijah Message has now reached the root of the great tree of apostasy. The restoration of the statutes of God's Law (The Law of Moses) is preparing the 144,000 for the complete break from the apostasies of Babylon and the establishment of God's kingdom of righteousness in the hearts of His people on earth. Then the end comes.

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This message is expanding and growing to its beginning climax with the appearance of the Third Elijah. God has promised we will know His plans.

⁷ Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.

Amos 3:7

The message to be proclaimed is already having its first stirrings among the people of God, the true children of Israel.

⁴ Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments.

⁴ Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:

Malachi 4:4-5

The first light for the end of time is dawning. The final call with a message of reformation and revival is now being given to the church. When the prophet appears, this message will sweep the church and cause a great shaking.

Holy Spirit Outpouring of Doctrine

The first phase of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit is a spreading knowledge of doctrine and understanding. I believe there are some serious misunderstandings about the work of the Holy Spirit in the Latter Rain. We will develop this idea by a study in the book of Joel. A careful reading of the whole book would be a valuable preparation for this study.

The book of Joel opens with a scene of utter destruction and waste. I believe this is the scene at the end of time and there is a lot of symbolism, which refers to the devastation of God's word, the corruption of God's people, and the uprising of evil. The talk of starvation and drought has a clear underlying spiritual symbolism and last day's component.

¹⁴ Sanctify ye a fast, call a solemn assembly, gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land into the house of the LORD your God, and cry unto the LORD,

¹⁵ Alas for the day! for the day of the LORD is at hand, and as

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a destruction from the Almighty shall it come.

Joel 1:14-15

The deep student of the Bible clearly recognizes the reference to Atonement Sabbath. There is also the symbolism of Trumpets Sabbath and repeated mentions of the day of the Lord, which reminds us of Malachi 4.

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

Joel 2:1

There is a clear message of repentance, which comes to the followers of God when confronted with truth. This message is accepted by the humble and rejected by the proud, who believe they have all they need.

¹² Therefore also now, saith the LORD, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning:

¹³ And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil.

Joel 2:12-13

The focus continues on the observance of the yearly Sabbaths.

¹⁵ Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly:

¹⁶ Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet.

Joel 2:15-16

Think carefully about symbolism. Is the real need during the great and dreadful day of the Lord for rain and food? Many recognize this as a reference to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the Latter Rain. Is not wheat symbolic of a spiritual food, wine, and oil the spiritual preparation of the Holy Spirit?

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²³ Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month.

²⁴ And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

Joel 2:23-24

Is not the rain also doctrine?

² My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass:

Deuteronomy 32:2

The focus of the Latter Rain (Pentecost) is often only on the physical manifestations of the Holy Spirit. Joel indicates these things come afterward.

²⁸ And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

Joel 2:28

The disciples spent years studying truth under the guidance of the Messiah before Pentecost came. Will we experience Pentecost if we do not have a similar powerful learning and growing experience?

Many recognize the first Pentecost was at Sinai. What did we see there? We see the giving of the Commandments and an outpouring of doctrine with the Law of Moses!

Pentecost

Soon after the appearance of the Third Elijah, the message will be spread to the church around the entire world. The firstfruits of the 144,000 will be called out and prepared for their work. Then sunrise will occur for the end of time. The central event, which begins the End of Time, is the sealing of the 144,000, which begins the judgment of the living.

¹ And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that

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the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.

² And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,

³ Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.

⁴ And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.

Revelation 7:1-4

The sealing of the 144,000 and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit is the great light and power of the Fourth Angel. The day this begins is a Pentecost Sabbath. The message is about more than the weekly Sabbath of the fourth commandment but also the yearly Sabbaths of Leviticus 23. There is much more in the Law of Moses, which will be sought and obeyed by the 144,000.

Fourth Angel's Message

The 144,000 are the central figures in the Fourth Angel's Message, which will cover the whole earth with great light.

¹ And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.

² And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

³ For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

⁴ And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

Revelation 18:1-4

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The Fourth Angel's Message is the last message to the entire world. The message of the Fourth Angel adds to that of the Three Angels and specifically the Second Angel. The mightily strong voice of the Fourth Angel is a contrast to the failure of the Second Angel to speak in a loud voice. Those in the church of the Three Angels' Message who hear and follow the Third Elijah Message will go forth to the world proclaiming the Fourth Angel's Message. The spiritual kingdom of God's righteousness is established among His people on earth. Then the kingdoms of this world are laid waste. (See Daniel 2:44-45.)

Thus the substance of the second angel's message is again given to the world by that other angel who lightens the earth with his glory. These messages all blend in one, to come before the people in the closing days of this earth's history. All the world will be tested, and all that have been in the darkness of error in regard to the Sabbath of the fourth commandment will understand the last message of mercy that is to be given to men. {2SM 116.2}

God meant that the watchmen should arise and with united voices send forth a decided message, giving the trumpet a certain sound, that the people might all spring to their post of duty and act their part in the great work. Then the strong, clear light of that other angel who comes down from heaven having great power, would have filled the earth with his glory. We are years behind; and those who stood in blindness and hindered the advancement of the very message that God meant should go forth from the Minneapolis meeting as a lamp that burneth, have need to humble their hearts before God and see and understand how the work has been hindered by their blindness of mind and hardness of heart. {1888 1070.1}

The judgment of the living and the sealing will continue through the time of the proclamation of the Fourth Angel's Message. Mankind is facing the profound spread of truth to the entire world in a manner that will leave none in doubt as they face the last opportunity to make their final decision.

Trumpets

Trumpets Sabbath will have a fulfillment in the final events. A final warning to the world will occur in a spectacular manner. Revelation gives many clues to what the nature of these final events may be. I will not attempt to specify a particular one to occur at this time.

For six thousand years, the followers of God have practiced the observance and meaning of this day. At this time of its greatest fulfillment, the last warning is given. God's Calendar tells us there are only ten days left. This will be a part of the Time of Trouble such as never was and never will be again. In the last few days before the end, these solemn words will be our comfort.

¹ He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

² I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

³ Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

⁴ He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

⁵ Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

⁶ Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

⁷ A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.

⁸ Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.

⁹ Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation;

¹⁰ There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

¹¹ For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

¹² They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

¹³ Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and

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the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

¹⁴ Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

¹⁵ He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.

¹⁶ With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

Psalms 91

Atonement

Atonement Sabbath of the last year will be the final sealing of those in the world. The warning has been given. The final call has been made. Those who humbled themselves before God have accepted and followed His Truth. The proud and the wicked have rejected His call. All decisions have been made and all destinies have been determined for eternity.

¹¹ 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.

¹² And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

Revelation 22:11-12

After the final decisions are sealed, in the remaining five days will be a time of the righteous withdrawing from all contact with sinful man for there is no more to say. This will be a terrible time of the unmeasured outpouring of God's Wrath upon a lost world. It will be time to hide ourselves for a little moment.

²⁰ 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.

²¹ For, behold, the LORD cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain.

Isaiah 26:20

There is no more atonement for sin, no more intercessor for the sinner.

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¹ 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

Then, we shall be delivered.

Tabernacles

I believe Tabernacles Sabbath will be the day of our deliverance and we will be going home.

¹ Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

² In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

John 14:1-3

The wicked will be destroyed with the brightness of His Coming.

⁸ And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

II Thessalonians 2:8

The righteous dead will arise to meet the Savior in the sky and the living will follow them.

¹³ But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

¹⁴ For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

¹⁵ For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

¹⁶ For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God:

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and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

¹⁷ 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.

¹⁸ Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

I Thessalonians 4:13-18

Millennium

We will be spending seven days ascending to heaven and therefore will arrive on the Last Great Day Sabbath. Our first supper in heaven drinking from the River of Life and eating from the Tree of Life will be the healing of the curse.

¹ And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

² In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

³ And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:

Revelation 22:1-3

We will spend a thousand years reviewing the decisions of the heavenly court and verifying for ourselves the great mercy and justice of God our Father.

Execution of the judgment

I believe the final execution of the judgment will be the final fulfillment of Atonement Sabbath. The final sacrifice will be made of Satan and all who chose his path. They refused the sacrifice of our Messiah offered in their behalf. Therefore, they must be the permanent sacrifice for their own sins.

⁸ But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

Revelation 21:8

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Many have wondered and speculated how long the Lake of Fire will burn. I believe it is clear to those who understand God's appointed times. It will burn four or five days until Tabernacles.

Recreation

A final fulfillment of the seven days of Tabernacles Sabbath occurs with the second Creation, which recreates and restores our original home.

¹ 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

Eternity

Eternity begins with another fulfillment of Last Day Sabbath and the marriage supper of the Lamb.

³ And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

⁴ And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

⁵ And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

Revelation 21:3-5

Throughout eternity, we celebrate the weekly Sabbath as a memorial of creation. We will also celebrate the yearly Sabbaths as a memorial of the great milestones of God's Plan of salvation.

²³ 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 66:23

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No more, will the wicked and ignorant judge those who have respect for the holy days of God.

¹⁶ Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:

Colossians 2:16

Allelu-IA!

The Shaking

You may be asking yourself, "Why is the Third Elijah Message not mentioned in the writings of Ellen White?" There are a couple of reasons for this but it is important to know the message is there by a different name. This is actually a name well known to Adventists. It is known as, "The Shaking".

There are a great many battles being fought in the search for God's Truth. The Seventh-day Adventist denomination has backslidden on the subject of God's Law. Many are openly declaring the Law of Moses is nailed to the cross. Most reject any suggestion of an interest in what they scornfully call the "Jewish feasts".

Quietly, thousands of Seventh-day Adventists are learning and practicing the feasts (yearly Sabbaths) and the Law of Moses. Soon there will be 144,000. Those who are learning are quietly sharing with those who are interested in learning more truth.

Unfortunately, some who know the 21st century present truth and seek to share it with the brethren are disruptive and militant, presenting truth with critical voices and the proverbial baseball bat. This does not follow the example of our Savior and does not present a good example for God's cause. Some use exaggeration and extreme methods, which is not helpful either. Some may even present shaky and poorly researched concepts. Nevertheless, God has many different people and many different methods. His cause will prevail.

The Three Angels Broadcasting Network (3ABN) has taken the lead in spreading the error, which states the Law of Moses is nailed to the cross. Their worldwide reach and the power of their presence is heavily felt. Their goal of spreading the undiluted Three Angels Message has been successful. Unfortunately, the message is not "undiluted". The error of rejecting the Law of Moses, contradicts the word of God.

4 Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments.

Malachi 4:4

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3ABN recognizes this discrepancy is part of the final shaking as evidenced by their own statements in a special "Today Live" program titled "Feast-keeping and the Final Crisis". This program was played an unusual three times in the live slot in less than a year (so far). A transcript of the program is available on this website:

<http://www.iaua.name/Archives/TLA010526.html>

I agree with 3ABN, the controversy over this error is the subject of the final shaking. Unfortunately, I am concerned 3ABN is on the wrong side of God's Truth. Ellen White did not claim to know the exact issues which caused the shaking. She clearly and often spoke on the topic of the coming shaking. These are some quotes from Ellen White on the topic of "The Shaking".

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The days are fast approaching when there will be great perplexity and confusion. Satan, clothed in angel robes, will deceive, if possible, the very elect. There will be gods many and lords many. Every wind of doctrine will be blowing. Those who have rendered supreme homage to "science falsely so called" will not be the leaders then. Those who have trusted to intellect, genius, or talent will not then stand at the head of rank and file. They did not keep pace with the light. Those who have proved themselves unfaithful will not then be entrusted with the flock. In the last solemn work few great men will be engaged. They are self-sufficient, independent of God, and He cannot use them. The Lord has faithful servants, who in the shaking, testing time will be disclosed to view. There are precious ones now hidden who have not bowed the knee to Baal. They have not had the light which has been shining in a concentrated blaze upon you. But it may be under a rough and uninviting exterior the pure brightness of a genuine Christian character will be revealed. In the day time we look toward heaven but do not see the stars. They are there, fixed in the firmament, but the eye cannot distinguish them. In the night we behold their genuine luster. {5T 80.1}

The time is not far distant when the test will come to every soul. The mark of the beast will be urged upon us. Those who have step by step yielded to worldly demands and conformed

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to worldly customs will not find it a hard matter to yield to the powers that be, rather than subject themselves to derision, insult, threatened imprisonment, and death. The contest is between the commandments of God and the commandments of men. In this time the gold will be separated from the dross in the church. True godliness will be clearly distinguished from the appearance and tinsel of it. Many a star that we have admired for its brilliancy will then go out in darkness. Chaff like a cloud will be borne away on the wind, even from places where we see only floors of rich wheat. All who assume the ornaments of the sanctuary, but are not clothed with Christ's righteousness, will appear in the shame of their own nakedness. {5T 81.1}

The shaking is described as having already begun and is growing to a greater force. Since this was already true in 1901 (after 1888), it is much truer today. Notice the importance of obedience.

We are in the shaking time, the time when everything that can be shaken will be shaken. The Lord will not excuse those who know the truth if they do not in word and deed obey His commands. If we make no effort to win souls to Christ, we shall be held responsible for the work we might have done, but did not do because of our spiritual indolence. Those who belong to the Lord's kingdom must work earnestly for the saving of souls. They must do their part to bind up the law and seal it among the disciples. {RH, January 22, 1901 par. 9} {6T 331.2}

The shaking will reach a peak as the sealing begins.

Just as soon as the people of God are sealed in their foreheads--it is not any seal or mark that can be seen, but a settling into the truth, both intellectually and spiritually, so they cannot be moved--just as soon as God's people are sealed and prepared for the shaking, it will come. Indeed, it has begun already; the judgments of God are now upon the land, to give us warning, that we may know what is coming (MS 173, 1902). {4BC 1161.6}

The shaking will purify the church.

