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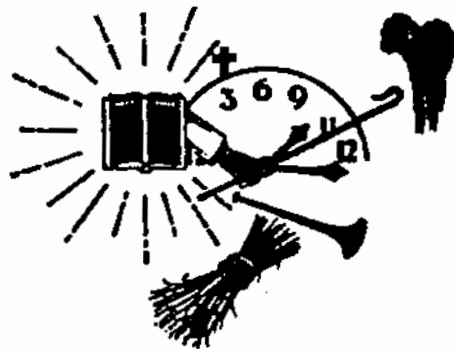
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PURPOSE

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"Mal. 3:1-5--'Behold, I will send My messenger, and he shall prepare the way before Me; and the Lord, Whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to His temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in; behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts. But who may abide the day of His coming? and who shall stand when He appeareth? for He is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' sope: and He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; and He shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness. Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the Lord, as in the days of old, and as in former years. And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not Me, saith the Lord of hosts.'

"Should we not now consider ourselves the most fortunate people in the world for knowing these things beforehand? Shall we not be glad and thankful for having been warned beforehand that we have come almost to the time of the harvest, and that we have been given the oppor-

tunity to make ready for it? Shall we not be glad that we are not left in darkness, and that we are now plainly shown that these are the closing hours of the pre-harvest period, that the harvest will soon begin?

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

"The fulfilment of this scripture is what is called the Loud Cry of the Third Angel's Message. But note that the whole earth is lightened with his glory. Let us now take notice of what happens after the Three Angels' Messages permeate the earth, after the earth is thus lightened with the glory of the angel.

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

"Ah, after the earth is lightened, then it is that Babylon falls. Plainly, then, Babylon has not actually fallen as yet....

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

"This voice from heaven, you see, comes to God's people after the earth is lightened with the Loud Cry of the angel. The burden of the Voice is that God's people should come out of Babylon so that they be not partakers of her sins, and receive not of her plagues. If on this account they must come out of Babylon, then it must be that the place into which they are called to come is free from sin and thus free from danger of the plagues. And where could that be but in the purified land and church of God, where there is no more sin and no more sinners to endanger the peace of God's people? Vain, indeed, it would be if the people were called from one place of sin and brought into another place of sin. As clear as crystal it is that the purification of the church ('cleansing'--Dan. 8:14; Judgment of the Living--1 Pet. 4:17) takes place before the Loud Cry of the Third Angel's Message begins in the world, before God's people are called out of Babylon.

"The third angel's message is to lighten the earth with its glory; but only those who have withstood temptation in the strength of the Mighty One will be permitted to act a part in proclaiming it when it shall have swelled into the loud cry.'--'The Review and Herald,' Nov. 19, 1908.'--Timely Greetings, Vol. 1, No. 21, pp. 19-21.

"Revelation 18 points to the time when, as the result of rejecting the threefold warning of Revelation 14:6-12, the church will have fully

reached the condition foretold by the second angel, and the people of God still in Babylon will be called upon to separate from her communion. . . ."--Great Controversy, p. 390. (See also pp. 606, 607.)

"Now we wish to ascertain what period we are living in. At the sounding of the sixth trumpet, the four angels are to be let loose and they are then to kill a third part of men; and their army, moreover, is to number 200,000,000 'horsemen' and that many 'horses.' Since no such thing as this has ever happened, it therefore speaks for itself that the sixth trumpet is yet in the future. It has not yet commenced to sound."--Symbolic Code, Vol. 12, No. 2, p. 4.

"We learned that in the fifth trumpet there are only 144,000 sealed ones, but in the sixth trumpet there are to be 200,000,000. Now we want to know what is to cause the increase in number. Let us turn to

"Rev. 7:1-8--'And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we

have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads. And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel. . . .'

"The 144,000 are sealed from the twelve tribes of Israel.

