

THE CROWNING ACT The Millennium

“A revival of true godliness among us is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs. To seek this should be our first work.” *Selected Messages*, book 1, 121.

“When we as a people understand what this book means to us, there will be seen among us a great revival.” *Testimonies to Ministers*, 113.

PROPHECY WILL BE UNDERSTOOD

“The **events** of the future will be discerned by **prophecy**, and will be understood.” *Review and Herald*, April 4, 1893.

“We should be awake to discern the signs of the times, and to give warning to the people.” *Signs of the Times*, June 24, 1889.

“**God would have us study the events that are taking place around us, and compare them with the predictions of His Word**, in order that we may understand that we are living in the last days. We want our Bibles, and we want to know what is written therein. **The diligent student of prophecy will be rewarded** with clear revelations of truth, for Jesus said, Thy word is truth.” *Signs of the Times*, October 1, 1894.

“One saying of the Saviour must not be made to destroy another. Though no man knoweth the *day* nor the *hour* of His coming, **we are instructed and required to know when it is near**. We are further taught that to disregard His warning, and refuse or neglect to know when His advent is near, will be **as fatal for us as it was for those who lived in the days of Noah not to know when the flood was coming**.” *The Great Controversy*, 371.

CLASPING HANDS WITH POPERY

“The world is watching our movements with greater interest than we imagine. Many see that what we have told them in regard to the curtailing of religious liberty in our country is coming to pass, although they have denied that such a thing was possible. They have said, ‘When we see that which you predict, when there is danger of a union of Church and State, we will acknowledge that you have the truth.’ But will they acknowledge it? Will they accept the situation, and know that the end is near? **Protestantism is reaching out its hands to clasp hands with popery**, and every indication makes manifest that the prophecies are about to be fulfilled. And now men are looking upon those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, to see what will be their course.” *Review and Herald*, February 21, 1893.

“And the Christian world has sanctioned his efforts by adopting this child of the Papacy—the Sunday institution. **They have nourished it, and will continue to nourish it, until Protestantism shall give the hand of fellowship to the Roman power.**” *Review and Herald*, March 9, 1886.

“Should our nation abjure the principles of Protestantism, to **give countenance and sanction to the Sunday law, they will in this act join hands with popery**; for it will be nothing else than giving life to the tyranny which has been eagerly waiting and watching its opportunity to spring into active despotism.” *Review and Herald*, December 11, 1888.

“To secure popularity and patronage, legislators will yield to the demand for a Sunday law. Those who fear God cannot accept an institution that violates a precept of the Decalogue. On this battlefield comes the last great conflict of the controversy between truth and error. And we are not left in doubt as to the issue. Now, as in the days of Mordecai, the Lord will vindicate His truth and His people.

“By the decree enforcing the institution of the Papacy in violation of the law of God, our nation will disconnect herself fully from righteousness. When Protestantism shall stretch her hand across the gulf to grasp the hand of the Roman power, when she shall reach over the abyss to clasp hands with Spiritualism, when, under the influence of this threefold union, our country shall repudiate every principle of its Constitution as a Protestant and republican government, and shall make provision for the propagation of papal falsehoods and delusions, then we may know that the time has come for the marvelous working of Satan and that the end is near.” *Testimonies*, volume 5, 451.

HE DOETH GREAT WONDERS

“And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by *the means of* those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.” Revelation 13:11–14.

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A THOUSAND YEARS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS AND PEACE

“Taking the manner in which the prophecies had been fulfilled in the past as a criterion by which to judge of the fulfillment of those which were still future, he became satisfied that the popular view of **the spiritual reign of Christ—a temporal millennium** before the end of the world—was not sustained by the word of God. This doctrine, pointing to **a thousand years of righteousness and peace before the personal coming of the Lord**, put far off the terrors of the day of God.” *The Great Controversy*, 321.

“Christ continues, pointing out the condition of the world at His coming: ‘As the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the Flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and knew not until the Flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.’ Christ does not here bring to view **a temporal millennium, a thousand years in which all are to prepare for eternity**. He tells us that as it was in Noah’s day, so will it be when the Son of man comes again.” *The Desire of Ages*, 633.

“When the presiding elder addressed others in the class, he expressed great joy in anticipating **the temporal millennium, when the earth should be filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea**. He longed to see **this glorious period** ushered in.” *Testimonies*, volume 1, 36.

THE AGE TO COME

“Some who were in the 1854 movement have brought along with them erroneous views, such as the nonresurrection of the wicked, and **the future age**, and they are seeking to unite these views and their past experience with the message of the third angel. They cannot do this; there is no concord between Christ and Belial. The nonresurrection of the wicked and their peculiar views of **the age to come** are gross errors which Satan has worked in among the last-day heresies to serve his own purpose to ruin souls. These errors can have no harmony with the message of heavenly origin.” *Testimonies*, volume 1, 411–412.

“God has shown me about some trying to get a substitute after the time passed, some would get Jesus upon the great white cloud, others would be **looking to old Jerusalem, or as they called it the age-to-come**.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 4, 404.

