

Education and the Three Angels

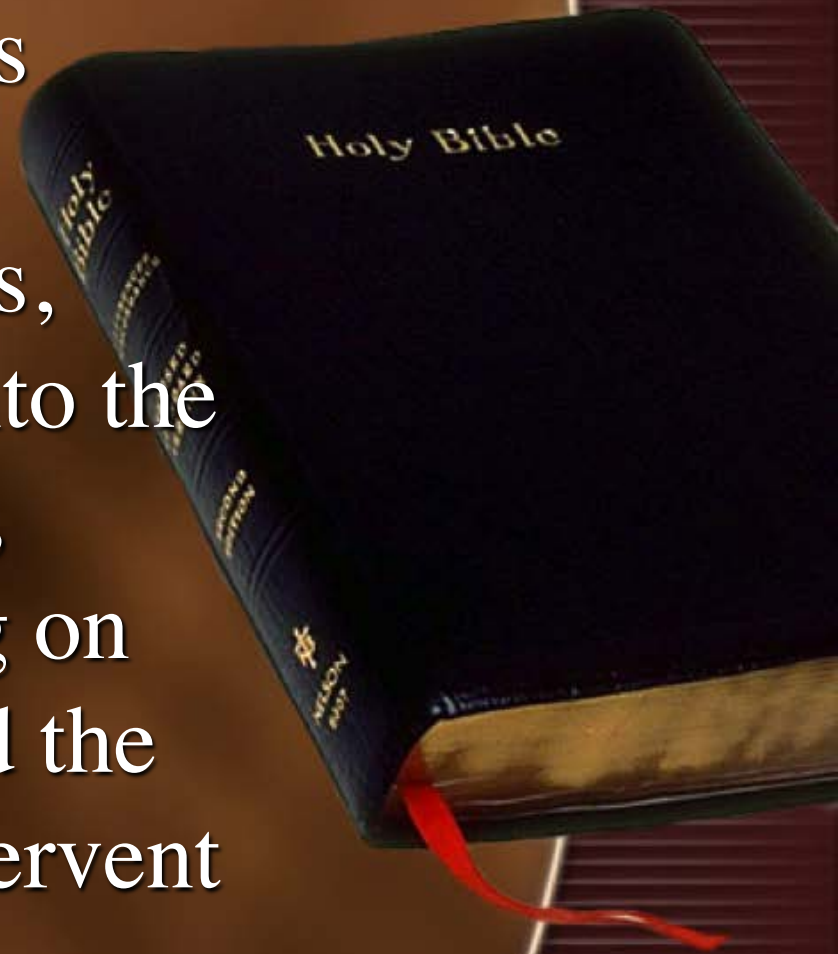
The Importance of Education
in the Closing Messages

Zealous Misunderstanding



A Failure to Understand

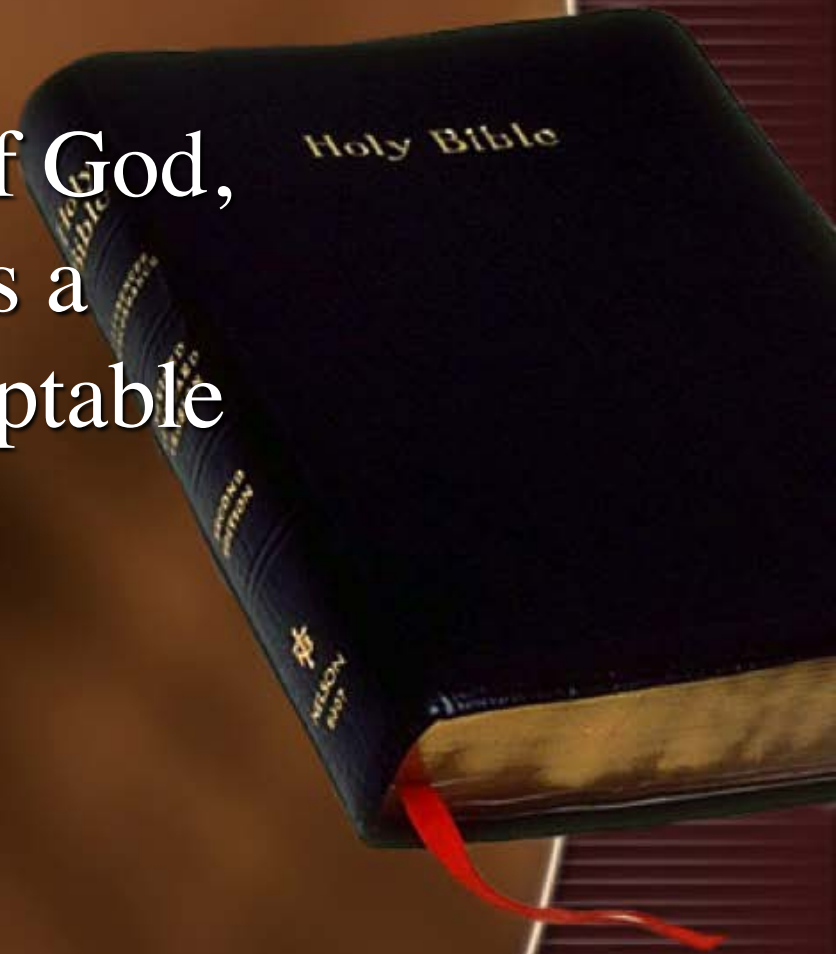
... what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?



