

Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in Heaven.

“And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed” – Daniel 2 : 44

Jesus has ever taught us a specific model of prayer, which is short, and compacted, and all inclusive. It is indeed a sort of model, full of benefit for those who will come to Him in earnest supplication. At the outset of the prayer He said: *“But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye therefore like unto them, for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before you ask Him. After this manner therefore pray ye:*

‘Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name, Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in Heaven ‘.....’-- **Matthew 6 : 8 – 13.**

Those professed Christians are very versed with the words of the prayer when they come to the Lord to present their supplication. And when they come up to utter : *‘Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven,* however, they seemed to be not fully assured that the kingdom would truly come to be established here as well as His will to be done on earth in the near future. Since the coming of the Kingdom is yet in the future, and the will of the Lord to be done on earth as it is Heaven, is yet nowhere clearly found in the Bible, then it is unavoidable to conclude that the coming of the kingdom would be a very decisive factor for the salvation of God’s people in this time of the end, that it is deserving our more serious investigation than ever before.

We must take into consideration that the coming kingdom is a theocratic Kingdom with the Lord Jesus Himself to be the King, and all His people on earth are to be the citizens, the ten Commandments of the Law or the Constitution to be its basic Law, and all the territories of this world are to be under the full sovereignty of the King and the Kingdom. Actually ever since the beginning of Creation the world has ever become the sovereign state of the Kingdom, with Adam as its king, and Adam and Eve as the first citizens, the Ten Commandments of the Law as the basic Law or the Constitution, and the whole world to be the territory of its sovereignty. To this Sister White said:

“Adam was crowned king in Eden. To him was given dominion over every living thing that God has created. The Lord blessed Adam and Eve with intelligence such as He had not given to any other creature. He made Adam the rightful sovereign over all the works of His hand. Man, made in the divine image, could contemplate and appreciate the glorious works of God in nature.” – **Review and Herald, February 24, 1874.**

And the Lord Jesus Himself is the King of kings and Lord of lords. That means, Jesus was not only the King over Adam at the beginning, but even over the unnumbered kings of the unfallen worlds as well in the outer space.

When sin entered the earth

The servant of the Lord said,

“Cast out of heaven, Satan set up his kingdom in this world, and ever since, he has been untiringly striving to seduce human beings from their allegiance to God. He uses the same power that he used in heaven --- the influence of mind on mind. Men become tempters of their fellowmen. The strong, corrupting sentiments of Satan are cherished, and they exert a masterly, compelling power. Under the influence of these sentiments, men bind up with one another in confederacies.” – **7 Bible Commentaries, p. 973.**

So when Adam and Eve fell in sin, the whole Kingdom of the world fell into the power of Satan. This is clearly shown by Jesus Himself in His words to Pilate in 31 prior to His crucifixion, when He said:

“My kingdom is not of this world: If my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.” – **John 18 : 36.**

After four thousand years under the power of sin, Jesus at last has successfully paid the price of redemption on the cross of Calvary. This means, the Kingdom lost through the sin of Adam and Eve, had now been recovered ever since the year 31 through the sacrifice of Jesus to pay the price of redemption. From the pen of Mrs. White we read:

*“Satan led men into sin and the plan of redemption was put in operation. **For four thousand years**, Christ was working for man’s uplifting, and Satan for his ruin and degradation. And the heavenly universe beheld it all.”* – **The Desire of Ages, p. 759.**

*“In the midst of the week He shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease. **In A.D. 31**, three and a half years after His baptism, our Lord was crucified. With the great sacrifice offered upon Calvary, ended that system of offerings which **for four thousand years** had pointed forward to the Lamb of God. Type had met antitype, and all the sacrifices and oblations of the ceremonial system were there to cease.”* – **Great Controversy, pp. 327, 328.**

Although the kingdom lost in the time of Adam and Eve has now been recovered through the process of redemption, not all the inhabitants of the world are ready to join into the kingdom. Even in the true Church of the Laodiceans herself, in this time of the end, there are yet many more among us who prefer to stay with the kingdom of Satan than to return to the redeemed kingdom of God. Therefore the success of Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross of Calvary is not enough to have all men automatically regained their citizenship of the heavenly kingdom of this world.

If at the beginning the whole earth with all its inhabitants have become a heavenly kingdom to cover a very vast area of the whole world, then ever since the year 31, it has been reduced to such extent to become only the people of God and their habitations. If at the beginning before sin entered, Adam and Eve in their absolute holy condition, have ever enjoyed their beautiful mansion in Eden, then ever since the year 31 after sin dominated the whole world and its people, all citizens of the kingdom on earth as *“the just man who falleth seven times, and riseth up again”* (Proverb 24 : 16), they should have endured to live in this broken down planet of sin and sinners up to the time of its coming purification. Even at this time, the kingdom of heaven which is represented by the Church of the Laodiceans has ever since been dominated by the parabolic five foolish virgins, who have been fallen in the unpardonable sin against the Holy Spirit.

**Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

The servants of the Lord said:

“Hear the word of the Lord, ye that tremble at his word; Your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for my name’s sake, said, ‘Let the Lord be glorified: but he shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed.’ – Isaiah 66 : 5. “Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness’ sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” – Matthew 5 : 10.