THIS “WAS” THE TEMPORAL MILLENNIUM

“I saw our people in great distress, weeping, and praying, pleading the sure promises of God, while the wicked were all around us, mocking us, and threatening to destroy us. They ridiculed our feebleness, they mocked at the smallness of our numbers, and taunted us with words calculated to cut deep.

They charged us with taking an independent position from all rest of the world. They had cut off our resources so that we could not buy nor sell, and referred to our abject poverty and stricken condition. They could not see how we could live without the world; we were dependent upon the world, and we must concede to the customs, practices, and laws of the world, or go out of it. If we were the only people in the world whom the Lord favored the appearances were awfully against us. They declared that they had the truth, that miracles were among them, that angels from heaven talked with them, and walked with them, that great power, and signs and wonders were performed among them, and **this was the Temporal Millennium, which they had been expecting so long. The whole world was converted and in harmony with the Sunday law**, and this little feeble people stood out in defiance of the laws of the land, and the laws of God, and claimed to be the only ones right on the earth." *Maranatha*, 209.

THE THREEFOLD UNION

"Through the two great errors, the immortality of the soul and Sunday sacredness, Satan will bring the people under his deceptions. While the former lays the foundation of spiritualism, the latter creates a bond of sympathy with Rome. The Protestants of the United States will be foremost in stretching their hands across the gulf **to grasp the hand of spiritualism**; they will reach over the abyss **to clasp hands with the Roman power**; and under **the influence of this threefold union**, this country will follow in the steps of Rome in trampling on the rights of conscience.

"As spiritualism more closely imitates the nominal Christianity of the day, it has greater power to deceive and ensnare. Satan himself is converted, after the modern order of things. He will appear in the character of an angel of light. **Through the agency of spiritualism**, miracles will be wrought, the sick will be healed, and **many undeniable wonders** will be performed. And as the spirits will profess faith in the Bible, and manifest respect for the institutions of the church, their work will be accepted as a manifestation of divine power.

"The line of distinction between professed Christians and the ungodly is now hardly distinguishable. Church members love what the world loves and are ready to join with them, and **Satan determines to unite them in one body** and thus strengthen his cause by sweeping all into the ranks of spiritualism. Papists, who boast of miracles as a certain sign of the true church, will be readily deceived by this wonder-working power; and Protestants, having cast away the shield of truth, will also be deluded. Papists, Protestants, and worldlings *will alike accept the form of godliness without the power*, and **they will see in this union a grand movement** for the conversion of the world and the ushering in of the long-expected millennium." *The Great Controversy*, 588–589.

SUDDENLY & UNEXPECTEDLY

"**When** all is apparently secure, and men retire to contented rest, then the prowling, stealthy, midnight thief steals upon his prey. **When** it is too late to prevent the evil, it is discovered that some door or window was not secured. 'Be

ye also ready: for in an such hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.' People are now settling to rest, imagining themselves secure under the popular churches; but let all beware, lest there is a place left open for the enemy to gain an entrance. **Great pains should be taken to keep this subject before the people. The solemn fact is to be kept not only before the people of the world, but before our own churches also, that the day of the Lord will come suddenly, unexpectedly.** The fearful warning of the prophecy is addressed to every soul. **Let no one feel that he is secure from the danger of being surprised.** Let no one's interpretation of prophecy rob you of the conviction of the knowledge of events which show that **this great event is near at hand.**" *Fundamentals of Christian Education*, 335–336.

"We have no time for dwelling on matters that are of no importance. Our time should be given to proclaiming the last message of mercy to a guilty world. Men are needed who move under the inspiration of the Spirit of God. The sermons preached by some of our ministers will have to be much more powerful than they are now, or many backsliders will carry a tame, pointless message, which lulls people to sleep. **Every discourse should be given under a sense of the awful judgments soon to fall on the world.** The message of truth is to be proclaimed by lips touched with a live coal from the divine altar.

"My heart is filled with anguish when I think of the tame messages borne by some of our ministers, when they have a message of life and death to bear. The ministers are asleep; the lay members are asleep; and a world is perishing in sin. May God help His people to arouse and walk and work as men and women on the borders of the eternal world. **Soon an awful surprise is coming upon the inhabitants of the world. Suddenly, with power and great glory, Christ will come.** Then there will be no time to prepare to meet Him. Now is the time for us to give the warning message." *Testimonies*, volume 8, 36.

A GREAT TERROR

"Transgression has almost reached its limit. Confusion fills the world, and **a great terror is soon to come upon human beings.** The end is very near. We who know the truth should be preparing for what is soon to break upon the world as **an overwhelming surprise.**" *Testimonies*, volume 8, 28.

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SOMETHING GREAT AND DECISIVE IS TO TAKE PLACE

“We are standing upon the threshold of great and solemn events. The whole earth is to be lightened with the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the channels of the great deep. Prophecies are being fulfilled, and stormy times are before us. Old controversies which have apparently been hushed for a long time will be revived, and new controversies will spring up; new and old will commingle, and **this will take place right early**. The angels are holding the four winds, that they shall not blow, until the specified work of warning is given to the world; but the storm is gathering, the clouds are loading, ready to burst upon the world, and to many it will be as a thief in the night.