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Just as long as God has a church, he will have those who will cry aloud and spare not, who will be his instruments to reprove selfishness and sins, and will not shun to declare the whole counsel of God, whether men will hear or forbear. I saw that individuals would rise up against the plain testimonies. It does not suit their natural feelings. They would choose to have smooth things spoken unto them, and have peace cried in their ears. I view the church in a more dangerous condition than they ever have been. Experimental religion is known but by a few. The shaking must soon take place to purify the church.
{2SG 284.1}

Many have expressed a concern because there are so many in the church who do not see the truth of the Elijah Message. It is important to remember we are judged only by the light we have received.

Many who have not had the privileges that we have had will go into heaven before those who have had great light and who have not walked in it. Many have lived up to the best light they have had and will be judged accordingly.--Letter 36, 1895.
{LDE 216.3}

The time will come when the light will be given and a decision will be required.

All must wait for the appointed time, until the warning shall have gone to all parts of the world, until sufficient light and evidence have been given to every soul. Some will have less light than others, but each one will be judged according to the light received.--Ms 77, 1899. {LDE 217.1}

We have been given great light in regard to God's law. This law is the standard of character. To it man is now required to conform, and by it he will be judged in the last great day. In that day men will be dealt with according to the light they have received.--RH Jan. 1, 1901. {LDE 217.2}

She again mentioned the Law of God as part of the light.

Those who have had great light and have disregarded it stand in a worse position than those who have not been given so many advantages. They exalt themselves but not the Lord. The punishment inflicted on human beings will in every case be

proportionate to the dishonor they have brought on God.--8MR 168 (1901). {LDE 217.3}

Everyone is to have sufficient light to make his decision intelligently.--GC 605 (1911). {LDE 217.4}

We also need to remember there is no excuse for willful blindness.

None will be condemned for not heeding light and knowledge that they never had, and they could not obtain. But many refuse to obey the truth that is presented to them by Christ's ambassadors, because they wish to conform to the world's standard, and the truth that has reached their understanding, the light that has shone in the soul, will condemn them in the judgment.--5BC 1145 (1884). {LDE 217.5}

Those who have an opportunity to hear the truth and yet take no pains to hear or understand it, thinking that if they do not hear they will not be accountable, will be judged guilty before God the same as if they had heard and rejected. There will be no excuse for those who choose to go in error when they might understand what is truth. In His sufferings and death Jesus has made atonement for all sins of ignorance, but there is no provision made for willful blindness. {LDE 218.1}

We shall not be held accountable for the light that has not reached our perception, but for that which we have resisted and refused. A man could not apprehend the truth which had never been presented to him, and therefore could not be condemned for light he had never had.--5BC 1145 (1893). {LDE 218.2}

We are standing at the threshold of Final Events! The foot of the 144,000 is lifting to step over. Judgment will begin at the church. Are you looking to heaven or is your head in the sand? Now is the time! Tomorrow may be too late.

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There is a sequence of prophetic events here. This is important to guide us in knowing the present truth for the present time. The

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Laodicean Message will grow into the Third Elijah Message and lead to the shaking of the church.

The message to the church of the Laodiceans is a startling denunciation, and is applicable to the people of God at the present time. {3T 252.1} {RH, September 16, 1873 par. 1}

Consider Ellen's powerful vision entitled "The Future" from the Review and Herald December 31, 1857 concerning a future shaking which has already begun and will soon reach a peak. The vision was placed, with a new title, "The Shaking", in the book Spiritual Gifts, Volume 1 (1858). It also appears in Volume 1 of the Testimonies to the Church after 1868, and in Early Writings in 1882.

Nov. 20th, I was shown the people of God, and saw them mightily shaken. I saw some with strong faith and agonizing cries, pleading with God. Their countenances were pale, and marked with deep anxiety which expressed their internal struggle. There was firmness and great earnestness expressed in their countenances, while large drops of perspiration rose upon their foreheads, and fell. Now and then their faces would light up with the marks of God's approbation, and again the same solemn, earnest, anxious look settled upon them. {RH, December 31, 1857 par. 1} {1SG 183.1} {EW 269.1} {1T 179.3}

Evil angels crowded around them, pressing their darkness upon them, to shut out Jesus from their view, that their eyes might be drawn to the darkness that surrounded them, and they distrust God, and next murmur against him. Their only safety was in keeping their eyes directed upward. Angels were having the charge over the people of God, and as the poisonous atmosphere from these evil angels was pressed around these anxious ones, the angels, which had the charge over them, were continually wafting their wings over them, to scatter the thick darkness that surrounded them. {RH, December 31, 1857 par. 2} {1SG 183.2} {EW 269.2} {1T 180.1}

Some, I saw, did not participate in this work of agonizing and pleading. They seemed indifferent and careless. They were not resisting the darkness around them, and it shut them in like a thick cloud. The angels of God left them, and went to the aid of

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those earnest, praying ones. I saw the angels of God hasten to the assistance of every one who were struggling with all their energies to resist those evil angels, and trying to help themselves by calling upon God with perseverance. But the angels left those who made no effort to help themselves, and I lost sight of them. {RH, December 31, 1857 par. 3} {1SG 184.1} {EW 270.1} {1T 180.2}

As these praying ones continued their earnest cries, at times a ray of light from Jesus came to them, and encouraged their hearts, and lighted up their countenances. {RH, December 31, 1857 par. 4} {1SG 184.2}

I asked the meaning of the shaking I had seen. I was shown that it would be caused by the straight testimony called forth by the counsel of the True Witness to the Laodiceans. It will have its effect upon the heart of the receiver of the testimony, and it will lead him to exalt the standard and pour forth the straight truth. This straight testimony, some will not bear. They will rise up against it, and this will cause a shaking among God's people. {RH, December 31, 1857 par. 5} {1SG 184.3} {EW 270.2} {1T 181.1}

I saw that the testimony of the True Witness has not been half heeded. The solemn testimony upon which the destiny of the Church hangs, has been lightly esteemed, if not entirely disregarded. This testimony must work deep repentance, and all that truly receive it, will obey it, and be purified. {RH, December 31, 1857 par. 6} {1SG 185.1} {EW 270.3} {1T 181.2}

Said the angel, "List ye!" Soon I heard a voice that sounded like many musical instruments, all sounding in perfect strains, sweet and harmonious. It surpassed any music I had ever heard. It seemed to be so full of mercy, compassion, and elevating, holy joy. It thrilled through my whole being. Said the angel, "Look ye!" My attention was then turned to the company I had seen before, who were mightily shaken. I was shown those whom I had before seen weeping, and praying with agony of spirit. I saw that the company of guardian angels around them had doubled, and they were clothed with an armor from their head to their feet. They moved in exact

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order, firm like a company of soldiers. Their countenances expressed the severe conflict which they had endured, the agonizing struggle they had passed through. Yet their features, marked with severe internal anguish, shone now with the light and glory of heaven. They had obtained the victory, and it called forth from them the deepest gratitude, and holy, sacred joy. {RH, December 31, 1857 par. 7} {1SG 185.2} {EW 270.4} {1T 181.3}

The numbers of this company had lessened. Some had been shaken out, and left by the way. The careless and indifferent who did not join with those who prized victory and salvation enough to agonize, persevere, and plead for it, did not obtain it, and they were left behind in darkness, and their numbers were immediately made up by others taking hold of the truth, and coming into the ranks. Still the evil angels pressed around them, but they could have no power over them. {RH, December 31, 1857 par. 8} {1SG 186.1} {EW 271.1} {1T 182.1}

I heard those clothed with the armor speak forth the truth in great power. It had effect. I saw those who had been bound; some wives had been bound by their husbands, and some children had been bound by their parents. The honest who had been held or prevented from hearing the truth, now eagerly laid hold of the truth spoken. All fear of their relatives was gone. The truth alone was exalted to them. It was dearer and more precious than life. They had been hungering and thirsting for truth. I asked what had made this great change. An angel answered, "It is the latter rain. The refreshing from the presence of the Lord. The loud cry of the Third Angel." {RH, December 31, 1857 par. 9} {1SG 186.2} {EW 271.2} {1T 182.2}

The Shaking will be followed by the Loud Cry, which is associated with the Latter Rain, a future event.

The Loud Cry

You may be asking yourself, "Why is the Fourth Angel's Message not mentioned in the writings of Ellen White?" The message is there but by a different name. This is actually a name well known to Adventists. It is known as, "The Loud Cry".

The previous chapter ended with a reference to the final Loud Cry as a future event. Some have questioned my use of this reference. Some have responded, "She said the Loud Cry started the Adventist message." I need only to point to the writings of Ellen White to clear up this point. I read every one of the 188 references to "loud cry" in "The Complete Published Writings" and I did not find any evidence of this. She did refer to the "Midnight Cry" from a vision.

... I turned to look for the Advent people in the world, but could not find them, when a voice said to me, "Look again, and look a little higher." At this I raised my eyes, and saw a straight and narrow path, cast up high above the world. On this path the Advent people were traveling to the city, which was at the farther end of the path. They had a bright light set up behind them at the beginning of the path, which an angel told me was the midnight cry. This light shone all along the path and gave light for their feet so that they might not stumble... {EW 14.1}

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She used the term "Loud Cry" in reference to a future event associated with the third angel as is shown in this quote. While part of this quote seems to have an application to past events, take careful note of the close association with the plagues which are a final event in the future. Also note, while the third angel's message has been given as a warning, the actual mark of the beast, enforced by civil law, has not yet occurred. The Laodicean church does not want to be called "nominal Adventists" so they will claim this quote is about the past.

I saw that God has honest children among the nominal Adventists and the fallen churches, and before the plagues

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shall be poured out, ministers and people will be called out from these churches and will gladly receive the truth. Satan knows this; and before the loud cry of the third angel is given, he raises an excitement in these religious bodies, that those who have rejected the truth may think that God is with them. He hopes to deceive the honest and lead them to think that God is still working for the churches. But the light will shine, and all who are honest will leave the fallen churches, and take their stand with the remnant. {EW 261.1}

She sometimes does not distinguish between the work of the third angel and the fourth angel. She associates the two together which I believe is valid. Notice the important emphasis on knowledge of the truth.

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As foretold in the eighteenth of Revelation, the third angel's message is to be proclaimed with great power by those who give the final warning against the beast and his image: "I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird... {8T 118.1}

This is the message given by God to be sounded forth in the loud cry of the third angel. {8T 118.2}

Those whose faith and zeal are proportionate to their knowledge of the truth will reveal their loyalty to God by communicating the truth, in all its saving, sanctifying power, to those with whom they associate. Their lives of holiness and unselfish service will be in conformity with the vital principles of the kingdom of heaven. {8T 118.3}

Ellen White Vision

Please read Ellen's powerful vision of "The Shaking" from the Review and Herald {RH, December 31, 1857 par. 1}, also found in Spiritual Gifts. Volume 1 (1858) {1SG 183.1}, and Early Writings

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1882 {EW 269.1}. The vision ends with a description of "The Loud Cry".

I heard those clothed with the armor speak forth the truth in great power. It had effect. I saw those who had been bound; some wives had been bound by their husbands, and some children had been bound by their parents. The honest who had been held or prevented from hearing the truth, now eagerly laid hold of the truth spoken. All fear of their relatives was gone. The truth alone was exalted to them. It was dearer and more precious than life. They had been hungering and thirsting for truth. I asked what had made this great change. An angel answered, "It is the latter rain. The refreshing from the presence of the Lord. The loud cry of the Third Angel." {RH, December 31, 1857 par. 9} {EW 271.2} {1T 182.2}

Great power was with these chosen ones. Said the angel, "Look ye!" My attention was turned to the wicked, or unbelievers. They were all astir. The zeal and power with the people of God had aroused and enraged them. Confusion, confusion, was on every side. I saw measures taken against this company, who were having the power and light of God. Darkness thickened around them, yet there they stood, approved of God, and trusting in him. I saw them perplexed. Next I heard them crying unto God earnestly. Through the day and night their cry ceased not. I heard these words, "Thy will, O God, be done! If it can glorify thy name, make a way of escape for thy people! Deliver us from the heathen round about us! They have appointed us unto death; but thine arm can bring salvation." These are all the words I can bring to mind. They seemed to have a deep sense of their unworthiness, and manifested entire submission to the will of God. Yet every one, without an exception, was earnestly pleading, and wrestling like Jacob for deliverance. {RH, December 31, 1857 par. 10}

Soon after they had commenced their earnest cry, the angels, in sympathy would have gone to their deliverance. But a tall, commanding angel suffered them not. Said he, "The will of God is not yet fulfilled. They must drink of the cup. They must

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be baptized with the baptism." {RH, December 31, 1857 par. 11}

Soon I heard the voice of God, which shook the heavens and the earth. There was a mighty earthquake. Buildings were shaken down, and fell on every side. I then heard a triumphant shout of victory, loud, musical, and clear. I looked upon this company who, as short time before were in such distress and bondage. Their captivity was turned. A glorious light shone upon them. How beautiful they then looked. All weariness and marks of care were gone. Health and beauty were seen in every countenance. Their enemies, the heathen round them, fell like dead men. They could not endure the light that shone upon the delivered, holy ones. This light and glory remained upon them, until Jesus was seen in the clouds of heaven, and the faithful, tried company was changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, from glory to glory. And the graves were opened and the saints came forth, clothed with immortality, crying victory over death and the grave, and together with the living saints, were caught up to meet their Lord in the air; while the rich, musical shouts of Glory, and Victory, were upon every immortal tongue, and proceeding from every sanctified, holy lip. E. G. W. {RH, December 31, 1857 par. 12}

Will you hear, recognize, and obey the messages leading to the Loud Cry?

The Law of Moses

I believe the observance of the Law of Moses is the heart of the Third Elijah Message. The proximity and context of these two verses indicates this truth. You cannot separate verse four from verse five.

⁴ Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments.

⁵ Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:

Malachi 4:4-5

The word "with" was acknowledged by the translators as a supplied word. I submit the Law of Moses is the statutes and judgments.

⁵ Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.

