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**“T**he restraining Spirit of God is even now being withdrawn from the world. Hurricanes, storms, tempests, fire and flood, disasters by sea and land, follow each other in quick succession. Science seeks to explain all these. The signs thickening around us, telling of the near approach of the Son of God, are attributed to any other than the true cause. Men cannot discern the sentinel angels restraining the four winds that they shall not blow until the servants of God are sealed; but **when God shall bid His angels loose the winds, there shall be such a scene of strife as no pen can picture.**

“The days in which we live are solemn and important. The Spirit of God is gradually but surely being withdrawn from the earth. **Plagues and judgments are already falling upon the despisers of the grace of God.** The calamities by land and sea, the unsettled state of society, the alarms of war, are portentous. They forecast approaching events of the greatest magnitude. The agencies of evil are combining their forces, and consolidating. They are strengthening for the last great crisis. Great changes are soon to take place in our world, and **the final movements will be rapid ones.**

“**The time is at hand** when there will be sorrow in the world that no human balm can heal. The Spirit of God is being withdrawn. Disasters by sea and by land follow one another in quick succession. **How frequently we hear of earthquakes and tornadoes, of destruction by fire and flood, with great loss of life and property!** Apparently these calamities are capricious outbreaks of disorganized, unregulated forces of nature, wholly beyond the control of man; but in them all, God's purpose may be read. **They are among the agencies by which He seeks to arouse men and women to a sense of their danger.**” {*Christian Service, P. 52, par, 1-3*}

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Our mission is to prepare Seventh-day Adventists for the soon-coming Sunday law crisis and to teach the everlasting gospel of the three angel's messages of Revelation 14 through seminars, video productions and written publications. We believe that we are living in the last generation, for whom the entire Bible has been written. Each of the ancient prophets spoke less for their own time than for ours, so that their prophesying is in force for us. The different stories in the Bible typify events that will take place at the end of the world. History will repeat itself. We aim to teach the scriptures "line upon line" in light of their prophetic application to the final generation. This constitutes the "present truth" for this time, which is needed to prepare the church to receive the "latter rain." By understanding the spiritual application of these histories, we can understand what "righteousness by faith" means and enter in to the true born-again experience.

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## Introduction

**I**n our last edition, we demonstrated how the final reform line that is governed by the seven thunders, depicting the final events in their order, leads us down to the close of human probation. We explained how God, whose dealing with man is ever the same, raised up a movement from within the church, to take the last warning to His people. However, before the movement would be able to carry out its task, it first has to repeat Millerite history, in order to remove all the tares that Satan has planted. The movement, once it has gone through its final test, is able to lead the church down through the Sunday law crisis, having already experienced the testing process in type. Likewise, once the church has gone through the image of the beast test, the Lord now has a holy and pure church, to take His last warning message to the world, before probation closes.

In this edition, we will show how the binding off for the church, is merely a fractal of the whole Sunday law crisis, that deals with both the church and the world. Specifically, we would like to show how the seven last plagues are typified in the binding off, as a punishment upon those who reject the last warning message and a scourge upon the nations to awaken them to their danger.

## The Plagues of Egypt

**L**et us begin by demonstrating how the seven last plagues are illustrated in type, within the binding off. We understand that when Moses and Aaron stand before Pharaoh, asking him to let God's people go three days into the wilderness to worship, is an illustration of the Sabbath/Sunday controversy.

“And afterward Moses and Aaron went in, and told Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Let my people go, that they may hold a feast unto me in the wilderness. And Pharaoh said, **Who is the LORD, that I should obey his voice to let Israel go?** I know not the LORD, neither will I let Israel go. And they said, The God of the Hebrews hath met with us: **let us go, we pray thee, three days' journey into the desert, and sacrifice unto the LORD our God; lest he fall upon us with pestilence,** or with the sword. And the king of Egypt said unto them, Wherefore do ye, Moses and Aaron, let the people from their works? get you unto your burdens. And Pharaoh said, Behold, the people of the land now are many, and **ye make them rest from their burdens.**” (Exodus 5:1-5)

The word rest underlined above is the same word for Sabbath in Genesis chapter two, where the Lord rested on the seventh day.

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"Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. 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. **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.**" (Gen 2:1-3)

We know from the prophetic testimony, in Matthew 24, that at the same time they make a Sunday law, false prophets will arise to give a false testimony.

"And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. **For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.**" (Matthew 24:4-5)

When we bring line upon line together, we have these false prophets opposing the work of Moses, at the very time Pharaoh forces the Israelites to work on the Sabbath.

"**Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth:** men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith. But they shall proceed no further: for **their folly shall be manifest** unto all men, as theirs also was." (2Timothy 3:8-9)

"And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, When Pharaoh shall speak unto you, saying, Shew a miracle for you: then thou shalt say unto Aaron, **Take thy rod, and cast it before Pharaoh, and it shall become a serpent.** And Moses and Aaron went in unto Pharaoh, and they did so as the LORD had commanded: and Aaron cast down his rod before Pharaoh, and before his servants, and it became a serpent. **Then Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers:** now the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments. For they cast down every man his rod, and they became serpents: but Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods. And he hardened Pharaoh's heart, that he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said." (Exodus 7:8-13)

We also know that Pharaoh, the King of Egypt, represents the USA, the very power that will speak like a dragon, forcing God's people to break God's law.

"And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and **he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.**" (Revelation 13:11)

“Speak, and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, **Pharaoh king of Egypt, the great dragon** that lieth in the midst of his rivers, which hath said, My river is mine own, and I have made it for myself.” (Ezekiel 29:3)

“**I saw that the two-horned beast had a dragon's mouth**, and that his power was in his head, and that **the decree would go out of his mouth**. Then I saw the Mother of Harlots; that the mother was not the daughters, but separate and distinct from them. She has had her day, and it is past, and her daughters, **the Protestant sects, were the next to come on the stage and act out the same mind that the mother had when she persecuted the saints**. I saw that as the mother has been declining in power, the daughters had been growing, and soon **they will exercise the power once exercised by the mother**.” {*Spalding and Magan, P. 1, par. 4*}

When the United States makes this law, national apostasy will bring national ruin.

“With rapid steps we are approaching this period. **When Protestant churches shall unite with the secular power to sustain a false religion**, for opposing which their ancestors endured the fiercest persecution, then will the papal sabbath be enforced by the combined authority of church and state. **There will be a national apostasy, which will end only in national ruin**.—Manuscript 51, 1899.” {*Evangelism, P. 235, par. 1*}

“A time is coming when the law of God is, in a special sense, to be made void in our land. **The rulers of our nation will, by legislative enactments, enforce the Sunday law**, and thus God's people be brought into great peril. When our nation, in its legislative councils, shall enact laws to bind the consciences of men in regard to their religious privileges, enforcing Sunday observance, and **bringing oppressive power to bear against those who keep the seventh-day Sabbath**, the law of God will, to all intents and purposes, be made void in our land; and **national apostasy will be followed by national ruin** (The Review and Herald, December 18, 1888).” {*SDA Bible Commentary, Volume 7, P. 977, par. 2*}

Hence, when Pharaoh refuses to listen to Moses and Aaron, the plagues begin to fall.

## The First Three Plagues

“**A**nd the LORD said unto Moses, **Pharaoh's heart is hardened, he refuseth to let the people go.** Get thee unto Pharaoh in the morning; lo, he goeth out unto the water; and thou shalt stand by the river's brink against he come; and the rod which was turned to a serpent shalt thou take in thine hand. And thou shalt say unto him, The LORD God of the Hebrews hath sent me unto thee, saying, Let my people go, that they may serve me in the wilderness: and, **behold, hitherto thou wouldest not hear.** Thus saith the LORD, **In this thou shalt know that I am the LORD: behold, I will smite with the rod that is in mine hand upon the waters which are in the river, and they shall be turned to blood.**” (Exodus 7:14-17)

The point where these plagues begin, was prefigured in Matthew 24 by the great tribulation, beginning in 538 AD.

“**When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)**” (Matthew 24:15)

“For **then shall be great tribulation**, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.” (Matthew 24:21)

In Revelation 11, the history of Pharaoh persecuting God's people, is paralleled with the 1260 years of persecution, where Moses begins to bring down the plagues.

“And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and **they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days**, clothed in sackcloth. These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth. And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed. These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and **have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.**” (Revelation 11:3-6)

We know that these two witnesses, represent the spirit of Elijah and Moses. Elijah, who shut the heavens up for three and half years and Moses, who brought down the plagues. However, what I would like us to see now, is that there is a difference made between the first three plagues and the last seven.

If we go to the third plague, we are informed that it marks the finger of God.

“And the LORD said unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Stretch out thy rod, and smite the dust of the land, that it may become lice throughout all the land of Egypt. And they did so; for Aaron stretched out his hand with his rod, and smote the dust of the earth, and it became lice in man, and in beast; all the dust of the land became lice throughout all the land of Egypt. **And the magicians did so with their enchantments to bring forth lice, but they could not:** so there were lice upon man, and upon beast. **Then the magicians said unto Pharaoh, This is the finger of God:** and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said.” (Exodus 8:16-19)

Allowing God's word to interpret itself, we know and understand that the finger of God marks the beginning of the investigative judgment. We can see this illustrated when the priests and rulers delivered up Mary Magdalene, to be put to death by stoning.