“Many smiled and would not believe when we told them, twenty and thirty years ago, that the Sunday would be urged upon all the world, and a law be made to compel its observance, and force conscience. We see it being fulfilled. All that God has said of the future will surely come to pass; not one thing will fail of all that he has spoken. Protestantism is now reaching hands across the gulf to clasp hands with papacy, and a confederacy is being formed to trample out of sight the Sabbath of the fourth commandment; and the man of sin, who, at the instigation of Satan, instituted the spurious sabbath, this child of papacy, will be exalted to take the place of God.

“All heaven is represented to me as watching the unfolding of events. A crisis is to be revealed in the great and prolonged controversy in the government of God on earth. **Something great and decisive is to take place, and that right early**. If any delay, the character of God and his throne will be compromised. The armory of heaven is open; all the universe of God and its equipments are ready. One word has justice to speak, and there will be terrific representations upon the earth, of the wrath of God. There will be voices and thunderings and lightnings and earthquakes and universal desolation. Every movement in the universe of heaven is to prepare the world for the great crisis.”
An Appeal to Our Ministers and Conference Committees, 38–39.

THE ANTICHRIST

“Those who become confused in their understanding of the Word, who fail to see **the meaning of antichrist**, will surely place themselves on **the side of antichrist**.” *Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary, volume 7, 949.*

MANY ANTICHRISTS

Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are **there many antichrists**; whereby we know that it is the last time. 1 John 4:8.

DENY THE GODHEAD

Who is a liar but **he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ?** He is antichrist, that **denieth the Father and the Son.** 1 John 2:22.

“He **who denies the personality of God** and of his Son Jesus Christ, is denying God and Christ. ‘If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father.’ If you continue to believe and obey the truths you first embraced regarding the personality of the Father and the Son, you will be joined together with him in love. There will be seen that union for which Christ prayed just before his trial and crucifixion:—

“That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.’

“Christ is glorified in his saints. He, the propitiation for their sins, will be glorified in all who believe in him as their Saviour, all who commit themselves and their interests to his guidance. They are on Christ’s side, known by the manifestation that Christ makes through them of his power to save. They obtain victory after victory over the world, the flesh, and the devil. They are made perfect in their victory through Christ.” *Review and Herald*, March 8, 1906.

JESUS CAME IN THE FLESH

And **every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh** is not of God: and this is that *spirit* of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. 1 John 4:3.

For many deceivers are entered into the world, who **confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh.** This is a deceiver and an antichrist. 2 John 1:7.

“Antichrist, **meaning all who exalt themselves against the will and work of God**, will at the appointed time feel the wrath to Him who gave Himself that they might not perish but have eternal life.” *Selected Messages*, book 3, 402.

The Man of Sin

Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and *by* our gathering together unto him, That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. Let no man deceive you by any means:

for *that day shall not come*,
except there come a falling away first,

and that **man of sin** be **revealed, the son of perdition**; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?

And now ye know **what withholdeth** that he might be **revealed** in **his time**.

For **the mystery of iniquity** doth already work: only **he who now letteth will let**, until **he be taken out of the way**. And **then shall that Wicked be revealed**, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: *Even him*, whose coming is **after the working of Satan** with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie. 2 Thessalonians 2:1–11.

“The apostle Paul warned the church not to look for the coming of Christ in his day. ‘That day shall not come,’ he says, ‘except there come a falling away first, and **that man of sin be revealed.**’ 2 Thessalonians 2:3. Not till after the great apostasy, and the long period of the reign of the ‘man of sin,’ can we look for the advent of our Lord. The ‘**man of sin,**’ which is also styled ‘**the mystery of iniquity,**’ ‘**the son of perdition,**’ and ‘**that wicked,**’ represents the papacy, which, as foretold in prophecy, was to maintain its supremacy for 1260 years. This period ended in 1798. The coming of Christ could not take place before that time. Paul covers with his caution the whole of the Christian dispensation down to the year 1798. It is this side of that time that the message of Christ’s second coming is to be proclaimed.” *The Great Controversy*, 356.

A FORM OF ANTICHRIST

“The man of sin was to arise, and do his work of exaltation and blasphemy, before the brethren could look for the coming of Christ. That great event was to be preceded by a falling away. There would be revealed **a form of Antichrist**, and the leaven of apostasy was to work with increasing power to the end of time.” *The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, volume 7, 910.

THE REBELLION WHICH BEGAN IN HEAVEN

“Christ is our example. **The determination of Antichrist to carry out the rebellion he began in heaven** will continue to work on the children of disobedience.” *Testimonies*, volume 9, 230.

THE SIDES OF THE NORTH

Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, **is mount Zion, on the sides of the north**, the city of the great King. Psalm 48:2.

For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon **the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the North**: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; **I will be like the most High**. Isaiah 14:13–14.

A GIGANTIC SYSTEM OF FALSE RELIGION

“This compromise between paganism and Christianity resulted in the development of ‘the man of sin’ foretold in prophecy as opposing and exalting himself above God. **That gigantic system of false religion** is a masterpiece of Satan’s power—a **monument of his efforts to seat himself upon the throne to rule the earth** according to his will.” *The Great Controversy*, 50.

“The whole world is to be stirred with enmity against Seventh-day Adventists, because they will not yield homage to the Papacy, by honoring Sunday, the institution of this anti-Christian power. It is the purpose of **Satan** to cause them to be blotted from the earth, **in order that his supremacy of the world** may not be disputed.” *Review and Herald*, August 22, 1893.