Genesis 26:5

³⁷ Therefore shall ye observe all my statutes, and all my judgments, and do them: I am the LORD.

Leviticus 19:37

¹² Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

Revelation 14:12

I believe most of God's Law was verbally passed from one generation to the next until the decline of human ability made it necessary for the law to be written to preserve its content. God personally dictated His law to Moses to preserve accurately its content for future generations. He added some details to increase its scope of guidance to His people as the ravages of sin increased the degenerate nature of humanity.

If the statutes did not exist until Sinai, how could God say Abraham kept them? Was God mistaken or are we mistaken?

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Statutes

There is a Bible reference where one can read the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:2-17, Deuteronomy 5:6-21) and know what they are. What is a Bible reference for the statutes? The statutes are scattered throughout Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy.

These are the primary chapter references for most of the statutes and judgments.

- Exodus 12-13, 20-23, 34-35
- Leviticus (all)
- Numbers 5-6, 15, 18-19, 27-30, 35
- Deuteronomy 4-7, 10-27

A statute is any commandment given by God through Moses. A statute is often introduced with the same words.

¹ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

² Speak unto the children of Israel...

Exodus 14:1-2

A judgment is any commandment with a punishment attached. The punishment of the judgments is now the responsibility of the state government. It is no longer up to us to take the punishment of the law into our own hands. God will shortly be performing the final judgment himself.

Fulfilled Statutes

There are some statutes, which are no longer being practiced:

- Sacrifices and oblations

The purpose of the animal sacrifices was a symbolic atonement for sin until the true atoning sacrifice of the Messiah. After His sacrifice, the symbolic purpose was completed. There is no meaning to continued animal sacrifices so they ceased.

²⁷ And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate. Daniel 9:27

- Temple functions

After the perfect sacrifice, the primary purpose of the temple on earth ceased. The Messiah continues the function of the High Priest in the heavenly sanctuary.

²¹ Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father.

²² Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.

²³ But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

²⁴ God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

John 4:21-24

- Levite responsibilities

The Messiah is now our High Priest. The Messiah continues the function of the High Priest in the heavenly sanctuary.

¹⁴ Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.

Hebrews 4:14

There are no specific Levite responsibilities anymore now that the animal sacrifices and the earthly temple have ceased. However, we are all described as priests unto God. The statutes for the lifestyle of a priest therefore apply to all of us.

⁵ Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine:

⁶ And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

Exodus 19:5-6

⁹ But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises

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of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: 1 Peter 2:9

⁶ And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Revelation 1:6

- Adult circumcision.

There is a statute, which was specific to the eating of the Passover lamb. (See Exodus 12:43-49.) Adults were required to be circumcised before they could eat of the sacrificial lamb. It is important to note, since the Passover lamb is no longer sacrificed, the statute of adult circumcision no longer applies. (See Acts 15.)

Summary of Statutes

This summary is a brief introduction to the statutes. The statutes are grouped under a relevant commandment. Remember, every individual is responsible for their personal study and understanding from the Bible. This is my understanding of the most significant of the unique statutes, which are to be practiced today.

Great Commandment

There are two great commandments. Love God. Love Others.

³⁶ **Master, which is the great commandment in the law?**

³⁷ **Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.**

³⁸ **This is the first and great commandment.**

³⁹ **And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.**

⁴⁰ **On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. Matthew 22:36-40**

Love God

⁴ **Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD:**

⁵ **And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.**

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

First Commandment

² I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

³ Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

Exodus 20:2-3 (Deuteronomy 5:6-7)

- God proclaims circumcision of the male offspring, eight days after birth, as a private sign of our commitment. Leviticus 12:3
- God commands us to put tassels on the 'corners' of our clothing as a reminder and public sign of our commitment to His law. Numbers 15:38

Second Commandment

⁴ Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

⁵ Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;

⁶ And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

Exodus 20:4-6 (Deuteronomy 5:8-10)

- Do not make or use any figures for ornaments. Exodus 20:20 Deuteronomy 7:25-26
- Do not make baldness upon the head, shave off the corner of the beard, or make any cuttings or marks in the flesh. Leviticus 19:27-28 Deuteronomy 14:1

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⁷ Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

Exodus 20:7 (Deuteronomy 5:11)

- Do not use the name of God in profanity. Leviticus 19:12 Leviticus 22:32
- Do not tempt or test God. Deuteronomy 6:16

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- Do not curse or blaspheme God. Exodus 22:28 Leviticus 24:15-16
- Show reverence to God and His name. Deuteronomy 6:13 Deuteronomy 10:20

Fourth Commandment

⁸ **Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.**

⁹ **Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:**

¹⁰ **But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:**

¹¹ **For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.**

Exodus 20:8-11 (Deuteronomy 5:12-15)

- God proclaims the start of the sacred calendar. Exodus 12:2
- God proclaims the yearly Sabbaths and how they are observed. Leviticus 23
- God proclaims the Sabbatical year, the Jubilee year and how they are observed. Leviticus 25

Love Others

¹⁸ **Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I am the LORD.**

Leviticus 19:18

Fifth Commandment

¹² **Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.**

Exodus 20:12 (Deuteronomy 5:16)

- Do not strike your father or mother. Exodus 21:15
- Do not curse or belittle your father or mother. Exodus 21:17
- Honor the old and the wise. Leviticus 19:32

Sixth Commandment

¹³ **Thou shalt not kill.** Exodus 20:13 (Deuteronomy 5:17)

- Do not oppress or mistreat anyone. Leviticus 25:17
- Clean flesh, which is acceptable for eating and unclean flesh, which is not acceptable for eating. Leviticus 11 Deuteronomy 14:3-20
- Do not eat the flesh of an animal, which dies on its own. Deuteronomy 14:21

Seventh Commandment

¹⁴ **Thou shalt not commit adultery.**

Exodus 20:14 (Deuteronomy 5:18)

- God proclaims his plan for sexuality. Leviticus 18
- Marriage is required to participate in sexual intercourse. Exodus 22:16 Deuteronomy 22:13-29 Deuteronomy 23:17

Eighth Commandment

¹⁵ **Thou shalt not steal.** Exodus 20:15 (Deuteronomy 5:19)

- Do not oppress or humiliate the orphan or widow. Exodus 20:22-24
- Provide for the poor and unfortunate from what God has provided to you. Leviticus 19:9-10 Leviticus 23:22 Deuteronomy 24:19-22 Deuteronomy 15:7-11

Ninth Commandment

¹⁶ **Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.**

Exodus 20:16 (Deuteronomy 5:20)

- Do not gossip and slander. Leviticus 19:16

Tenth Commandment

¹⁷ **Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.** Exodus 20:17 (Deuteronomy 5:21)

- Return lost property. Deuteronomy 22:1
- Seek not after your own heart and your own eyes. Number 15:39

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The Law of God

The Law of God is a covenant with His people to obey the guidance He provides for us. God's covenant does not change but stands forever. Additional guidance is given as sin progresses and specific promises are added over time. The terms of the covenant grow and are never rescinded except where the covenant explicitly states the terms are based on behavior.

This is a part of the covenant spoken to David.

³⁰ If his children forsake my law, and walk not in my judgments;

³¹ If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments;

³² Then will I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes.

³³ Nevertheless my lovingkindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail.

³⁴ My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips. Psalms 89:30-34

New light is about the law of God not prophecy. The phrase "lighten the earth with its glory" refers to Revelation 18 and ties "new light" to the Fourth Angel's Message.

Said my guide, "There is much light yet to shine forth from the law of God and the gospel of righteousness. This message, understood in its true character, and proclaimed in the Spirit, will lighten the earth with its glory. The great decisive question is to be brought before all nations, tongues, and peoples. The closing work of the third angel's message will be attended with a power that will send the rays of the Sun of Righteousness into all the highways and byways of life, and decisions will be made for God as supreme Governor; His law will be looked upon as the rule of His government. {1888 166.1}

I offer this rebuttal to one excuse I occasionally hear about why some of the statutes do not apply to our time. The variations of this argument are that the particular statute did not exist at creation, or, it did not exist at Sinai in the Ten Commandments, or, it was added later. This is mostly used against the yearly Sabbaths because this is the most disputed of the statutes.

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The argument that the yearly Sabbaths were not mentioned before Sinai has at least two weaknesses. The weekly Sabbath is not mentioned either, between creation and Sinai, for the same reason. The word Sabbath does not even appear until Exodus 16:23. This is because it is assumed background knowledge known to the reader. This is the same reason it is also observed in the New Testament that both the weekly and the yearly Sabbaths are rarely mentioned.

Secondly, there are some references that probably refer to the yearly Sabbaths, for those willing to consider the plain word of God, whether it agrees with their view or not. Consider that the word translated "seasons" in the following verse is the identical Hebrew word that refers to the yearly Sabbaths in Leviticus 23.

¹⁴ And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:

Genesis 1:14

The sun, moon, and stars are certainly the signs that determine the yearly Sabbaths. I am not a Hebrew scholar but referring to Strong's concordance a literal translation might be "Let them signal appointed times, days, years".

When Lot entertained angels, he gave them unleavened bread. I suspect it was during the time of Unleavened Bread Sabbath. The Bible does not refer to unleavened bread except in the context of a yearly Sabbath, religious observance, or rarely some other solemn occasion. Why is there explicit note of the unleavened bread, because it was a yearly Sabbath observance?

³ And he pressed upon them greatly; and they turned in unto him, and entered into his house; and he made them a feast, and did bake unleavened bread, and they did eat.

Genesis 19:3

Joseph appears to have celebrated Trumpets Sabbath in Egypt.

³ Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day.

⁴ For this was a statute for Israel, and a law of the God of Jacob.

⁵ This he ordained in Joseph for a testimony, when he went out

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through the land of Egypt: where I heard a language that I understood not.

Psalms 81:3-5

Whether a particular statue existed before it was written God specified it or not, is not proof that it does not apply later. It is stated numerous times in the Bible that God does not change. When God specifies a requirement, He does not change His mind later. A requirement does not change unless it is clearly stated that it changes. There is also likely to be a stated reason, as in the case of the animal sacrifices.

⁶ For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

Malachi 3:6

It is a clear demonstration of the power of God and His knowledge of the future to speculate God's Calendar may have existed in heaven from before God created the world, as a testimony to what He would do in the future. We also forget, sin began in heaven, not on earth. Eve's sin was not the beginning of sin. She was deceived into sin by the father of lies who had already sinned by his distrust of God.

Paul offers at least one observation about added laws.

¹⁹ Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator.

Galatians 3:19

Ellen White spoke clearly of the added laws because of sin.

The principles of the ten commandments existed before the fall, and were of a character suited to the condition of a holy order of beings. After the fall, the principles of those precepts were not changed, but additional precepts were given to meet man in his fallen state. {3SG 295.2}

If the law of God had not been transgressed there never would have been death, and there would have been no need of additional precepts to suit man's fallen condition. {3SG 295.3}

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In consequence of continual transgression, the moral law was repeated in awful grandeur from Sinai. Christ gave to Moses religious precepts which were to govern the everyday life. These statutes were explicitly given to guard the ten commandments. They were not shadowy types to pass away with the death of Christ. They were to be binding upon man in every age as long as time should last. These commands were enforced by the power of the moral law, and they clearly and definitely explained that law. {RH, May 6, 1875 par. 10}

The principles were more explicitly stated to man after the fall, and worded to meet the case of fallen intelligences. This was necessary in consequence of the minds of men being blinded by transgression. {RH, May 6, 1875 par. 13}

After the transgression of Adam the principles of the law were not changed, but were definitely arranged and expressed to meet man in his fallen condition. {ST, March 14, 1878 par. 3}

I am going to keep God's added laws even if they did not exist before creation or were not included in the Ten Commandments. There is a clear directive from God that the law regarding animal sacrifices was completed with the sacrifice of the Messiah. Paul spent a sizable portion of the book to the Hebrews explaining clearly in detail why the law regarding animal sacrifices was over. Paul clearly pointed to the transfer of focus to the heavenly temple. Paul clearly pointed to the Messiah as becoming the only High Priest. Paul clearly taught that the circumcision of adult males was over. This is no surprise or mystery because circumcision was only required to eat the sacrifice of the Passover lamb, which was ended.

⁴³ **And the LORD said unto Moses and Aaron, This is the ordinance of the passover: There shall no stranger eat thereof:**

⁴⁴ **But every man's servant that is bought for money, when thou hast circumcised him, then shall he eat thereof.**

⁴⁵ **A foreigner and an hired servant shall not eat thereof.**

⁴⁶ **In one house shall it be eaten; thou shalt not carry forth ought of the flesh abroad out of the house; neither shall ye break a bone thereof.**

⁴⁷ **All the congregation of Israel shall keep it.**

⁴⁸ **And when a stranger shall sojourn with thee, and will keep**

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the passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it; and he shall be as one that is born in the land: for no uncircumcised person shall eat thereof.

Exodus 12:43-48

It is dangerous to claim that Paul taught that any other part of God's law was abolished. This would make Paul worse than antichrist, who would only change the laws and times but not abolish them.

In reviewing this topic, it occurred to me what a little thing it was when Eve ate the forbidden fruit. Modern theologians would reason, "What can possibly be wrong with eating a piece of fruit? This certainly does not apply after the crucifixion." This is a clear indication that even the smallest of God's laws are not to be taken lightly.

¹⁷ Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

¹⁸ For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

¹⁹ Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:17-19

What we might consider one of the least of God's laws is a little thing called the tzitzit. This statute was apparently one of the latest if not the last of the statutes to be "added". It is particularly interesting that it was given because of a "Sabbath" violation.