Since the prophecies of Isaiah, the prophet, applies especially for the time of the end, and then we could be assured that the above statement of Isaiah 66 : 5, shall be fulfilled in the Laodicean Church of God, which is the Seventh-Day Adventist Church. So is to be fulfilled the word of Jesus Himself through the gospel of Matthew, when He said: *“Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness’ sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”*

For righteousness’ sake there are a people in the Seventh-Day Adventist Church, who are to be persecuted by their own fellow believers. What is meant by “the righteousness”, and who are those to be persecuted in the Church?

[A] The Righteousness = The message of salvation

The righteousness means the message of salvation. Prior to His return to the Father in Heaven in year 31, Jesus has ever said : *“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 all truth” had actually come ever since the outpouring of the Spirit of Early Rain in the time of the apostles. But *“The things to come”* were not as yet come in that time, because the prophecies of the Old Testament prophets, and the book of Revelation and the parables of Jesus, would just be interpreted in the time of the end. Since we are now living in the time of the end, then the following statement of Mrs. White would have been fulfilled, when she said:

“In ancient times God spoke to men by the mouth of prophets and apostles (in the Bible). In these days (in this time of the end). He speaks to them by the testimonies of His Spirit. There was never a time when God instructed His people more earnestly than He instructs

them now concerning His will, and the course that He would have them pursue” – Evangelism, p. 255, 256 (In brackets added).

It is now clear to conclude that “The all truth” and “The things to come” promised to us by the Lord should have been found in the written “Testimonies of His Spirit”, which is now available in the SDA Church by the name: THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY. Actually THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY is a combination of two messages: (1) The third angel’s message of Revelation 14 by Mrs. Ellen G. White, which is popularly known in the churches as the Spirit of Prophecy, containing “the all truth”; and (2) The message of the angel of Revelation 18 : 1 by Brother Victor T. Houteff, in his Shepherd’s Rod publication, containing “the things to come” the result of interpretations of all the prophecies and the parables of the Bible. Regarding these two messages, John the Revelator has ever said:

“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 And the founder of the Church, Mrs. Ellen G. White, in her interpretation of the verse, ever said:

“Then I saw another mighty angel commissioned to descend to the earth, to unite his voice with the third angel, and give power and force to his message. Great power and glory were imparted to the angel, and as he descended, the earth was lightened with his glory.This message seemed to be an addition to the third message, joining it as the midnight cry joined the second angel’s message in 1844.” – Early Writings, p. 277.

Angel in the book of Revelation stands for several objects. The crying angel symbolizes a message, such as the first, the second, and the third angel of Revelation 14 : 6 – 9. The silent angel always symbolizes a people or a leadership, such as the angel of the Laodicean Church, which symbolizes The General Conference of SDA and all its ministers in the world.

We all have been familiar with the third angel’s message, which is the Spirit of Prophecy by Mrs. White, the prophet. But why are we always neglecting to know the additional message of the fourth angel of Revelation 18 : 1. Which she mentioned in the Early Writings, p. 277? The third angel’s message alone cannot enlighten the earth, even the fourth angel message by itself cannot accomplish much to have the earth enlightened. So the combination of those two messages in THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY to meet the prophetic word of Revelation 19 : 10 margins, would have accomplished the whole work of enlightening the earth. And then we would be able to walk in the light of the whole Scriptures as did David of old, when he said: “*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.*” – **Psalms 119 : 105.**

[B] The wicked to persecute their fellow brethren

But how ironic it is that the written TESTIMONIES OF HIS SPIRIT, in THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY publications have nearly completely forgotten and rejected, whereas our people have continually been taught to respect the Bible as the only authentic WORD OF GOD above all other publications, even above the SPIRIT OF PROPHECY, which contains all the TESTIMONIES OF HIS SPIRIT in the time of the end. They even deliberately deny the fact that the angel Gabriel was ever commissioned to descend to Daniel to tell him, that all the words of his prophecy would be revealed just in this time of the end. This is what Gabriel said to Daniel,

“Go thy way, Daniel; for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end. Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.” – Daniel 12 : 9, 10.

Just in this time of the end, in the Seventh-Day Adventist Church, all the prophecies of Daniel and their complement in the book of Revelation, and even all the books of the Bible which meet and end in the Revelation, would have been now interpreted. All the interpretations, therefore, would be found in the testimonies of God's Spirit, which is the SPIRIT OF PROPHECY.

THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY is not the SPIRIT OF GOD. It is the written testimonies of HIS SPIRIT presented us by the prophets of the time of the end (Mrs. EG White and Bro. Houteff). The ownership of the Holy Spirit is God the Father and His Son. And the written testimonies of Their Spirit here on earth, ever since the beginning were first known by the name: TESTIMONY (Isaiah 8 : 20), and later by the name: THE PROPHETS (or the writings of the old Testament prophets -- Matthew 7 : 12), and when Jesus' name was already popularly known, the name again developed to become: TESTIMONIES OF JESUS CHIRST (Revelation 12 : 17). And at last in the time of the end, when THE THINGS TO COME in all the prophecies and the parables of Jesus have been interpreted, then the name becomes THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY, to meet the prophetic word of Revelation 19 : 10 (margin). In his prophetic word to us in the time of the end, the prophet Isaiah said: *"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**. That is, to the Ten Commandments as the basic Law, and to the Testimony as the By-laws (or rules of implementation of the Law), if we speak not according to all those, it is because there is no light in us.