HANDLED, GOVERNED, AND CONTROLLED

“And Satan unites with Protestants and papists, acting in consort with them as **the god of this world**, dictating to men as if they were **the subjects of his kingdom, to be handled and governed and controlled** as he pleases.

“If men will not agree to **trample under foot** the commandments of God, the spirit of the dragon is revealed. They are imprisoned, brought before councils, and fined. ‘He causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads’ [Revelation 13:15]. ‘He had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed’ [verse 15]. Thus Satan usurps the prerogatives of Jehovah. **The man of sin sits in the seat of God, proclaiming himself to be God, and acting above God.**” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 14, 161–162.

A VAST, WELL-ORGANIZED EMPIRE

“We are living in the time of the end. **Thrones and churches** have united to oppose God’s purposes. The association of man with man, which God designed should be a means of strengthening goodness and happiness, is used as a means of strengthening evil and of developing tendencies to rebellion. Men have assumed despotic power, and human laws have been put in the place of the law of God.

“It is **the reign of Antichrist**. God’s law is set aside. The Scriptures are exchanged for the traditions of men. Satan has become **the ruler of the world**; and in his hands temptation has become a science. **He rules over a vast, well-organized empire**. Sin has stimulated his followers into fearful activity. **Men have combined** to perpetuate evil.” *Review and Herald*, December 15, 1904.

THE CONFEDERACY OF EVIL

“In the scene representing the work of Christ for us, and the determined accusation of Satan against us, Joshua stands as the high priest, and makes request in behalf of God’s commandment-keeping people. At the same time Satan represents the people of God as great sinners, and presents before God the list of sins he has tempted them to commit through their lifetime, and urges that because of their transgressions, they be given into his hands to destroy. He urges that they should not be protected by ministering angels against **the confederacy of evil**. He is full of anger because he cannot bind the people of God into bundles with the world, to render to him complete allegiance. **Kings and rulers and governors have placed upon themselves the brand of antichrist, and are represented as the dragon** who goes to make war with the saints—with those who keep the commandments of God and who have the faith of Jesus. In their enmity against the people of God, they show themselves guilty also of the choice of Barabbas instead of Christ.” *Testimonies to Ministers*, 38–39.

“All society is ranging into two great classes, the obedient and the disobedient. Among which class shall we be found? Those who keep God’s commandments, those who live not by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God, compose the church of the living God. Those who choose to follow Antichrist **are subjects of the great apostate**. Ranged under the banner of Satan, they break God’s law, and lead others to break it. They endeavor so to frame the laws of nations that men shall show their loyalty to earthly governments by trampling upon the laws of God’s kingdom.

“Satan is diverting minds with unimportant questions, in order that they shall not with clear and distinct vision see matters of vast importance. **The enemy is planning to ensnare the world.**

“The so-called Christian world is to be the theater of great and decisive actions. Men in authority will enact laws controlling the conscience, after the example of the Papacy. Babylon will make all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. **Every nation will be involved.** Of this time John the Revelator declares:

“Revelation 18:3–7 quoted.

“These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for He is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with Him are called, and chosen, and faithful’ Revelation 17:13, 14.

“These have one mind.’ There will be **a universal bond of union**, one great harmony, **a confederacy of Satan’s forces**. ‘And shall give their power and strength unto the beast.’ Thus is manifested the same arbitrary, oppressive power against religious liberty, freedom to worship God according to the dictates of conscience, as was manifested by the Papacy, when in the past it persecuted those who dared to refuse to conform with the religious rites and ceremonies of Romanism.

“In the warfare to be waged in the last days there will be united, in opposition to God’s people, **all the corrupt powers that have apostatized from allegiance to the law of Jehovah**. In this warfare the Sabbath of the fourth commandment will be the great point at issue; for in the Sabbath commandment the great Law-giver identifies Himself as the Creator of the heavens and the earth.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 1, 296–297.

SATAN’S MARVELOUS ACT

“Fearful sights of a supernatural character will soon be revealed in the heavens, in **token** of the power of miracle-working demons.” *The Great Controversy*, 624.

SEDUCING SPIRITS & DOCTRINES OF DEVILS

Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that **in the latter times** some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to **seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils**. 1 Timothy 4:1.

THE LAST REMNANT OF TIME

“Satan has long been preparing for **his final effort to deceive the world**. The foundation of his work was laid by **the assurance given to Eve** in Eden: Little by little he has prepared the way for his masterpiece of deception in **the development of spiritualism**. He has not yet reached **the full accomplishment of his designs; but it will be reached in the last remnant of time**.” *The Great Controversy*, 561.

“**Satanic agencies in human form** will take part in this last great conflict to oppose the building up of the kingdom of God. And heavenly angels in human guise will be on the field of action. The two opposing parties will continue to exist till the closing up of the last great chapter in this world’s history. Satanic agencies are in every city. We cannot afford to be off our guard for one moment.” *Selected Messages*, book 2, 383.

