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Striving to be among the remnant of her seed

## The Laodicean Church-Part 1

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**T**he message to the church of the Laodiceans is a startling denunciation, and is applicable to the people of God at the present time.

“And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write: These things saith the Amen, the faithful and True Witness, the beginning of the creation of God: I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot; I would thou wert cold or hot. So then, because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked.”<sup>1</sup>

The Lord here shows us that the message to be borne to his people by ministers whom he has called to warn the people, is not a peace-and-safety message. It is not merely theoretical, but practical in every particular. The people of God are represented in the message to the Laodiceans in a position of carnal security. They are at ease, believing themselves in an exalted condition of spiritual attainments.

“Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked.”<sup>2</sup>

What greater deception can come upon human minds than a confidence that they are right, when they are all wrong? The message of the True Witness finds the people of God in a sad deception, yet honest in that deception. They know not that their condition is deplorable in the sight of God. While those addressed are flattering themselves that they are in an exalted spiritual condition, the message of the True Witness breaks their security by the startling denunciation of their true situation of spiritual blindness, poverty, and wretchedness. The testimony, so cutting and severe, cannot be a mistake; for it is the True Witness who speaks, and his testimony must be correct.

It is difficult for those who feel secure in their attainments, who are believing themselves to be rich in spiritual knowledge, to receive the message which declares that they are deceived and in need of every spiritual grace. The unsanctified heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked.

God leads his people on, step by step. The Christian life is a constant battle, and a march. There is no rest from the warfare. It is by constant, unceasing effort that we maintain the victory over the temptations of Satan. We are, as a people, triumphing in the clearness and strength of the truth. We are fully sustained in our

positions by an overwhelming amount of plain scriptural testimony. But we are very much wanting in Bible humility, patience, faith, love, self-denial, watchfulness, and a spirit of sacrifice. We need to cultivate Bible holiness. Sin prevails among the people of God. The plain message of rebuke to the Laodiceans is not received. Many cling to their doubts and their darling sins, while they are in so great a deception as to talk and feel that they are in need of nothing. They think the testimony of the Spirit of God in reproof is uncalled for, or that it does not mean them. Such are in the greatest need of the grace of God and spiritual discernment, that they may discover their deficiency in spiritual knowledge. They lack almost every essential qualification necessary to perfect Christian character. They have not a practical knowledge of Bible truth, which leads to lowliness of life, and a conformity of their will to the will of Christ. They are not living in obedience to all God's requirements.

It is not enough to merely profess to believe the truth. All the soldiers of the cross of Christ virtually obligate themselves to enter a crusade against the adversary of souls, to condemn wrong, and sustain righteousness. But the message of the True Witness reveals the fact that a terrible deception is upon our people, which makes it necessary to come to them with warnings, to break their spiritual slumber, and arouse them to decided action.

This message of the True Witness has not accomplished the design of God. The people slumber on in their sins. They continue to declare themselves “rich, and having need of nothing.”<sup>3</sup> Many inquire, Why are all these reproofs given? Why do the testimonies continually charge us with backsliding and grievous sins? We love the truth. We are prospering. We are in no need of these testimonies of warning and reproof. But let these murmurers see their hearts, and compare their lives with the practical teachings of the Bible; let them humble their souls before God; let the grace of God illuminate the darkness, and the scales will fall from their eyes, and they will sense their true spiritual poverty and wretchedness. They will feel the necessity of buying gold, which is pure faith and love; white raiment, which is a spotless character, made pure in the blood of their dear Redeemer, and eye-salve, which is the grace of God, and will give clear discernment of spiritual things, and detect sin. These attainments are more precious than the gold of Ophir.

I am very sure that the greatest reason why the people of God are now found in this state of spiritual

1. Rev. 3:14-17

2. Rev 3:17

3. Rev 3:17

blindness, is because they will not receive correction. Many have despised the reproofs and warnings given them. The True Witness condemns the lukewarm condition of the people of God, which gives Satan great power over them in this waiting, watching time. The selfish, and proud, and lovers of sin, are ever assailed with doubts. Satan has ability to suggest doubts and devise objections to the pointed testimony that God sends, and many think it a virtue and mark of intelligence in them to be unbelieving and questioning, and quibbling. Those who desire to doubt will have plenty of room. God does not propose to remove all occasion for unbelief. He gives evidence, which must be carefully investigated with a humble mind and teachable spirit. All should decide from the weight of evidence.

Eternal life is of infinite value, and will cost us all that we have. It is evident that we do not place a proper estimate upon eternal things. Everything worth possessing, even in this world, must be secured by effort, and sometimes by most painful sacrifice. And this is merely for a perishable treasure. Shall we be less willing to endure conflict and toil, and to make earnest efforts and great sacrifices for the infinite treasure, which passes all estimate in value, and the duration of life which will measure with the Infinite? Can Heaven cost us too much? Faith and love are golden treasures, elements that are greatly wanting among God's people.

Faith in the soon coming of Christ is waning. "My Lord delayeth his coming"<sup>4</sup> is said not only in the heart, but expressed in words, and most decidedly in

4. Matt. 24:48

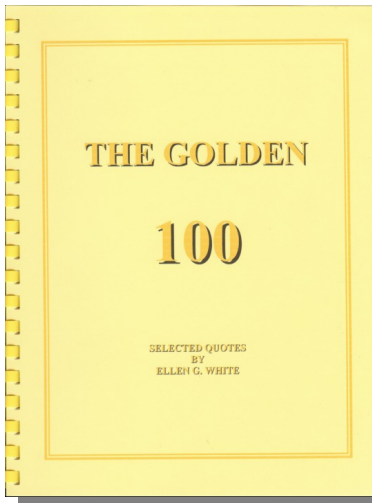
5. Rev. 3:19

works. Stupidity in this watching time is sealing the senses of God's people as to the signs of the times.

The terrible iniquity abounding calls for the greatest diligence, and for the living testimony, to keep sin out of the church. Faith has been decreasing to a fearful degree. Faith can only increase by exercise.

In the first rise of the third angel's message, those who engaged in the work of God had something to venture. They had sacrifices to make. They started this work in poverty, and suffered the greatest deprivations and reproach. They met determined opposition, which drove them to God in their necessity, and kept their faith alive. Our present plan of Systematic Benevolence amply sustains our ministers. And there is no want and no call for the exercise of faith as to a support. Those who start out now to preach the truth have nothing to venture. They have no risks to run, no especial sacrifices to make. The system of truth is made ready to their hand. Publications are provided for them, vindicating the truths they advance.

Some young men start out with no real sense of the exalted character of the work. They have not privations, and hardships, and severe conflicts to meet, which call for the exercise of faith. They do not cultivate practical self-denial, and cherish a spirit of sacrifice. Some are becoming proud and lifted up, and have no real burden of the work upon them. The True Witness speaks to these ministers, "Be zealous, therefore, and repent."<sup>5</sup> These ministers are some of them so lifted up in pride that they are really a hindrance and a curse to the precious cause of God.