³⁷ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

³⁸ Speak unto the children of Israel, and bid them that they make them fringes in the borders of their garments throughout their generations, and that they put upon the fringe of the borders a ribband of blue:

³⁹ And it shall be unto you for a fringe, that ye may look upon

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it, and remember all the commandments of the LORD, and do them; and that ye seek not after your own heart and your own eyes, after which ye use to go a whoring:

⁴⁰ **That ye may remember, and do all my commandments, and be holy unto your God.**

⁴¹ **I am the LORD your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I am the LORD your God.**

Numbers 15:37-41

I am not willing to turn my back on the smallest part of God's law. When I am convicted by God of truth, I do not dare to disobey. It is one thing to break one of God's laws through our human weakness or lack of knowledge or lack of understanding. It is quite a different thing to casually deny the validity of God's law and willfully disregard even one.

Those who have accepted the weekly Sabbath have a large number of presentations to support this belief and combat the arguments of Sunday-keepers against the weekly Sabbath. Sabbath-keepers hypocritically apply every one of the arguments by Sunday-keepers against the weekly Sabbath against the yearly Sabbaths. Many arguments are used to try to separate the weekly Sabbath from the yearly Sabbaths. Sabbath-keepers use the same arguments to excuse themselves from observance of the yearly Sabbath, which Sunday-keepers use to excuse themselves from observance of the weekly Sabbath.

One unique argument is this claim. God did not create the yearly Sabbaths until after sin but God created the weekly Sabbath before sin. There are several flaws in this argument. I am reminded of the words of the Savior.

²⁹ **Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.**

Matthew 22:29

The first thing this argument ignores is this. Sin did not begin on earth. Sin began in heaven before God created the earth. This argument ignores God's power because He knew what was to come. I believe the weekly Sabbath and the yearly Sabbaths began in heaven to demonstrate God's patterns, His knowledge, and His

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power. Do you think the Sabbath is only for human beings? Every Sabbath testifies to God's plan from the foundation of the world.

⁸ And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

Revelation 13:8

I believe He knew what was to come and defined His yearly Sabbaths to be fulfilled and remembered through all eternity.

²² 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.

²³ 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 66:22-23

The Savior specifically mentions the Passover celebration, known and modified by Christianity as The Lord's Supper, to occur in heaven.

²⁹ But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

Matthew 26:29

It is important to avoid judgment and criticism of those who do not understand all of God's truth. It is not our place to be critical and judgmental of anyone.

³⁰ And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:

³¹ Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

Acts 17:30-31

Are you prepared to face God at the appointed day? Is the Holy Spirit pricking your heart with some dismissed and forgotten truth?

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Will your heart become calloused? Will you no longer hear the prompting of the Holy Spirit?

The Ten Commandments

There is no teaching against the Bible more dangerous in these last days than the currently common teaching, which says the limit of God's love and the detailed guidance He provides in His Law is the Ten Commandments. The devil fights us each step of the way to keep us from all truth. The weekly Sabbath truth of the Fourth Commandment is extremely critical and must rightly be upheld. Satan is thrilled when we stop here and ignore the guidance God provides in the rest of His Law.

I am deeply saddened because the powerful work of many ministries in spreading the gospel to the world is tainted with this heresy. Numerous books and other teachings spread the lie of Satan, which says the "Law of Moses" is nailed to the cross. While upholding the Ten Commandments on special Ten Commandments Weekends it is taught the "Law of Moses" is nailed to the cross. Millions of books about the Ten Commandments are distributed for free which openly proclaim the "Law of Moses" is nailed to the cross. It is amazing how many people do not know this teaching is included in the book. It is amazing how many people promote the book but have never actually read what it says.

What does God say?

⁴ Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments.

Malachi 4:4

It is interesting to note the parallel command to remember in this scripture.

⁸ Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

Exodus 20:8

I have examined every occurrence of the word remember in the Old Testament and the Hebrew word translated remember. These two verses are the most prominent place where God has commanded that we should specifically remember something. Does this mean anything to you? It means a lot to me!

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I know these are strong words. It saddens me deeply to say them. They are the truth, which I must speak. I am happy to be working for a church and a ministry, which does so much to spread most of the truth. I agonize before God asking how I can bear the constant reminders of the error, which is being spread in the name of serving God.

I am reminded by the Holy Spirit how the Bible records so much evil performed by His chosen people, the children of Israel, even in the courts of the temple. Surely, there were some among the priests who agonized over the evil. I am also reminded of some other words of God to Ezekiel.

⁶ He said furthermore unto me, Son of man, seest thou what they do? even the great abominations that the house of Israel committeth here, that I should go far off from my sanctuary? but turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations.

Ezekiel 8:6

God took special notice of those who agonized over the abominations. This prophecy shows them as those who were sealed from the destruction.

⁴ And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof.

Ezekiel 9:4

What happened to those who were not marked with the seal of God? This judgment began with those who were the leaders who stood in service before God.

⁶ Slay utterly old and young, both maids, and little children, and women: but come not near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at my sanctuary. Then they began at the ancient men which were before the house.

Ezekiel 9:6

Here is another special verse where God also speaks about remembering the Law.

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³⁹ And it shall be unto you for a fringe (tassel), that ye may look upon it, and remember all the commandments[H4687] of the LORD, and do them; and that ye seek not after your own heart and your own eyes, after which ye use to go a whoring:

⁴⁰ That ye may remember, and do all my commandments[H4687], and be holy unto your God.

⁴¹ I am the LORD your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I am the LORD your God.

Numbers 15:39-41

The Hebrew word used here [H4687] is the word usually translated commandments. This word is mitzvah, which is universally recognized as applying to all the Law of Moses given by God. Verse 40 explicitly emphasizes "all". Many people subconsciously (sometimes verbally) put the word "Ten" before the word commandments when this is not what the Bible says.

Did you know it appears the concept of only Ten Commandments exists only about three times in the Bible? Take careful note of the Hebrew word [H1697] and the different ways it is translated.

²⁷ And the LORD said unto Moses, Write thou these words[H1697]: for after the tenor of these words[H1697] I have made a covenant with thee and with Israel.

²⁸ And he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. And he wrote upon the tables the words[H1697] of the covenant, the ten commandments[H1697]. Exodus 34:27-28

¹² And the LORD spake unto you out of the midst of the fire: ye heard the voice of the words[H1697], but saw no similitude; only ye heard a voice.

¹³ And he declared unto you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, even ten commandments[H1697]; and he wrote them upon two tables of stone.

¹⁴ And the LORD commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and judgments, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go over to possess it. Deuteronomy 4:12-14

¹ At that time the LORD said unto me, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first, and come up unto me into the mount, and make thee an ark of wood.

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² **And I will write on the tables the words[H1697] that were in the first tables which thou brakest, and thou shalt put them in the ark.**

³ **And I made an ark of shittim wood, and hewed two tables of stone like unto the first, and went up into the mount, having the two tables in mine hand.**

⁴ **And he wrote on the tables, according to the first writing, the ten commandments[H1697], which the LORD spake[H1696] unto you in the mount out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly: and the LORD gave them unto me.**

Deuteronomy 10:1-4

The Hebrew word [H1697], used here actually means speech, or word, or saying. The translation "commandment" is somewhat inaccurate. The identical (except for vowel points added in the 7th century) Hebrew word [H1696] is speak. Therefore, the phrase "Ten Commandments" is a translation error resulting in a deliberate deception of the idea there are only ten commandments we need to obey.

Those who teach against the "Law of Moses" attach great significance to this verse:

²⁶ **Take this book of the law, and put it in the side of the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, that it may be there for a witness against thee.** Deuteronomy 31:26

They interpret this to mean it was put in a pocket outside of the ark and thus they claim it reduces its status in comparison to the tables inside the ark. The construction of the ark is clearly detailed, but it describes no pocket. The tablets very well may have been in the center of the ark and the writings placed to the side.

Sometimes this verse is interpreted to mean beside the ark. This may have been for easy access because the law was to be read to the people every year. Does this reduce the importance of the book? What did God say to Malachi for the End of Time?

It is true God's Ten Statements are a beautiful summary of the principles of His Law. There is also a beautiful simpler summary mentioned by the Messiah, the principle of Love for God and Love for your neighbor. God reminds us there is a broad range of guidance in all His Law.

What was Nailed to the Cross?

Why is there so much confusion over the words of Paul? Satan works hard to deceive and confuse those who do not study the scripture carefully. Even Peter noted the difficulty of rightly discerning the words of Paul.

¹⁵ And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you;

¹⁶ As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction. II Peter 3:15-16

Paul warned of the deception to come to those who do not have a love for the truth but look for excuses to disobey the Law of God

¹⁰ And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

¹¹ And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

¹² That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness. II Thessalonians 2:10-12

Paul never uses the phrase "handwriting of ordinances" to refer to God's Law (Law of Moses) anywhere else. Why do those who do not wish to obey God's Law claim it is being described here.

¹⁴ Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; Colossians 2:14

It is clear from the verse, which precedes this one, the writing against us is the charges of sin, which are forgiven and nailed to the cross like a cancelled debt.

¹³ And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; Colossians 2:13

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The man of judgment in this verse is Satan, unbelievers, and those who want to create their own rules in place of God's rules. We follow God's rules as the body of Christ.

¹⁶ Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:

¹⁷ Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ. Colossians 2:16-17

The love demonstrated by His death abolished the hatred between the law and us. It did not abolish any part of the law for those who have the love of God in their hearts.

¹⁴ For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;

¹⁵ Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;

¹⁶ And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: Ephesians 2:14-16

The Galatians were Gentiles who came out of idol worship and pagan festivals.

⁸ Howbeit then, when ye knew not God, ye did service unto them which by nature are no gods.

⁹ But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage?

¹⁰ Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years.

¹¹ I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain. Galatians 4:8-11

The weak and beggarly elements were paganism. Paul would never despair of their observing God's Calendar.

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There has not yet been a prophet in the end of time, which has presented the message the Bible describes for the Third Elijah. Obedience to all of the Law of Moses has not yet been presented with the power and spirit of Elijah. There are some which claim the Elijah Message has already been presented by the church. Clearly, this cannot be true, when you understand the Elijah Message is a call to remember the Law of Moses. It is not enough to present some portion of the Law of Moses. All the Law of Moses must be upheld.

⁴ Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments.

⁵ Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:

Malachi 4:4-5

Some wonder if Elijah himself may come down from heaven to preach the message. This does not seem likely to me. Some do not know their scripture and believe the lie that he was not taken to heaven. (See II Kings 2:1, II Kings 2:11, Matthew 17:3, Mark 9:4, Luke 9:30.) They suggest he will rise with the special resurrection before the Second Coming.

It may be the Third Elijah is not one person but a group of people. It is not the 144,000 for they are not sealed as a group until the end of the Third Elijah Message to the church. It may be those who will become a part of the 144,000.

I suspect the Third Elijah is a single person. This will be a person who proclaims the message in the spirit and power of Elijah. This will be a person who proclaims the message in the spirit and power of the Second Elijah, John the Baptist. This person will observe all the statutes of God recorded in the Law of Moses without exception. There have been some powerful advocates of the Law of Moses but none have followed all the statutes without exception and without excuse.

We may not fully understand God's method for the fulfillment of this prophecy until it occurs. We might not fully understand until we

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reach heaven. I believe it is valuable to look at God's patterns expressed in the Bible to create a picture of the Third Elijah.

The First Elijah

The first appearance of Elijah in the Bible is sudden, without introduction or background.

¹ And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the LORD God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.

I Kings 17:1

We never learn about Elijah's lineage or background. All we know is he came from a town or region in Gilead known as "Tshb" which is never mentioned except in identifying Elijah. The transliteration of his name is Eliau, which is a combination of El, meaning God, and the first three letters of the name of God, IAUA.

I believe we can be quite certain Eliau was a deep student of the Bible who followed the direction of God in his life. I believe God calls those who are prepared. God works with us to prepare us as we work to follow Him. God does not bestow preparation on those who are called without effort on their part.

We know most about Eliau by his actions and words as a prophet of IAUA. It is clear from many passages IAUA directly guided the actions of Eliau. His appearance before Ahab indicates his boldness and willingness to follow the direction of God no matter how imposing the task.

I believe Eliau did not speak those words to Ahab except at the direct command of God. God's word through Eliau would end the drought, not the word of Eliau. Never elevate the servant above the will of his Master.

It is clear Eliau was intimately familiar with the power and voice of God.

¹¹ And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; but the LORD was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the LORD was not in the

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earthquake:

¹² And after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice.

I Kings 19:11-12

We also have this interesting physical description.

⁸ And they answered him, He was an hairy man, and girt with a girdle of leather about his loins. And he said, It is Elijah the Tishbite.

II Kings 1:8

The Second Elijah

The background of John the Baptist in comparison is very detailed. Luke chapter 1 records the announcement of his birth and the plan for his life.

¹³ But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.

¹⁴ And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth.

¹⁵ For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb.

¹⁶ And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God.

¹⁷ And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

Luke 1:13-17

It is instructive to note the specific guidance commanded for John's life. He was filled with the Holy Spirit from his mother's womb. His life in the desert apart from the cities, the society, and the councils of men is a significant characteristic.

⁸⁰ And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, and was in the deserts till the day of his shewing unto Israel.

Luke 1:80

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When the time came, he did not go to the cities, Jerusalem, or the temple. He did not make presentations in the churches or before the leaders in the Sanhedrin. His simple dress and plain diet are specifically described as an important characteristic.

¹ In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea,

² And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

³ For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

⁴ And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his meat was locusts and wild honey.

Matthew 3:1-4

He had a major impact on the children of Israel in his day drawing large crowds to hear his message. Again, Mark takes particular note of his plain dress and diet.

⁵ And there went out unto him all the land of Judaea, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁶ And John was clothed with camel's hair, and with a girdle of a skin about his loins; and he did eat locusts and wild honey;
Mark 1:5-6

The Messiah also noted John's boldness and the contrast of his simple clothing.

⁷ And as they departed, Jesus began to say unto the multitudes concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken with the wind?

⁸ But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? behold, they that wear soft clothing are in kings' houses.

⁹ But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? yea, I say unto you, and more than a prophet. Matthew 11:7-9

The Messiah identified John the Baptist as the Elijah to come on two separate recorded occasions.