Not all the Laodiceans or Seventh-Day Adventists are categorized the wicked ones, because many of them are to be purified, and made white, and tried. Nevertheless, the wicked ones shall do wickedly, and none of them shall understand. That is the reason why, in their ignorance they will hate their own fellow brethren, who shall understand, to cast them out of their churches for the sake that the Lord may be glorified. The wise virgins shall understand not only the prophetic book of Daniel, but the book of Revelation as well. And even both the books and their inspired interpretations in the SPIRIT OF PROPHECY, shall they understand. That is the reason why, to you and me Jesus said: *"Let us strive with all the power that God has given us to be among the hundred and forty-four thousands."* – **Review and Herald, March 9, 1905**. And to the hundred and forty-four thousand, who will have successfully passed their ordeal in the future, Jesus said, *"To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne."* – **Revelation 3 : 21**.

That is, in the coming kingdom of heaven to be established on earth, in Palestine, someone out of the hundred and forty-four thousand saints would be granted to be king to succeed Adam the first king of the earthly kingdom of heaven. And so when the probation closes in the heavenly sanctuary, Jesus would again return to His kingly authority, as King of kings and Lord of lords.

[C] For theirs is the kingdom of heaven

The presence of THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY in the Laodicean Church has caused division among the people into two main groups. This is to meet the parabolic word of Jesus Himself in the gospel of Matthew 25, when He said:

"Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps." – **Matthew 25 : 1 – 4**.

Due to the fact that there is only one kingdom of heaven known in the Bible, then the kingdom mentioned by Jesus in His parable must be none other than His own Church on earth, which is to be found in the time of the end. This should be understood, because all the prophecies of the Bible as well as the parables of Jesus have just been interpreted in this time of the end in His own Church. And that is the reason why, they all belong especially to the Seventh-Day Adventists of the Laodicean Church.

There is only one subject of controversy in the Laodicean Church, according to Jesus, that has divided the Church, which is now representing the kingdom of heaven on earth, into two groups of virgins. In Matthew 5 : 10, Jesus called it: “*For righteousness sake.*” Through the parable in Matthew 25, He called it “*extra oil in the vessels,*” aside of that available in the lamps. And the angel Gabriel called it “*the prophetic words of Daniel that are to be revealed and understood in the time of the end.*” The angel said further, that the wicked (the foolish virgins) shall do wickedly and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise (virgins) shall understand. Despite those categorized wise virgins have been largely outnumbered by their fellow foolish ones in the churches, and though they have to suffer execution on and on for righteousness’ sake, you will never see them anywhere in the world trying to establish their own churches, to accommodate their people separated from the established churches of Seventh - day Adventist Denomination. You know why? Because Jesus has given them the assurance, when He said: “*Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness’ sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*” – **Matthew 5 : 10.** That is, though for now they still lack the power to dominate the Church, which is representing the kingdom of heaven here on earth, they, however, have had the privilege to pray unceasingly to the Lord, ‘*Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven*’ Because theirs is the kingdom of heaven, which at last is to be ushered unto them in the Palestine in the near future. They are the only people in the time of the end, to which the prophetic words of Isaiah belong. “*Hear the word of the Lord, ye that tremble at his word; your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for my name’s sake, said, ‘let the Lord is glorified: but he shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed.*” – **Isaiah 66 : 5.**

Actually the prophetic words of Isaiah 66 : 5 cannot be separated from the context of same prophetic words of Isaiah 66 : 16 – 24 which deal specifically on the purification of the Church in the time of the end. This means that prior to the coming of the purified kingdom of heaven on earth, wherein the will of God shall be done in earth as it is in heaven (Matthew 6 : 10), the wicked of the foolish virgins would have temporarily gained full control of the Church of God.

The Kingdom to be set up on earth, in the Time of the End

“And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed” – **Daniel 2 : 44.**

King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon had ever got a dream of a great image, depicted the history of the world kingdoms and their destinies, ever since his own kingdom, up to the latter days kingdoms in the time of the end. In his book Daniel related the story as follows:

“*Thou, O king, sawest, and behold a great image. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof was terrible. This image’s head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass, his legs of iron, his feet*

part of iron and part of clay. Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces.
“And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever. Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold : the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter : and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.” – Daniel 2 : 31 – 34, 44 – 45.

Actually every Seventh - day Adventist should have been familiar with this prophecy, because the stone kingdom of Daniel 2 ever since our young hood has been frequently taught from the pulpits. In their explanations of the verses the servants of the Lord said:

“In the second chapter of Daniel, beginning with the first universal kingdom (Babylon) after the Flood, we have the world’s history from thence to the second coming of Christ, or to the end of the present world, represented in one great metallic image. The gold, silver, brass, and iron have been interpreted to represent Babylon, Medo-Persia, Grecia and Rome. The mixture of iron and clay --- the feet and the toes --- the present kingdoms succeeding the fall of Rome. Wonderful prophecy it is, so simple and so true. But this great image only reveals the framework, as it were, of our world’s history.