“And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst, They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act. **Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned:** but what sayest thou? This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. **But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground,** as though he heard them not. So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, **He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.** And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground. **And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last:** and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.” (John 8:3-9)

As we can see above, Christ begins to judge them, writing their sins with His finger, beginning with the eldest, marking the leaders who have had the greatest amount of light and privileges, to those who have had the least. This is a parallel to Ezekiel 9, which we know is the punishment upon those who have bowed down to worship the sun.

“And to the others he said in mine hearing, Go ye after him through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity: **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 9:5-6)

One group receives the punishment, whilst the other receives the seal of God. This same point is paralleled by the Lord writing His law upon the hearts of the faithful, which He writes with His finger.

“And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, **two tables of testimony**, tables of stone, **written with the finger of God.**” (Exodus 31:18)

“For **this is the covenant** that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; **I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts:** and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:” (Hebrews 8:10)

Therefore, the Finger of God is marking a point where the Lord will judge His people, blessing one and executing judgment upon another.

## Third and Fourth Plagues

**I**n order to understand this theme correctly, there is another principle that we must use. In God’s law, it clearly states that he will place the sins upon the third and fourth generation.

“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;**” (Exodus 20:5)

From a prophetic standpoint, we know that the third and fourth generations are not referring to time, but rather to abominations being committed simultaneously, bringing about swift judgment upon those who commit them. Those abominations are the third and fourth abominations found in Ezekiel 8, the preaching of a false message and the bowing down to the sun. We know that the omega apostasy will go into the cities, giving a false prophetic message, whilst at the same time they will lightly regard the Sabbath, giving it up instead for Sunday.

“I saw the nominal church and **nominal Adventists, like Judas**, would betray us to the Catholics to obtain their influence to come against the truth. The saints then will be an obscure people, little known to the Catholics; but the churches and nominal Adventists who know of our faith and customs (**for they hated us on account of the Sabbath, for they could not refute it**) will betray the saints and report them to the Catholics **as those who disregard the institutions of the people; that is, that they keep the Sabbath and disregard Sunday.**” {*Spalding and Megan, P. 1, par. 5*}

To confirm this principle, we know that the midnight cry is marking a birth, symbolised by circumcision, where God’s true people will receive the blessing and the foolish virgins the curse. This can be seen in the book of Amos, where the third and fourth abominations are tied together eight times, marking the point where the new birth takes place for those who are faithful.

“Thus saith the LORD; **For three transgressions of Damascus, and for four**, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they have threshed Gilead with threshing instruments of iron:” (Amos 1:3)

“Thus saith the LORD; **For three transgressions of Gaza, and for four**, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they carried away captive the whole captivity, to deliver them up to Edom:” (Amos 1:6)

“Thus saith the LORD; **For three transgressions of Tyrus, and for four**, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they delivered up the whole captivity to Edom, and remembered not the brotherly covenant:” (Amos 1:9)

“Thus saith the LORD; **For three transgressions of Edom, and for four**, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because he did pursue his brother with the sword, and did cast off all pity, and his anger did tear perpetually, and he kept his wrath for ever:” (Amos 1:11)

“Thus saith the LORD; **For three transgressions of the children of Ammon, and for four**, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they have ripped up the women with child of Gilead, that they might enlarge their border:” (Amos 1:13)

“Thus saith the LORD; **For three transgressions of Moab, and for four**, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because he burned the bones of the king of Edom into lime:” (Amos 2:1)

“Thus saith the LORD; **For three transgressions of Judah, and for four**, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they have despised the law of the LORD, and have not kept his commandments, and their lies caused them to err, after the which their fathers have walked:” (Amos 2:4)

“Thus saith the LORD; **For three transgressions of Israel, and for four**, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they sold the righteous for silver, and the poor for a pair of shoes;” (Amos 2:6)

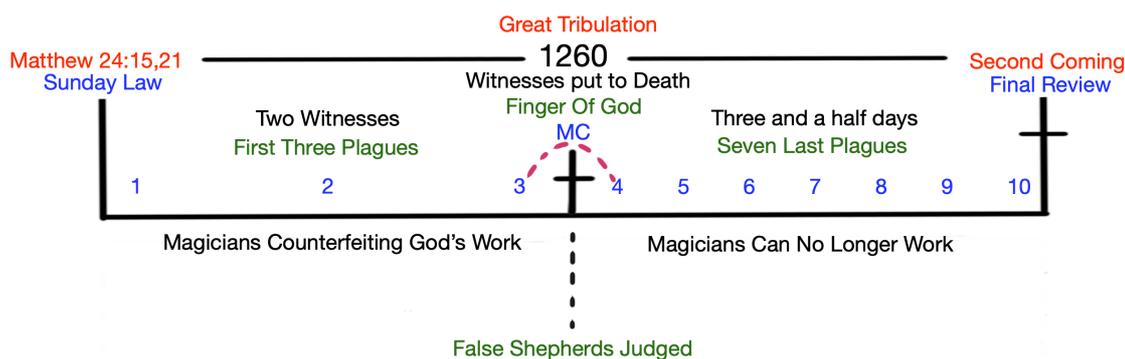
Eight times the Lord ties together the third with the fourth abominations, helping us to understand that the third and fourth generations are referring to one point in time, where the Lord will judge His people. Hence, when we read about the third plague, it marks the same point in time as the fourth plague, where the Lord separates two classes of worshippers.

“And the LORD said unto Moses, Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh; lo, he cometh forth to the water; and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Let my people go, that they may serve me. Else, if thou wilt not let my people go, behold, I will send swarms of flies upon thee, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people, and into thy houses: and the houses of the Egyptians shall be full of swarms of flies, and also the ground whereon they are. **And I will sever in that day the land of Goshen, in which my people dwell, that no swarms of flies shall be there;** to the end thou mayest know that I am the LORD in the midst of the earth. **And I will put a division between my people and thy people: to morrow shall this sign be.**” (Exodus 8:20-23)

Therefore, the finger of God (third plague) is marking the point where the Lord will separate His people (fourth plague), placing upon the faithful His seal. Whereas, on the other hand, the false prophets who have been leading others astray since the Sunday law, will face judgment, beginning with those in positions of authority, whom the Lord will begin to smite with His plagues.

Let us now place this upon our line, so that we can see this principle clearly.

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When we bring line upon line together, it is easy to see that the third and fourth plague is marking the point where the death decree is made against those who refuse to bow down. This is where the false shepherds, represented by the magicians of Egypt, or the 450 prophets of Baal, are judged for their apostasy against the truth.

## The Seven Last Plagues

**T**he seven last plagues are a punishment upon those who receive the mark of the beast, who choose to bow down to the demands of the state over and above the demands of God's law.

“Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?” (Romans 6:16)

“...All who prove their loyalty to God by observing His law, and **refusing to accept a spurious sabbath**, will rank under the banner of the Lord God Jehovah, and will receive the seal of the living God. **Those who yield the truth of heavenly origin, and accept the Sunday sabbath, will receive the mark of the beast...**” {*Manuscript Releases, Volume 15, P. 15, par. 3*}

“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, 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:” (Revelation 14:9-10)

This is in agreement with the third angel, that arrives at the Sunday law.

“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)

As we have read, the omega apostasy will reject this warning message and will deliver up God’s people who keep the Sabbath of the fourth commandment, to the civil powers, bringing upon themselves swift destruction.

“But **there were false prophets** also among the people, **even as there shall be false teachers among you**, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and **bring upon themselves swift destruction.**” (2Peter 2:1)

When we go back to Revelation 11, which we have already established is a parallel to this apostasy, we can see that the French Revolution, where they rise up to put the two witnesses to death, is typifying the experience of the seven last plagues. The wicked, who get cut off at this point, will receive these judgments for their apostasy.

“And when they shall have finished their testimony, **the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.** And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, **where also our Lord was crucified.**” (Revelation 11:7-8)

“**The war against the Bible**, carried forward for so many centuries in France, **culminated in the scenes of the Revolution.** That terrible outbreaking was but the legitimate result of Rome's suppression of the Scriptures. (See Appendix.) **It presented the most striking illustration which the world has ever witnessed of the working out of the papal policy**—an illustration of the results to which for more than a thousand years the teaching of the Roman Church had been tending.” {*Great Controversy, P. 265, par. 2*}

“It had been Rome's policy, under a profession of reverence for the Bible, **to keep it locked up in an unknown tongue and hidden away from the people.** Under her rule **the witnesses prophesied ‘clothed in sackcloth.’** But another power—the beast from the bottomless pit—was to arise to make open, avowed war upon the word of God.