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¹⁴ And if ye will receive it, this is Elias, which was for to come.

Matthew 11:14

He described the Elijah to come in the future and the Elijah who had already come and been killed.

¹⁰ And his disciples asked him, saying, Why then say the scribes that Elias must first come?

¹¹ And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things.

¹² But I say unto you, That Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer of them.

¹³ Then the disciples understood that he spake unto them of John the Baptist.

Matthew 17:10-13

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We will know the Elijah by the time at which he appears. The specific prophecy of the Elijah to come is clearly associated with last day events because of its association with a warning of the final judgment. Though the actual execution of the judgment is a thousand years later, the final chance to make a choice is near at hand.

¹ For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.

Malachi 4:1

We will know the Elijah by the message he gives. The specific message of the prophet is for a return to the Law of Moses. This message only applies in these last days when the Law of Moses has been forgotten and rejected. In the time of John the Baptist the Law of Moses was remembered, cherished, and practiced, if not always properly.

⁴ Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments.

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⁵ Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:

⁶ And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

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We will also know the messenger by the results of the acceptance of the message, which is a return of the primitive religion and the faithful heart of the patriarch fathers to the true children of Abraham.

⁷ Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.

Galatians 3:7

How to Recognize the Third Elijah

I refer to the Third Elijah by the name Eliau, which is a proper transliteration of the Hebrew name. Do not make a mistaken connection. I use the pen name of Eliau in honor of and to point to the coming prophet. There are many reasons why I do not consider myself a candidate for this work. Years ago, before 2002 I did not even know there was such a thing as the Law of Moses. I believe Eliau must have a deeper knowledge and experience of the Law of Moses than I have. I do not have the calling and preparation by God from birth for this purpose such as we observe with John the Baptist. I can point out many other reasons but I assume you get the point.

I do not know the details of how God will fulfill His prophecies. I do not know exactly when it will occur. It clearly needs to be soon for the end of all things is at hand. I do know how God will bring to pass what He has said. I am preparing to participate in the work of Eliau when he appears. I am also seeking others who wish to prepare for this magnificent prophetic event, when it begins.

When we compare the characteristics of the First and Second Elijah, we can piece together a comprehensive picture of Eliau, which will leave little doubt in our minds when we see the fulfillment of prophecy. It is unlikely God will leave no room for doubt for He always values and expects faith. Eliau will certainly fail to meet human standards, which look on the outside.

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Satan will certainly attempt to counterfeit the work of Eliaiu. Based on the observation of the world and the ways of Satan, we can expect certain characteristics of these counterfeits. They will certainly not hold to all of God's Truth. We can expect these people to be highly charismatic by the world's measure. They will have a certain type of success in the eyes of church members influenced by worldly standards.

¹⁰ He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.

Luke 16:10

There have been several individuals who have had many of the characteristics of Eliaiu. When these are true to God's Word, we can consider them the spiritual forerunners. No one yet has had all of the critical spiritual characteristics and a sizable number of the physical and social characteristics we can expect.

Spiritual characteristics

The teaching of the Law of Moses is the primary purpose specified by the Bible for the work of Eliaiu. We can expect Eliaiu to have been raised from childhood with training and experience in studying and practicing the Law of Moses. We can surmise the source of this training would be in Judaism. Somehow, he would not be indoctrinated or would break free of the bounds and clutter of Jewish tradition.

We can expect miraculous intervention from birth to prepare and focus Eliaiu for his work as we saw with John the Baptist. While we have no explicit record of this in the life of Elijah, he was raised in a general culture of following the Law of Moses no matter how corrupt practices were in his time. The ravages and degradation of sin in these last days and the complete denial for centuries of the Law of Moses in almost the entire Christian world, calls in a strong way for direct intervention by God to fulfill this purpose.

Eliaiu will follow all the Law of Moses. Beyond the observance of the yearly Sabbaths, there will be no part of the Law, no matter how small, which will be dismissed with excuses about why it does not apply or concern about prejudice, style, customary practice, or worldly expectation. If you have not studied the Law, you will not even know what these little things are.

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¹⁹ Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 5:19

Do not be misled! Eliau will only promote the practice of the Law of Moses. Eliau will not dilute the message with any promotion of the practice of Jewish traditions. Eliau will never promote the rebuilding of the earthly temple in Jerusalem. Eliau will have no part in promoting the return or practice of animal sacrifices.

²⁷ And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate. Daniel 9:27

Absolute loyalty to God requires a discipline against compromise. The pull of the things of this world is so strong I suspect Eliau will be forced to develop a strength of character which is so set against compromise that a perception of defiance will inevitably result. Any authority on this earth, no matter how spiritual, will be threatened by the independent devotion to God and His Word.

Physical characteristics

We understand from the descriptions of the first and second Elijah his manner of dress was different from the social norm. His dress was not fancy or designed for adornment and show. We have this testimony from Iaushuo.

²⁴ And when the messengers of John were departed, he began to speak unto the people concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness for to see? A reed shaken with the wind?

²⁵ But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? Behold, they which are gorgeously appparelled, and live delicately, are in kings' courts.

²⁶ But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? Yea, I say unto you, and much more than a prophet. Luke 7:24-26

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I suspect Eliaiu will not be wearing a suit and tie. I know he will wear the tassels as commanded by God.

³⁷ **And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,**

³⁸ **Speak unto the children of Israel, and bid them that they make them fringes in the borders of their garments throughout their generations, and that they put upon the fringe of the borders a ribband of blue:**

³⁹ **And it shall be unto you for a fringe, that ye may look upon it, and remember all the commandments of the LORD, and do them; and that ye seek not after your own heart and your own eyes, after which ye use to go a whoring:**

⁴⁰ **That ye may remember, and do all my commandments, and be holy unto your God.**

⁴¹ **I am the LORD your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I am the LORD your God.**

Numbers 15:37-41

Eliaiu will not be shaved as commanded by God.

⁵ **They shall not make baldness upon their head, neither shall they shave off the corner of their beard, nor make any cuttings in their flesh.** Leviticus 21:5

I suspect it is unlikely Eliaiu will be a woman. God has used women in His work but the overwhelming majority of His messengers were men.

Social characteristics

It is unlikely Eliaiu will be the actual name of God's messenger. The messenger comes in the spirit and power of Elijah but there is no precedent to believe they will ever be called by that name. John the Baptist certainly had a different name and even denied any association with the name of Elijah.

²¹ **And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elias? And he saith, I am not. Art thou that prophet? And he answered, No.**

John 1:21

I suspect Eliaiu will be single. There is no indication Elijah or John the Baptist were married and circumstances indicate they were not. A single man can have a single-minded devotion to God, which

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a married man cannot. A married man must share his devotion to God with his devotion to his wife.

³² But I would have you without carefulness. He that is unmarried careth for the things that belong to the Lord, how he may please the Lord:

³³ But he that is married careth for the things that are of the world, how he may please his wife. I Corinthians 7:32-33

I suspect Eliaiu will not be found in the denominational ministry or denominational employment. It is a sad thing to say but any organization slips away from the purity of its purpose and the preservation of the organization begins to become a priority. Loyalty to the denominational organization is far too likely to result in a conflict with absolute loyalty to God. For the same reason, Eliaiu will not be successful as measured used by the world.

²⁴ No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.
Matthew 6:24

We see both Elijah and John the Baptist primarily in solitary places and non-social situations. I suspect Eliaiu will also not usually be found in social circles and social functions.

Finally, we must take careful note of one significant part of God's pattern. Elijah and John the Baptist were one of the chosen people following God, whatever the problems and failings of their time. Their work and influence was with the chosen people and did not significantly extend to those in the world. I believe the same will be true of Eliaiu. The message is primarily to those who are already following the Three Angel's Message.

Who Are the 144,000?

Deep study of the Bible leads us by the influence of the Holy Spirit to see connections between ideas presented in the Bible. The words of the Bible alone may not explicitly make these connections. We must be engrossed in the study of the Word to see these connections. We must be obedient to following the commands of God to open ourselves to a greater influence of the Holy Spirit. We must be earnestly seeking in prayer the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

¹³ Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. John 16:13

The guidance of the Holy Spirit leads us to see the connection between the great prophetic themes of the Bible. The Holy Spirit gives the understanding, which reveals the hints in the Bible for the timing and order of these themes as well as the connection between them. Many hints are seen by an understanding of the great patterns God uses in everything He does. Events, messages, and ideas repeat in different ways in different circumstances.

I will share in this study what the Holy Spirit has led me to see about the 144,000. When we are studying deeply to uncover the hidden things of God, we ask questions to focus our search for knowledge and understanding. Who are the 144,000? Where do they come from? How will we recognize them? What is their purpose?

I will share with you the hints in Bible I have seen about the 144,000 and some logical reasoning from these hints. Your understanding must be established by your own careful study. The Holy Spirit is your guide. The Holy Spirit works through direct impression, the words of the Bible, and the explanations from the shared studies of other individuals to impress your mind with truth.

You must do your personal work to grow these truths in your own heart. Simply reading or hearing the words of others will not grow truth in your heart. A simple reading of the words of the Bible is only a start to growing truth in your heart. The words of this book are only a start to direct you to a beginning understanding in your deeper study of the Bible.

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There are only two mentions of the 144,000 in Revelation. In these verses, we see their sealing just before the final tribulation.

¹ And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.

² And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,

³ Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.

⁴ And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel. Revelation 7:1-4

We see that the 144,000 are a group who spread the truth without deceit (no guile), are without fault (obedient to all of God's law), and are not associated with fallen churches (defiled with women).

¹ And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.

² And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps:

³ And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.

⁴ These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.

⁵ And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God. Revelation 14:1-5

We see the 144,000 (144k) identified as the firstfruits. They are the first of a larger harvest, which comes after their sealing.

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The 144k are a small number of the millions following the Three Angels' Message. These millions are the wheat and the tares growing together. Those who have not studied the Bible for truth will have a final opportunity after the 144k are sealed. Those who have studied the Bible and followed the Word of God by accepting the Messiah, keeping the Sabbath, and have heard the Third Elijah Message will have no excuse for not seeing and following.

From where do the 144,000 come?

The sealing of the 144k is a parallel event, one of God's repeating patterns, to the sealing of the disciples on Pentecost. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit with power occurs after preparation of the heart in receiving the doctrine of God. The disciples were prepared by John the Baptist and the teaching of the Messiah.

The 144k will be prepared by the outpouring of doctrine associated with the Elijah prophet as prophesied in Malachi 4:4-5. God joins honest and true individuals from all over the world into a band of disciples who respond to His calling. These disciples will follow the Lamb all the way when He leads them into all Truth.

The Elijah prophet will only provide the final touches in the gathering of the 144k in their final preparation. The 144k are in training right now under the direction of the Holy Spirit. They have been called by God and are already responding. They are being drawn into a deeper study and understanding of God's Truth.

The 144k already see the importance of the Elijah Message about the Law of Moses. They are already studying and are beginning to practice the truth. The Elijah prophet and the Elijah Message will put the final touch on the unity of the 144k in truth. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit in power at Pentecost seals the 144k.

Increasingly the Omega apostasy of denying the part of God's Law known as the Law of Moses is being pushed by the church. Though this teaching has been around from the beginning of the church it only reached prominence after the death of EGW and has now become a mainstream part of the doctrine of the church.

Many leaders are becoming increasingly forceful in the hypocrisy of denying the Law of Moses in spite of the major doctrines of the church, which are a part of the Law of Moses and not the Ten Commandments. The prohibition against blood and fat championed by EGW is now ignored but the concepts of unclean

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flesh, tithing, bestiality, homosexuality, incest, fornication, and many other practices are not explicitly described in the Ten Commandments. They are clearly described and prohibited in the Law of Moses.

Those who are studying and embracing the Law of Moses, preparing to be a part of the 144k are causing a great shaking to come upon the church. Many leaders see the danger clearly and are fighting back to preserve the hypocrisy and apostasy which has become Adventist tradition. The church will be shaken to the core when the reformation of the Elijah Message sweeps the church.

How will we recognize the 144,000?

The end of time begins with the sealing of the 144k. Preparation for the end of time means being prepared for the return of the Messiah. Those who are first prepared will be part of the 144k.

Revelation refers to the 144k as Israelites from each of the twelve tribes. An Israelite is a child of Abraham. Paul stated quite clearly those who practice faith as did Abraham are his true children.

⁷ Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. Galatians 3:7

Paul did not speak this only by his own understanding for our Savior said the same thing.

³⁹ They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham. John 8:39

Therefore, based on Revelation, Galatians, and our Savior the 144k will be recognized because they follow all of God's Law without question, excuse, or doubt. Many of the same characteristics of the Third Elijah will be seen in the 144k. They will stick out like a sore thumb because they do not follow the traditions of the organized churches. They will practice a primitive godliness, which is a return to the practices of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel.

Notwithstanding the widespread declension of faith and piety, there are true followers of Christ in these churches. Before the final visitation of God's judgments upon the earth, there will be, among the people of the Lord, such a revival of primitive

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godliness as has not been witnessed since apostolic times. The Spirit and power of God will be poured out upon his children. At that time many will separate themselves from those churches in which the love of this world has supplanted love for God and his Word. Many, both of ministers and people, will gladly accept those great truths which God has caused to be proclaimed at this time, to prepare a people for the Lord's second coming. The enemy of souls desires to hinder this work; and before the time for such a movement shall come, he will endeavor to prevent it, by introducing a counterfeit. In those churches which he can bring under his deceptive power, he will make it appear that God's special blessing is poured out; there will be manifest what is thought to be great religious interest. Multitudes will exult that God is working marvelously for them, when the work is that of another spirit. Under a religious guise, Satan will seek to extend his influence over the Christian world. {GC88 464.1} {GC 464.1}

The restoration of the Law of God is clearly described as the source of this revival.

