

History Repeats Itself

Israel of Old/Israel of Today

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We have nothing to fear for the future,
except as we shall forget the way the
Lord has led us, and His teaching in our
past history. {LS 196.2}



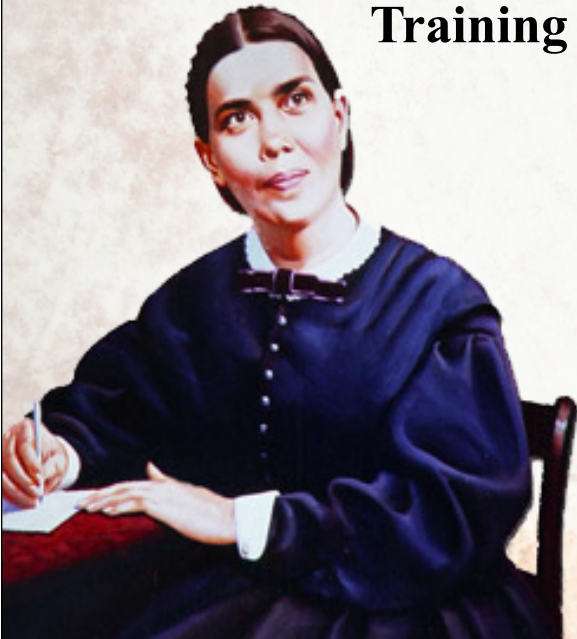
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Enshrouded in the pillar of cloud, Christ was the leader of His people. He gave them statutes and laws, that by obedience to His requirements, **they might be His denominated people**. He bestowed upon them the bounties of heaven, but He expected them, in turn, to share their blessings with others who were less favored. So He deals with His **chosen people today**. . . . {UL 351.2}



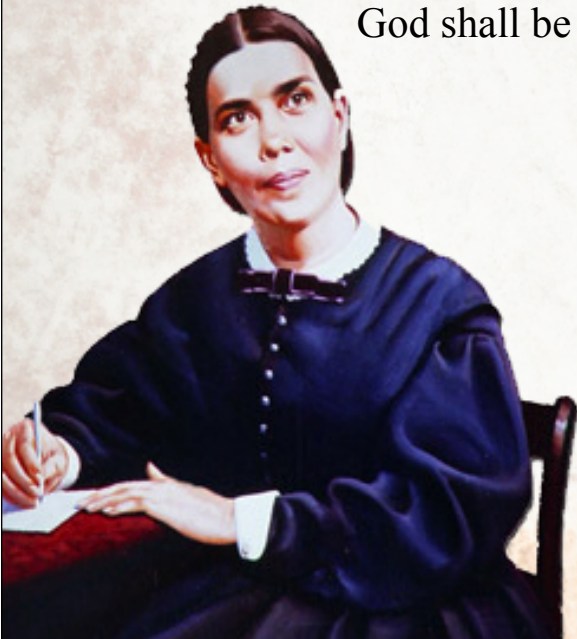
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The third angel's message is to be proclaimed to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. The entire world is to be warned. There are still many new fields to open. There are many cities to be worked. **We stand before the world as God's denominated people**; and we must do our appointed work. We are not to obey the principles of the world; we are not to conform to its customs; we are to be a peculiar people, zealous of good works. {SpTB08 7.1} **{Testimonies to the Church Regarding The Strengthening of Our Institutions and Training Centers (1907)}**



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It was not the will of God that Israel should wander forty years in the wilderness; he desired to lead them directly to the land of Canaan, and establish them there, a holy, happy people. But "**they could not enter in because of unbelief.**" [Hebrews 3:19.] Because of their backsliding and apostasy, they perished in the desert, and others were raised up to enter the promised land. In like manner, **it was not the will of God that the coming of Christ should be so long delayed,** and his people should remain so many years in this world of sin and sorrow. **But unbelief separated them from God.** As they refused to do the work which he had appointed them, others were raised up to proclaim the message. In mercy to the world, Jesus delays his coming, that sinners may have an opportunity to hear the warning, and find in him a shelter before the wrath of God shall be poured out. {4SP 292.1}



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Now, as in former ages, the presentation of a truth that reprove the errors and sins of the times, **will call forth a storm of opposition**. "Every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved." [John 3:20.] Those who cannot sustain their position by the Scriptures are stubbornly determined that it shall be sustained at all hazards, and with a malicious spirit **they attack the character and motives of those who stand in defense of unpopular truth**. Though very unbelieving in regard to the sure word of prophecy, they manifest the utmost credulity in accepting anything detrimental to the Christian integrity of those who dare to reprove fashionable sins. **This spirit will increase more and more as we near the close of time.** {4SP 292.2}