“‘**The great city’ in whose streets the witnesses are slain, and where their dead bodies lie, is ‘spiritually’ Egypt.** Of all nations presented in Bible history, Egypt most

boldly denied the existence of the living God and resisted His commands. **No monarch ever ventured upon more open and highhanded rebellion against the authority of Heaven than did the king of Egypt.** When the message was brought him by Moses, in the name of the Lord, Pharaoh proudly answered: ‘**Who is Jehovah, that I should hearken unto His voice to let Israel go? I know not Jehovah, and moreover I will not let Israel go.**’ Exodus 5:2, A.R.V. This is atheism, and **the nation represented by Egypt** would give voice to a similar denial of the claims of the living God and would manifest a like spirit of unbelief and defiance. ‘**The great city**’ is also compared, ‘**spiritually,**’ to Sodom. The corruption of Sodom in breaking the law of God was especially manifested in licentiousness. And this sin was also to be a pre-eminent characteristic of the nation that should fulfill the specifications of this scripture.” {*Great Controversy, P. 269, par. 2*}

“**This prophecy has received a most exact and striking fulfillment in the history of France...**” {*Great Controversy, P. 269, par. 4*}

Therefore, I think it is clear to see that the history of the children of Israel in Egypt under the seven last plagues and the French Revolution, are parallel histories.

Let us take this line of thought, that is pointing to the binding off and demonstrate how it also is a parallel to the literal seven last plagues, that will take place after Michael has stood up, in Daniel 12:1.

## The Great Tribulation

**A**s we already mentioned, the great tribulation noted in Matthew 24 is a reference to the 1260 years of papal oppression, from 538-1798, that typified the image of the beast test, from the Sunday law to the final review. However, as we also saw, the French revolution is also marked by a period of three and a half years, or time, times and a half, a symbol of the 1260.

“And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and **kill them.** And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, **where also our Lord was crucified.** And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies **three days and an half,** and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves.” (Revelation 11:7-9)

“And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished **for a time, and times, and half a time**, from the face of the serpent.” (Revelation 12:14)

In the above illustration, we can see that the two witnesses being put to death for three and half years, is a parallel to the cross experience. Thus, demonstrating to us the second half of the last week of Christ, a period of three and half years where the papal abomination marked in Daniel 8 and 9, would persecute God’s people for three and half prophetic years.

“Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain saint which spake, **How long shall be the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, and the transgression of desolation**, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot?” (Daniel 8:13)

We know that the Daily (Paganism) and the transgression of desolation (Papalism), were to rule for 2520 years, marking two periods of 1260 years or three and half prophetic years each. These two desolating powers are also marked in Daniel 9.

“And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and **unto the end of the war desolations are determined**. 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 9:26-27)

Therefore, line upon line, the midnight cry to the final review, is also a representation of the great tribulation that lasted for 1260 years, which is, as we have seen, a parallel to the seven last plagues of Egypt. Now that we have those points in place, let us give some more scripture proof to show that the great tribulation, where God’s people are persecuted, is in fact typifying the seven last plagues, where these things will be fulfilled perfectly.

When we read in Matthew 24 about the great tribulation, notice how it is described.

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“For then shall be great tribulation, **such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.**” (Matthew 24:21)

It tells us that there will be no other period of tribulation such as this upon this earth. Let us parallel this with the words of Daniel, who informs us what will happen after Michael stands up and begins to pour out the seven last plagues.

“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)

As we can see, both periods are marked by the same descriptive language, informing the student of prophecy, that both the seven last plagues and the great tribulation, are in fact the same period of time. Therefore, the crisis from the Sunday law, to the final review and the death decree, at the midnight cry, to the final review, are both an illustration of this great time of trouble during the seven last plagues, where the great tribulation will be perfectly fulfilled.

## Jacob's Trouble

**T**he time of trouble that we have mentioned above is also be known as the time of Jacob's trouble, where the lord will pour out the seven last plagues upon the impenitent.

“I saw that the four angels would hold the four winds **until Jesus' work was done in the sanctuary, and then will come the seven last plagues.** These plagues enraged the wicked against the righteous; they thought that we had brought the judgments of God upon them, and that if they could rid the earth of us, the plagues would then be stayed. **A decree went forth to slay the saints, which caused them to cry day and night for deliverance. This was the time of Jacob's trouble.** Genesis 32. Then all the saints cried out with anguish of spirit, and were delivered by the voice of God. The one hundred and forty-four thousand triumphed. Their faces were lighted up with the glory of God.” *{Christian Experience and Teachings, P. 100, par. 3}*

“As Satan influenced Esau to march against Jacob, **so he will stir up the wicked to destroy God's people in the time of trouble**. And as he accused Jacob, he will urge his accusations against the people of God. He numbers the world as his subjects; but the little company who keep the commandments of God **are resisting his supremacy. If he could blot them from the earth, his triumph would be complete. He sees that holy angels are guarding them, and he infers that their sins have been pardoned**; but he does not know that their cases have been decided in the sanctuary above. He has an accurate knowledge of the sins which he has tempted them to commit, and he presents these before God in the most exaggerated light, representing this people to be just as deserving as himself of exclusion from the favor of God. He declares that the Lord cannot in justice forgive their sins and yet destroy him and his angels. **He claims them as his prey and demands that they be given into his hands to destroy.**” {*Great Controversy, P. 618, par. 2*}

Notice above, that in the time of trouble, during the seven last plagues, a decree will be made to destroy the 144,000 because of the plagues, causing God's people to cry day and night for deliverance. This is a parallel to the midnight cry, where God's people face death, because of the trouble brought upon the world for their apostasy, marking the close of probation for all those who have failed to gather the oil and be clothed in the wedding garment.

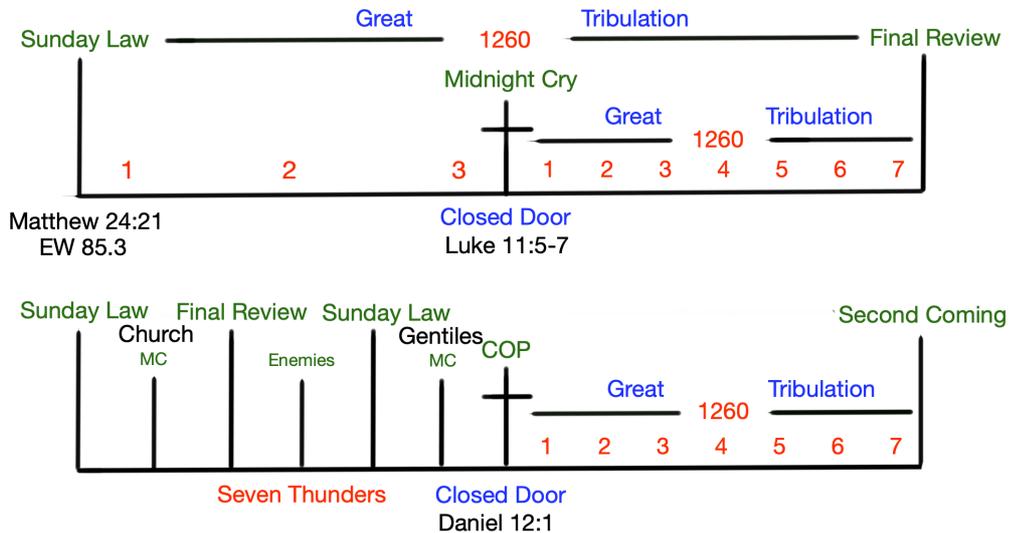
“**It is in a crisis** that character is revealed. When the earnest voice proclaimed at midnight, “Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him,” and the sleeping virgins were roused from their slumbers, it was seen who had made preparation for the event. Both parties were taken unawares; but one was prepared for the emergency, and the other was found without preparation. So now, a sudden and unlooked-for calamity, **something that brings the soul face to face with death**, will show whether there is any real faith in the promises of God. It will show whether the soul is sustained by grace. **The great final test comes at the close of human probation**, when it will be too late for the soul's need to be supplied.” {*Christ's Object Lessons, P. 412, par. 1*}

Notice in the quote above, it states that the test at the midnight cry is the final test, paralleling the test that the 144,000 will go through, when Michael has stood up and the seven last plagues are poured out.

In the next quote it explains to us that this time of Jacob’s trouble is typified by the Sunday law crisis, again confirming that the great tribulation is a type of the seven last plagues.

“This view was given in 1847 when there were but very few of the Advent brethren observing the Sabbath, and of these but few supposed that its observance was of sufficient importance to draw a line between the people of God and unbelievers. Now the fulfillment of that view is beginning to be seen. **‘The commencement of that time of trouble,’ here mentioned does not refer to the time when the plagues shall begin to be poured out, but to a short period just before they are poured out, while Christ is 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 ‘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. 85, par. 3*}

Let us place this upon our line so that we can parallel these thoughts clearly.



## Four Winds Loosed

**I**t states in the prophetic narrative, that the four winds are held until the third angel’s message is completed, where everyone has made their decision and received the seal of God.

“The restraining Spirit of God is even now being withdrawn from the world. Hurricanes, storms, tempests, fire and flood, disasters by sea and land, follow each other in quick succession. Science seeks to explain all these. The signs thickening around us, telling of the near approach of the Son of God, are attributed to any other than the true cause. Men cannot discern the sentinel angels restraining **the four winds that they shall not blow until the servants of God are sealed**; but when God shall bid His angels loose the winds, there shall be such a scene of strife as no pen can picture.” *{Christian Service, P. 52, par. 1}*

“I saw angels hurrying to and fro in heaven. An angel with a writer's inkhorn by his side returned from the earth and reported to Jesus that **his work was done, and the saints were numbered and sealed**. Then I saw Jesus, who had been ministering before the ark containing the ten commandments, throw down the censer. He raised His hands, and with a loud voice said, ‘**It is done.**’ And all the angelic host laid off their crowns as Jesus made the solemn declaration, ‘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.’” *{Early Writings, P. 279, par. 2}*

Let us look now, how the four winds being loosed at the close of human probation, are also prefigured at the midnight cry. In past studies we have shown that the four winds begin to be held at the Sunday law, where the Lord holds them until God's people are sealed.