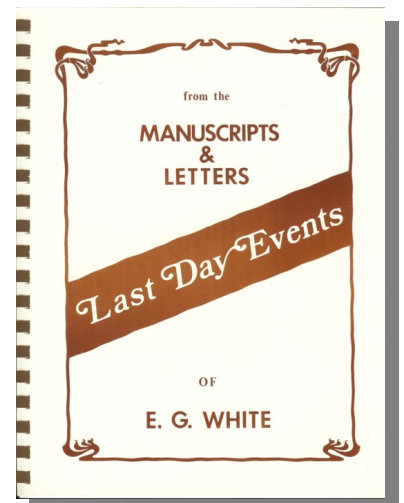


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They do not exert an influence which is saving upon others. There is need of these men being thoroughly converted to God themselves, and sanctified by the truths they present to others.

Very many feel impatient and jealous because they are frequently disturbed with warning and reproofs which keep their sins before them. Says the True Witness, "I know thy works."<sup>6</sup> The motives, the purposes, and the unbelief, suspicions, and jealousies may be hid from men, but not from Christ. The True Witness comes as a counselor; "I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eye-salve, that thou mayest see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous, therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne."<sup>7</sup>

6. Rev. 3:25

Those who heed the testimony of warning, and zealously go about the work of separating their sins from them, in order to have the needed graces, will be opening the door of their hearts that the dear Saviour may come in and dwell with them. This class you will ever find in perfect harmony with the testimony of the Spirit of God.

7. Rev. 3:18-21

Ministers who are preaching present truth should not neglect the solemn message to the Laodiceans. The testimony of the True Witness is not a smooth message. The Lord does not say to them, You are about right, you have borne chastisement and reproof that you never deserved, you have been discouraged unnecessarily by severity, you are not guilty of the wrongs and sins of which you have been reproofed.

9. Rev. 3:15

The True Witness declares that when you suppose you are really in a good condition of prosperity you are in need of everything. It is not enough for ministers to present theoretical subjects. They need to study the practical lessons Christ gave his disciples, and make a close application of the same to their own souls and to the people. Because Christ bears this rebuking testimony, shall we suppose that he is destitute of tender love to his people? Oh, no! He who died to redeem man from death, loves with a divine love. He rebukes those he loves. "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten."<sup>8</sup> But many will not receive the message Heaven in mercy sends them. They cannot endure to be told of their wrongs, and of their neglect of duty, of their selfishness, their pride, and love of the world.

10. Rev. 3:19-21

The servants of the Lord should bear a plain testimony. They should cry aloud and spare not, and show the people their transgressions, and the house of Israel their sins. But there is a class who will not receive the message of reproof, and they raise their hands to shield those whom God would reprove and correct. They will ever be found sympathizing with those whom God would make to feel their true poverty.

8. Rev. 3:19

The word of the Lord spoken through his servants, is received by many with questionings and fears. And many will defer their obedience to the warnings and reproofs given, waiting till every shadow of uncertainty

is removed from their minds. The unbelief that demands perfect knowledge will never yield to the evidence God is pleased to give. God requires of his people faith that rests upon the weight of evidence, not perfect knowledge. The followers of Jesus Christ, those who accept of the light God sends them, must obey the voice of God speaking to them, when there are many other voices crying out against it. It requires discernment to distinguish the voice of God.

Those who will not act when the Lord calls upon them, waiting for more certain evidence, and more favorable opportunities, will walk in darkness, for the light will be withdrawn. The evidence given one day, if rejected, may never be repeated.

Tempted souls, whose hearts have ever been at war with the faithful reproofing of sin, would cry, Speak unto us smooth things. What disposition will these make of the message of the True Witness to the Laodiceans? There can be no deception here. This message must be borne to a lukewarm church by God's servants. This message must arouse the people of God from their security and dangerous deception in regard to their real standing before God. This testimony, if received, will arouse to action, and lead to self-abasement, and confessions of sins. The True Witness says, "I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot."<sup>9</sup> And again, "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten; be zealous, therefore, and repent." Then comes the promise, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock; if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." "To him that overcometh, will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne."<sup>10</sup>

These wrongs and sins, which have brought the people of God in their state of wretchedness, blindness, and poverty, must be seen, and they arouse to zealous repentance, and a putting away of these sins which have brought them into such a deplorable condition of blindness and fearful deception. The pointed testimony must live in the church. And this alone will answer to the message to the Laodiceans. Wrongs must be reproofed, sins must be called sins, and iniquity must be met promptly and decidedly, and put away from us as a people.

Those whom God has chosen for an important work, have ever been received with distrust and suspicion. Anciently, when Elijah was sent with a message from God to the people, they did not heed the warning. They thought Elijah unnecessarily severe. He must, they thought, have lost his senses, that he would denounce them, the favored people of God, as sinners, and their crimes, so aggravating, that the judgments of God would awaken against them.

Satan and his host have ever been arrayed against those who bear the message of warning and reprove sins. The unconsecrated will be united with the adversary of souls, to make the work of God's faithful servants as hard as possible. Elijah, one of God's great and mighty prophets, as he fled for his life from the rage of Jezebel, an infuriated woman, a fugitive, weary and travel worn, desired to die rather than live. His bitter disappointment in regard to Israel's faithfulness crushed his spirits, and he felt that he could no longer

put confidence in man. In the day of Job's affliction and darkness, he utters these words: "Let the day perish wherein I was born."<sup>11</sup>

11. Job 3:3

When Ahab ruled Israel, the people departed from God and corrupted their ways before him under his perverted rule. "And Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the Lord above all that were before him. And it came to pass, as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took to wife Jezebel, the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians, and went and served Baal, and worshiped him. And he reared up an altar for Baal in the house of Baal, which he had built in Samaria. And Ahab made a grove; and Ahab did more to provoke the Lord God of Israel to anger than all of the kings that were before him."<sup>12</sup>

12. 1Kings 16:30-33

Ahab was weak in moral power. He did not have a high sense of sacred things. He was selfish and unprincipled. His union by marriage with a woman of decided character, and positive temperament, devoted to idolatry, made them both special agents of Satan to lead the people of God into idolatry and terrible apostasy. The determined spirit of Jezebel molded the character of Ahab. His selfish nature was incapable of appreciating the mercies of God to his people, his obligation to God, as the guardian and leader of Israel. The fear of God was daily growing less in Israel. The blasphemous tokens of their blind idolatry were to be seen among the Israel of God. There were none who dared to expose their lives by openly standing forth in opposition to the prevailing blasphemous idolatry. The altars of Baal, and the priests of Baal who sacrificed to the sun, moon, and stars, were conspicuous everywhere. They had consecrated temples and groves, wherein was placed the work of men's hands to worship. The benefits which God gave to this people called forth from them no gratitude to the Giver. For all the bounties of Heaven, the running brooks, and streams of living waters, the gentle dew, and showers of rain to refresh the earth, and to cause their fields to bring forth abundantly, they ascribed to the favor of their gods.

13. Josh. 6:18,26

Elijah's faithful soul was grieved. His indignation was aroused, and he was jealous for the glory of God. He saw that Israel was plunged into fearful apostasy. He was overwhelmed with amazement and grief at the apostasy of the people when he called to mind the great things that God had wrought for them. But all this was forgotten by the majority of the people. He went before God, and with his soul wrung with anguish, plead for him to save his people if it must be by judgments. He plead with God to withhold from his ungrateful people dew and rain, the treasures of heaven, that apostate Israel might look in vain to their idols of gold, wood, and stone, the sun, moon, and stars, their gods, to water the earth and enrich it, and cause it to bring forth plentifully. God told Elijah he had heard his prayer. He would withhold from his people dew and rain, until they should turn unto him with repentance.