IN THE NATIONS OF OUR WORLD

“Fallen angels upon earth form confederations with evil men. **In this age antichrist will appear as the true Christ, and then the law of God will be fully made void in the nations of our world**. Rebellion against God’s holy law will be fully ripe. But **the true leader of all this rebellion is Satan clothed as an angel of light**. Men will be deceived and will exalt him to the place of God, and deify him. But Omnipotence will interpose, and to the apostate churches that unite in the exaltation of Satan, the sentence will go forth, ‘Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her.’” *Testimonies to Ministers*, 62.

“The last great delusion is soon to open before us. **Antichrist is to perform his marvelous works in our sight.** So closely will the counterfeit resemble the true that it will be impossible to distinguish between them except by the Holy Scriptures. By their testimony every statement and every miracle must be tested.

“Those who endeavor to obey all the commandments of God will be opposed and derided. They can stand only in God. In order to endure the trial before them, they must understand the will of God as revealed in His word; they can honor Him only as they have a right conception of His character, government, and purposes, and act in accordance with them. None but those who have fortified the mind with the truths of the Bible will stand through the last great conflict. To every soul will come the searching test: Shall I obey God rather than men? The decisive hour is even now at hand. Are our feet planted on the rock of God’s immutable word? Are we prepared to stand firm in defense of the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus?” *The Great Controversy*, 593–594.

THE LAST GREAT SCENES IN THE DRAMA

“The world is a theater; the actors, its inhabitants, are preparing to act their part in **the last great drama.** With the great masses of mankind there is no unity, **except as men confederate** to accomplish their selfish purposes. God is looking on. His purposes in regard to His rebellious subjects will be fulfilled. The world has not been given into the hands of men, though God is permitting the elements of confusion and disorder to bear sway for a season. A power from beneath is working to bring about **the last great scenes in the drama—Satan coming as Christ,** and working with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in those who are binding themselves together in secret societies. Those who are yielding to **the passion for confederation** are working out the plans of the enemy. The cause will be followed by the effect.

“Transgression has almost reached its limit. Confusion fills the world, and a great terror is soon to come upon human beings. The end is very near. We who know the truth should be preparing for what is soon to break upon the world as **an overwhelming surprise.**” *Testimonies*, volume 8, 27–28.

THE CROWNING ACT

“As **the crowning act** in the great drama of deception, **Satan himself will personate Christ.** The church has long professed to look to the Saviour’s advent as the consummation of her hopes. Now the great deceiver will make it appear that Christ has come. In different parts of the earth, Satan will manifest himself among men as a majestic being of dazzling brightness, resembling the description of the Son of God given by John in the Revelation. Revelation 1:13–15. The glory that surrounds him is unsurpassed by anything that mortal eyes have yet beheld. **The shout of triumph** rings out upon the air: **‘Christ has come! Christ has come!’** The people prostrate themselves in adoration before

him, while he lifts up his hands and pronounces a blessing upon them, as Christ blessed His disciples when He was upon the earth. His voice is soft and subdued, yet full of melody. In gentle, compassionate tones he presents some of the same gracious, heavenly truths which the Saviour uttered; he heals the diseases of the people, and **then**, in his assumed character of Christ, he claims to have changed the Sabbath to Sunday, and **commands all to hallow the day which he has blessed**. He declares that those who persist in keeping holy the seventh day are blaspheming his name **by refusing to listen to his angels** sent to them with light and truth. This is the strong, almost overmastering **delusion**.” *The Great Controversy*, 624.

FIRE FROM HEAVEN

“Servants of God, with their faces lighted up and shining with holy consecration, will hasten from place to place to proclaim the message from heaven. By thousands of voices, all over the earth, the warning will be given. Miracles will be wrought, the sick will be healed, and signs and wonders will follow the believers. **Satan** also works, with lying wonders, **even bringing down fire from heaven in the sight of men**. Revelation 13:13. Thus the inhabitants of the earth will be brought to take their stand.” *The Great Controversy*, 612.

THE MEASURE OF INIQUITY

“There is one pointed out in prophecy as **the man of sin**. He is **the representative of Satan**. Taking the suggestions of Satan concerning the law of God, which is as unchangeable as His throne, this man of sin comes in and represents to the world that he has changed that law, and that the first day of the week instead of the seventh is now the Sabbath. Professing infallibility, he claims the right to change the law of God to suit his own purposes. By so doing, he exalts himself above God, and leaves the world to infer that God is fallible. If it were indeed true that God had made a rule of government that needed to be changed, it would certainly show fallibility.

“But Christ declared that not one jot or tittle of the law should fail until heaven and earth should pass away. The very work that He came to do was to exalt that law, and show to the created worlds and to heaven that God is just, and that His law need not be changed. But here is **Satan’s right-hand man** ready to carry on **the work that Satan commenced in heaven**, that of **trying to amend the law of God**. And the Christian world has sanctioned his efforts by adopting this child of the Papacy—the Sunday institution. **They have nourished it, and will continue to nourish it, until Protestantism shall give the hand of fellowship to the Roman power**.

“**Then** there will be a law against the Sabbath of God’s creation, and **then** it is that God will do **His ‘strange work’ in the earth**. He has borne long with the perversity of the race; He has tried to win them to Himself. But the time will come **when** they shall have **filled their measure of iniquity**; and **then** it is that God will work. This time is almost reached. God keeps a record with the nations: the

figures are swelling against them in the books of heaven; and **when** it shall have become a law that the transgression of the first day of the week shall be met with punishment, **then** their cup will be full." *Review and Herald*, March 9, 1886.