“I saw four angels who had a work to do on the earth, and were on their way to accomplish it. Jesus was clothed with priestly garments. He gazed in pity on the remnant, then raised His hands, and with a voice of deep pity cried, ‘**My blood, Father, My blood! My blood! My blood!**’ Then I saw an exceeding bright light come from God, who sat upon the great white throne, and was shed all about Jesus. Then I saw an angel fly with a commission from Jesus, swiftly flying to the four angels who had a work to do in the earth, and waving something up and down in his hand, and crying with a loud voice, ‘**Hold! hold! hold! hold! until the servants of God are sealed in their foreheads.**’” *{Christian Experience and Teachings, P. 102, par. 1}*

From the Sunday law to the midnight cry, God's people are to settle into the increase of knowledge, intellectually and spiritually, so that they will not be moved during

the final test at the midnight cry. This is a parallel to those being sealed prior to the close of human probation, where the four winds are loosed.

**“...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.”**  
*{Manuscript Releases, Volume 1, P. 249, par. 2}*

We know from our studies, that from the Sunday law to the midnight cry the first woe parallels the two witnesses of Revelation 11, tormenting the nations.

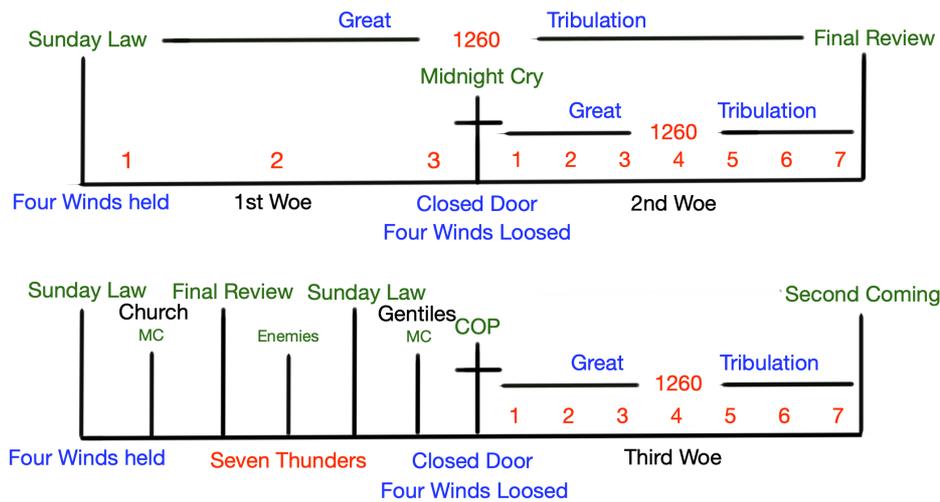
**“And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power. And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads. And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man.”** (Revelation 9:3-5)

However, at the midnight cry, when the second woe begins, the four winds are loosed, paralleling the four winds being loosed at the close of human probation.

**“And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates. And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men.”** (Revelation 9:13-15)

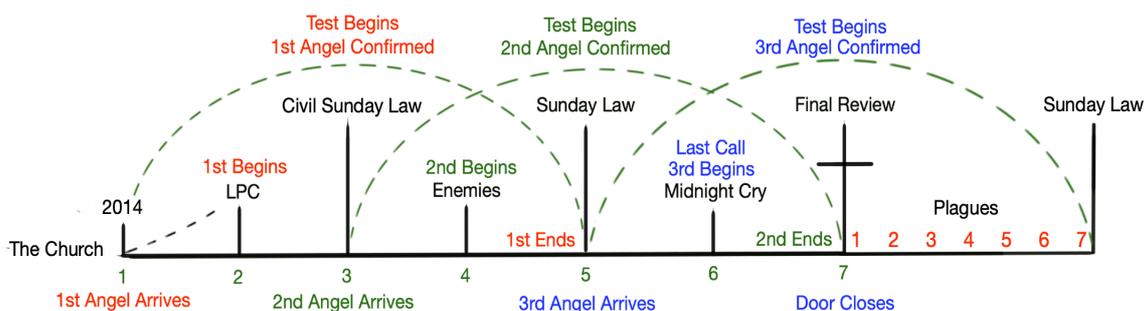
Therefore, just as at the close of human probation, when Michael stands up, the four winds are loosed, we see the same truth prefigured by the second woe, marking the close of probation for the foolish virgins.

Let us place this upon our line so that we can visualise this better.

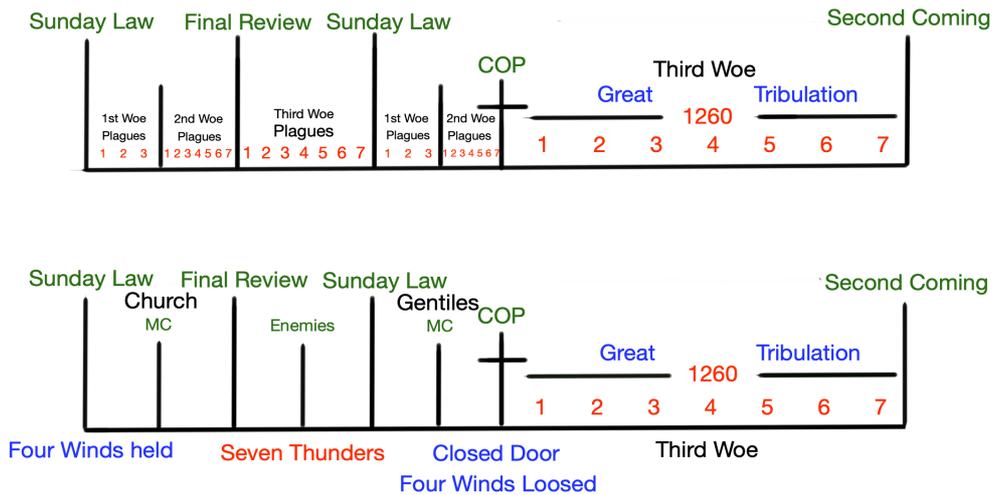


## The Final Warning

**B**efore the Lord can pour out His wrath upon the impenitent, he always gives a warning message. This last warning message is the third angel’s message, which begins to warn the people at the Sunday law crisis, up until the close of probation. As we understand from our many studies, at the Sunday law, just as the last warning begins to go forward, at the same time, the first group of false prophets as illustrated by Jannes and Jambres, rise up to oppose the truth. As we have illustrated, midnight marks the point where those false shepherds will be cut off and receive the punishment that is typifying the seven last plagues. At this point, the last warning message will go forward with power, to give those who have been deceived by those false prophets, a chance to hear the truth prior to the door closing at the final review. At the same time, some who were prior to the midnight cry following the truth, will reject the truth and rise up to oppose their former brethren, where at the closed door of Matthew 25:10, they will likewise receive the punishment that is typifying the seven last plagues. In the diagram below from our last edition, we can see those seven plagues illustrated.



Therefore, what I would like us to understand is that the seven last plagues, which is the punishment upon all those who reject the last warning message and receive the mark of the Beast, is typified for each group, at the point where their probation closes. This leads down to the final close of probation, where the seven last plagues are poured out upon the whole earth. Let us now parallel this line upon line, so that this can be clearly seen and understood.



From the illustrations above, we can clearly see the principle that God’s dealing with man is ever the same, beginning with His church and thereafter the world.

Let us continue to show some other parallels, to confirm these fractals line upon line.

## The Flood

In the book of Genesis, the Lord promises us that he would never flood the earth again. However, we know that he was referring to the use of water to destroy the wicked. The rule in God’s word, that first comes the natural, followed by the spiritual (1 Corinthians 15:46) and that “there is no new thing” at the end of the world (Ecclesiastes 1:9,10), must be upheld. Therefore, the flood that came in Noah’s time, was merely a type for the flood at the end of the world.

“But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. **For as in the days that were before the flood** they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving

in marriage, **until the day that Noe entered into the ark**, And knew not **until the flood came**, and took them all away; **so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.**” (Matthew 24:37-39)

In the verses above, it is likening the coming of Christ to the flood. Sister White parallels the point where Noah got on the ark to October 22, 1844, where the door closed according to Matthew 25:10.

“For a time **after the disappointment in 1844**, I did hold, in common with the advent body, **that the door of mercy was then forever closed to the world**. This position was taken before my first vision was given me. It was the light given me of God that corrected our error, and enabled us to see the true position.

“**I am still a believer in the shut-door theory**, but not in the sense in which we at first employed the term or in which it is employed by my opponents.

“**There was a shut door in Noah's day**. There was at that time a withdrawal of the Spirit of God from the sinful race that perished in the waters of the Flood. God Himself gave the shut-door message to Noah:

“‘My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years’ (Genesis 6:3).