2 Peter 3:11, 12

A Failure to Understand

I beseech you therefore,
brethren, by the mercies of God,
that ye present your bodies a
living sacrifice, holy, acceptable
unto God, which is your
reasonable service.



Romans 12:1, 2

A Failure to Understand

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.



Romans 12:1, 2

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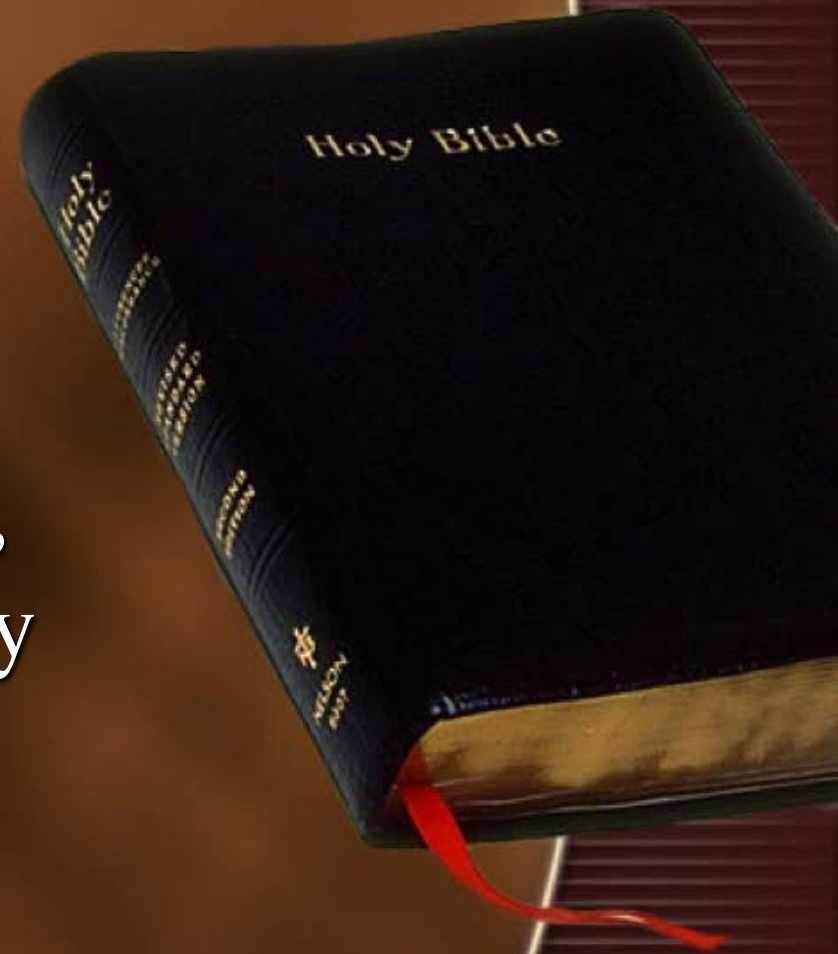
Let this mind be
in you, which
was also in
Christ Jesus:



Philippians 2:5

A Failure to Understand

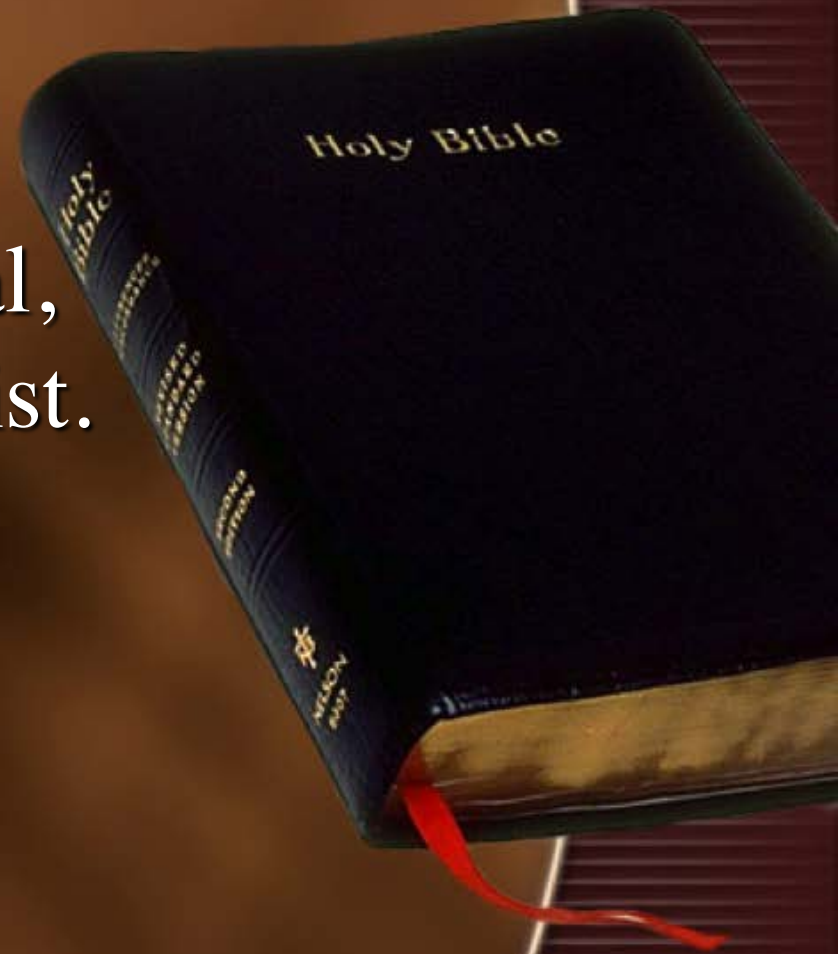
But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned



1 Corinthians 2:14

A Failure to Understand

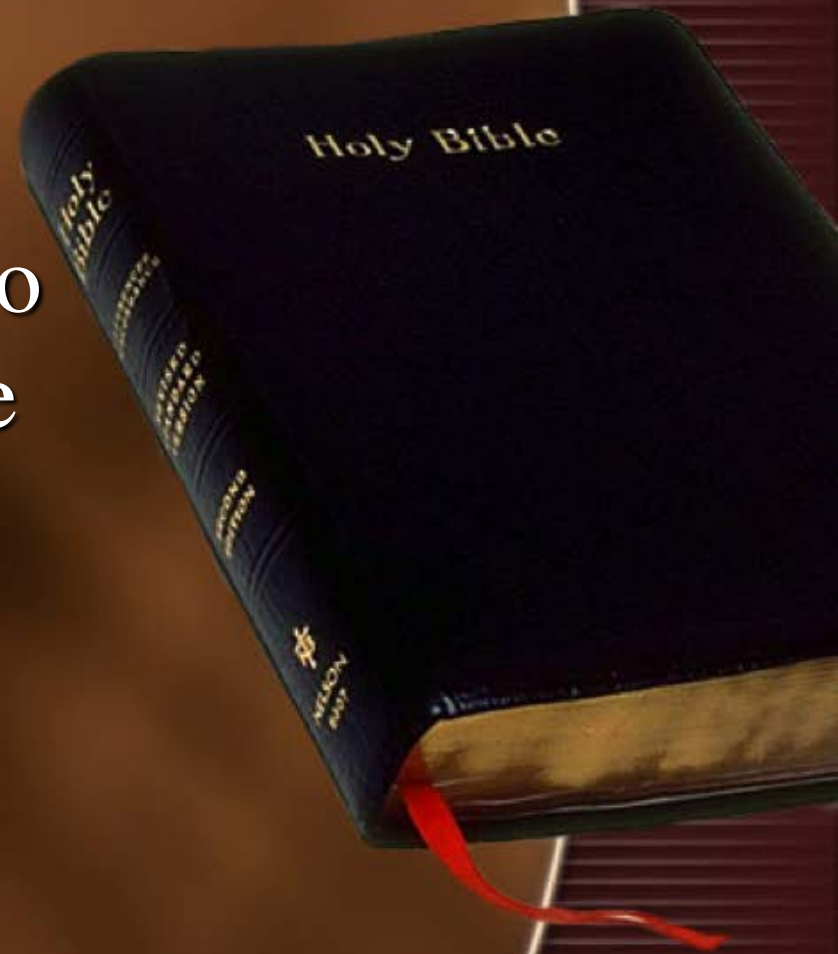
And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ.