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

"Now at first impulse you may tell me that I was wrong a few moments ago when I told you that the number of God's army will grow from 144,000 to 200,000,000. You may say it because this verse says that there will be so great a multitude to be converted that they could not be numbered. But you must not fail to remember that Revelation 7:9 includes not only the 200,000,000 'horses' but also their converts which are represented by the tails. When you add to 200,000,000 leaders the number of their followers, you will have a number so great that it would be innumerable. In order to ascertain how we know that there are more than 144,000 leaders, let us turn to

"Isa. 66:12--'For thus saith the Lord, Behold,

I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the Gentiles like a flowing stream; then shall ye suck, ye shall be borne upon her sides, and be dandled upon her knees.'

"This is talking about the church, Jerusalem, the city.

"Verse 13--'As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you; and ye shall be comforted in Jerusalem.'

"This is a promise which has not yet met its fulfilment. In the next verse we are told that when God does comfort His people, it is to be a sign post.

"Verse 14--'And when ye see this, your heart shall rejoice, and your bones shall flourish like an herb: and the hand of the Lord shall be known toward His servants, and His indignation toward His enemies.'

"The Christian is really going to be converted and their enemies are going to be tormented.

"Verse 15--'For, behold, the Lord will come with fire, and with His chariots like a whirlwind, to render His anger with fury, and His rebuke with flames of fire.'

"This gives the reason: The Lord will come with anger and fury.

"Verse 16--'For by fire and by His sword will the Lord plead with all flesh: and the slain of the Lord shall be many.'

"The angels in Revelation 9 were to slay a third part of men. In that way 'the slain of the Lord shall be many.'

"Verse 17--'They that sanctify themselves, and purify themselves in the gardens behind one tree in the midst, eating swine's flesh, and the abomination, and the mouse, shall be consumed together, saith the Lord.'

"Those who pose as Christians but obey not the laws of God shall be consumed.

"Verses 18, 19--'For I know their works and their thoughts: it shall come, that I will gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come, and see My glory. And I will set a sign among them, and I will send those that escape of them unto the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, that draw the bow, to Tubal, and Javan, to the isles afar off, that have not heard My fame, neither have seen My glory; and they shall declare My glory among the Gentiles.'

"The Lord is going to come and slay many

who claim to be sanctified but are not obedient to the Truth. Those who escape will go to the nations that have not heard the Truth.

"Let us discuss for a few moments what it is that seals God's people as a whole, as a body. You recall that in the days of Joshua the whole nation fell in defeat before their enemy. Then Joshua prayed and God revealed to him that there was a sinner in the camp and that unless he were found and removed, Israel would never stand before her enemies. This illustrates the fact that it is the removing of the wicked from the midst of the church that seals it--makes it able to live on. You see, then, that the church's danger lurks behind the hypocrites that are in it. For this reason the winds are held until the first fruits are individually sealed, and when all the sinners have thereafter been removed, there will remain only the righteous, thus leaving a sealed church, a holy people that God can put His angels round about to protect (seal) against any molesting thing. And they are the men, who, having escaped the slaughter, constitute the servants of God whom He shall send to all the nations to proclaim His glory.

"Verse 20--'And they shall bring all your brethren for an offering unto the Lord out of all nations upon horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and upon mules, and upon swift beasts, to My holy mountain Jerusalem, saith the Lord, as the children of Israel

bring an offering in a clean vessel into the house of the Lord.'

"Do you not see how the work will be finished? It can be finished in no other way than by a church containing only holy people. In the words of Isaiah, they will bring all their brethren out of all nations in a 'clean vessel,' meaning a clean church. And when they bring in all their brethren, it will result in a great ingathering of souls. That is why there will be 144,000 leaders to start with instead of only 12.

"Verse 21--'And I will also take of them for priests and for Levites, saith the Lord.'

"Of those that are gathered, God will take some for priests and Levites. That is what will swell the force to 200,000,000 horses. Their riders are the angels. Workmen whom God thus describes would fear nothing, for they, too, will receive the seal of protection that will make them invulnerable to death. Now you should be able to see what a great people God is to have."--Symbolic Code, Vol. 12, No. 2 (December, 1956), pp. 16-21.