“**There was a shut door in the days of Abraham**. Mercy ceased to plead with the inhabitants of Sodom, and all but Lot, with his wife and two daughters, were consumed by the fire sent down from heaven.

“**There was a shut door in Christ's day**. The Son of God declared to the unbelieving Jews of that generation, ‘Your house is left unto you desolate’ (Matthew 23:38).

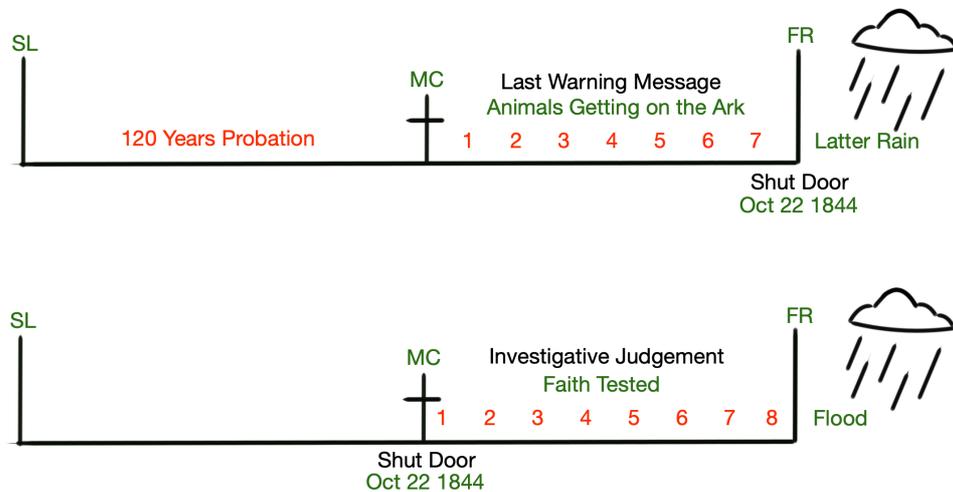
“**Looking down the stream of time to the last days**, the same infinite power proclaimed through John:

“‘These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth’ (Revelation 3:7).

“**I was shown in vision, and I still believe, that there was a shut door in 1844. All who saw the light of the first and second angels’ messages and rejected that light, were left in darkness.** And those who accepted it and received the Holy Spirit which attended the proclamation of the message from heaven, and who afterward renounced their faith and pronounced their experience a delusion, **thereby rejected the Spirit of God, and it no longer pleaded with them.**” {*Selected Messages, Book 1, P. 63, par. 1-9*}

When we parallel these lines, we already know that the triumphal entry, that led up to the second temple cleansing, is a parallel to the midnight cry. To the student of prophecy, who studies line upon line, this illustration of getting on the Ark, is another evidence of God’s power, representing the last warning message before the door closes, as it did on October 22, 1844. However, we also know, that the door closing on October 22, 1844, was the end of one work, which also marked the beginning of another. At that time, we know the investigative judgment of the dead began, which was prefiguring the investigative judgment of the living in our time. From our past studies, we have clearly shown that the door that closes at midnight, was also prefigured by October 22, 1844, marking the point for us where the investigative judgment of the living will begin. Therefore, just as the Millerites were tested on the Sabbath after October 22, 1844, the faith of Noah and his family were tested for eight days before the rain came. So, just as the investigative judgment of the dead, was prefiguring the investigative judgment of the living at Midnight, the Sabbath test for the Millerites, after 1844, likewise, typified the Sabbath test at the midnight cry.

Let us place this upon our line so that we can visualise this better.



In the above illustration, after correctly dividing God’s word, we can see these two different parallel events, are to be understood as two different thoughts that happen simultaneously. The seven days where the animals are getting on the Ark, is a representation of the last warning message, where the Lord gives the strongest evidence, through His people, before the door shuts. However, the seven days where Noah is waiting, before the rain comes on the eighth, is a demonstration of the faith of God’s true people being tested at the same time.

In this next quote, it will confirm how these parallels from the past are a perfect representation of the last warning at the midnight cry in our time, demonstrating to us that the flood is a parallel truth to the seven last plagues.

**“Before the destruction of Sodom, God sent a message to Lot, “Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed.” The same voice of warning was heard by the disciples of Christ before the destruction of Jerusalem: “When ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. Then let them which are in Judea flee to the mountains.” Luke 21:20, 21. They must not tarry to secure anything from their possessions, but must make the most of the opportunity to escape.**

**“There was a coming out, a decided separation from the wicked, an escape for life. So it was in the days of Noah; so with Lot; so with the disciples prior to the destruction of Jerusalem; and so it will be in the last days. Again the voice of God is heard in a message of warning, bidding His people separate themselves from the prevailing iniquity.**

**“The state of corruption and apostasy that in the last days would exist in the religious world, was presented to the prophet John in the vision of Babylon, ‘that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.’ Revelation 17:18. Before its destruction the call is to be given from heaven, ‘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. As in the days of Noah and Lot, there must be a marked separation from sin and sinners. There can be no compromise between God and the world, no turning back to secure earthly treasures. ‘Ye cannot serve God and mammon.’ Matthew 6:24.” {Patriarchs and Prophets, P. 166, 167}**

Let us bring a few other parallel thoughts to help us understand how all these illustrations are explaining our own experience.

## One Hundred and twenty Years

**A**s we have seen above, the period of probation given to the Antediluvians, was one hundred and twenty years, culminating at the midnight cry, where Noah is told to get on the Ark. In line with that, we have the story of Abraham, who comes to his final test when he is one hundred and twenty years old. The final test for Abraham was the trial of his faith, when he had to offer up Isaac, prefiguring the cross at the midnight cry, which is our final test.

“At the time of receiving this command, **Abraham had reached the age of a hundred and twenty years.** He was regarded as an old man, even in his generation. In his earlier years he had been strong to endure hardship and to brave danger, but now the ardor of his youth had passed away. One in the vigor of manhood may with courage meet difficulties and afflictions that would cause his heart to fail later in life, when his feet are faltering toward the grave. **But God had reserved His last, most trying test for Abraham until the burden of years was heavy upon him, and he longed for rest from anxiety and toil.**”  
*{Patriarchs and Prophets, P. 147, par. 3}*

Therefore, it is merely another evidence to show that the flood, that comes after one hundred and twenty years, is typifying the seven last plagues. However, although the illustrations above, demonstrate to us that the flood comes at the end of the final warning, I would like to show that it is also paralleled as taking place during the last warning message, representing the punishment upon those who close their door at midnight.

## A Famine in the Land

**A**t midnight, there is a famine in the land. All those who fail to collect the oil from the Sunday law to the midnight cry, will come up to that time of test and trial and see that it is too late for them.

“God is dishonored when we do not receive the communications which he sends us. **Thus we refuse the golden oil** which he would pour into our souls to be communicated to those in darkness. **When the call shall come, ‘Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him,’ those who have not received the holy oil,** who have not cherished the grace of Christ in their hearts, **will find, like the foolish virgins, that they are not ready to meet their Lord.** They have not, in themselves, the power to obtain the oil, and **their lives are wrecked.** But if God's Holy Spirit is asked for, if we plead, as did Moses, "Show me thy glory," the love of God will be shed abroad in our hearts. **Through the golden pipes, the golden oil will be communicated to us.** ‘Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts.’ **By receiving the bright beams of the Sun of Righteousness, God's children shine as lights in the world.**” *{Review and Herald, July 20, 1897 par. 7}*

Not only is it too late for them, but I would like to show how the punishment that comes upon them there is likened unto a flood.

“Shall not the land tremble for this, and every one mourn that dwelleth therein? and **it shall rise up wholly as a flood**; and it shall be cast out and drowned, **as by the flood of Egypt**. And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord GOD, that **I will cause the sun to go down at noon**, and I will **darken the earth in the clear day**: And I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; and **I will bring up sackcloth upon all loins, and baldness upon every head**; and I will make it as the mourning of an only son, and the end thereof **as a bitter day**. Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that **I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD**: And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, **they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find it**. In that day shall **the fair virgins and young men faint for thirst**.” (Amos 8:8-13)

Sister White takes these verses and applies them also to the seven last plagues.

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

“In that day, multitudes will desire the shelter of God's mercy which they have so long despised. ‘**Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land**, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord: and they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord, and shall not find it.’ Amos 8:11, 12.” {*Great Controversy, P. 628, 629*}

The flood of Egypt is referencing the work of the dragon at midnight, or the civil powers that seek to put God's people to death.