1 Corinthians 3:1 - 3

A Failure to Understand

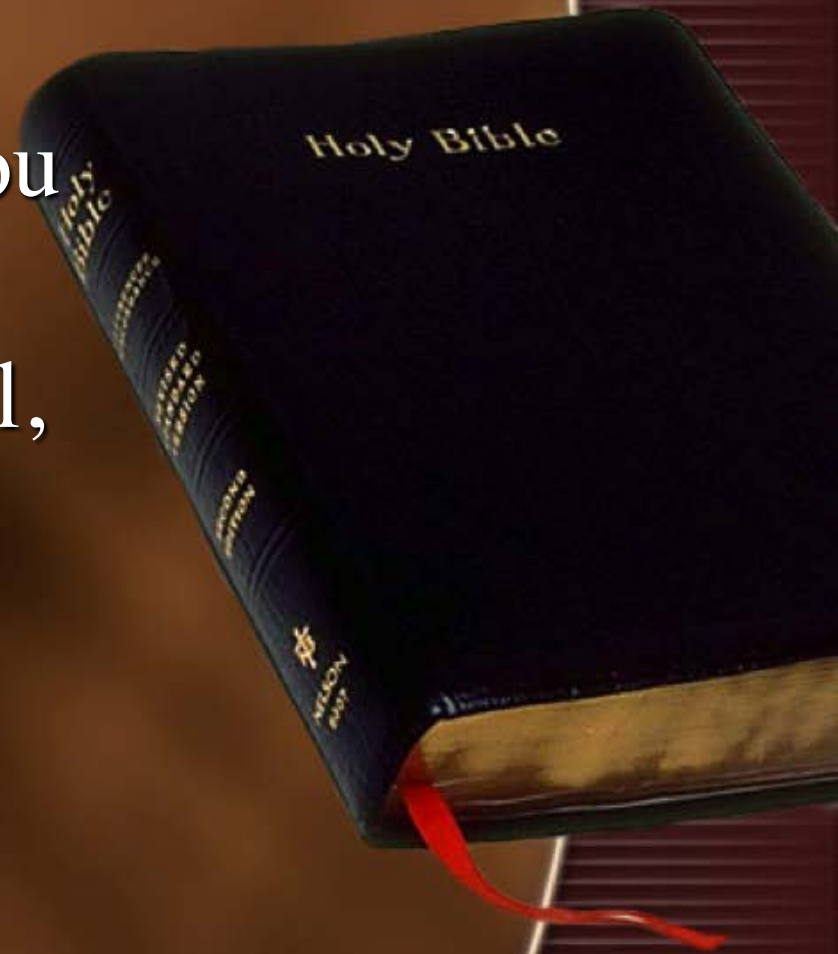
I have fed you with milk,
and not with meat: for
hitherto ye were not able to
bear it, neither yet now are
ye able.



1 Corinthians 3:1 - 3

A Failure to Understand

For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?



1 Corinthians 3:1 - 3

A Failure to Understand

And he said unto them,
Know ye not this
parable? and how then
will ye know all
parables?