"The spirit of antichrist is developing rapidly. Soon there will be a time when those who follow their own human nature, who manifest a love for supremacy, will be found to be on the losing side. The Lord has abased kings, and He will say to all who, while professing to serve Him, and yet make a display and depart from His counsel: 'What doest thou to declare My law, while thou thyself livest in transgression?'" *Manuscript Releases*, volume 20, 175.

AS MEN REJECT TRUTH

"Spiritualism is about to take the world captive. **There are many who think that Spiritualism is upheld through trickery and imposture; but this is far from the truth.** Superhuman power is working in a variety of ways, and **few have any idea as to what will be the manifestations of Spiritualism in the future.** The foundation for the success of Spiritualism has been laid in the assertions that have been made from the pulpits of our land. The ministers have proclaimed, as Bible doctrines, falsehoods that have originated from the arch-deceiver. **The doctrine of consciousness after death, of the spirits of the dead being in communion with the living,** has no foundation in the Scriptures, and yet this theory is affirmed as truth. Through this false doctrine the way has been opened for the spirits of devils to deceive the people in representing themselves as the dead. **Satanic agencies personate the dead,** and thus bring souls into captivity. **Satan has a religion, he has a synagogue and devout worshipers.** To swell the ranks of his devotees he uses all manner of deception.

"The signs and wonders of Spiritualism will become **more and more pronounced** as **the professed Christian world rejects** the plainly revealed truth of the word of God, and refuses to be guided by a plain 'Thus saith the Lord,' accepting instead the doctrines and the commandments of men. Through rejecting light and truth many are deciding their destiny for eternal death; and **as men reject truth, the Spirit of God will gradually withdraw itself from the earth,** and **the prince of this earth** will have more and more control over his subjects. **He will show great signs and wonders as credentials of his divine claims,** and through Spiritualism will work against Christ and his agencies." *Signs of the Times*, May 28, 1894.

"Spiritualism is a dangerous phase of infidelity, and we should not go into the assemblies of Spiritualists **prompted by motives of curiosity.** In so doing we are placing ourselves on Satan's ground, and cannot expect help from God **unless he has a work for us to do to speak some message to those who are ignorant and deceived,** and immediately leave the assembly. 'They are of the world; therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them.' The erroneous doctrine that the soul is immortal is almost universally received by the world, and the belief that the dead go immediately to heaven gives Spiritualism a deep hold upon the people. Believing **this doctrine** men have nothing with which

to shield themselves from the errors of Spiritualism. Through evil spirits they receive communications, and accept them as messages from their lost loved ones. **Satan and his agents personate their dead friends, and thus impart to them Satanic delusions.** But God has given us a rule whereby to test what is truth." *Signs of the Times*, September 3, 1894.

UNTIL THE CLOSE OF PROBATION

"None need be deceived. The law of God is as sacred as His throne, and by it every man who cometh into the world is to be judged. There is no other standard by which to test character. 'If they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.' Now, shall the case be decided according to the Word of God, or shall man's pretensions be credited? Christ says, 'By their fruits ye shall know them.' If those through whom cures are performed, are disposed, on account of these manifestations, to excuse their neglect of the law of God, and continue in disobedience, though they have power to any and every extent, it does not follow that they have the great power of God. On the contrary, it is the miracle-working power of the great deceiver. He is a transgressor of the moral law, and employs every device that he can master to blind men to its true character. We are warned that in the last days he will work with signs and lying wonders. And **he will continue these wonders until the close of probation**, that he may point to them as evidence that he is an angel of light and not of darkness." *Selected Messages*, book 2, 50–51.

MARY'S AGENDA

Catholic Prophecy: When Jesus Christ comes then the pope will give him his tiara and throne. Jesus will give him the keys and also Jesus will bless the pope. Fatima is the woman of Revelation 12 and Pope John Paul II is supposed to be the child.

"[John Paul II] had been aquatinted as long as he could remember with most of the facts of Fatima. The virgin Mary had appeared several times to three peasant children. She had confided to them certain admonitions, including detailed set of instructions and predictions that were intended for papal action at a certain time in the future. And she had ended her visit in October, 1917 with a miracle that recalled for many the Bible verse which tells of a woman clothed with the sun and giving birth to a son who will rule the nations with a rod of iron. " *Keys of This Blood*, Malachi Martin, 46.

"Once selected pope in 1978 John Paul II had become privy to the papal instructions and predictions Mary had entrusted in confidence to the children at Fatima." *Keys of This Blood*, Malachi Martin, 48.

"At a certain moment May 13, 1981 [the day the apparitions of Fatima began] during an open-air papal audience in Saint Peter's square, in the

presence of 75,000 people, and before the eyes of an estimated 11 million television viewers, Pope John Paul spied a little girl wearing a small picture of Christ's mother as our lady of Fatima. Just as he bent down from the slow-moving 'popemobile' in a spontaneous gesture towards the child, hired assassin Mehmet Ali Agca squeezed off two bullets, aimed precisely where his head had been. As two pilgrims fell wounded to the ground, two more shots rang out, and this time John Paul's blood stained his white papal cassock." *The Keys of This Blood*, Malachi Martin, 46.