“Speak, and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, **I am against thee, Pharaoh king of Egypt, the great dragon** that lieth in the midst of his rivers, which hath said, My river is mine own, and I have made it for myself.” (Ezekiel 29:3)

“I saw that **the two-horned beast had a dragon's mouth**, and that his power was in his head, and that **the decree would go out of his mouth...**

“I saw **the nominal church and nominal Adventists, like Judas, would betray us to the Catholics** to obtain their influence to come against the truth. The saints then will be an obscure people, little known to the Catholics; but the churches and nominal Adventists who know of our faith and customs (**for they hated us on account of the Sabbath, for they could not refute it**) will betray the saints and report them to the Catholics as those who disregard the institutions of the people; that is, **that they keep the Sabbath and disregard Sunday.**

“**Then the Catholics bid the Protestants to go forward, and issue a decree that all who will not observe the first day of the week, instead of the seventh day, shall be slain.** And the Catholics, whose numbers are large, will stand by the Protestants. The Catholics will give their power to the image of the beast. And the Protestants will work as their mother worked before them to destroy the saints...” {*Spalding and Magan, P. 1, 2*}

This work was prefigured during the time of the 1260, or great tribulation, which we have already established is a type of the seven last plagues. We can see this in the book of Revelation. At the cross, where Satan was cast down, marking the closed door, Satan is angry and goes forward to destroy god’s people for 1260 years, from the midnight cry to the final review. This work is illustrated by a flood.

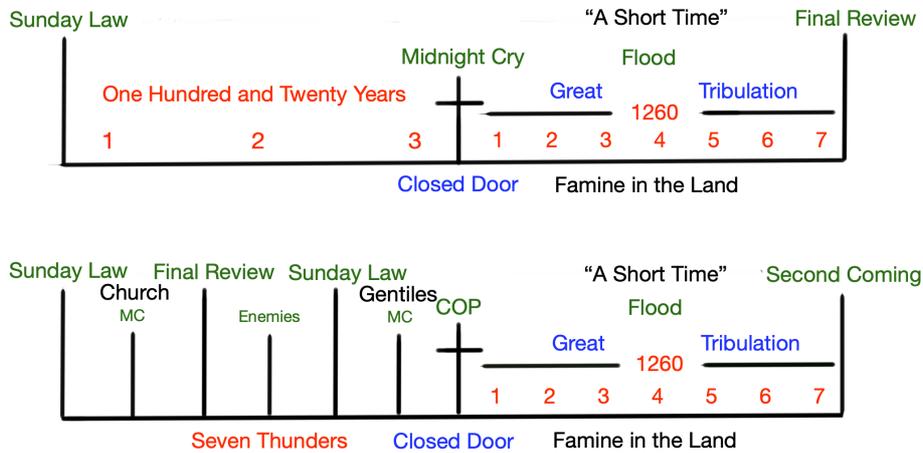
“**And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.** And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, **where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time,** from the face of the serpent. **And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman,** that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood. And the earth helped the woman, and **the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.**” (Revelation 12:13-16)

Therefore, the famine in the land at midnight, which is likened unto a flood, is also typifying the seven last plagues, which is a short time.

“The apostle John in vision heard a loud voice in heaven exclaiming: ‘**Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.**’ Revelation 12:12. Fearful are the scenes which call forth this exclamation from the heavenly voice. The wrath of Satan

increases as his time grows short, and his work of deceit and destruction will reach its **culmination in the time of trouble.**” {Great Controversy, P. 623, par. 3.}

Let us again put this onto our line so that this can be better understood.



When we bring all these thoughts together line upon line, it is clear to see that the final test from the midnight cry, to the final review, which is a type for the close of human probation, when the seven last plagues will be poured out, has many different layers that we must understand. Not only is it the final test of our faith, where we must give the last warning message to those who have been deceived, but it is a time of great calamity, prefigured by the flood, the great tribulation and the seven last plagues of Egypt. Therefore, if the midnight cry is marking the point that was typified by the flood, then it is also teaching us that all those who have been gathering oil, preparing for the midnight cry to come, must get into the ark before the door closes. Let us show now how the prophetic narrative also confirms this.

## Getting On The Ark

Let us begin by going to the birth of Moses, which we know marks the time of the end, where when he is born, there is a death decree in force. We also know that this is marking the Sunday law decree, where the whole world is told to bow down and worship on Sunday, or it will face imprisonment and death.

“A corrupt union has been formed to tear down God's memorial of creation—the seventh day, which He hallowed and blessed and gave to man to be a sign between God

and His people, to be observed throughout their generations forever. **A period is coming when everyone will take sides between the Sabbath of the fourth commandment**, which the Lord has sanctified and blessed, and the spurious sabbath instituted by the man of sin.

“**An idol sabbath has been set up**, as the golden image was set up in the plains of Dura. And as **Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, issued a decree that all who would not bow down and worship this image should be killed**, so a proclamation will be made that **all who will not reverence the Sunday institution will be punished with imprisonment and death**. Thus the Sabbath of the Lord is trampled underfoot. But the Lord has declared, ‘Woe unto them that decree unrighteous decrees, and write grievousness which they have prescribed’ [Isaiah 10:1]. [Zephaniah 1:14-18; 2:1-3, quoted.]” *{Manuscript Releases, Volume 14, P. 91, par. 2, 3}*

Let us look at the story of Moses and see what his mother did at that time. Remember, a decree is in place that all sons born were to be thrown into the river.

“And Pharaoh charged all his people, saying, **Every son that is born ye shall cast into the river**, and every daughter ye shall save alive.” (Exodus 1:22)

If we look up what the word river means, it refers specifically to the Nile, which is also likened unto a flood.

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Of Egyptian origin; a channel, for example a fosse, canal, shaft; **specifically the Nile**, as the one river of Egypt, including its collateral trenches; also the Tigris, as the main river of Assyria: - brook, **flood**, river, stream.

The point that I would like for us to note from this, is that the flood of Egypt in the book of Amos, chapter 8, verse 8, is the same word as the river, that the children were to be cast into. It is also no accident, that Moses is first hid for three months, marking the period where God's people are hidden from the Sunday law to the midnight cry.

“And there went a man of the house of Levi, and took to wife a daughter of Levi. And **the woman conceived**, and bare a son: and **when she saw him that he was a goodly child, she hid him three months.**” (Exodus 2:1-2)

It tells us plainly from several witnesses that God’s people are termed as hidden in this time period. In this next verse, which marks the ten Kings uniting with the Papacy to murder God’s people, who are likened unto “hidden ones.”

“A Song or Psalm of Asaph. Keep not thou silence, O God: hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God. For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult: and they that hate thee have lifted up the head. **They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones.**” (Psalm 83:1-3)

As we already read, God’s people are likened unto a people that are obscure, meaning hidden.

“I saw the nominal church and nominal Adventists, like Judas, would betray us to the Catholics to obtain their influence to come against the truth. **The saints then will be an obscure people, little known to the Catholics;** but the churches and nominal Adventists who know of our faith and customs (for they hated us on account of the Sabbath, for they could not refute it) will betray the saints and report them to the Catholics as those who disregard the institutions of the people; that is, that they keep the Sabbath and disregard Sunday.

“Then the Catholics bid the Protestants to go forward, and issue a decree that all who will not observe the first day of the week, instead of the seventh day, **shall be slain...**” {*Spalding and Magan, P. 1, 2*}

However, we know that the midnight cry represents the point where God’s people must go to the cross, where they will be delivered up before kings and rulers to give a testimony for their faith, where they will be lifted up before the whole world. Remember, we have just shown how this period is likened unto the flood. Let us look what Moses’s mother does at this point.

“And **when she could not longer hide him**, she took for him **an ark** of bulrushes, and **daubed it with slime and with pitch**, and **put the child therein**; and she laid it in the flags by the river's brink.” (Exodus 2:3)

Let us compare this with the Ark of Noah.

**“Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch.”** (Genesis 6:14)

Just like Jonah, when he was swallowed up by the whale and Noah and his family, when they got onto the Ark before the flood, here we have a parallel illustration, where Moses is placed in an Ark upon the Nile, meaning flood. It is, therefore, very evident that we need to get on the Ark before that flood comes at midnight.

Another illustration of this can be seen with the two witnesses, who prophecy in obscurity, from the Sunday law to the midnight cry as illustrated in Revelation 11 and Zechariah chapter 4. These represent God’s people, who preach the message, giving the oil to those who are seeking for the truth.

“Concerning **the two witnesses** the prophet declares further: **‘These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.’** ‘Thy word,’ said the psalmist, ‘is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.’ Revelation 11:4; Psalm 119:105. The two witnesses represent the Scriptures of the Old and the New Testament. Both are important testimonies to the origin and perpetuity of the law of God. **Both are witnesses also to the plan of salvation. The types, sacrifices, and prophecies of the Old Testament point forward to a Saviour to come.** The Gospels and Epistles of the New Testament tell of a Saviour who has come in the exact manner foretold by type and prophecy.

“**They shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and three-score days, clothed in sackcloth.**’ During the greater part of this period, **God's witnesses remained in a state of obscurity**. The papal power sought to hide from the people the word of truth, and set before them false witnesses to contradict its testimony. (See Appendix.) When the Bible was proscribed by religious and secular authority; when its testimony was perverted, and every effort made that men and demons could invent to turn the minds of the people from it; when those who dared proclaim its sacred truths were hunted, betrayed, tortured, buried in dungeon cells, martyred for their faith, or compelled to flee to mountain fastnesses, and to dens and caves of the earth—then the faithful witnesses prophesied in sackcloth. **Yet they continued their testimony throughout the entire period of 1260 years.** In the darkest times there were faithful men who loved God's word and were jealous for His honor. **To**

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these loyal servants were given wisdom, power, and authority to declare His truth during the whole of this time.” {*Great Controversy, P. 267, par. 1, 2*}

We know however that all the prophets are speaking about the same story at the end of the world and that these two prophets come to a point where they come face to face with death before the end of the 1260 years.