Mark 4:13

A Failure to Understand

And when he was entered into the house from the people, his disciples asked him concerning the parable. And he saith unto them, Are ye so without understanding also?



Mark 7:17, 18

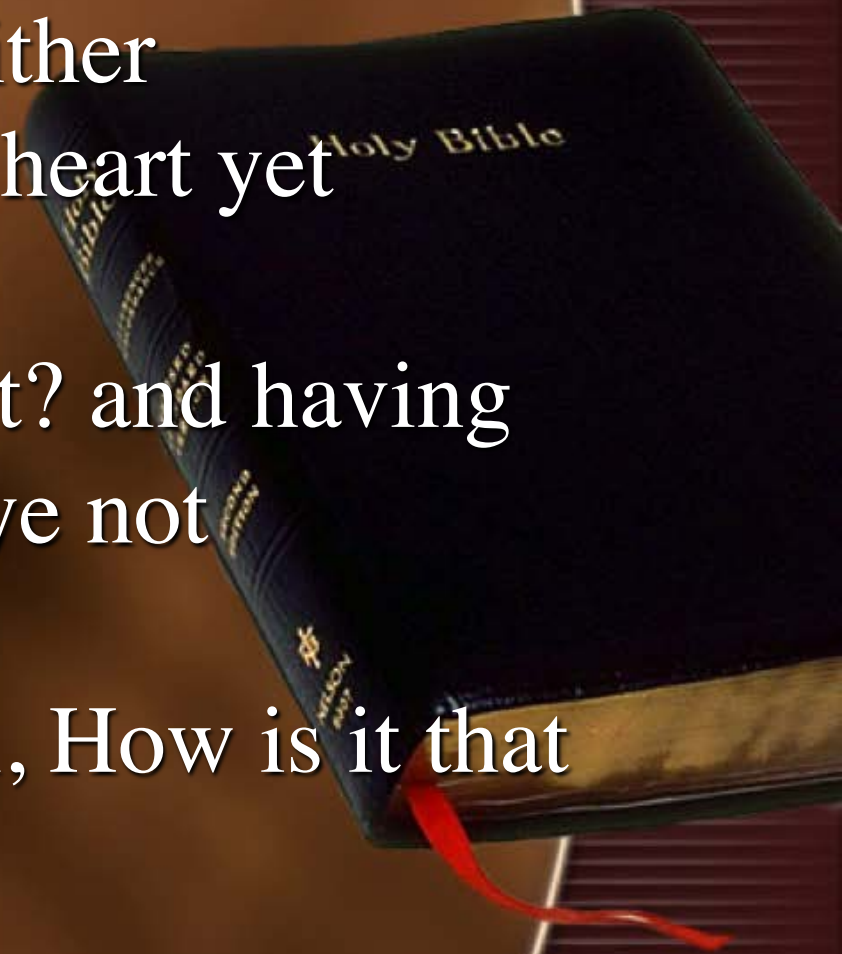
A Failure to Understand

17 perceive ye not yet, neither understand? have ye your heart yet hardened?