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly. . . . But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper." [PS. 1:1-3.] It is only as the law of God is restored to its rightful position that there can be a revival of primitive faith and godliness among his professed people. "Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. [JER. 6:16.] {GC88 478.3} {GC 478.3}

What is the purpose of the 144,000?

The purpose of the 144k after Pentecost is the same as it was for the disciples. They are to go forth after their training and sealing by the Holy Spirit to witness to the whole world one last time.

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⁸ But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. Acts 1:8

When their work is finished, it will be the end.

¹⁴ And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come. Matthew 24:14

The Great Multitude

The results of the work of the 144k are described after their sealing is described.

⁹ After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

¹⁰ And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

¹¹ And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,

¹² Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

¹³ And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?

¹⁴ And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

¹⁶ They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.

¹⁷ For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed

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them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes. Revelation 7:9-17

The great multitude is described as appearing in white robes and these same people are described as coming out of great tribulation. The tribulation begins after the sealing of the 144k therefore these are the converts of the work of the 144k. Only the 144k are described as the first fruits, which are sealed, therefore most of the others in the church of the Three Angels Message were sealed to destruction. Some who had not had the opportunity to learn the truth of the Law of Moses will have their opportunity after Pentecost. For those who had studied and rejected the Law of Moses it is too late.

EGW quotes on the 144,000

So far, I have presented information on the 144k based on the Bible and the results of understanding by study and prayer on the subject. Here I present what Ellen has to say on the subject, which is unique to her revelation from God. In this quote, she emphasizes the importance of the 144k and encourages us all to a greater intensity and focus to be a part of the 144k.

Let us strive with all the power that God has given us to be among the hundred and forty-four thousand. And let us do all that we can to help others to gain heaven. We are to have an intense interest in Christ Jesus; for he is our Saviour. He came to this world to be tempted in all points as we are, to prove to the universe that in this world of sin human beings can live lives that God will approve. {RH, March 9, 1905 par. 4}

In this quote, she warns of useless controversy and mentions a question of her day involving the 144k.

Christ says that there will be those in the church who will present fables and suppositions, when God has given grand, elevating, ennobling truths which should ever be kept in the treasure house of the mind. When men pick up this theory and that theory, when they are curious to know something it is not necessary for them to know, God is not leading them. It is not His plan that His people shall present something which they have to suppose, which is not taught in the Word. It is not His will that they shall get into controversy over questions which

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will not help them spiritually, such as, Who is to compose the hundred and forty-four thousand? This those who are the elect of God will in a short time know without question. --

Manuscript 26, 1901 {1SM 174.3}

The work of the 144k is shown in the closing work of the church linked to Ezekiel 9 when the sealing work begins at the church.

The true people of God, who have the spirit of the work of the Lord and the salvation of souls at heart, will ever view sin in its real, sinful character. They will always be on the side of faithful and plain dealing with sins which easily beset the people of God. Especially in the closing work for the church, in the sealing time of the one hundred and forty-four thousand, who are to stand without fault before the throne of God, will they feel most deeply the wrongs of God's professed people. This is forcibly set forth by the prophet's illustration of the last work under the figure of the men, each having a slaughter weapon in his hand. One man among them was clothed with linen, with a writer's inkhorn by his side. "And the Lord said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for the abominations that be done in the midst thereof. {RH, September 23, 1873 par. 4}

Most spectacular of all is where her first vision links the sealing of the 144k to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. I believe this will be at a third fulfillment of Pentecost. The voice of God proclaims the day and hour of the Second coming.

Soon we heard the voice of God like many waters, which gave us the day and hour of Jesus' coming. The living saints, 144,000 in number, knew and understood the voice, while the wicked thought it was thunder and an earthquake. When God spoke the time, He poured upon us the Holy Ghost, and our faces began to light up and shine with the glory of God, as Moses' did when he came down from Mount Sinai. {EW 14.1}

The 144,000 were all sealed and perfectly united. On their foreheads was written, God, New Jerusalem, and a glorious

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star containing Jesus' new name. At our happy, holy state the wicked were enraged, and would rush violently up to lay hands on us to thrust us into prison, when we would stretch forth the hand in the name of the Lord, and they would fall helpless to the ground. Then it was that the synagogue of Satan knew that God had loved us who could wash one another's feet and salute the brethren with a holy kiss, and they worshiped at our feet. {EW 15.1} 1882

This quote along with others indicates the 144k are living saints, who witness the Second Coming. They receive honor in heaven for their end-time work in spreading truth.

Then Jesus' silver trumpet sounded, as He descended on the cloud, wrapped in flames of fire. He gazed on the graves of the sleeping saints, then raised His eyes and hands to heaven, and cried, "Awake! awake! awake! ye that sleep in the dust, and arise." Then there was a mighty earthquake. The graves opened, and the dead came up clothed with immortality. The 144,000 shouted, "Alleluia!" as they recognized their friends who had been torn from them by death, and in the same moment we were changed and caught up together with them to meet the Lord in the air. {EW 16.1}

We all entered the cloud together, and were seven days ascending to the sea of glass, when Jesus brought the crowns, and with His own right hand placed them on our heads. He gave us harps of gold and palms of victory. Here on the sea of glass the 144,000 stood in a perfect square. Some of them had very bright crowns, others not so bright. Some crowns appeared heavy with stars, while others had but few. All were perfectly satisfied with their crowns. And they were all clothed with a glorious white mantle from their shoulders to their feet. Angels were all about us as we marched over the sea of glass to the gate of the city. Jesus raised His mighty, glorious arm, laid hold of the pearly gate, swung it back on its glittering hinges, and said to us, "You have washed your robes in My blood, stood stiffly for My truth, enter in." We all marched in and felt that we had a perfect right in the city. {EW 16.2}

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This is a quote where she mentions, the importance of the 144k following the Lamb here on earth before following the Lamb in heaven. Lovingly following Him in willing obedience to all of God's Law is a major contrast to those who look for excuses to avoid following the parts of God's Law they despise.

One of the marked features in the representation of the 144,000 is that in their mouth there was found no guile. The Lord has said, "Blessed is the man . . . in whose spirit there is no guile." They profess to be children of God, and are represented as following the Lamb whithersoever He goeth. They are prefigured before us as standing on Mount Zion, girt for holy service, clothed in white linen, which is the righteousness of the saints. But all who follow the Lamb in heaven will first have followed Him on earth, in trustful, loving, willing obedience, followed Him not fretfully and capriciously, but confidently, truthfully, as the flock follows the shepherd. {3SM 424.2}

Here she identifies that the 144k have a special purpose to present the truth to the world and face great opposition.

Why were they [the 144,000] so specially singled out? Because they had to stand with a wonderful truth right before the whole world, and receive their opposition, and while receiving this opposition they were to remember that they were sons and daughters of God, that they must have Christ formed within them the hope of glory. They were ever keeping in view the great and blessed hope that is before them. What is it? It is an eternal weight of glory. Nothing could surpass it. {1SAT 72.3}

When you study the 1888 Loud Cry message, she indicates it would have been the end time message, which would have included the 144k and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. This would also have included the Third Elijah Message with the presentation of the Law of Moses. This indicates what the real disagreement was. Then, as today, people do not want to hear what they do not want to practice. This truth will not be rejected again.

Jewish Tradition

The Children of Israel have been the preservers of God's truth for about four thousand years. Whatever the failings and apostasies, for there have been many, only the Jewish people have reliably maintained a belief in the Law of Moses. It is true, they rejected the Savior by unbelief and lost their special status as a race and a nation. The symbolism of their heritage remains and Paul reminds us of the joy when individuals of the chosen race forsake their rebellion and by believing are returned to the olive tree.

²³ And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graff them in again.

Romans 11:23

It is important to recognize that being a part of the olive tree, the remnant or chosen people, is based on belief and practice, not genealogy. The entire chapter of Romans 11 is important for careful reading on this topic.

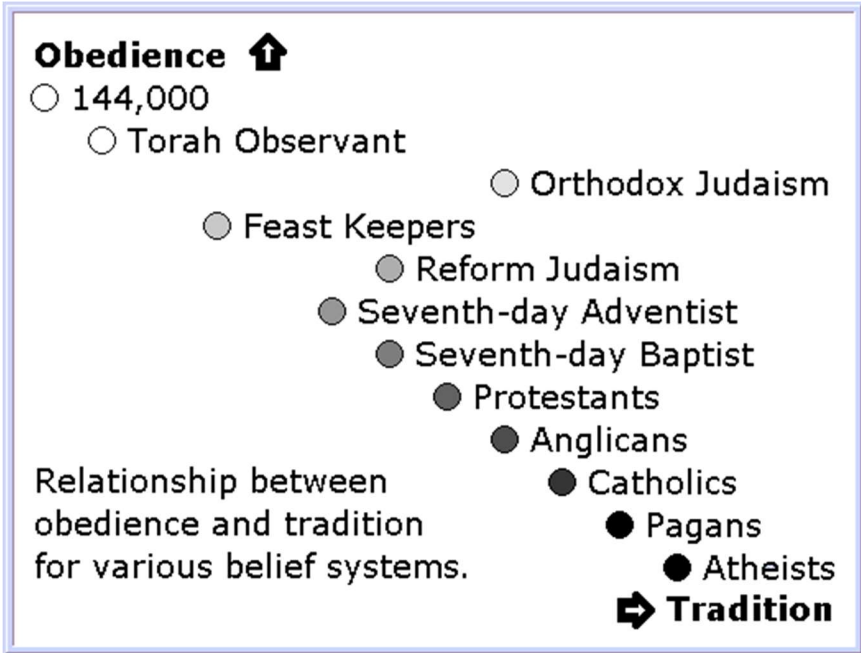
I am a student, follower, and presenter of God's Law. I am an Israelite and a Hebrew, in essence, by practice of the Law of Moses and belief in all the Law of God. I am not Jewish by birth and I do not promote Judaism or Jewish culture. I do not wear a kippah because it is a Jewish tradition and not a command of God. I do not wear tefillin nor do I have a mezuzah on my house. I do wear tassels (tzitzit) because they are a command of God (Numbers 15:37-41).

¹⁹ Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:19

This chart shows my evaluation of the relationship between obedience and tradition for various belief systems.

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Please understand, there are healthy traditions, benign traditions, and malignant traditions. Healthy traditions are based only on the Word of God. These can be made malignant by the misinterpretation of men, which turns them away from the meaning of the Bible. Benign traditions are cultural customs, which are not contrary to the Bible unless they become malignant by attaching moral significance or inflated status above Bible truth. Malignant traditions are directly against Bible truth and contradict the Word of God.

The Coming of Elijah

One of the healthy Jewish traditions is an expectation of the coming of Elijah before the coming of the Messiah. There is some benign confusion in whether they expect the original Elijah to return from heaven. This belief was prominent at the first coming and still exists today. We also expect an "Elijah" prophet before the second coming. The existence of this belief at the first coming is seen at the appearance of Elijah at the Transfiguration.

¹⁰ **And his disciples asked him, saying, Why then say the scribes that Elias must first come?**

¹¹ **And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias truly shall**

first come, and restore all things.

¹² But I say unto you, That Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer of them.

¹³ Then the disciples understood that he spake unto them of John the Baptist.

Matthew 17:10-13

The end of a modern Jewish Sabbath is practiced with a traditional Havdalah ceremony, which ends with singing *Eliyahu HaNavi* (Elijah the Prophet) in the hopes that Elijah the Prophet will come to herald the messianic age when the world will begin one long Shabbat. This is known by Christians as the millennium.

In many traditions, the front door of the house is opened near the end of the Passover Seder. An open chair is kept at the table for the Prophet Elijah. The rabbis promote the idea Elijah's arrival would precipitate the coming of the Messiah, at which time all questions of the Law will be resolved. Some believe Elijah will visit each home on Seder night as a foreshadowing of his future arrival at the end of the days, when he will come to announce the coming of the Jewish Messiah.

The Passover Seder is traditionally connected with the Messianic age. We believe part of the Messianic age began with the First Advent and the full crowning of the Messiah in power will occur near the Second Advent when all believers will be rewarded and all others will be destroyed with all traces of sinners.

There are many other aspects of Jewish tradition, which are malignant because they contradict, overshadow, or are held up to the same level as God's truth. The Messiah warned of this danger:

⁶ He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.

⁷ Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

⁸ For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do.

⁹ And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition.

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¹³ Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye.

Mark 7:6-9,13

I uphold the Law of Moses and practice it completely. I do not uphold or practice any Jewish tradition, which goes beyond or outside of the Law of Moses.

Jewish Culture

The Jews have a rich cultural heritage going back about four thousand years to the birth of Abraham. During this time, they have created many national holidays, which go beyond the command of God. They have created philosophies and religious practices, which go beyond the Word of God. There is a great danger when moral significance is attached to Jewish tradition and culture. There is nothing wrong with Jewish culture, which does not elevate itself to become more important than God's Law.

I have met many Adventists with no known Jewish blood who have recognized obedience to all of God's Law. These are often pressured to cease attending the Adventist church. Some of these begin associating with Messianic groups because of some shared values. Some fall under the influence and teachings of a Rabbi and become drawn into Jewish practices.

I am a little disappointed when I learn that some are highly attracted to Messianic groups after experiencing rejection by the Adventist denomination. I was also interested at first in the Messianic faith because it seemed to be practicing all of God's law but I quickly learned it was also deeply steeped in past Jewish traditions and not present truth.

I believe there is a danger in being distracted by Jewish culture and traditions. Satan can use an interest in traditions as a distraction from the greater present truths. The problem of tradition, whether Jewish or Adventist, replacing God's commandments was noted by the Messiah.

² Why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? for they wash not their hands when they eat bread.

³ But he answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition?

Matthew 15:2-3

Paul has some comments about the dangers of tradition.

⁸ Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

Colossians 2:8

Peter mentions the distractions of tradition.

¹⁸ Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;

I Peter 1:18

I suspect one of the traps of Jewish culture is a misplaced sense of the Jews as the chosen people and a desire to be part of such a group. I have observed a danger of traditions distracting from present truth. One way that this can occur is when more time is being spent studying and discussing traditions than the present truth for this time.