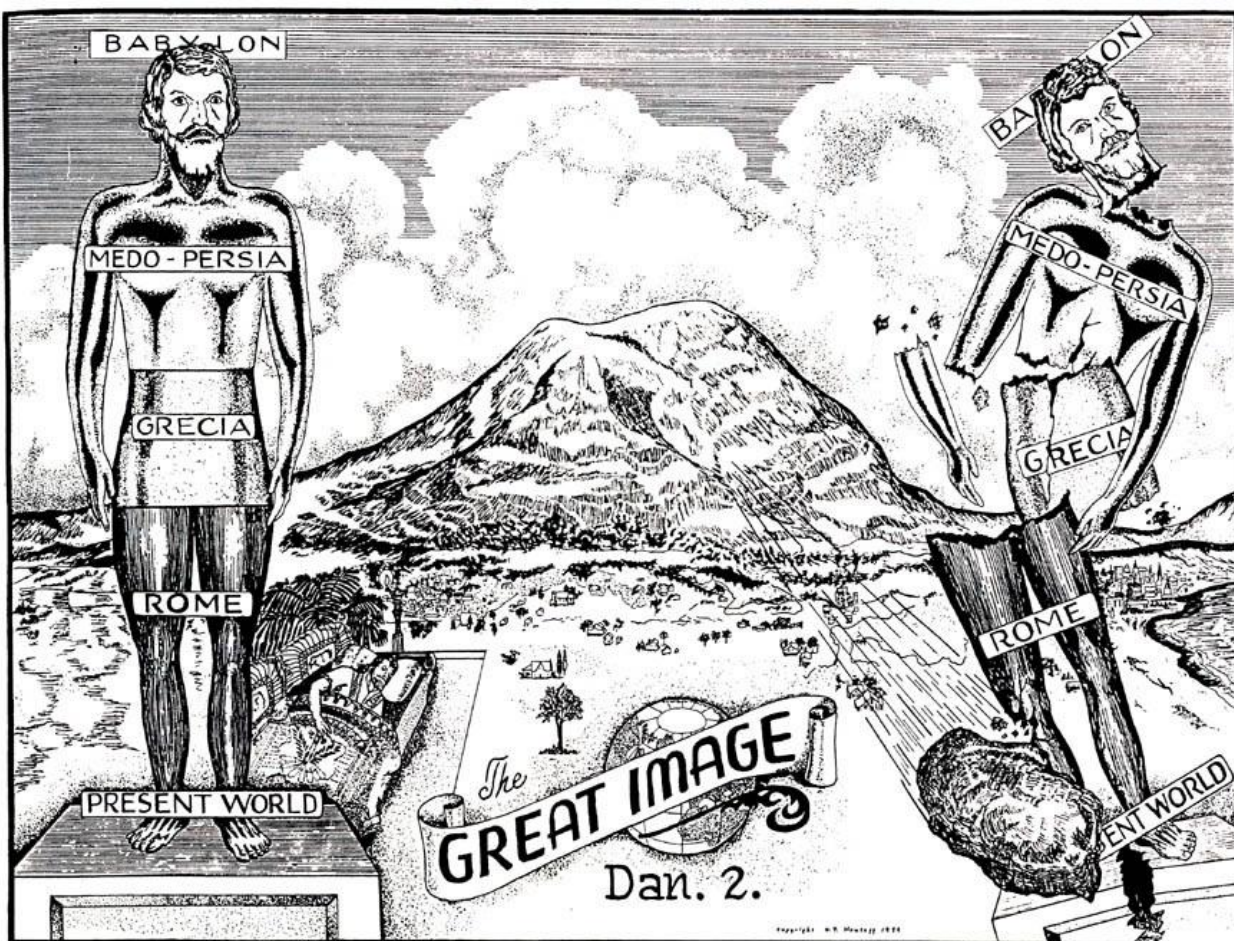
“In the seventh chapter of Daniel we have the same chronological arrangement in symbols of various beasts. The reason for the duplication is to reveal in detail the historical events which were to transpire within the framework of the great image.” -- V.T. Houteff, 2 The Shepherd’s Rod, pp. 28, 30.

“Our position in the image of Nebuchadnezzar is represented by the t o e s, in a divided state, and of a crumbling material, that will not hold together. Prophecy shows us that the great day of God is right upon us. It hasteth greatly.” – E.G. White, 1 Testimonies, p. 361.

Our position in the image of Nebuchadnezzar is represented by the ten t o e s, which symbolize the present kingdoms of the world in this time of the end. Daniel said that, *“And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed.”* – Daniel 2 : 44. Since from the fact that the coming kingdom of heaven is still in the future, then it is unavoidable to conclude that it must be the same kingdom of heaven aliened to the ten virgins of the parable of Jesus, that shall first be purified and made white in the heavenly court of justice, prior to its establishment on earth in the Palestine. Thus is the Seventh-Day Adventists of the Laodicean Church that must first be deemed purified and made white through the investigative judgment in the heavenly sanctuary, before they could be taken to stand with the Lamb on the mount Zion, to have the kingdom of heaven established there. At the outset the kingdom would first consist of only the 144.000 living saints of God, to be the first fruits of the harvest in the Laodicean Church. This is shown to John the Revelator, when he said:

“And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Zion, and with him an hundred forty, and four thousand, having his Father’s name written in their foreheads. These are they which were not defiled with women; for they a r e v i r g i n s. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the first fruits unto God and to the Lamb. And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.” – Revelation 14 : 1, 4, 5.