"Now, however—after what was arguably the very pointed events that had taken place in Saint Peter's square; after exhaustive examination of the documents and living witnesses and participants connected with Fatima events themselves, and after nothing less than a personal communication from heaven during his long convalescence—Pope John Paul II . . . came face-to-face with the realization that, far from pointing to some distant future time, the contents of the famous Fatima message—and, specifically, the secret contents directed to papal attention—amounted to a geopolitical agenda attached to an immediate time table." *The Keys of This Blood*, Malachi Martin, 48.

"Clearly, the new agenda—heaven's agenda; the Grand Design of God for the new world order—had begun." *The Keys of This Blood*, M. Martin, 50.

"Pope John Paul II is waiting, rather for the event that will fission human history splitting the immediate past from the oncoming future. **It will be an event on public view in the skies, in the oceans, and on the continental land masses of this planet.** It will particularly involve our human sun, which every day lights up and shine upon the valleys, the mountains and the plains of this earth for our eyes. But on the day of this event, it will not appear merely as the master star of our so-called solar system, rather it will be seen as the glory of the woman whom the apostle describes as 'clothed with the sun' and giving birth to 'a child who will rule the nations with a rod of iron.'

"Fissioning it will be as an event, in John Paul's conviction of faith, for **it will immediately nullify all the grand designs the nations which are now forming and will introduce the Grand Design of man's maker.** John Paul's waiting and watching time will then be over. His ministry as the Servant of a Grand Design will then begin. . . . John Paul is and will be the soul possessor of the keys of this blood on that day." *The Keys of This Blood*, Malachi Martin, 639.

"John Paul's second reason—the more cogent one for him, personally—is drawn from the Fatima message. That message that a catastrophic change will shortly shatter any plans or designs that men may have established. This is the era of the Fatima 'or.' Men have abandoned religion. God does not intend for human affairs to go on for a long time in that fashion, because this is his world. . . .

“This is why John Paul is waiting. God must first intervene before John Paul’s ministry to all men may start.” *The Keys of This Blood*, Malachi Martin, 656.

Messages to John Leary: Monday, December 28, 1998:

Jesus said: “My people, the ruler in Iraq will continue to provoke your nation into more skirmishes that could lead to a wider conflict. The peace you have had up until now has been very fragile, as Iraq will try to bring other nations in to help them rid your control. If such support comes to Iraq, you could see a wider influence of evil in this battle. Your prayers are very needed for a peaceful resolution to this problem.

“My people, there are many ethnic and religious conflicts all over your world. As your evil age comes to a close, you will see Satan stirring up all of these differences at once. The United States cannot be the peacekeeper of the world if people are determined to perpetuate hostilities. Pray for peace, especially as I came in Peace, or your wars will consume you.

“My people, you have just read in the scriptures how I would be called up from Egypt to go forth and save My people. Moses was raised up also to lead My people out of Egypt into the promised land. Now another parallel in evil will show how **the Anti-Christ will be raised up from Egypt to go and subdue the peoples of the Earth. . . .**

“My people, you keep planning ways to explore space and the planets around you. I tell you to focus your attention on the signs in the heavens. Time is growing short **as My comet of chastisement continues to approach you.** There will come a day of purification which man cannot prevent, even with all of his devices. . . .

“My people, you will be stripped of your comforts to suffer a bare existence with little food. You have had an affluent life so long that many do not know depression and disease. You will see these things come about as you are chastised for your greed, and your sins of killing and sins of the flesh. **Do not be surprised when this chaos will bring in the Anti-Christ. . . .**

“My people, do not think that your weapons will save you from the evil tyrants to come. **The One-World people are anxious to take control of the world. For years these bankers have profited from wars and the selling of arms. Just as these people and the Anti-Christ think that they have won,** I will smite them and they will be the ones that are conquered.”

Thursday, January 28, 1999:

Jesus said: “My people, as you come to the time of the Tribulation, a similar chaos will be in progress. This unsettled condition will result from a planned destruction of your financial system and an installation of a police state under martial law. Through such controls, the Anti-Christ will reach out to take over your world as a diabolical dictator. Just as he will gain control, My Triumph will rain down and stop him in his tracks. I Love you all and I will bring all of My faithful to an Era of Peace.”

Friday, January 29, 1999:

Jesus said: “My people, you are seeing in these signs of darkness a coming time when the Masons will take over My Church. This will be a severe test in faith, but have no fear, for My Remnant will survive this trial.

This is a difficult message, but I am giving you this warning beforehand: My Pope son, John Paul II, whom you have seen recently, has called your country to task for its sins of abortion and euthanasia. **The evil ones in the Vatican will find ways to exile My faithful Pope so they can install their evil Anti-Pope.**

I am telling you to beware of the leadership of **this Masonic Pope**. He will try to mislead My faithful and eventually prepare people to follow **the Anti-Christ**. For My part, I will raise up My Faithful Remnant who will remain faithful to Pope John Paul II. This will be an underground Church because of the schism that will be brought about at that time.