"In the time of the reign of Solomon's son, you recall, the kingdom of Israel was divided into two kingdoms. Ephraim, or the kingdom of Israel, being composed of ten tribes, was the main body or division. The 'residue' was the house or kingdom of Judah and was made up of

the two remaining tribes, Judah and Benjamin. After the kingdom of Israel was divided into these two kingdoms the tribes in each intermingled, thus causing each kingdom to have within it people from all the twelve tribes. The two kingdoms, however, never merged themselves into one kingdom.

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"This chapter is a prediction of what was sometime to take place in the house of Ephraim and what was sometime to take place in the house of Judah. History so far does not bear record, however, that this prophecy has yet met its complete fulfilment. Moreover, since this prophecy was made directly for Ephraim and Judah back there, and indirectly for Ephraim and Judah today, therefore, just as the kingdom was divided into two divisions anciently, so also must there be two divisions in modern Israel today. And what happened to the kingdoms of Israel anciently is to be repeated in our day; similarly, what happened to the ancient nations of the world will also happen to their descendants in our day.

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"Verses 5, 6--'In that day shall the Lord of hosts be for a crown of glory, and for a diadem of beauty, unto the residue of His people, and for a spirit of judgment to him that sitteth in judgment, and for strength to them that turn the battle to the gate.'

"He is to be all this to 'the residue of His people'--Judah.

"We have learned that it is from the Seventh-day Adventist church that the 144,000 are to come and with them will begin the establishment of the kingdom of Judah, and those of the kingdom of Ephraim are to join the kingdom of Judah and together they will become one nation. If the 144,000 are in the Seventh-day Adventist church, then Ephraim must be found in some other church. The Protestant churches think they can sometime join themselves together into one religious unit, and you know that for sometime they have been working toward that goal. We understand the name Ephraim in this prophecy to be speaking chiefly of the Protestant sects, for the Catholic church is a paganized Christian church.

"Verse 7--'But they also have erred through wine, and through strong drink are out of the way; the priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine, they are out of the way through strong drink; they err in vision, they stumble in judgment.'

"In verse 1 we are told that Ephraim has been overcome with wine and are therefore drunkards. And verse 7 tells us that 'they' (the 'residue'--Judah) have also erred through wine. In other words, both the Protestant

churches and our own Seventh-day Adventist church have become drunk with 'wine'--theories of men.

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"When the Lord saw that it was time to teach knowledge and to give understanding of doctrine there was no clean place in the world. Hence the question, 'Whom shall He teach knowledge?' and whom shall He make to understand doctrine? The implication which this question carries is that it is almost impossible to teach anyone the pure doctrine, the reason being that at that time all the churches were seen drunk on the contaminated doctrines of men.

"But the Truth had to come. And this verse says that it could only be given to those weaned from the milk (those who have long been in the faith and are able to take strong meat). It is for this reason that the Rod message has come only to the Adventist church; the Ephraimites would not understand it. It is only those older in the faith (farther advanced in Truth) that can at first understand. The Adventist doctrines, of course, are the most advanced; therefore, it is to the Adventist church that the Lord wants first to teach knowledge and make to understand doctrine.

"Isa. 28:23-25--'Give ye ear, and hear My voice; hearken, and hear My speech. Doth the plowman plow all day to sow? doth he open

and break the clods of his ground? When he hath made plain the face thereof, doth he not cast abroad the fitches, and scatter the cummin, and cast in the principal wheat and the appointed barley and the rie in their place?'

"The plowman plows his land in preparation for sowing the seed. And the reason he does this is that he expects to receive a harvest.

"Verse 26--'For his God doth instruct him to discretion, and doth teach him.'

"Through nature God has instructed the farmer how to prepare his soil and plant his seed.

"Verse 27--'For the fitches are not threshed with a threshing instrument, neither is a cart wheel turned about upon the cummin; but the fitches are beaten out with a staff, and the cummin with a rod.'

"The Lord also instructs here that not all crops are harvested properly in the same way. One kind requires one method and another requires a different method.

"Verse 28--'Bread corn is bruised; because he will not ever be threshing it, nor break it with the wheel of his cart, nor bruise it with his horsemen.'

"If corn were to be threshed like cummin a farmer would never get through, and he would ruin it.

"Verse 29--'This also cometh forth from the Lord of hosts, which is wonderful in counsel, and excellent in working.'