Please do not get the impression that I condemn anyone for practicing Jewish traditions. My understandings, beliefs, teachings, and practices are not a standard to follow or a condemnation of anyone else who chooses to do something different. Each individual is responsible for following their best understanding of the Bible.

It is my desire to do what God calls me to do. It is also my desire to avoid anything that distracts from that calling. The Bible is clear to me about those things that I am to teach to lead others to the Messiah and to help them to understand the Bible. My understanding is that the Word of God does not direct me to teach the practice of any traditions.

Traditions add a sense of security and belonging when they are practiced with fellow believers. Too many traditions become the focus of religious practice and dilute the practice of religion as God specifies it. A revival of a simpler more basic and primitive religion and godliness is needed in this age.

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Primitive Godliness

I have been accused by those who are caught up in following Jewish tradition, even though they are not Jewish, of being trapped by Catholic/Christian/Adventist tradition because I refuse to follow Jewish tradition. It is amazing that anyone who follows all of God's Law, including the statutes, can be described as bound by Adventist tradition.

I have also been accused of legalism by those who do not wish to follow the command of God because I obey all of God's Law.

God has called me to follow His word. I choose to do what God has commanded.

God provides the desire to do His will. I do what God has given me the desire to do.

God gives me the ability and skill to do what He asks me to do. I do what I can no matter what men may say.

God is responsible for the results in my life and in the work I do for Him.

If this is legalism, then I shall be happy to be called a legalist. I stand with Joshua to follow God.

¹⁵ And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

Joshua 24:15

I stand with Elijah to follow God.

²¹ And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word.

I Kings 18:21

I stand with John the Baptist to follow God.

¹ In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea,

² And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
Matthew 3:1-2

I stand with obedience to the voice God.

⁴ Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments.

⁵ Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:

⁶ And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

Malachi 4:4-6

There are two ditches beside the straight and narrow road into which you can fall. If you choose to follow all of God's Law, Satan can try to push you into the ditch of also following Jewish tradition. If you choose not to follow all of God's Law and call it Jewish, Satan pushes you into the ditch of following Catholic/Christian/Adventist tradition. If you think to yourself that following all of God's law will save you, Satan has given you a flat tire.

When I study the Bible and discuss biblical issues with others, I observe major disagreements between obeying what God says and following the traditions of men.

⁹ And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition.

Mark 7:9

Many disagreements result from the philosophical reasoning and delusions of those who grab on to new fanciful ideas or cling to old established ideas instead of following and obeying simple Bible truth.

⁸ Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

Colossians 2:8

Primitive godliness is a return to knowing and following only the commands of God and leaving behind man's vain traditions. A primitive godliness is not defiled with allegiance to man's organizations in competition with allegiance to God.

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⁴ These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.

Revelation 14:4

I believe Ellen White clearly associates the great outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the Latter Rain with a revival of this primitive godliness.

Notwithstanding the widespread declension of faith and piety, there are true followers of Christ in these churches. Before the final visitation of God's judgments upon the earth there will be among the people of the Lord such a revival of primitive godliness as has not been witnessed since apostolic times. The Spirit and power of God will be poured out upon His children. At that time many will separate themselves from those churches in which the love of this world has supplanted love for God and His word. Many, both of ministers and people, will gladly accept those great truths which God has caused to be proclaimed at this time to prepare a people for the Lord's second coming. The enemy of souls desires to hinder this work; and before the time for such a movement shall come, he will endeavor to prevent it by introducing a counterfeit. In those churches which he can bring under his deceptive power he will make it appear that God's special blessing is poured out; there will be manifest what is thought to be great religious interest. Multitudes will exult that God is working marvelously for them, when the work is that of another spirit. Under a religious guise, Satan will seek to extend his influence over the Christian world. {GC 464.1} (Underlining added)

Some believe the preceding quote only applies to other churches. Sad to say, I believe it applies to some Seventh-day Adventist churches. These quotes come from the chapter "Modern Revivals" in the Great Controversy. This chapter deserves careful reading for the many comments she makes about what is happening even more now than when she wrote.

She clearly identifies the Law of God as critical to this revival.

Jewish Tradition

It is only as the law of God is restored to its rightful position that there can be a revival of primitive faith and godliness among His professed people. "Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls." Jeremiah 6:16. {GC 478.3} (Underlining added)

God says the Law of Moses is His Law.

⁴ Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments.

Malachi 4:4

Primitive faith and godliness is to follow a religion devoid of dependence on traditions, which follows the Word of God.

Seventh-day Adventist Tradition

I have been made keenly aware the tradition of the SDA denomination leads to a rejection of all of God's Law as embodied in the Torah. The law of God is restricted to an artificial, hypocritical, and ambiguous limitation to the Ten Commandments. I have been careful to avoid controversy in the church and speak openly only to others who show an interest in more than the traditions of the church.

The Adventist church increasingly labels the Torah and the details of God's Law as Jewish and anti-Christian. Adventists and Christians increasingly ignore or deny the roots of the religion. While it is true, Christianity has its origin in Judaism, it also correct to say it has descended from those origins. I use the word descended in the sense that Christianity has forsaken the lofty principles of the religion and adopted lower standards.

It is also true, modern Judaism has descended from the lofty principles of the religion. They have included an increasing number of traditions that are extra-biblical in the teachings of their faith. The Savior spoke of the dangers of this practice already 2000 years ago. These words apply as much to Adventism and Christianity as it does to Judaism.

⁶ He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people

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honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.

⁷ **Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.**

⁸ **For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do.**

⁹ **And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition.**

Mark 7:6-9

This quote from Isaiah is from a chapter, which has many thoughts that are well to consider in these last days.

¹³ **Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men:**

Isaiah 29:13

A parallel passage and chapter in Ezekiel is also very valuable reading.

³¹ **And they come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee as my people, and they hear thy words, but they will not do them: for with their mouth they shew much love, but their heart goeth after their covetousness.**

Ezekiel 33:31

Where are the modern children of Abraham to position themselves between modern Christianity which rejects and ignores Bible teachings including the law in Leviticus, versus modern Judaism, which rejects the Messiah, and Messianism which retains so much tradition as to reject or obscure the Three Angels' Message?

⁷ **Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.**

Galatians 3:7

²⁹ **And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.**

Galatians 3:29

Jewish Tradition

The modern children of Abraham are to hold to the teachings of the fathers of the faith.

⁵ Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.

Genesis 26:5

Note that there are commandments and statutes. The heart of the fathers of the faith is to be in us their modern children.

⁴ Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments.

⁵ Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:

⁶ And he shall turn (restore) the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

Malachi 4:4-6

Note that we are to remember the law including the statutes. When there is too much time spent on extra-Biblical tradition or even prophetic interpretation, it creates the danger of distracting from the law of God.

⁹ But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

Matthew 15:9

¹³ Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye.

Mark 7:13

¹⁸ Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;

I Peter 1:18

Failure in the church to follow the Bible completely and faithfully results in a moving away from more of Bible truth inside and outside the church and university walls.

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Israelite Nation

Seventh-day Adventists in an increasing number are following the Laws of Moses. They are becoming devout to the religion of the fathers, as directed by the Third Elijah Message. There is an increasing awkwardness when reaching people outside of the church and leading them directly to the Third Elijah Message.

One person I know is a Seventh-day Adventist but he refers to himself as an Israelite. He is concerned that people will be confused if he tells them he is SDA because the church does not completely practice the Law of Moses. I can appreciate the quandary because I have felt it many times myself. In my case, most of the people I talk to are SDA and have difficulty recognizing that I am also SDA. Many assume I am Jewish. In truth, I am more than SDA. The use of the term Israelite is appealing. I have repeated many times:

⁷ Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.

Galatians 3:7

The children of Abraham are called Hebrews or Israelites. Those who return to the religion of Abraham should also be called Hebrews or Israelites. It suddenly strikes me as humorous that people sing the song "Give me that old time religion" but they are not going back far enough to the true old time religion. At the least, they should go back to the religion of the apostles who were Israelites and kept the Law of Moses.

Ellen makes a very interesting observation about the nation of Israel. She uses the term Jews, which is applied to many people of many different beliefs. I believe it would be more accurate to refer to the nation that is born as Israelites.

There will be many converted from among the Jews, and these converts will aid in preparing the way of the Lord and making straight in the desert a highway for our God. Converted Jews are to have an important part to act in the great preparations to be made in the future to receive Christ, our Prince. A nation shall be born in a day. How? By men whom God has appointed being converted to the truth. There will be seen, "First the blade, then the ear, then the full corn in the ear" (Mark 4:28).

The predictions of prophecy will be fulfilled. The day of the Lord will come suddenly, unexpectedly, and men are asleep. Read Matt. 10:16, "Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves." Ms--75, 1905. ("Building the Waste Places," May, 1905.) {MR760 14.4}

The nation born in a day has some interesting symbolism. I believe the day is Pentecost. The first Pentecost at Sinai saw the first birth of the nation of Israel who committed themselves to following the Law of God. The second Pentecost saw the birth of the nation of Israel, which added Gentiles who followed the true spiritual ancestry of the Israelites. The coming Pentecost will be the birth of the 144k who will be the renewed nation of Israel which will go on to draw in others to the church in the final time of sealing just before Iaushuo returns.

Berean Community

One of the dangers, which occur with those who find themselves following all of God's Law, is the tendency to draw away from Seventh-day Adventist fellowship. A balance is needed between studying by ourselves and studying with others. The most important place to study is within the Bible but there are other sources, which can add to our study of the Bible. These outside sources must be verified against what the Bible says and kept in balance.

A careful study of all of II Timothy chapter 2 and 3 is very valuable to help us to understand how we are to interact with others. I believe it teaches Bible study is very important but we must not turn away from interacting with others. This was addressed directly in Hebrews.

²³ Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)

²⁴ And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:

²⁵ Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

Hebrews 10:23-25

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I think there is a hint here there were many disputes and arguments. When we "provoke" it should be to love and not contention. We need to share and discuss to promote growth and understanding. We do not work in a vacuum only studying the Word. We must interact with others who challenge us to think, learn, and grow. However, we must always test everything first by the Bible.

¹⁶ Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples.

¹⁷ And I will wait upon the LORD, that hideth his face from the house of Jacob, and I will look for him.

¹⁸ Behold, I and the children whom the LORD hath given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel from the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion.

¹⁹ And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead?

²⁰ To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.

Isaiah 8:16-20

There are times when specific important things in the Bible are apparently not complete in details sufficient for our understanding. God's Sacred Calendar appears to be one of those things. God has chosen for this vital understanding to be based in general on the Bible but where the Bible is not specific, we rely for understanding on rational explanations and the history preserved for us through other traditions. We must be careful not to focus exclusively on one tradition as our witness. This is also a Bible principle.

¹⁵ One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sinneth: at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established. Deuteronomy 19:15

Jewish Tradition

Our Savior repeats the principle of guidance by multiple witnesses in His principles for resolving disputes.

¹⁶ But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.

Matthew 18:16

Paul repeats this principle.

¹ This is the third time I am coming to you. In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established.

II Corinthians 13:1

Some things require careful research on the Internet, or in a library, often guided by others who have searched also. However, we must never rely on others to do our study for us. We may learn from others but we must verify for ourselves following the witness of the Bereans.

¹¹ These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

Acts 17:11

The Bible is our primary source for truth but the design of God demonstrates that we must go beyond solitary study, which may lead us astray to a community of study to work with each other. The interactions of a community will restrain those who might fly off into a path of error.

There is also the danger to be carefully considered that a community may resist the restoration of lost truth. That is why the conscience of the individual must never be trampled. Each stands personally accountable before God.

⁴ Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? to his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand.

Romans 14:4

I have also observed that while the Bible is an unerring guide to our salvation it leaves ambiguous holes of needed knowledge, which must be filled by participating in society rather than withdrawing

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into our own isolated cliques. The power of the Holy Spirit guides all these things for the one who submits to the will of God.

All Truth

A key concept of the Elijah Message, which is often disputed, is the idea of a restoration of "All Truth". The Messiah prophesied a restoration of all things.

¹¹ And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things.

Matthew 17:11

Peter also knew there would be a restoration of all things.

²¹ Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

Acts 3:21

Paul speaks of a perfect restoration of truth and touches on the reason why people will reject it. They don't want to be disturbed by the trauma of their partial truth being done away.

¹⁰ But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

1 Corinthians 13:10

Our Savior prophesied clearly the outpouring of the Holy Spirit would guide us to "All Truth".

¹³ Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

John 16:13

When our Savior said "all truth", I believe He meant "All Truth".

Scoffers and Skeptics

Scoffers and skeptics will become philosophical and discuss vague ideas about objective human knowledge. They challenge earnest seekers of truth with questions.

"Have you or anyone else determined what 'all the truth' is?" "Do you or anyone else know how close 'other churches or philosophies'

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are to 'all the truth'? Isn't that knowledge also necessary to determine whether SDAs are closest to it?"

Skeptics will raise false issues with incorrect conclusions.

"In the 16th century (four hundred years before the first SDA church was registered in the 1860s), God revealed the apostles' understanding of salvation to Martin Luther, which is Jesus' teaching about how the Father reconciled sinners back to Himself and their responsibilities to Him during their journey to heaven. Is it possible for anyone to have a view of salvation that's closer to the truth than Jesus had? If not, then with regard to salvation, as Protestants, SDAs are equal custodians of that truth with the apostles and Luther."

I believe I could get general agreement the Bible is the source of "all the truth". I also believe I could get general agreement very few understand "all the truth" the Bible reveals. I would certainly acknowledge there are some details, which are not quite clear to me. However, I absolutely believe I know all I need to receive salvation as I also believe every person knows all they need. Nevertheless, we are all under obligation to continue to learn and grow in the knowledge of the truth the author of the Bible has revealed.