In this time of the end the so-called Christians of today have been generally categorized into only two camps: those defiled women or the fallen Churches outside on the one group, and the Seventh-Day Adventists of the Laodicean Church on the other group. In the parable, Jesus has alienated the Seventh-Day Adventists of the Laodicean Church unto ten virgins, five of them are the wise virgins and the other five are the foolish or the wicked ones. The 144.000 saints of God were not defiled with women, because they were not coming out of the fallen Churches. The fact that in their mouth was found no guile, for they are without fault before the throne of God, has proven by itself that they are to be the chosen ones of God out of the five categorized wise virgins. This could be understood, because from Jesus' own parable in Matthew 20 : 16, He said: *"So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen."* That means, though many will be called to join into the five wise virgins, but only few (the 144.000) of them will be chosen. Hence due to some circumstances some of the wise virgins will first die in the Lord, before the coming of the kingdom, to resurrect in the special resurrection of Daniel 12 : 2., or they will again die in their sins, to rise up in the resurrection of Daniel 12 : 2 for their damnation. Whereas some other ones would again fall into the sin mentioned in Revelation 22 : 18, 19, and then to be slaughtered according to Ezekiel 9, after the 144.000 .saints be taken to Jerusalem, Palestine.



[I] The stone was cut out of the mountain without hands

In his prophetic words Daniel said, *"that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces."* And also, *"that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the*

brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold” To more clarify the statements, Daniel further said:

“And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever. Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter : and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.” – Daniel 2 : 44, 45.

“Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them : and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth. “ – Daniel 2 : 35.

Read carefully the statements of Daniel, and you will be sure that the stone did not fall right from heaven, as many suppose, but was cut out of the mountain. The stone smote the image upon his feet, and the toes, which represent the present day kingdoms in the time of the end. And since the stone itself represent an everlasting kingdom in the future, that would have smitten the image upon his feet and toes that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces, then the stone must inevitably represent the coming kingdom of heaven of the 144.000 saints of God.

The stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, meaning that the emergence of the coming kingdom of heaven of the 144.000 saints of God, out from within the mother Church of Seventh-Day Advent, is not of the will of men. Thus is the stone kingdom of heaven of the 144.000, that will emerge from within the ten virgins kingdom of heaven of the Laodicean Church in the time of the end. “*Mountain* “in the prophecy means the city of truth, or Jerusalem, which is the holy mountain of the Lord. Read Zechariah 8 : 3.

[2] The stone kingdom is to stand here on the earth

We must first keep in mind, that with the emergence of the stone kingdom of heaven in the future, the present ten virgins kingdom would no more exist. The Laodicean Church would have been purified, and she would then go out with a new name. And that is the stone kingdom of heaven of the 144.000 saints of the Lord. In his prophetic words in regard to those of the coming stone kingdom, prophet Isaiah said:

“And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord shall name. Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God.” – Isaiah 62 : 2, 3.

Now you can see that the stone kingdom of heaven of the 144.000 saints of God would be established on earth, prior to the second coming of Jesus. The coming stone kingdom will not descend from heaven, as many suppose, because its 144.000 inmates are to be gathered from all over the world. Whereas at the second coming of Jesus, He would be accompanied by thousands of ten thousands of His angels, whose brightness would have killed all the Gentiles and their kings on the earth. And at the second coming, Jesus would not descend to stand on the earth, but only to receive His people coming from the earth. Please read carefully 1 Thessalonians 4 : 16, 17.

Therefore the objective of the establishment of the stone kingdom of heaven on earth is that it could have accomplished the proclamation of the gospel of the kingdom unto the entire world in the shortest possible period. This is the reason why, as soon as the 144,000 saints have been established and ordained on the mount Zion, the Lord Jesus would have poured upon them His Holy Spirit. Then comes the period of the second Pentecost to meet the fulfillment of the following prophecy of Joel:

“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 : And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.” – Joel 2 : 28, 29.

It shall come to pass afterward! After what? Let us read the afore-verses of Joel 2 here below,

“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. And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God that hath dealt wondrously with you and my people shall never be ashamed. And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel and that I am the Lord your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed.” – Joel 2 : 23, 26, 27.

As we are now in the time of the end, then the All Truth and the Things to come promised by the Lord in John 16 : 13 would have been here provided us in THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY. The Former Rain and the Latter Rain prophesied by Joel would have been the same things, because they will be the messages to prepare the people for the coming kingdom, as well as for the coming Holy Spirit of the second Pentecost. Therefore the Former Rain is the Spirit of Prophecy of the third's angel message of Revelation 14, and the Latter Rain is the Shepherd's Rod of the message of the angel of Revelation 18 : 1. Both messages are now provided in THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY. Then in regard to where the Holy Spirit is to be poured out, Sister E.G. White said:

“We need a thorough reformation in all our churches. The converting power of God must come into the Church. Seek the Lord most earnestly, put away your sins, and tarry in Jerusalem till ye be endowed with power from on high. Let God set you apart to the work. Purify your souls by obeying the truth. Faith without works is dead.” – Testimonies to Ministers, p. 443.