“And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, **and kill them.**” (Revelation 11:7)

We know that this point is also marking the midnight cry, where their dead bodies will lie in the streets for three and half days, symbolizing the great tribulation, seven last plagues and the flood. Let us now show how these two witnesses (Elijah and Moses) are demonstrated, like in the story of Moses, as being on the Ark in that time period.

We know from our studies that the two witnesses are also the two charts, prefigured by the two tables of stone. When Isaiah had his vision in chapter 6, it marks the point at the midnight cry where humanity and divinity is combined. In this vision, Isaiah sees the Ark with the two tables hidden under the mercy seat, representing God’s people protected in the Ark.

“It is high time for us to understand the responsibility resting upon us individually. **We should read the sixth chapter of Isaiah.** The prophet declares: ‘In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and His train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another, and said, **Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of His glory.** And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.’ [Verses 1-4.]” {*Letters and Manuscripts, Volume 17, Manuscript Number 7, 1902, par. 3*}

“**In this vision, Isaiah saw God seated on a throne in the most holy place, above the ark containing His commandments,** and surrounded by the cherubim and His appointed attendants—His ministers. From this holy place the glory shone forth. Those who are now engaged in carrying forward the work of the Lord in the earth should have their eyes fixed

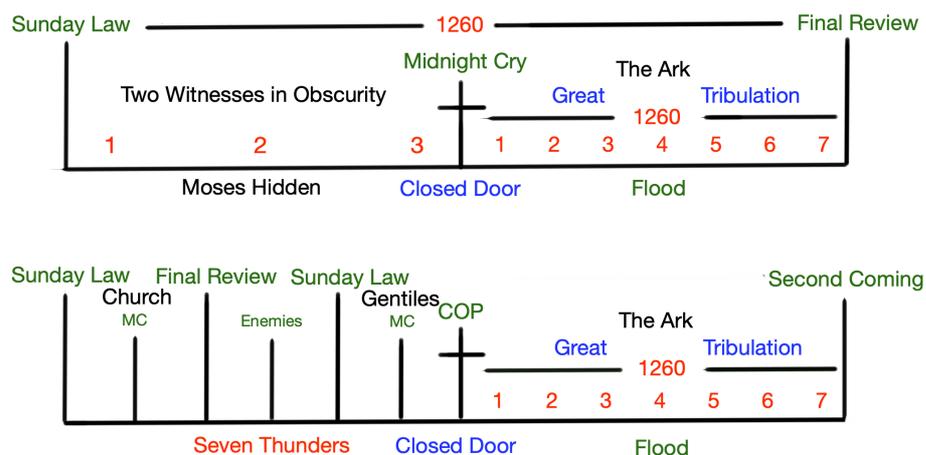
upon this place where the Lord is enthroned. They should obtain their orders from the Lord God of heaven.” {*Letters and Manuscripts, Volume 17, Manuscript Number 7, 1902, par. 7*}

A parallel to this, is when the temple of God is opened in heaven, marking the close of human probation, where the Ark of the covenant is seen. At this point, the two witnesses, or two tables are brought forth for the whole world to see, representing the 144,000, who are lifted up before the whole universe as a witness to the plan of salvation.

“When God's temple in heaven is opened, what a triumphant time that will be for all who have been faithful and true! In the temple will be seen the ark of the testament in which were placed the two tables of stone, on which are written God's law. These tables of stone will be brought forth from their hiding place, and on them will be seen the Ten Commandments engraved by the finger of God. These tables of stone now lying in the ark of the testament will be a convincing testimony to the truth and binding claims of God's law (Letter 47, 1902).” {*SDA Bible Commentary, Volume 7, P. 972, par. 3*}

Therefore, when we parallel the midnight cry with the close of human probation, it marks the point where the two witnesses are protected by God’s mercy, safely entombed within the Ark, just as Noah and his sons were safely kept within the Ark during the flood.

Let us demonstrate this now upon our line.



## The Seventh Plague

**T**he last point I would like for us to see upon this topic, is the seventh plague. Sister White instructs us that we need to study this subject.

**“We need to study the pouring out of the seventh vial.** The powers of evil will not yield up the conflict without a struggle. But Providence has a part to act **in the battle of Armageddon.** When the earth is lighted with the glory of the angel of Revelation 18, the religious elements, good and evil, will awake from slumber, and the armies of the living God will take the field.” *{Manuscript Releases, Volume 19, P. 160, par. 1}*

In the diagrams above, we can see that the seventh plague is marking the point where Christ returns. In the chasm, it is marked by the point where the latter rain is poured out after Elijah prays seven times and goes up to Jezreel, a type of Armageddon.

**“And Elijah said unto Ahab, Get thee up, eat and drink; for there is a sound of abundance of rain.** So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. **And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees,** And said to his servant, Go up now, look toward the sea. And he went up, and looked, and said, There is nothing. And he said, **Go again seven times.** And it came to pass **at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand.** And he said, Go up, say unto Ahab, Prepare thy chariot, and get thee down, that the rain stop thee not. And it came to pass in the mean while, that **the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain.** And Ahab rode, and **went to Jezreel.**” (1Kings 18:41-45)

We know that the latter rain falling upon those who stay faithful during their final test, is prefiguring Christ coming in the clouds. The message, behold the bridegroom cometh, is a parallel to this next verse.

**“Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him,** and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.” (Revelation 1:7)

**“Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. After two days will he revive us: in the third day he**

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**will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.** Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and **he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth.**” (Hosea 6:1-3)

These illustrations all prefigure the point where Christ literally comes in the clouds of heaven.

“Soon our eyes were drawn to the east, **for a small black cloud had appeared, about half as large as a man's hand, which we all knew was the sign of the Son of man...**”  
*{Christian Experience and Teachings, P. 58, par. 3}*

We also know that the point where the Lord stands up and says “it is done,” is marking the final review, where the sins are placed upon the head of the scapegoat. As this is being done, the seven last plagues are being poured out.

“...Then I saw that Jesus’ work in the sanctuary will soon be finished. And **after His work there is finished, He will come to the door of the first apartment, and confess the sins of Israel upon the head of the Scape Goat.** Then He will put on the garments of vengeance. Then the plagues will come upon the wicked, and they do not come till Jesus puts on that garment, and **takes His place upon the great white cloud.** **Then while the plagues are falling,** the Scape Goat is being led away. He makes a mighty struggle to escape, but he is held fast by the hand that leads him. If he should effect his escape, Israel would lose their lives. I saw that it would take time to lead away the Scape Goat into the land of forgetfulness after the sins were put on his head.” *{Spalding and Magan, P. 2, par. 1}*

However, as we have seen, the point where the final review is marked upon our line, is a parallel to the point where Christ comes at the seventh plague. Hence, it is no accident that when the seventh plague is poured out the Lord says “it is done.”

“And **the seventh angel poured out his vial** into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, **It is done.**” (Revelation 16:17)

“**Before the Son of man appears in the clouds of heaven,** everything in nature will be convulsed. **Lightning from heaven uniting with the fire in the earth, will cause the mountains to burn like a furnace, and pour out their floods of lava over villages and cities.**

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Molten masses of rock, thrown into the water by the upheaval of things hidden in the earth, will cause the water to boil and send forth rocks and earth. There will be mighty earthquakes and great destruction of human life. **But as in the days of the great Deluge Noah was preserved in the ark that God had prepared for him, so in these days of destruction and calamity, God will be the refuge of His believing ones ...** [Psalm 91:9, 10; 27:5 quoted] (Letter 258, 1907).” {*SDA Bible Commentary, Volume 7, P. 946, par. 7.*}

As we have just read, at the final review, the sins are placed upon the head of the wicked, typifying the point where Christ comes at the seventh plague. It is likewise no accident that the sins are placed upon Satan, when Christ literally returns, paralleling the final review, where Christ says it is done, perfectly.

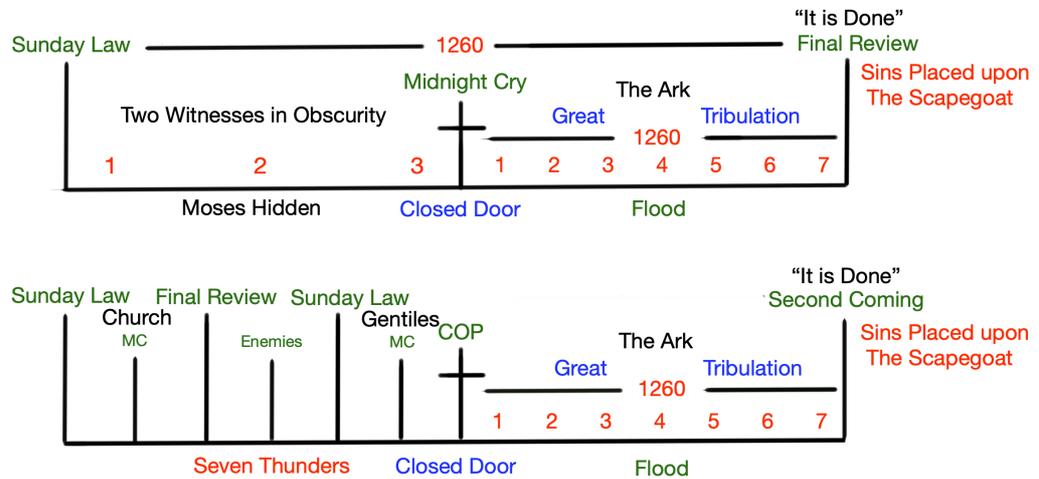
**“At the coming of Christ the wicked are blotted from the face of the whole earth—** consumed with the spirit of His mouth and destroyed by the brightness of His glory. Christ takes His people to the City of God, and **the earth is emptied of its inhabitants.** ‘Behold, the Lord maketh the earth empty, and maketh it waste, and turneth it upside down, and scattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof.’ ‘The land shall be utterly emptied, and utterly spoiled: for the Lord hath spoken this word.’ ‘Because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant. **Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate: therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned.**’ Isaiah 24:1, 3, 5, 6.