¹⁸ But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

II Peter 3:18

The Bible has no intent of providing "all the truth" of the universe. It does provide more than all the truth necessary for our salvation. This is the subject and focus of our concern. I acknowledge I do not know the teachings of every church but I have made a point of searching and studying every significant group I have found, enough to determine whether they contain obvious flaws based on my understanding. The SDA denomination also contains serious flaws but in my subjective evaluation, based on knowledge and not just wishful thinking, is "closest" to the truth. Even the word "close" is necessarily subjective.

However, proposing all those who understand Luther's reformation of justification by faith, which is only the beginning of salvation, are "equal custodians" is a mockery of any understanding of truth.

Living with Truth

An illustration or parable about flirting with the truth compared to living with it.

Once upon a time, there was a woman and her friends who loved to get together every weekend and attend a program. I doubt I will offend anyone by calling her Laodicea. Laodicea would often attend many programs during the weekend and even during the week.

Laodicea met a man at the meetings who was tall, handsome, muscular and well admired by all her friends. Laodicea began taking his arm and allowing him to escort her at the various meetings. Her friends were all envious and Laodicea was very pleased by all the attention she and her escort would get. Whenever she wanted an escort at a meeting, she would pick him up and take him along. When the program was over, she would tell him what a great time she had, thank him, drop him off, and head home congratulating herself on all the fun she was having.

One day he suggested to her, they needed to be in a deeper relationship. Laodicea was thrilled and all her friends began talking about the upcoming wedding. Plans were made and the day arrived. Laodicea picked up her escort and walked him down the aisle. She was thrilled with all the attention she was getting. Then something strange happened. He offered Laodicea a ring of commitment. She laughed and said she was not going to wear that thing.

(Now, I am going to give you one clue about the symbols in this illustration or parable. You might need some insight into what is meant by the ring of commitment. The logo on the cover of this book illustrates four of them. I am forbidden to speak about this openly in public around here but I think you can figure it out.)

The reception was so much fun and Laodicea enjoyed herself immensely. When the reception was over, Laodicea told him what a great time she had, thanked him, dropped him off, and headed home congratulating herself on all the fun she was having.

Every week Laodicea would faithfully pick him up to escort her to the weekend program. He often suggested to her they needed to be in a deeper relationship. Laodicea said everything was just fine, she was perfectly happy with the way things were.

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³¹ And they come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee as my people, and they hear thy words, but they will not do them: for with their mouth they shew much love, but their heart goeth after their covetousness.

Ezekiel 33:31

¹ And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel: only let us be called by thy name, to take away our reproach.

Isaiah 4:1

The question this illustrates is "Are you consummating your salvation by growing in your relationship and an understanding of all truth?"

Coming into Agreement

I was having a long, intense, and detailed discussion about the concepts of Present Truth last week with a fellow believer. We also discussed differences in details of our beliefs. I lamented the fact there is so much confusion and disagreement on the truth. We were discussing the reasons why these problems occur. I suggested the time would come when all those who search and follow truth will come into agreement. The idea there will ever be complete agreement among any group of the followers of God was immediately disputed. I tried to focus and clarify the thought by suggesting the 144k will be in complete agreement on all truth. This was also dismissed as an impossibility.

I pondered this question in the light of the Bible and particularly the words of our Savior.

¹³ Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

John 16:13

I believe our Savior spoke truly and accurately. All truth means all truth. The obvious rhetorical question is, "What is truth?"

Now, I must admit, there are questions, which may cause mild disagreement and may be viewed as non-essential. (I can feel myself getting into a deep pit with this subject.) An example would be,

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"How far is it appropriate to travel on the Sabbath when going to church?" Even more general, "How far is it appropriate to travel on Sabbath?"

Without trying to split those hairs or get wrapped up in a philosophical discussion, I hope we can agree there is some sizable body of critical truth of which a part often causes disagreement. The question can be refined by asking whether God will have a people on earth who agree and obey all His truth. I find thoughtful guidance in these words.

⁵ And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.

Revelation 14:5

I believe there will be all truth when there is no deception and we are without fault. One definition of critical truth would be agreement on what God commands. Our Savior was emphatic on a knowledge of truth.

³² And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

John 8:32

We will be free of deception, confusion, and we will know what our God commands. Complete agreement also means obedience to do what He commands.

¹ And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:

Deuteronomy 28:1

The 144k are the modern children of Israel.

⁴ And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.

Revelation 7:4

It is not a matter of blood or genealogy to be a child of Israel, Isaac, and Abraham. It is a matter of doing what is right and true.

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³⁹ They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham.

John 8:39

The children of Israel follow the Law given to Moses with all their hearts.

⁴⁶ And he said unto them, Set your hearts unto all the words which I testify among you this day, which ye shall command your children to observe to do, all the words of this law.

Deuteronomy 32:46

I believe the Third Elijah Message will restore all truth. Our Savior believed this.

¹¹ And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things.

Matthew 17:11

Peter believed in the restoration of all truth.

²¹ Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

Acts 3:21

Do you believe God can and will lead His people into all truth?

No Light

I am regularly assaulted by individuals who are teaching some new idea, which is not supported by careful Bible study. I have been pondering a radical decision for some time now. I will describe an example of this spiritual assault.

I have many people writing to me and trying to convince me there is truth in the new teaching of the Lunar Sabbath. They even practice deception to get me on the phone to try to convince me of this new, important truth. There seems to be some kind of special deception technique of Satan, which depends on the spoken voice rather than the written word. It does not work on the elect who are grounded in God's Word.

²⁴ For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

Matthew 24:24

I have considered what they have to say to avoid arrogance that I know all the truth. I have heard the arguments and I have studied the Word. The evidence of the Word says this is a heresy. God does not lie. His Word does not lie.

¹⁹ God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

Numbers 23:19

God does not confuse us but promises His spirit to guide us.

¹³ Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

John 16:13

The first chapter of Genesis tells us creation was six days.

² And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

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³ And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

Genesis 2:2-3

God does not explicitly state it is a continuous cycle of seven days per week but it is clearly implied. In the heart of the Ten Commandments it is repeated.

¹¹ For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

Exodus 20:11

It is an incredibly foolish lie to claim the week is seven days some times and a different number of days at other times.

¹⁰ And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

¹¹ And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

¹² That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

II Thessalonians 2:10-12

I am as certain of the seven-day week as I am of the seventh day of holy rest. I would never even consider someone trying to teach Sunday is God's day of rest. Therefore, I will no longer even consider the foolish idea the week is not seven days. I have pondered this verse.

²⁰ To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.

Isaiah 8:20

I will no longer even listen to someone who has "No Light". Why would a believer in "New Light" listen to someone who has "No Light"? Satan can mix truth with error but I do not have to listen. I will not listen! I have often observed that once I identify one serious error in a ministry or person's teaching I will inevitably find more.

⁹ **A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump.**

Galatians 5:9

I find serious counsel in these words of Paul.

¹¹ **But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat.**

I Corinthians 5:11

Extrapolating from this I restate Paul's words. If one claims to be a brother and is a deliberate lawbreaker, do not even eat with them. He says again:

⁶ **Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us.**

II Thessalonians 3:6

and again:

¹⁴ **And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed.**

II Thessalonians 3:14

I know these are harsh words. I have prayed, read the Word, and sought the guidance of the Holy Spirit. I am under conviction that I am wasting my time and polluting my soul having conversation with these people.

Now please understand, I am talking about someone who deliberately teaches error and demonstrates an unwillingness to consider truth. Those who are struggling with truth and seeking understanding will receive the tenderest consideration. Many have pretended to be open to truth and have offered flatteries about my teachings but quickly show themselves to be wolves.

I will remove teachers of error from my contact list and block their emails as spam.

It gets worse... Anyone who teaches the Law of Moses is nailed to the cross has no light in them. I will not trust anything they say. This gets difficult when it includes the pastor of the church I attend.

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You may ask, "Doesn't the church teach the Law of Moses is nailed to the Cross?" It does and it does not. The Fundamental Beliefs do not say this. Yes, there are books and teaching which do say it but the Fundamental Beliefs do not. There are many teachers who do not repeat the heresy. Asscherick, Bohr, Cox, and others have never to my knowledge repeated the lie. Many others have. According to the Bible, those who speak against His Law have no light in them.

I am sorry to say, I will have to include those who speak against a Godhead of three persons as among those who I will henceforth ignore. While I have ample respect for concern about the use of the Catholic word "Trinity", I cannot agree with those who reject the divine person of the Holy Spirit. The Bible declares the distinct manifestation of the Spirit, our Savior spoke of Him often, and so did the apostles. Despite the misrepresentation of confusion about the beliefs of the Adventist pioneers, they also believed in the Godhead of three persons. The most powerful witness is EGW herself in "Testimonies for the Church Containing Messages of Warning and Instruction to Seventh-day Adventists" Chapter 14 - Come Out and be Separate, written from the Sanitarium, California, November, 1905. {SpTB07 63.2}.

I know very well how easy it is to be confused by partial or vague explanations about various concepts. Careful research and time is required to sift through competing ideas. Guidance by the Holy Spirit is essential. Sometimes it requires conflict to focus our attention and study. The time must come when the truth alone is upheld and clear cases of error and teachers of error are ignored.

Do you listen to foolish lies or carefully study and research what you are told to verify if it is true?

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I have confidence God has revealed His truth and has not left us with uncertainty.

¹³ Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

John 16:13

There are many convincing deceptions, which will lead us astray.

²⁴ For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

Matthew 24:24

Only by careful study can we separate the deceptions from the truth.

¹⁵ Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

2 Timothy 2:15

God has provided in His own words' specific guidance to the truth for this very time in history when the Law of Moses is being nailed to the cross.

⁷ Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

⁸ For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

Galatians 6:7-8

Will you follow the words of God or the teachings of men?

⁴ Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments. Malachi 4:4

You won't hear this message being preached in the church. This message has waited silently for two thousand years. This message is

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now being proclaimed. This is the time of the end. The end of time will soon be here. The Lord is coming. Are you ready? God has promised a great prophet just before the end.

⁵ Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:

⁶ And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

Malachi 4:5-6

Are you deceived by the iniquity at work in this world?

⁷ For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.

⁸ And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

⁹ Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

¹⁰ And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

¹¹ And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

¹² That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

II Thessaonians 2:10

This message will cause a great shaking in the church.

The days are fast approaching when there will be great perplexity and confusion. Satan, clothed in angel robes, will deceive, if possible, the very elect. There will be gods many and lords many. Every wind of doctrine will be blowing. Those who have rendered supreme homage to "science falsely so called" will not be the leaders then. Those who have trusted to intellect, genius, or talent will not then stand at the head of rank and file. They did not keep pace with the light. Those who have proved themselves unfaithful will not then be entrusted with the flock. In the last solemn work few great men will be

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engaged. They are self-sufficient, independent of God, and He cannot use them. The Lord has faithful servants, who in the shaking, testing time will be disclosed to view. There are precious ones now hidden who have not bowed the knee to Baal. They have not had the light which has been shining in a concentrated blaze upon you. But it may be under a rough and uninviting exterior the pure brightness of a genuine Christian character will be revealed. In the day time we look toward heaven but do not see the stars. They are there, fixed in the firmament, but the eye cannot distinguish them. In the night we behold their genuine luster. {5T 80.1}

Only those who listen and obey will be among the elect.

We are in the shaking time, the time when everything that can be shaken will be shaken. The Lord will not excuse those who know the truth if they do not in word and deed obey His commands. If we make no effort to win souls to Christ, we shall be held responsible for the work we might have done, but did not do because of our spiritual indolence. Those who belong to the Lord's kingdom must work earnestly for the saving of souls. They must do their part to bind up the law and seal it among the disciples. {RH, January 22, 1901 par. 9} {6T 331.2}

The shaking will reach a peak as the sealing begins.

Just as soon as the people of God are sealed in their foreheads--it is not any seal or mark that can be seen, but a settling into the truth, both intellectually and spiritually, so they cannot be moved--just as soon as God's people are sealed and prepared for the shaking, it will come. Indeed, it has begun already; the judgments of God are now upon the land, to give us warning, that we may know what is coming (MS 173, 1902). {4BC 1161.6}

The shaking will purify the church.

Just as long as God has a church, he will have those who will cry aloud and spare not, who will be his instruments to reprove selfishness and sins, and will not shun to declare the whole counsel of God, whether men will hear or forbear. I saw that individuals would rise up against the plain testimonies. It does

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not suit their natural feelings. They would choose to have smooth things spoken unto them, and have peace cried in their ears. I view the church in a more dangerous condition than they ever have been. Experimental religion is known but by a few. The shaking must soon take place to purify the church.
{2SG 284.1}

The time will come when the light will be given and a decision will be required.

All must wait for the appointed time, until the warning shall have gone to all parts of the world, until sufficient light and evidence have been given to every soul. Some will have less light than others, but each one will be judged according to the light received.--Ms 77, 1899. {LDE 217.1}

We have been given great light in regard to God's law. This law is the standard of character. To it man is now required to conform, and by it he will be judged in the last great day. In that day men will be dealt with according to the light they have received.--RH Jan. 1, 1901. {LDE 217.2}

Do you have a love for the truth? Will you follow the Lamb wherever He leads? Will you be a part of the 144k or those who will see and follow the truth?

I love this quote and I echo its sentiment:

I recommend to you, dear reader, the Word of God as the rule of your faith and practice. By that Word we are to be judged. God has, in that Word, promised to give visions in the "*last days*"; not for a new rule of faith, but for the comfort of His people, and to correct those who err from Bible truth. Thus God dealt with Peter when He was about to send him to preach to the Gentiles. (Acts 10.) {EW 78.1} {ExV 64.3}

To those who may circulate this little work, I would say that it is designed for the sincere only and not for those who would ridicule the things of the Spirit of God. {EW 78.2} {ExV 64.4}

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(A sequence of prophetic events in the church and world for the messages of God.
This chart cannot and does not attempt to provide a time scale for events shown.)