God had especially guarded his people from mingling with the idolatrous nations around them, lest their hearts should be deceived by their attractive groves and shrines, temples, and altars, all of which were arranged in the most expensive, alluring manner,

to pervert the senses, so that God would be supplanted in their minds.

Jericho was a city devoted to the most extravagant idolatry. The inhabitants were very wealthy. All the riches that God had given them they accredited to the gifts of their gods. Gold and silver were in abundance. Like the people before the flood, they were corrupt and blasphemous. They insulted and provoked the God of Heaven by their wicked works. God's judgments awakened against Jericho. It was a stronghold. But the Captain of the Lord's host came himself from Heaven to lead the armies of Heaven in the attack upon the city. Angels of God laid hold of the massive walls and brought them to the ground. God had said that the city of Jericho should be accursed, and that all should perish except Rahab and her household. They should be saved because of the favor that Rahab showed the messengers of the Lord. The word of the Lord to the people was, "And ye in any wise keep yourselves from the accursed thing, lest ye make yourselves accursed, when ye take of the accursed thing, and make the camp of Israel a curse, and trouble it." "And Joshua adjured them at that time, saying, Cursed be the man before the Lord, that riseth up and buildeth this city Jericho; he shall lay the foundation thereof in his first-born, and in his youngest son shall he set up the gates of it."<sup>13</sup>

God was very particular in regard to Jericho, lest the people should be charmed with the things that the inhabitants had worshiped, and their hearts be diverted from him. He guards his people by most positive commands. Notwithstanding the solemn injunction from God by the mouth of Joshua, Achan ventured to transgress. His covetousness led him to take the treasures God had forbidden him to touch, because his curse was upon it. And because of this man's sin, the Israel of God were as weak as water before their enemies.

Joshua and the elders of Israel were in great affliction. They lay before the ark of God in most abject humility, because the Lord was wroth with his people. Joshua and the elders of Israel prayed and wept before God. The Lord spoke to Joshua, "Get thee up; wherefore liest thou thus upon thy face? Israel hath sinned, and they have also transgressed my covenant which I commanded them; for they have even taken of the accursed thing, and have also stolen, and dissembled also, and they have put it even among their own stuff. Therefore the children of Israel could not stand before their enemies, but turned their backs before their enemies, because they were accursed; neither will I be with you any more, except ye destroy the accursed from among you."<sup>14</sup>

14. Josh. 7:10-12

—Ellen G. White  
(To be Continued.)

**The True Witness has said,  
"Buy of me gold tried in the fire,  
that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment,  
that thou mayest be clothed,  
and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear."  
The Faith I Live By 306.4**

# Editorial—Laodicea & Elijah

In this issue we start a new series on the cover page. The title “Laodicean Church” caught my attention, because when I was growing up it seemed that we were proud to call ourselves the Laodicean church. There are two ways to look at this title: it is the last church in prophecy, yes, but in character this title is not a good thing. The Bible does not give a good description of the character of the Laodicean church or the people.

When I first started reading this series I thought that it might have been titled wrong, since these articles are about Elijah and I have never heard a sermon placing Israel in comparison to Laodicea. But as I read more, I realized that Sister White was giving us a lesson about living a faithful life and not

living in fear. With all the things happening around the world now it is easy to become distracted and afraid, or to try to forget that we are living in the end times. These articles remind us about being dedicated to the Lord, about holding onto Him through every situation. The Bible tells us where Elijah fell short of this during his life, and maybe we can see places in our own lives where we also fall short of what God has in mind for us. Yet think about how the Lord worked with Elijah and where he is now. To be part of the 144,000 we need the zeal of Elijah. We need to have no fear of standing alone, just like Elijah did on Mt. Carmel. We will all face our own Mt. Carmels, for we are told “In the last great conflict of the controversy

with Satan those who are loyal to God will see every earthly support cut off.” DA 122. Let us all make sure our character does not reflect the lukewarm attitude of the Laodicean people or church—let us instead remain faithful and steadfast!

Brethren, now is the preparation time and it is swiftly running out. Even those in the world who do not know the gospel can see that a crisis is coming in the world. We know that our faith will be tested, and how we stand through those tests will show for eternity. It is not the time to be like Laodicea; it is the time to be like Elijah. To cling to our Lord and Savior and stand for our faith, so that we, too, may be taken home through the clouds to be with Him.

## Story—A Night in a Log-House

### A True Story

Many years ago, Mr. and Mrs. J went to live out West somewhere in Ohio. The place was very different then from what it is now. It was thinly settled, and the nearest house to their own was six miles away.

One morning Mr. J left home on business, intending to return by nightfall. But he was detained, and as the night closed in, his wife gave the children their supper and put them to bed. Evening wore on, and still he did not come. A slight noise at the little window made her turn her head; and there, in the darkness, were two great eyes staring into the room. Terrified as she was, she kept still, and soon discerned that the eyes belonged to huge bear. Now it is very seldom that wild beasts approach a house. They never do it except when driven by extreme hunger. But this was in winter time, and the bear, no doubt, found it hard to get a living.

What could the poor woman do? The strong, hungry animal could easily break

the window; but there was one thing that made her hesitate. It was the glowing fire. Wild beasts are much afraid of fire; and it is a custom with hunters, when encamping in a forest, to kindle one, for the purpose of keeping them off. This she knew. Her husband had provided her with abundance of wood, close beside the fire-place; and her resolution was quickly made. She piled on the wood, and kept up a large fire. There she sat alone throughout the long, anxious night, while her children slept; for she did not disturb them. The bear would grow tired of standing on two feet and get down for a few moments; then he would rise up again and put his fore-paws on the window.

What a night it was! Mrs. J’s greatest anxiety was for her husband. She and her children, in the house, were comparatively safe, while she kept the fire blazing; but she was every moment expecting her husband, and for him to meet the hungry bear was certain destruction.

Who could help her in this hour of bitter need? But One.

That One did help. Her husband’s business kept him late, and contrary to his first intention, he yielded to the urging of his friends to remain over night; little dreaming of the providence which was moving, through these circumstances, the hearts of his neighbors and his own thoughts little dreaming of the fierce danger that waited beside his dwelling. All night the mother’s vigil lasted; and when day-dawn was near, the bear turned away disappointed, and went back to the woods. Her husband returned soon after, safe and well.

“Deliver us from evil!” Little had the children thought, that night, how much that prayer was needed!

The mother, watching through those hours of peril, illustrates, as in a picture, the One that watches over us all. And remember, dear little ones, the love of Christ is a fire that evil spirits dare not approach; and as long as you keep his love in your hearts, you are safe.