The people of God have to tarry in Jerusalem Palestine, to be endowed with the power from on high, which is the Holy Spirit of the latter rain. The pouring out of the Holy Spirit and the great event of the second Pentecost are to take place first in Jerusalem, Palestine.

[3] How the stone kingdom to consume all other kingdoms in the future

After being endowed with the power of the Spirit of the latter rain from on high, the 144,000 servants of the Lord and all the resurrected ones of Daniel 12 : 2, who beforehand had died in the Lord, will soon take up their work ones more. What kind of work is it ? Sister White said : *“Your work, my work, will not cease with this life. For a little while we may rest in the grave, but, when the call comes, we shall, in the kingdom of God, take up our work ones more.”* – 7 Testimonies. 17.

It is the work of accomplishing the proclamation of the gospel of the kingdom unto all the world. Under the power of the Holy Spirit of latter Rain, *“Servants of God, with their faces lighted up and shining with holy consecration, will hasten from place to place to proclaim the message*

from heaven. By thousands of voices, all over the earth, the warning will be given. Miracles will be wrought, the sick will be healed, and signs and wonders will follow the believers. Satan also works with lying wonders, even bringing down fire from heaven in the sight of men. Revelation 13 : 13. Thus the inhabitants of the earth will be brought to take their stand.” – **The Great Controversy, p. 612.** Furthermore Sister White said:

“I saw that God had children who do not see and keep the Sabbath. They have not rejected the light upon it. And at the commencement of the time of trouble, we were filled with the Holy Ghost (Spirit of latter rain) as we went forth and proclaimed the Sabbath more fully.”

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*“The commencement of that time of trouble, here mentioned, does not refer to the time when the plagues (the seven last plagues) shall begin to be poured out, but to a short period just before they are poured out, while Christ is (officiating in the court of justice) in the sanctuary. At that time, while the work of salvation is closing, trouble will be coming on the earth, and the nations will be angry, yet held in check so as not to prevent the work of the third angel. At that time (the Holy Spirit of) the “latter rain,” or refreshing from the presence of the Lord, will come, to give power to the loud voice of the third angel, and prepare the saints to stand in the period when the seven last plagues shall be poured out.” – **Early Writings, p. 86 (in brackets added)***

The pouring out of the Spirit of latter rain upon the 144.000 saints of God and the resurrected ones, is to coincide with the commencement of the time of trouble, prophesied by John the Revelator in the following words,

*“And the dragon was wrought with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.” – **Revelation 12 : 17.***

The nations of all kingdoms of the earth will be angry. You know why? Because by proclaiming the Sabbath Truth more fully under the power of the Holy Spirit, the more millions of people of the world would accept the Truth and turn to keep the Sabbath according to the Law of the fourth Commandment. As the result the all world activities on land and sea, even in the air, are to be stagnant, in confusion and chaos. Unites States of America as the most progressed industrial country in the Christian world, would be the first affected by the Sabbath proclamation. And this is the reason why the Sunday law should have been codified by them, to be submitted to the United Nations Headquarters in New York, USA, to be disseminated to all its member states for ratification (by their legislative bodies), to be the Sunday Law. And this is the law, which is to bind tightly on all the inhabitants of the world, which is to be enforced upon all the Sabbath keepers of God. And this is to be the main cause of “the time of trouble” in the future. ”.... yet held in check so as not to prevent the work of the third angel” up to the close of probation.

The nations of all kingdoms of the world, who are to be consumed by the stone kingdom of heaven, is called in the prophecy of Ezekiel 38 and 39 by the name 'GOG'. In his interpretation of the two chapters Brother Victor T. Houteff among other things said:

“Clearly, this Kingdom of Israel is set up in the latter days, in the days before the millennium, for after the Kingdom is set up, GOG opens war against it. Indeed, this cannot be after the millennium, for then all the nations from the four corners of the earth, GOG and MAGOG with them, shall encompass, not the mountains of Israel, but the New Jerusalem. Furthermore at that time the slain shall not be buried but burned to ashes (Revelation 20 : 9, 10; Mal. 4 : 1).

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“Gogh, you see, shall fail to rob God’s people. He will instead perish in the mountains of Israel.”-- 2 Timely Greetings, No. 4, p. 19.

So when the work of proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom of heaven unto the entire world is accomplished, then comes the time for GOG to be recompensed, because he has caused so much trouble upon the coming Sabbath adherents up to the time of probation closes in the heavenly sanctuary. He will perish in the mountains of Israel, because he will be consumed by the stone kingdom of heaven of Daniel 2.

The stone kingdom to become a great mountain, and to fill the whole earth.