"God has told us how to sow, how to harvest, and how to thresh. In the spiritual realm we as Adventists have learned one thing: that the message is to be carried to the ends of the earth, then probation will close and everything goes down and we go up into Heaven. It is only now that we are beginning to learn how God does His harvesting of the various spiritual crops He is first to harvest the righteous (the teachers) from the Seventh-day Adventist church (the house of Judah); next, He is to harvest His people from among the Protestants (the house of Israel); and last, He will harvest from the heathen them that will turn and worship Him. Each of these crops He wisely harvests in a different way and in their appointed time of harvest."--Symbolic Code, Vol. 12, Nos. 8, 9 (June-July, 1957), pp. 4-15.

Speaking of the prophecy of Ezekiel 4: "The fact that the people of God have since 1930 been receiving an ever-increasing supply of pure (Divinely revealed) Truth at the hands of one, is evidence in itself that not only the defiled feasting and the 390 years have ended, but also the

40-year fast. There is no longer need, therefore, for anyone to subsist on dung-baked cakes, or to fast.

"Now, by subtracting the 430 years from 1930 A.D., we get 1500 A.D., the time the Spirit moved to effect the Protestant Reformation. And as the defiled grains (doctrines) were during the 390 years dispensed to the Protestant congregations, and as the 40-year fast (absence of progressive Truth) occurred in the Seventh-day Adventist Denomination, two truths stand out clearly: first, that the Protestants are in this symbolism termed the 'house of Israel'; and second, that the Seventh-day Adventists are termed the 'house of Judah.' Thus the split which God brought into Solomon's kingdom necessarily symbolizes the split which exists between Sabbath-keepers and Sunday-keepers.

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"Furthermore, Jerusalem, let it be remembered, is the capital city of Judah. Thus the present siege against the 'city' (the Seventh-day Adventist Denomination) is to be a sign to the Sunday-keepers; that is, it is designed to awaken them to a realization of how the Lord is to be worshiped, and where saving Truth is to be found; of the commencement of 'the great and dreadful day of the Lord,' and of His judgment; also to bring them to a realization that if it first 'begin at the house of God,' then 'what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel

of God?' 1 Pet. 4:17. "--The Shepherds's Rod, Vol. 1 (pocket edition), pp. 85, 86.

"Then it shall come to pass that 'when the children of thy people shall speak unto thee, saying, Wilt thou not shew us what thou meanest by these?

" 'Say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his fellows, and will put them with him, even with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in Mine hand,

" 'And the sticks whereon thou writest shall be in thine hand before their eyes.

" 'And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land;

" 'And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all.' --Id., pp. 75, 76.

"Jer. 30:1-3--'The word that came to Jeremiah

from the Lord, saying, Thus speaketh the Lord God of Israel, saying, Write thee all the words that I have spoken unto thee in a book. For, lo, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will bring again the captivity of My people Israel and Judah, saith the Lord: and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it.'

"Note that both Judah and Israel together have the promise of returning to their homeland. As this has never yet been realized, the prophecy is yet to be fulfilled.

"Verses 4-6--'And these are the words that the Lord spake concerning Israel and concerning Judah. For thus saith the Lord; We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace. Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth travail with child? wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness?'

"The cause of the fear here forecast is fundamentally needless and unnecessary, declares the Lord.

"Verse 7--'Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.'

"The people that have come to this antitypical time of trouble are returning to the home-

land, are comforted. Apparently it is bad enough to frighten all, but God's encouraging counsel is, 'Fear not.'

"Plainly, the burden of this chapter is concerning the antitypical returning to the homeland. Though terrible the trouble may seem, yet the outcome of it is to be the same as in the type. Right now we may not appreciate this study as we ought to, but the time is soon coming in which we will dig as fast and as hard for it as we would to get out from under an avalanche. Those who have but little faith in the Word of God though, the study will not do them much good. Now is the time to start cultivating the faith we need to have then."--Timely Greetings. Vol. 1, No. 47, pp. 13, 14.

" 'I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth [at the time of the sealing of the 144,000], holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.' Rev. 7:1-3.

"Here are brought to view two hurtings about to take place: one by the winds, the other