— The Youth’s Instructor Feb 1, 1871

### Grandma’s Hearty Loaf

1/2 c. ground raw Sunflower Seeds  
2/3 c. ground Walnuts  
3/4 c. fresh Whole Wheat bread crumbs  
2 medium raw Potatoes, pureed or finely shredded  
1 c. Nut or Soy Milk  
1 small Onion, finely chopped  
1 clove Garlic, minced  
1 tsp. Sea Salt  
1 Tbsp. Bragg’s Liquid Aminos

1/4 tsp. Sage  
3/4 tsp. Garlic salt

1. Squeeze excess liquid from the potatoes.  
Combine all ingredients in a large bowl.

2. Coat a baking pan with cooking oil spray. Place loaf mixture into pan and bake, covered, at 350 degrees for 45 minutes. Remove cover and bake 15 minutes more.

You can make your own fresh bread crumbs by grinding cubes of whole wheat bread in the blender. Whole wheat pita bread works very nicely for this.

— Nyse Collins  
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# Health Nugget- What are Potatoes Good For?

## Potato: The Golden Crop

Botanical name: *Solanum tuberosum*

Whether it's mashed, baked, boiled, steamed, or sautéed, the potato is a dietary staple around the globe. This root vegetable or tuber is a member of the *Solanaceae* or nightshade family, whose vegetable members include eggplants, peppers, and tomatoes. If allowed to fully grow, the potato plant can produce an inedible fruit that resembles a tomato.

Potatoes originated from South America, specifically in the Andean mountain region. They were later introduced to Europeans by Spanish explorers in the 16th century. On many of their voyages, the Spanish used potatoes as a source of vitamin C to combat scurvy. Today, this vegetable is cultivated world wide and is the world's fourth largest crop, with the state of Idaho as one of the largest producers.

There are about 100 types of potatoes, each varying in shape, size, color, flavor, and nutritional content. The most common types have white/yellow skin and flesh, red skin and flesh, or russet skin and flesh.

Potatoes are different from sweet potatoes, regardless of their many similarities. Sweet potatoes can appear in various colors, including cream, yellow, orange, pink, and purple. On the other hand, normal potatoes have a white or pale yellow flesh with brown, red, or yellow skins. They are either smooth or rough.

Their nutritional profiles also differ from each other. Regular potatoes are high in starches, while sweet potatoes have higher amounts of fiber. Many deem sweet potato the healthier choice, as it boasts of higher levels of nutrients like vitamins A and C.

Some varieties of potatoes, especially if they're fried, are a bane to your health. However, moderate amounts and healthful cooking methods can maximize its benefits. Plus, ordinary potatoes are more versatile in the kitchen and are also more affordable.

## Health Benefits of Potato

Nowadays, potatoes are commonly sold and consumed in the form of greasy French fries or baked potato chips. These processed products are a source of unhealthy fats like trans fat, other processed ingredients, and chemical additives. Excessive consumption of processed potatoes can lead to a myriad of

health problems, including obesity, heart problems, and even cancer.

Minus the unhealthy oils and fats, potatoes are low in calories, and provide fiber and several nutrients. In balanced amounts, they can offer some protection against cancer and cardio-vascular disease. Potato skins are a good source of soluble and insoluble fiber, and this may help prevent constipation and lower LDL cholesterol. Potato's fiber content may also support digestion and absorption of simple sugars.

Potatoes are one of the most abundant sources of B-vitamins, especially vitamin B6 or pyridoxine, thiamin, niacin, pantothenic acid, and folate. It is also a great source of minerals like manganese, phosphorus, copper, potassium, magnesium, and iron.

Phytonutrients with antioxidant effects, such as flavonoids, carotenoids, and caffeic acid, can also be found in potatoes. Red and russet potatoes have sufficient concentrations of vitamin A, as well as carotenes and zeaxanthin.

## Studies on Potato

One study<sup>1</sup> conducted by scientists from the Institute for Food Research found that potatoes provided compounds called kukoamines, which aid in lowering blood pressure. These were previously believed to only be found only in an exotic Chinese herbal plant called *Lycium chinense*, which is used in Chinese infusion herbal medicine. Researchers also stated that both potatoes and the *Lycium chinense* belong to the same plant family, and that the beneficial compounds were also found in tomatoes.

## Potato Fun Facts

Back in the late 1800s, potatoes were as valuable as gold because of their vitamin C content. However, during the 1500s, Spanish explorers failed to recognize this and focused on finding silver and gold upon reaching South America. Potatoes were used as basic rations for conquistadors, and as feed for livestock. In 1899, during the Alaskan Klondike gold rush, miners began to see the nutritional value of potatoes and traded gold for them.

In October 1995, the white potato became the first crop to be grown in outer space. This was a joint project by NASA and the University of Wisconsin, Madison. Researchers came up with this technology to

feed astronauts on long space voyages, and in the hope that it can sustain future space colonies.

## Summary

In the time of the Spanish conquistadors, potatoes were already a favorite for their nutritional profile, versatility in cooking, and affordable price. These tubers come in a variety of shapes, sizes, color, and flavors. Potatoes are rich in vitamins A and C, and B vitamins, as well as certain types of minerals. Some varieties even have phyto-nutrients that have antioxidant properties.

While they provide a number of beneficial properties, potatoes should only be consumed in moderation as they are high in starches. Processed potatoes, such as chips and French Fries, should be avoided as they contain unhealthy fats and synthetic ingredients that can harm your health.

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<sup>1</sup>[\*Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry\* Dihydrocaffeoyl polyamines \(kukoamine and allies\) in potato \(\*Solanum tuberosum\*\) tubers detected during metabolite profiling. June 2005;53\(13\):](#)

### Potato Nutrition Facts

Serving Size: 3.5 ounces (100 grams)  
flesh and skin, raw

	%Daily Value*	Amt. Per Serving
<b>Calories</b>	284	
Calories from fat	3	
<b>Total Fat</b>	--	--
Saturated Fat	0g	1%
Trans Fat	0g	1%
<b>Cholesterol</b>	0mg	0%
<b>Sodium</b>	22mg	1%
<b>Total Carbohydrates</b>	68mg	23%
Dietary Fiber	8g	32%
Sugar	3g	
<b>Protein</b>	7g	

Vitamin A 0%  
Vitamin C 121%  
Calcium 4%  
Iron 16%

\*Percent Daily Values are based on a 2,000 calorie diet. Your daily values may be higher or lower depending on your calorie intake.

— <http://foodfacts.mercola.com/potato.html>

# The King of the North

## Part 13—The Loud Cry, Latter Rain, Connection

There is a lot of discussion today about the identity of the king of the north in Daniel 11:40-45. Many have heard that the current idea of the papacy as the king of the north is the real pioneer position. But as we saw in part 1, this is not true. We have carefully examined the history of the Ottoman Empire and found every specification of the prophecy fulfilled. This leaves us with the conclusion that the time of trouble began sometime around the time when the Ottoman Empire, as the king of north, came to his end in 1922. We have also looked at the statements in the Spirit of Prophecy indicating that the time of trouble was beginning around 1904. The history of the 20<sup>th</sup> century is in complete agreement with our conclusions. In fact, if you don't put the beginning of the time of trouble at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, you will be hard pressed to find anything in prophecy to explain the humanitarian catastrophe of the last century. This supposed lack of prophetic mention of the horrendous things that have happened in the last hundred years have left many young people with the feeling that the Adventist message is irrelevant to the modern world.