*“Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them : and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth. “ – **Daniel 2 : 35.***

The kingdom which was at the outset consisted of only 144.000 saints of God, represented by the only single stone that was cut out of the mountain, it is to become a great mountain, and to fill the whole earth. This process would be seen as follows:

1. First emerged the 144.000 living saints of God to be the core citizens of the kingdom,
2. Added by those to be raised up in the special resurrection of Daniel 12 : 2,
3. Followed by the great multitude of the living of Revelation 7 : 9, who have been converted after receiving the loud cry of the third angel’s message, proclaimed unto all the world under the power of the Spirit of latter rain. This is a very great company of which Sister White said: *“The outpouring of the Spirit in the days of the apostles was ‘the former rain’, and glorious was the result. But the latter rain will be more abundant.” – 3 Testimony Treasures, p. 211.*
The outpouring of the Spirit during the first Pentecost in the days of the apostles has resulted in more than three thousand souls converted in one day. So the coming outpouring of the Spirit in the second Pentecost, would have gained more abundantly. Tens of thousands of people might be gained for the kingdom in only one day work.
4. And at last, is to come up the great multitude of the dead, beginning with Adam and Eve and followed by all their posterity, who are to raise up in the first resurrection of 1 Thessalonians 4 : 16, 17, and Revelation 20 : 6.

Since there is only one kingdom of heaven known in the Bible, then the coming stone kingdom of the purified citizens of the 144.000 elects of God, would inevitably be the only kingdom of heaven to be re-established here on earth to succeed the Adamic lost kingdom of heaven of the past. This is the kingdom of heaven to accommodate all the people of God of the four categories mentioned above. Thus is how the stone that has smitten the image of Daniel 2 on its feet, became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth. Thus is how the stone kingdom of heaven, symbolizing the 144.000 cut out from the mountain kingdom of heaven symbolizing the ten

virgins of Seventh-Day Adventist Church in the time of the end, has smitten the image of Daniel 2 .symbolizing the world kingdoms in the time of the end, to become a great mountain kingdom of heaven, to fill the whole earth.

How Close is the time when the stone kingdom is to be set up ?

Mrs. Ellen G. White :

*“Thus it was shown that Scripture gives no warrant for men to remain in ignorance concerning the nearness of Christ’s coming, Though no man knoweth the d a y nor the h o u r of His coming, we are **instructed and required** to know when it is near.”*

The question above must certainly be answered in figures of years, at least, as far as those provided us in the messages. And it, however, makes many of our people baffled and frustration, especially to those who are not familiar with the so-called “Testimonies of Jesus Spirit” in THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY, which have been developing from time to time up to this time of the end. Due to lack of knowledge (specifically on the law science), many preferred to trust more on the word of Matthew, the apostle of old, and to their ministers, than to trust on the word of the founder of their own SDA Church and its basic doctrinal points of view. To this problem Sister White directed our attention to learn from the experience of William Miller and his associates, who have proclaimed the coming of Jesus in 1844. In the following words she said :

*Thus it was shown that Scripture gives no warrant for men to remain in ignorance concerning the nearness of Christ’s coming. But those who desired only an excuse to reject the truth closed their ears to this explanation, and the words “No man knoweth the day nor hour” continued to be echoed by the bold scoffer and even by the professed minister of Christ. Like the Pharisees in Christ’s day, many refuse to enter the kingdom of heaven themselves, and those who were entering in they hindered. The blood of these souls will be required at their hands.” – **The Great Controversy, p. 372.***

*“No man knoweth the day nor the hour” was the argument most often brought forward by the rejectors of the advent faith. The scripture is : “Of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven but My Father only.” Matthew 24 : 36. A clear and harmonious explanation of this text was given by those who were looking for the Lord, and the wrong use made of it by their opponents was clearly shown.. One saying of the Saviour must not be made to destroy another. Though no man knoweth the d a y nor the h o u r of His coming, we are **instructed and required** to know when it is near. We are further taught that to disregard His warning, and refuse or neglect to know when His advent is near, will be as fatal for us as it was for those who lived in the days of Noah not to know when the Flood was coming.” – **The Great Controversy, pp. 370, 371.***

Since we are instructed and required in the word of God to know, when the coming of Jesus is near, then the answer must consequently be found in the testimonies of His own Spirit in THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY. So if you are trusting fully on the message of the third angel by Mrs. White, you should have trusted also on the message of the angel of Revelation 18 : 1 by Bro. Victor T. Houteff. The combination of both messages in the SPIRIT OF PROPHECY would

have enlightened the earth, and the nearness of the coming of Jesus to stand on the mount Zion with the 144.000 would be found from the following quotations:

“The church of Christ’s day was determined to have the kingdom set up then, when not all was yet ready for it ; the church of today is determined not to have it now, when ‘the end of all things is at hand’ (1 Pet. 4 : 7) --- when the time is fully come ! The Jews wanted back the kingdom which they had lost --- a kingdom of sin and sinners. They were eager to be freed from Roman bondage only, instead of from sin and sinners also.” --- Mount Zion at the Eleventh Hour, p. 73.

The apostles positively believed that Christ was to set up His kingdom a t His first advent, but they, too, had to change their belief.” – Timely Greetings, Vol. 1, No. 13, pp. 6, 7.