My Church will be split into those who worship man, the Anti-Pope and the Anti-Christ on one side, vs. My true Church that follows My teachings to My Apostles. Do not follow this evil 'pope' who will only lead you to a spiritual death, as in the vision."

Tuesday, February 2, 1999:

Jesus said: "My people, you are seeing again the sign that I have been giving you of the coming Warning. **This circling of events represents someone's lifetime as it is flashed before them at death and near-death experiences. Everyone living at the time of the warning will see this life-review pass before them.** This is indeed a Mercy and help that I am granting each person before the time of the Tribulation. No one can then say they were not made aware of My existence and how their sins are viewed by Me. Everyone at that time will have a proper conscience formed, knowing what is sinful and what is not. From that point everyone will be held responsible for their own acceptance of My Love and their choice to seek the forgiveness of their sins. . . .

"This time of My warning is getting very close and you need to have your souls prepared by frequent Confession. . . .

"Everyone, after the warning, will return to life as you know it, and you will have a short time for repenting before the time of the Anti-Christ begins. This truly may be each soul's last chance to come to Me before it is too late and they are lost to the Anti-Christ.

Jesus said: "The idea of home Masses may become more a part of your lives, as the schism will become more prevalent in My Church. Those in the large churches will choose to follow the Anti-Christ, which would force My Remnant into more home Masses. I will not leave you orphans, but I will have My angels deliver you spiritual Communion of My Manna on your tongues, where there is no Mass. During all of your Tribulations, you will need My grace to remain faithful to My Gospel, no matter what the Anti-Christ may offer you."

Wednesday, February 3, 1999:

Jesus said: "The schism is already present in My Church. **It will be My Pope son's leaving that will bring about the formal split in My Church. The new Anti-Pope, once placed in office, will begin making concessions to the worldly government of the New World Order.** He will so want to protect his power-base, that **this evil Pope will accept the Anti-Christ's demands of placing the image of the beast on all of the altars.** Those Churches that refuse this demand will be burned to the ground. The evil of the Tribulation will grow so great, that **the Anti-Pope will encourage the people to even worship the Beast.**"

Father Gobbi. Leader of the Marion movement of priests—September 15, 1987:

"A chastisement worse than the flood is about to come upon this poor and perverted humanity. **Fire will descend from heaven and this will be the sign that the justice of God has as of now fixed the hour of his great manifestation.** I am weeping because the Church is continuing along the road of division, of loss of the true faith, of apostasy and of errors which are being spread more and more without anyone offering opposition to them. Even now, **that which I predicted at Fatima** and that which I have revealed here in the third message confided to a little daughter of mine is in the

process of being accomplished. And so, even for the church the moment of its great trial has come, **because the man of iniquity will establish himself within it and the abomination of desolation will enter into the holy temple of God.**”

“In any event **by the year 2000, or thereabouts**, we will have the *second* Pentecost, the *the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary*, and the return of Jesus in glory as we enter the *New Era of Peace*, sin will be no more, an era when heaven and earth will be joined and we have a new heaven and a new earth.” Larry Flynn, *Catholic Prophecy Update*, page 2, January–February, 1997.

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“My heart is filled with anguish when I think of the tame messages borne by some of our ministers, when they have a message of life and death to bear. The ministers are asleep; the lay members are asleep; and a world is perishing in sin. May God help His people to arouse and walk and work as men and women on the borders of the eternal world. **Soon an awful surprise is coming upon the inhabitants of the world. Suddenly, with power and great glory, Christ will come.** Then there will be no time to prepare to meet Him. Now is the time for us to give the warning message.” *Testimonies*, volume 8, 36.

“We are standing upon the threshold of great and solemn events. The whole earth is to be lightened with the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the channels of the great deep. Prophecies are being fulfilled, and stormy times are before us. Old controversies which have apparently been hushed for a long time will be revived, and new controversies will spring up; new and old will commingle, and **this will take place right early**. The angels are holding the four winds, that they shall not blow, until the specified work of warning is given to the world; but the storm is gathering, the clouds are loading, ready to burst upon the world, and to many it will be as a thief in the night.

“Many smiled and would not believe when we told them, twenty and thirty years ago, that the Sunday would be urged upon all the world, and a law be made to compel its observance, and force conscience. We see it being fulfilled. All that God has said of the future will surely come to pass; not one thing will fail of all that he has spoken. Protestantism is now reaching hands across the gulf to clasp hands with papacy, and a confederacy is being formed to trample out of sight the Sabbath of the fourth commandment; and the man of sin, who, at the instigation of Satan, instituted the spurious sabbath, this child of papacy, will be exalted to take the place of God.

“All heaven is represented to me as watching the unfolding of events. A crisis is to be revealed in the great and prolonged controversy in the government of God on earth. **Something great and decisive is to take place, and that right early.** If any delay, the character of God and his throne will be compromised. The armory of heaven is open; all the universe of God and its equipments are ready. One word has justice to speak, and there will be terrific representations upon the earth, of the wrath of God. There will be voices and thunderings and lightnings and earthquakes and universal desolation. Every movement in the universe of heaven is to prepare the world for the great crisis.” *An Appeal to Our Ministers and Conference Committees*, 38–39.