As you can see, correctly identifying of the king of north is of vital importance in understanding where we are in history in relation to the close of probation. So why haven't we understood this before? Could it be that Satan has blinded our eyes? The answer is yes, and this is exactly what we were warned was going to happen.

"We want to understand the time in which we live. We do not half understand it. We do not half take it in. My heart trembles in me when I think of what a foe we have to meet, and how poorly we are prepared to meet him. **The trials of the children of Israel, and their attitude just before the first coming of Christ, have been presented before me again and again to illustrate the position of the people of God in their experience before the second coming of Christ – how the enemy sought every occasion to take control of the minds of the Jews, and today he is seeking to blind the minds of God's servants, that they may not be able to discern the precious truth.**" *Selected Messages Vol. 1 page 406*

"Satan is working that the history of the Jewish nation may be repeated in the

experience of those who claim to believe present truth. The Jews had the Old Testament Scriptures, and supposed themselves conversant with them. But they made a woeful mistake. The prophecies that refer to the glorious second appearing of Christ in the clouds of heaven they regarded as referring to His first coming. **Because He did not come according to their expectations, they turned away from Him.** Satan knew just how to take these men in his net, and deceive and destroy them." *Selected Messages Vol. 2 page 111.*

"There was a present truth—truth at that time of special importance—in the days of Christ, of Paul, of Luther; there is a present truth for the church today. But truth is no more desired by the men of today than it was by the Jews in the time of Christ, or by papists in the days of Luther. **Therefore Satan, working now with tenfold greater power, succeeds as of old in blinding the eyes of men and darkening their understanding.**" *Signs of the Times, June 21, 1883.*

What was the attitude of the Jews that we were told would be repeated today?

"While the Jews desired the advent of the Messiah, they had no true conception of His mission... **They had studied the prophecies, but without spiritual insight.** Thus they overlooked those scriptures that point to the humiliation of Christ's first advent, and misapplied those that speak of the glory of His second coming. **Pride obscured their vision. They interpreted prophecy in accordance with their selfish desires.**" *The Desire of Ages, page 29-30.*

"The angels from Heaven behold with astonishment the indifference of the people, and their ignorance in regard to the advent of the Prince of Life. The proud Pharisees, claiming to be God's chosen people, in their hypocritical devotions, are proclaiming the law, and exalting traditions, while men of other nations are dealing in fables, and are worshiping false gods. All alike were ignorant of the great event which prophecy had foretold would transpire...

"As there are none among the sons of men to herald the advent of the Messiah, angels must now do that work which it was the honored privilege of men to do. **But the angels, with the glad tidings of the birth of the Saviour, are sent to the humble shepherds, and not to the learned Jews,**

**who profess to be the expounders of prophecy; for they have no heart to receive it.**" *Spirit of Prophecy Vol. 2, page 16-17.*

"The Jews had separated themselves so far from God by their wicked works, that angels could not communicate to them the tidings of the advent of the infant Redeemer. God chooses the wise men of the East to do his will." *Spirit of Prophecy Vol. 2, page 19*

"The Jewish nation followed their own standard, and, walking in the sparks of their own kindling, they perished in their delusion. They did not respond to the wonderful works of Christ, or appreciate the words of him who spake as never man spake. **They followed the imagination of their own hearts, and they were given up to be cursed by their own ambition, and to be destroyed with the falsehoods and delusions upon which they had built.**" *Sabbath-School Worker, January 1, 1895*

"Before his crucifixion, the Saviour explained to his disciples that he was to be put to death, and to rise again from the tomb; and angels were present to impress his words on minds and hearts. But the disciples were looking for temporal deliverance from the Roman yoke, and they could not tolerate the thought that he in whom all their hopes centered should suffer an ignominious death. **The words which they needed to remember were banished from their minds; and when the time of trial came, it found them unprepared.** The death of Jesus as fully destroyed their hopes as if he had not forewarned them. **So in the prophecies the future is opened before us as plainly as it was opened to the disciples by the words of Christ. The events connected with the close of probation and the work of preparation for the time of trouble, are clearly presented. But multitudes have no more understanding of these important truths than if they had never been revealed.** Satan watches to catch away every impression that would make them wise unto salvation, and the time of trouble will find them unready." *Review and Herald June 7, 1906.*

We have seen clearly in the previous parts of this study the positive testimony that the time of trouble began with the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. But Adventists have been taught all their lives that the time of trouble is in the future, after the Sunday law. How

does the Sunday law fit into this?

“The substitution of the laws of men for the law of God, the exaltation, by merely human authority, of Sunday in place of the Bible Sabbath, is the **last act in the drama**. When this substitution becomes universal, God will reveal Himself. He will arise in His majesty to shake terribly the earth. He will come out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the world for their iniquity, and the earth shall disclose her blood and shall no more cover her slain.” *Testimonies Vol. 7, page 141*

“**The substitution of the false for the true is the last act in the drama.** When this substitution becomes universal, God will reveal himself. When the laws of men are exalted above the laws of God, when the powers of this earth try to force men to keep the first day of the week, know that the time has come for God to work. He will arise in His majesty, and will shake terribly the earth. He will come out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the world for their iniquity. The earth shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain.” *Review and Herald April 23, 1901.*

If the Sunday law is the last act of the drama, occurring just prior to the close of probation and the pouring out of the plagues, and the time of trouble begins before the close of probation, how can the Sunday law be the beginning of the time of trouble? Many are waiting for the Sunday law to get ready because they think that the time of trouble is a future event. This thinking is a fatal mistake.

“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 page 412.*

The calamity is sudden and unlooked for. This is not the Sunday law, for it is expected and looked forward to by Adventists as the time they think they will receive the latter rain and be able to get ready. But the Sunday law is the great final test, at which time all will be decided, there will be no time then to get ready. The preceding calamity, the crisis sudden and unlooked for is the “time of

trouble such as never was since there was a nation” that precedes the Sunday law. This is a calamity no one expected to come so early and for which little preparation was made. This is the calamity that we call the 20<sup>th</sup> century, that historians call the greatest humanitarian disaster in the history of mankind. Just when the world thought they were on the verge of the millennium of temporal peace, the world plunged into the worst destruction ever seen in history.