**“The whole earth appears like a desolate wilderness.** The ruins of cities and villages destroyed by the earthquake, uprooted trees, ragged rocks thrown out by the sea or torn out of the earth itself, are scattered over its surface, while vast caverns mark the spot where the mountains have been rent from their foundations.

**“Now the event takes place foreshadowed in the last solemn service of the Day of Atonement.** When the ministration in the holy of holies had been completed, and the sins of Israel had been removed from the sanctuary by virtue of the blood of the sin offering, then the scapegoat was presented alive before the Lord; and in the presence of the congregation the high priest confessed over him ‘all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions in all their sins, putting them upon the head of the goat.’ Leviticus 16:21. **In like manner, when the work of atonement in the heavenly sanctuary has been completed, then in the presence of God and heavenly angels and the hosts of the redeemed the sins of God's people will be placed upon Satan; he will be declared guilty of all the evil which he has caused them to commit. And as the scapegoat was sent away into**

a land not inhabited, so Satan will be banished to the desolate earth, an uninhabited and dreary wilderness.” {Great Controversy, P. 657, 658}

Let us now place these thoughts upon our final illustration.



## Summary

God’s word, cannot and does not contradict itself. The Lord is teaching us line upon line. It is only through this manner of study, that we are able to comprehend God’s word correctly. A Great calamity is about to befall this movement, prefigured by the last seven plagues of Egypt, the great tribulation, or 1260 years of Papal persecution, the French revolution, the second woe and the flood. Sister White clearly tells us that when those four winds are loosed, that no pen can picture the strife that will befall us. Even though it is only a type and not the perfect fulfillment, we must understand that all those who claim to be part of this movement, who have been privy to the great truths being unfolded and not made the correct use of them, will be held accountable. Unless we are of those wise virgins, who have collected the oil and are adorned with the wedding garment, we will be like those 50 strong men in the story of Elisha, who beg to go looking for Elijah and will not find him. Unless we get on that Ark now, whilst the door is still open, like Peter, we will never stand against the storm in our own strength and will not only reject our savior, but we will also, like Judas, be guilty of delivering up our former Brethren to the civil authorities. Let us all take heed now, whilst time is still remaining.

In our next edition we will demonstrate how Christ, riding upon the Ass in the triumphal entry, is an illustration of how Christ controls Satan. We will show how the star

falling from heaven in Revelation 9, is actually an illustration of Satan at the Sunday law crisis, where he is restrained, before being loosed at the midnight cry, bringing all his destructive forces to destroy God's true people.



## Miscellaneous Reforms

### Avoiding The Appearance Of Evil

**I**n this edition, on the subject of necessary reforms, I would like to highlight a very important, yet overlooked subject, on avoiding the appearance of evil.

**“Abstain from all appearance of evil.”** (1Thessalonians 5:22)

The Lord tells us clearly that our thoughts are not as His.

**“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.”** (Isaiah 55:8)

Because of sin and especially because we are the last generation, we have been modelled by the ways of the world, to determine what is right and wrong according to the society in which we live. However, just because we may not view something as sinful, it doesn't mean that it is warranted in the eyes of God. The Lord gives us His commandments as a protective shield. We look at them as restrictive through the eyes of sin, instead of looking upon them as a means of protecting us from Satan's deceptions.

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“To this people were committed the oracles of God. **They were hedged about by the precepts of His law**, the everlasting principles of truth, justice, and purity. **Obedience to these principles was to be their protection**, for it would save them from destroying themselves by sinful practices...” {*Christ’s Object Lessons, P. 287, par. 2.*}

Satan understands this principle far better than we do, for he knows that as long as we remain obedient, he has no ability to bring upon us any harm. This Satan testifies of, in the book of Job.

“Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them. And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it. And the LORD said unto Satan, **Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?** Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought? **Hast not thou made an hedge about him**, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land.” (Job 1:6-10)

As we can see, the Lord places a hedge about Job, which as we read earlier in the quote above, is a representation of God’s principles of righteousness. Because of this Satan has no access to afflict God’s people unless the Lord allows him. However, as we can read, Satan accuses, that if the Lord were to allow Satan access to Job, that he would curse God to His face.

“But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and **he will curse thee to thy face**. And the LORD said unto Satan, **Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand**. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.” (Job 1:11-12)

We know that this is prophetically pointing to the Sunday law crisis, where the Lord is going to prove His people, by allowing Satan to persecute them. Therefore, until the Lord deems it fit to allow this crisis to come upon us, we must ensure, that like Job, we are a perfect and upright people, that fear God and eschew evil, only this way can we be sure of His protective care. Therefore, because of the very fact that the Lord protects us from Satan, this should lead us to be very careful to avoid any appearance of evil, lest we bring ourselves into situations that would allow Satan to tempt us unnecessarily. One of the greatest dangers is unmarried, or even married, men and women, mixing alone in one another’s company. Satan is always watching for opportunities to tempt both parties, to indulge in sinful thoughts, or even worse, enter into an

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illicit affair outside of marriage. Men and women, especially those from their teens upwards, should avoid all unnecessary unfamiliarity. For instance, there are times when a female might need a lift and a male may offer to help her. In the eyes of the world, this would be a noble thing to do, but in the eyes of God this is inviting unnecessary temptation, not only upon the two persons concerned, but also upon others who may look upon this with suspicion. Therefore, we must avoid this at all costs, unless it is an emergency. The Lord knows the difference and reads the motives of our hearts and if there is no other option and it is necessary, then we can be sure that the Lord will protect us. If, however, we are careless in this manner, then we can be sure that Satan will claim the right to have access to us and may bring upon ourselves temptations that normally would never have existed.

**“When one who claims to be teaching the truth is inclined to be much in the company of young or even married women, when he familiarly lays his hand upon their person, or is often found conversing with them in a familiar manner, be afraid of him; the pure principles of truth are not wrought in his soul. Such are not workers with Jesus; they are not in Christ, and Christ is not abiding in them.** They need a thorough conversion before God can accept their labors. The truth of heavenly origin never degrades the receiver, **never leads him to the least approach to undue familiarity;** on the contrary, it sanctifies the believer, refines his taste, elevates and ennoble him, and brings him into a close connection with Jesus. It leads him to regard the apostle Paul's **injunction to abstain from even the appearance of evil,** lest his good should be evil spoken of....

“Men who are doing God's work, and who have Christ abiding in their hearts, will not lower the standard of morality, but will ever seek to elevate it. **They will not find pleasure in the flattery of women, or in being petted by them.** Let both young and married men say, Hands off! **I will not give the least occasion to have my good evil spoken of.** My good name is capital of far more value to me than gold or silver. Let me preserve it untarnished. If men assail that name, it shall not be because I have given them any occasion to do so, but for the same reason that they spoke falsely of Christ—because they hated the purity and holiness of his character; for it was a constant rebuke to them.

**“I wish I could impress upon every worker in God's cause, the great need of continual, earnest prayer.** They cannot be constantly upon their knees, but they can be uplifting their hearts to God. This is the way that Enoch walked with God.” *{Evangelism, P. 680, 681}*

**“Our great adversary has agents that are constantly hunting for an opportunity to destroy souls, as a lion hunts his prey....** One safeguard removed from conscience, the indulgence of one evil habit, a single neglect of the high claims of duty, may be the beginning of a course of deception that will pass you into the ranks of those who are serving Satan, while you are all the

time professing to love God and His cause. **A moment of thoughtlessness, a single misstep, may turn the whole current of your lives in the wrong direction.** And you may never know what caused your ruin until the sentence is pronounced, ‘Depart from Me, ye that work iniquity.’”  
{*Evangelism, P. 681, par. 3*}

## Conclusion

**T**here are several ways in which we can give the appearance of evil. If, whilst we engage either in the work of God, or even in our daily lives, we place ourselves in a position of temptation, that is not necessary, we may not only cause ourselves to stumble and fall, but we may also bring our Brethren, or even those of the world, to think unwarranted evil thoughts towards us. Let us therefore be mindful of this and ensure that through much prayer, we consider our every situation, before entering upon something that may bring evil results, so that we always uphold the good name of God.