*“The Jews wanted a kingdom of their own, a kingdom of this world (saint and sinner in it). Yes, they wanted a kingdom on earth, but none in Heaven. What is more, **they wanted it two thousand years ahead of schedule.** Now, ironically, in the time of the restoration of the Kingdom, the Denomination takes an opposite attitude: It wants a kingdom in Heaven, but none on earth.” – Timely Greetings, Vol.1, No. 15, p. 20.*

Ever since the fall of the ten tribes kingdom of Israel in 721 BC, and the two tribes kingdom of Judah later in 587 BC, up to now, the people of God have never had any chance of establishing their own kingdom on earth. Several promises of the Lord, coming one after another, through the prophecies of the Old Testament prophets, and through John the Baptist of the early Christian Church, even by the Lord Jesus Himself, all of them are yet to be anticipated in the future. Nevertheless, since we are now living in the time of the end, thanks to the words by prophet Isaiah, who again have assured us in the following words:

“For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater : So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth : it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.” – Isaiah 55 : 10, 11.

According to the schedule, the coming Kingdom or the stone Kingdom of Daniel 2 would have been established 2.000 years after the first advent of Christ. When shall we start counting: from the year of His birth or from the year of His baptism in 27. Remember that we are now dealing with the law of the Kingdom of God, and the related law science must also be taken into consideration. So the year of His baptism must be taken to be the start of counting. It was just in that year when John the Baptist had proclaimed Jesus to the Jews as their king, and that year too has been identified by how the Jews held rallies in the streets to welcome Jesus as their king. The servant of the Lord said:

“When the Son of man rode triumphantly into Jerusalem, they expected Him to be crowned king. The people flocked from the entire region about, and cried, “Hosanna to the Son of David.” Matthew 21 : 9.” – Life Sketches, p. 62.

Every Christian should have to know that the event mentioned above has taken place in **year 27**, after Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist. Therefore, although Mrs. Ellen G. White has ever before said: *“We are not to know the definite time either for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit or for the coming of Christ. You will not be able to say that He will come in one, two, or five years, neither are you to put off His coming by stating that it may not be for ten or twenty*

years.”— **Review and Herald, March 22, 1892.** N o w in the last remnant of time, since the new light of the last message of the angel of Revelation 18 : 1 has arrived, we may be more positively convinced that the coming of Jesus prophesied in Revelation 14 : 1 and Malachi 3 : 1 would truly come to pass in **year 2027.** Both prophecies have dealt with the same event, which is the coming of Jesus in a Lamb-like robe on mount Zion in Palestine. Finally, from all the quotations presented above, we may be positively assured, that the stone Kingdom of heaven of Daniel 2, shall be established in Palestine in 2027, or at least around **the year 2027.**

The conflict between the wise and the foolish virgins, before the setting up of the kingdom

In 1903 Sister Ellen G. White got a vision on the above subject. She then wrote it as a special testimony for us in the following story:

“In vision I saw two armies in terrible conflict. One army was led by the banners bearing the world’s insignia; the other was led by the bloodstained banner of Prince Immanuel. Standard after standard was left to trail in the dust as company after company from the Lord’s army joined the foe and tribe after tribe from the ranks of the enemy united with the commandment-keeping people of God. An angel flying in the midst of heaven put the standard of Immanuel into many hands, while a mighty general cried out with a loud voice: “Come into line. Let those who are loyal to the commandments of God and the testimony of Christ now take their position. Come out from among them, and be ye separate, and touch not the unclean, and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters. Let all who will come up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty.”

“The battle raged. Victory alternated from side to side. Now the soldiers of the cross gave way, “as when a standard bearer fainteth.” Isaiah 10 : 18. But their apparent retreat was but to gain a more advantageous position. Shouts of joy were heard. A song of praise to God went up, and angel voices united in the song, as Christ’s soldiers planted His banner on the walls of fortresses till then held by the enemy. The Captain of our salvation was ordering the battle and sending support to His soldiers. His power was mightily displayed, encouraging them to press the battle to the gates. He taught them terrible things in righteousness as He led them on step by step, conquering and to conquer.

“At last the victory was gained. The army following the banner with the inscription, “The commandment of God, and the faith of Jesus,” was gloriously triumphant. The soldiers of Christ were close beside the gates of the city, and with joy the city received her King. The kingdom of peace and joy and everlasting righteousness was established.

“Now the church is militant. Now we are confronting with a world in midnight darkness, almost wholly given over to idolatry. But the day is coming in which the battle will have been fought, the victory won. The will of God is to be done on earth, as it is done in heaven. Then the nations will own no other law than the law of heaven. All will be a happy, united family, clothed with the garments of praise and thanksgiving – the robe of Christ’s righteousness. All nature, in its surpassing loveliness, will offer to God a constant tribute of praise and adoration. The world will be bathed in the light of heaven. The years will move on in gladness. The light of the moon will be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun will be sevenfold greater than it is now. Over the scene the morning stars will sing together, and the sons of God will shout for joy, while God

and Christ will unite in proclaiming: “There shall be no more sin; neither shall there be any more death.”

“This is the scene that is presented to me. But the church must and will fight against seen and unseen foes. Satan’s agencies in human form are on the ground. Men have confederated to oppose the Lord of hosts. These confederacies will continue until Christ shall leave His place of intercession before the mercy seat and shall put on the garments of vengeance. Satanic agencies are in every city, busily organizing into parties those opposed to the law of God. Professed saints and avowed unbelievers take their stand with these parties. This is no time for the people of God to be weaklings. We cannot afford to be off our guard for one moment.”--- **Testimonies for the Church, vol. 8, pp. 41, 42.**

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