“I saw that many were neglecting the preparation so needful and were looking to the time of ‘refreshing’ and the ‘latter rain’ to fit them to stand in the day of the Lord and to live in His sight. Oh, how many I saw in the time of trouble without a shelter! They had neglected the needful preparation; therefore they could not receive the refreshing that all must have to fit them to live in the sight of a holy God. Those who refuse to be hewed by the prophets and fail to purify their souls in obeying the whole truth, and who are willing to believe that their condition is far better than it really is, will come up to the time of the falling of the plagues, and then see that they needed to be hewed and squared for the building. But there will be no time then to do it and no Mediator to plead their cause before the Father. Before this time the awfully solemn declaration has gone forth, ‘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.’ I saw that none could share the ‘refreshing’ unless they obtain the victory over every besetment, over pride, selfishness, love of the world, and over every wrong word and action. We should, therefore, be drawing nearer and nearer to the Lord and be earnestly seeking that preparation necessary to enable us to stand in the battle in the day of the Lord. Let all remember that God is holy and that none but holy beings can ever dwell in His presence.” *Early Writings page 71.*

“I was shown God’s people waiting for some change to take place—a compelling power to take hold of them. But they will be disappointed, for they are wrong. They must act, they must take hold of the work themselves and earnestly cry to God for a true knowledge of themselves. The scenes which are passing before us are of sufficient magnitude to cause us to arouse and urge the truth home to the hearts of all who will listen. The harvest of the earth is nearly ripe.” *Testimonies Vol. 1 page 261*

“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.” *Maranatha page 259*

“As the members of the body of Christ approach the period of their last conflict, ‘the time of Jacob’s trouble,’ they will grow up into Christ, and will partake largely of his Spirit. As the third message swells to a loud cry, and as great power and glory attends the closing work, the faithful people of God will partake of that glory. It is the latter rain which revives and strengthens them to pass through the time of trouble. Their faces will shine with the glory of that light which attends the third angel.” *Review and Herald May 27, 1862*

If the Sunday law occurs just prior to the close of probation, then the latter rain must fall before the Sunday law. This is exactly what we find in the Spirit of Prophecy. Remember how Early writings speaks of the “commencement of the time of trouble?” During this commencement of the time of trouble we find the loud cry and latter rain.

“I saw that God had children who do not see and keep the Sabbath. They have not rejected the light upon it. And at the commencement of the time of trouble, we were filled with the Holy Ghost as we went forth and proclaimed the Sabbath more fully. This enraged the churches and nominal Adventists, as they could not refute the Sabbath truth. And at this time God’s chosen all saw clearly that we had the truth, and they came out and endured the persecution with us. I saw the sword, famine, pestilence, and great confusion in the land. The wicked thought that we had brought the judgments upon them, and they rose up and took counsel to rid the earth of us, thinking that then the evil would be stayed.” *Early Writings page 33.*

“This view was given in 1847 (referring to the paragraph we just quoted) 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, page 85 (parenthesis and emphasis added)*

This would mean that the time of the latter rain and the giving of the Loud Cry must start at the beginning of the time of trouble, not at the end of it. If the time of trouble began near the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, which we have clearly seen that it did, then the Loud Cry and latter rain must begin at that time too. Could this even be possible? Are we not to look to the future for these things?

The Sabbath has certainly been proclaimed more fully than ever before. If you open a modern dictionary it will tell you that the Sabbath is the 7<sup>th</sup> day of the week. This was not true 100 years ago. In those days they routinely used the word to refer to Sunday. But the truth has been proclaimed so fully that the world today knows that the word Sabbath refers to the 7<sup>th</sup> day or Saturday and, in most cases, no longer uses it to refer to Sunday.

**"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."** *Maranatha page 259*

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Let's add the latter rain and loud cry and Sunday law to that chart of the three times of trouble we had in an earlier article.

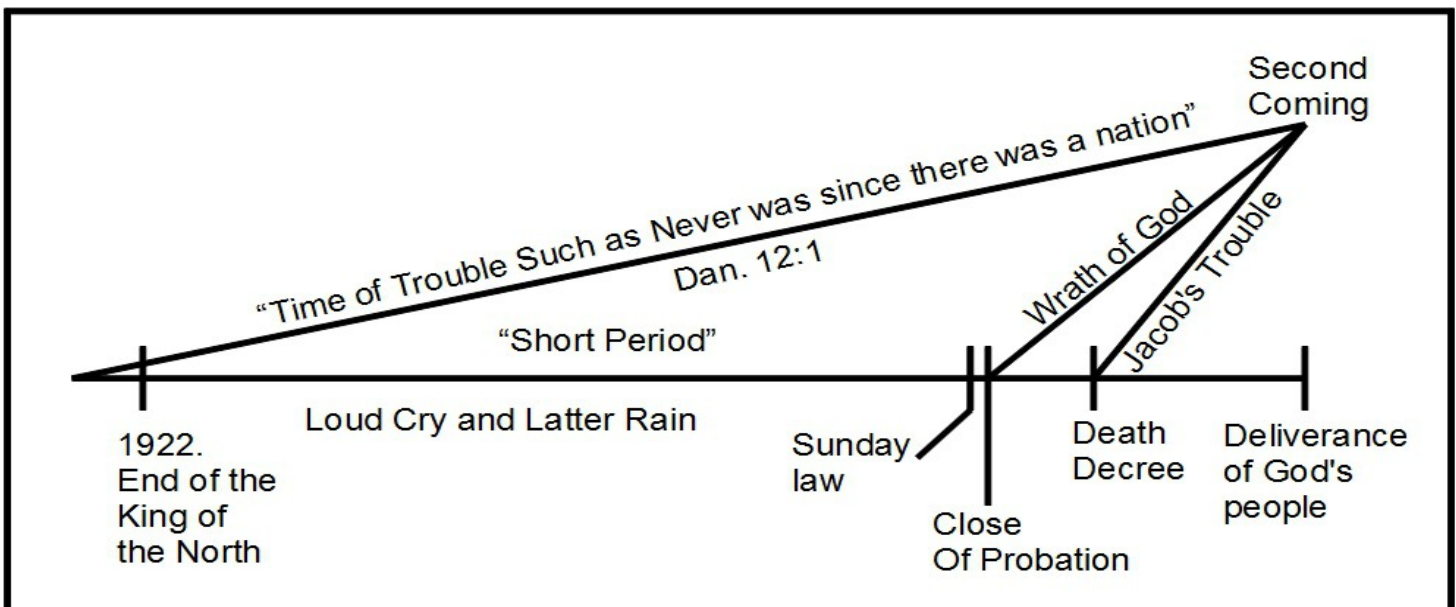
If you take the statements in the Spirit of Prophecy regarding the latter rain and loud cry and do the same thing we did in part 9 with the time of trouble statements you find they follow a similar pattern.

- **1849**—"...the time of trouble, such as never was, had not yet commenced." (*Early Writings, page 36*)
- **"At that time** (commencement of the time of trouble) the **'latter rain,'** or refreshing from the presence of the Lord, **will come,** to give power to the **loud voice** of the third angel..." (*Early Writings page 85, 86*)
- **1894**—"We are in the very shadow of the time of trouble which is fast approaching, a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation." *The Home Missionary, December 1, 1894*
- **1892**—"The descent of the Holy Spirit upon the church is looked forward to as [being something to be bestowed] in the future, **but it is the privilege of the church to have it now.** *Last Day Events*

(*Non Conference Edition*) page 61.

- "The time of test is just upon us, for **the loud cry of the third angel has already begun...**" *Review and Herald Nov. 22, 1892.*
- **1897**—"We must not wait for the latter rain. **It is coming** upon all who will recognize and appropriate the dew and showers of grace that fall upon us." *Manuscript Releases Vol. 2 page 18.*
- **It is the time of the latter rain,** when the Lord will give largely of His Spirit. *Testimonies to Ministers page 512.*
- **1904**—"We are **now entering upon the time of trouble** spoken of: [Daniel 12:1-4 quoted]" (*Manuscript Releases, Volume 13, page 394*)
- **1906**—"In the eighteenth chapter (of Revelation) is recorded the very last call to the churches. **This call is now to be given.**" (*Manuscript 75, Sept. 20, 1906, Upward Look page 277*)
- **1907**—"The time of trouble has **already begun.**" (*Manuscript Releases, Volume 21, page 101*)
- **1913**—"The message **for today** is... Revelation 18" (*Review and Herald, November 20, 1913*)
- **1914**—"We are standing on the threshold of the crisis of the ages." (*Prophets & Kings, page 278*)

These are just a few of the statements on the latter rain and loud cry, but just from this it seems plain that sister White was placing



both events in the current context in the first decade of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. It is perfectly consistent with the king of the north coming to his end in 1922 and the commencement of the time of trouble sometime around that same time. This means that the time of the loud cry and latter rain has been here for an entire century! We are right at the tail end of things. Why didn't we notice? Because we have been living in the time of trouble all our natural lives and the confusion and trouble seem normal to us. But what we live with on a daily basis would not have seemed normal at all to people living a century ago! But why haven't we seen evidence of the latter rain during this time? Perhaps this is the reason.

"Many have in a great measure failed to receive the former rain. They have not obtained all the benefits that God has thus provided for them. They expect that the lack will be supplied by the latter rain. When the richest abundance of grace shall be bestowed, they intend to open their hearts to receive it. They are making a terrible mistake. The work that God has begun in the human heart in giving his light and knowledge, must be continually going forward. Every individual must realize his own necessity. The heart must be emptied of every defilement, and cleansed for the indwelling of the Spirit. It was by the confession and forsaking of sin, by earnest prayer and consecration of themselves to God, that the early disciples prepared for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. The same work, only in greater degree, must be done now. Then the human agent had only to ask for the blessing, and wait for the Lord to perfect the work concerning him. It is God who began the work, and he will finish his work, making man complete in Jesus Christ. But there must be no neglect of the grace represented by the former rain. **Only those who are living up to the light they have, will receive greater light. Unless we are daily advancing in the exemplification of the active Christian virtues, we shall not recognize the manifestations of the Holy Spirit in the latter rain. It may be falling on hearts all around us, but we shall not discern or receive it.**" *Review and Herald, March 2, 1897.*

What is the latter rain?

"Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the **words of my mouth. My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew**, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass:" *Deuteronomy 32:1-2.*

We gather from this passage and others that the rain is the words of God, or His message. The latter rain is to come as a

message to the people, accompanied by the Holy Spirit. So, what is this message?

"The Lord in His great mercy sent a most precious message to His people through Elders Waggoner and Jones. This message was to bring more prominently before the world the uplifted Saviour, the sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. It presented justification through faith in the Surety; it invited the people to receive the righteousness of Christ, which is made manifest in obedience to all the commandments of God. Many had lost sight of Jesus. They needed to have their eyes directed to His divine person, His merits, and His changeless love for the human family. All power is given into His hands, that He may dispense rich gifts unto men, imparting the priceless gift of His own righteousness to the helpless human agent. **This is the message that God commanded to be given to the world. It is the third angel's message, which is to be proclaimed with a loud voice, and attended with the outpouring of His Spirit in a large measure.**" *Testimonies to Ministers page 91-92.*

"**The whole earth is to be lightened with the glory of God's truth.** The Lord will not close up the period of probation until the warning shall be more distinctly proclaimed. The trumpet must give a certain sound. The law of God is to be magnified, its claims must be presented in their true, sacred character, that the people may be brought to decide for or against the truth. Yet the work will be cut short in righteousness. **The message of Christ's righteousness is to sound from one end of the world to the other. This is the glory of God which closes the work of the third angel...**" *Last Day Events page 79, (Non Conference Edition) Letter 2C, 1892.*

"In the closing work of God in the earth, the standard of His law will be again exalted... in the hour of greatest peril the God of Elijah will raise up human instrumentalities to bear a message that will not be silenced... 'Fear God, and give glory to Him...' Rev. 14:7-10. At the judgment this covenant will be brought forth, plainly written with the finger of God, and the world will be arraigned before the bar of Infinite Justice to receive sentence... **And the message for today is: 'Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen... Come out of her, My people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.'** Revelation 18:2, 4, 5." *Prophets and Kings page 186-187.*

"**God designs that the plan of redemption shall come to His people as**

**the latter rain:** for they are fast losing their connection with God. They are trusting in man, and glorifying man, and their strength is proportionate to the strength of their dependence. Some matters have been opened before me which will be fulfilled ere long. We are to know more than we do at the present time. We are to comprehend the deep things of God... We need to study the Scriptures with humble, contrite hearts. Those who will devote their powers to the study of Gods Word, and **especially the prophecies referring to these last days, will be rewarded by the discovery of important truths.**" *Ms 75, 1899, pp. 4, 5 Untitled Manuscript, May 11, 1899, Manuscript Releases page 195.*

So, the latter rain comes as a message. This message is the doctrine of Christ, the plan of salvation, righteousness by faith, the law of God, the Sabbath, a call to come out of Babylon, and a clearer understanding of the prophecies. This message is to be given at the beginning of the time of trouble, which we have proved began at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. This means that while the Lord has been pouring out the latter rain, we have been waiting for the Sunday law to receive it and give the message!

"**The third angel's message is swelling into a loud cry**, and you must not feel at liberty to neglect the present duty, and still entertain the idea that at some future time you will be the recipients of great blessing, when without any effort on your part a wonderful revival will take place. Today you are to give yourselves to God, that He may make of you vessels unto honor, and meet for His service." *The Review and Herald, March 22, 1892.*

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It is obvious that the latter rain, loud cry, and time of trouble began together right around the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. But Adventists have been taught all their lives that these three events are future, after the Sunday Law. Could it be that we have been deceived by our leaders? Just as the Jews were deceived by their leaders? Not only is it possible, it has happened! What the whole thing boils down to is this. Do you believe the testimonies of God's Spirit or don't you?

"Satan is working that the history of the Jewish nation may be repeated in the experience of those who claim to believe present truth... Satan knew just how to take these men in his net, and deceive and destroy them." *Selected Messages Vol. 2, page 111.*

Have we been deceived? What false methods of interpretation have been used to deceive us? How can we avoid being caught unprepared when probation closes? We will consider these questions in the next article.

— Rick and Virginia Markwell

**I saw that the testimony of the True Witness has not been half heeded. The solemn testimony upon which the destiny of the church hangs has been lightly esteemed, if not entirely disregarded. This testimony must work deep repentance; all who truly receive it will obey it and be purified.**  
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Heb. 6:10-11.

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As Remnant people of God are enlightening the dark benighted mind of men; the light of the scriptures 2Pet.1:19 of the New Testament proves a more sure word into the dark blinded minds of men with a strong and convincing prophetic fulfillment hidden behind a dark glass as proper means and methods of revealing that a day dawns and the day-star has already risen in our souls.

This important truth of the divine origin found in the Holy Scriptures can profitably be used in an illustration of overhead projection of peculiar manner the future written history being experienced now. 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand' is the grand truth which E\_\_ O\_\_ and I have laid plans to go and present as overhead projections in selected centers in K\_\_ and T\_\_. We have tried it there and people yearned to hear this message in modules of power point projections as we explained to relate the fast fulfilling history. I learned that the majority liked to see as they read for themselves from the SOP. 'Caught Unprepared and Time of Trouble' were most impressive upon the mind of many and I planned to get some copies be printed out to this region which is majorly of Adventist belief.

Since I came back from M\_\_ B in K\_\_ where we based our travels to different places within the region, I have been preparing lessons picked from B\_\_ and R\_\_ sites that have the truth for this time. I am now ready to do mass printing to counter the false presentation of the Adventist doctrine in this region which the seventh day church affiliated at the GC in USA been printing materials of Adventist literature at K\_\_ B\_\_ printing press in K\_\_.

I called upon K\_\_ in T\_\_ to see how we can do the printing of Present truth materials at a much cheaper rate so that we can have enough printed matter for house to house evangelism in these areas where we don't speak the local language. He told me to buy ink, master copies and papers in K\_\_ where they are cheaper. I therefore traveled to K\_\_ in pursuit for the same. I also wanted to get some booklets printed out to be given out to our co-workers which they can easily refer to as they continue in soul winning struggle in these last days.

V\_\_ S\_\_ from L\_\_ - DRC has asked for

a one month evangelistic campaign in his country between June - July 2017 and this is a mainly French speaking nation which was a little bit challenging to get French materials organized for print out! He has also agreed to join me in helping with translations where English will be our official language. Even if some people know Kiswahili, we agreed that English and French languages shall be used. It is my kind request that our supporters do continue extending a helping hand towards this project so that many may be saved from error seen afar as if in a translucent glass of doctrine covering the Christendom for many years.

Bro. E\_\_ O\_\_ has already mobilized our brethren in respective areas for the work to be done which is aimed at reviving the work that was started some years back Isa. 59:16 and that even if we leave these areas, our literature of present truth will be there to sustain the grand truth we stand for. We are also taking this opportunity to encourage our brethren to be united with us for a common cause in the Lord's vineyard and I believe that the brethren are now understanding the reason for SRA. I very thankful that in every areas we hold evangelism, a special meeting for unity marks a close of all efforts with the next location of campaign.

Thank you for supporting us in all these endeavors without which it is indeed difficult to accomplish what I am writing about. Pray for us.

God bless you.

N J

**The counsel of the True Witness is full of encouragement and comfort. The churches may yet obtain the gold of truth, faith, and love, and be rich in heavenly treasure.**  
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# Christian Service

## Chap. 8 - Organizing Christian Forces

### Organization Essential

Time is short, and our forces must be organized to do a larger work.--Testimonies, vol. 9, p. 27. {ChS 72.1}

The formation of small companies as a basis of Christian effort has been presented to me by One who cannot err.--Testimonies, vol. 7, pp. 21, 22. {ChS 72.2}

Let there be in every church, well-organized companies of workers to labor in the vicinity of that church.--Review and Herald, Sept. 29, 1891. {ChS 72.3}

In every city there should be a corps of organized, well-disciplined workers; not merely one or two, but scores should be set to work.--General Conference Bulletin, 1893, p. 37. {ChS 72.4}

In our churches let companies be formed for service. Let different ones unite in labor as fishers of men. Let them seek to gather souls from the corruption of the world into the saving purity of Christ's love.--Testimonies, vol. 7, p. 21. {ChS 72.5}

The church of Christ on earth was organized for missionary purposes, and the Lord desires to see the entire church devising ways and means whereby high and low, rich and poor, may hear the message of truth.--Testimonies, vol. 6, p. 29. {ChS 72.6}

If there is a large number in the church, let the members be formed into small companies, to work not only for the church members, but for unbelievers. If in one place there are only two or three who know the truth, let them form themselves into a band of workers.--Testimonies, vol. 7, p. 22. {ChS 72.7}

If discipline and order are necessary for successful action on the battlefield, the same are as much more needful in the warfare in which we are engaged as the object to be gained is of greater value and more elevated in character, than those for which opposing forces contend upon the field of battle. In the conflict in which we are engaged, eternal interests are at stake.--Testimonies, vol. 1, p. 649. {ChS 72.8}

God is a God of order. Everything connected with heaven is in perfect order; subjection and thorough discipline mark the movements of the angelic host. Success can only attend order and harmonious action. God requires order and system in His work now no less than in the days of Israel. All

who are working for Him are to labor intelligently, not in a careless, haphazard manner. He would have His work done with faith and exactness, that He may place the seal of His approval upon it.-- Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 376. {ChS 73.1}

Well-organized work must be done in the church, that its members may understand how to impart the light to others, and thus strengthen their own faith and increase their knowledge. As they impart that which they have received from God, they will be confirmed in the faith. A working church is a living church. We are built up as living stones, and every stone is to emit light. Every Christian is compared to a precious stone that catches the glory of God and reflects it.--Testimonies, vol. 6, p. 435. {ChS 73.2}

### Lessons in Perfect Organization

He [God] designs that we should learn lessons of order and organization from the perfect order instituted in the days of Moses, for the benefit of the children of Israel.--Testimonies, vol. 1, p. 653. {ChS 73.3}

### First Step in Church Organization

It was at the ordination of the twelve that the first step was taken in the organization of the church that after Christ's departure was to carry on His work on the earth.--Acts of the Apostles, p. 18. {ChS 73.4}

### Model Church Organization

The organization of the church at Jerusalem was to serve as a model for the organization of churches in every other place where messengers of truth should win converts to the gospel. . . . Later in the history of the early church, when in various parts of the world many groups of believers had been formed into churches, the organization of the church was further perfected, so that order and harmonious action might be maintained. Every member was exhorted to act well his part. Each was to make a wise use of the talents intrusted to him.--The Acts of the Apostles, pp. 91, 92. {ChS 73.5}

### Fitting Each Into His Place

Every one who is added to the ranks by conversion is to be assigned his post of duty. Every one should be willing to be or to do anything in this warfare.--Testimonies, vol. 7, p. 30. {ChS 74.1}

It is not numerous institutions, large buildings, or great display that God requires, but the harmonious action of a peculiar people, a people chosen by God and precious. Every man is to stand in his lot and place, thinking, speaking, and acting in harmony with the Spirit of God. Then, and not till then, will the work be a complete, symmetrical whole.-- Testimonies, vol. 6, p. 293. {ChS 74.2}

The strength of an army is measured largely by the efficiency of the men in the ranks. A wise general instructs his officers to train every soldier for active service. He seeks to develop the highest efficiency on the part of all. If he were to depend on his officers alone, he could never expect to conduct a successful campaign. He counts on loyal and untiring service from every man in his army. The responsibility rests largely upon the men in the ranks.--Testimonies, vol. 9, p. 116. {ChS 74.3}

The Master calls for gospel workers. Who will respond? Not all who enter the army are to be generals, captains, sergeants, or even corporals. Not all have the care and responsibility of leaders. There is hard work of other kinds to be done. Some must dig trenches and build fortifications; some are to stand as sentinels; some to carry messages. While there are but few officers, it requires many soldiers to form the rank and file of the army; yet its success depends upon the fidelity of every soldier. One man's cowardice or treachery may bring disaster upon the entire army.-- Gospel Workers, pp. 84, 85. {ChS 74.4}

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**The True Witness says,  
"Behold, I stand at the door,  
and knock."  
Revelation 3:20.  
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