18 Having eyes, see ye not? and having ears, hear ye not? and do ye not remember?

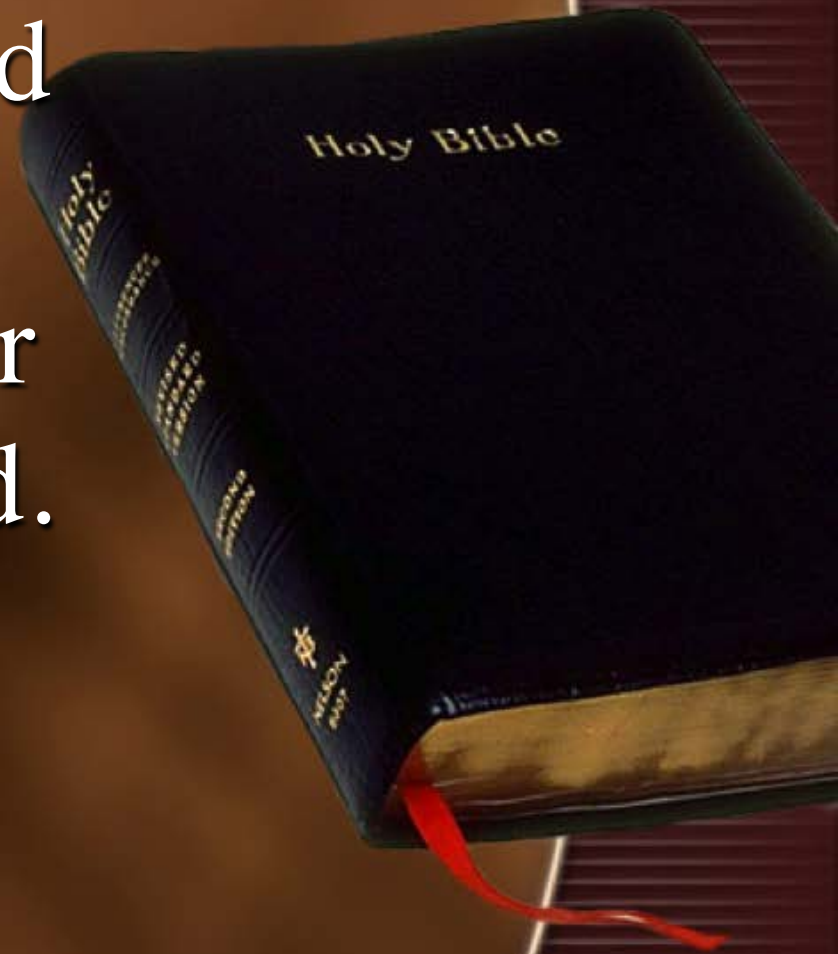
21 And he said unto them, How is it that ye do not understand?

Mark 8:17, 18, 21



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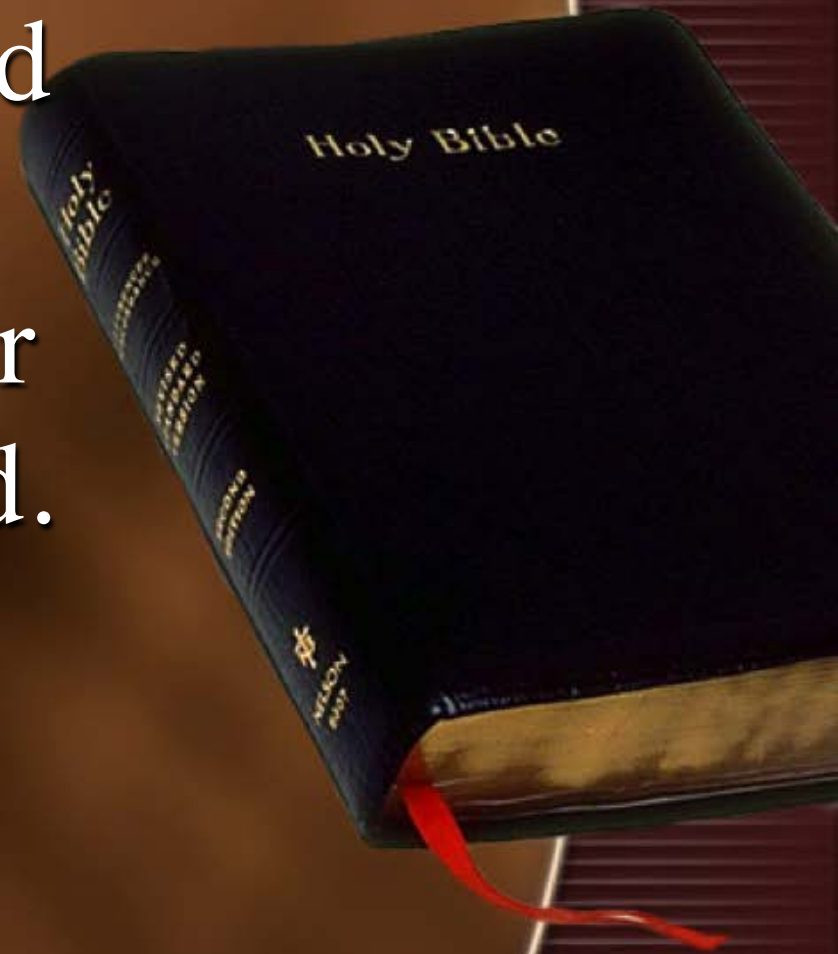
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Mark 6:52

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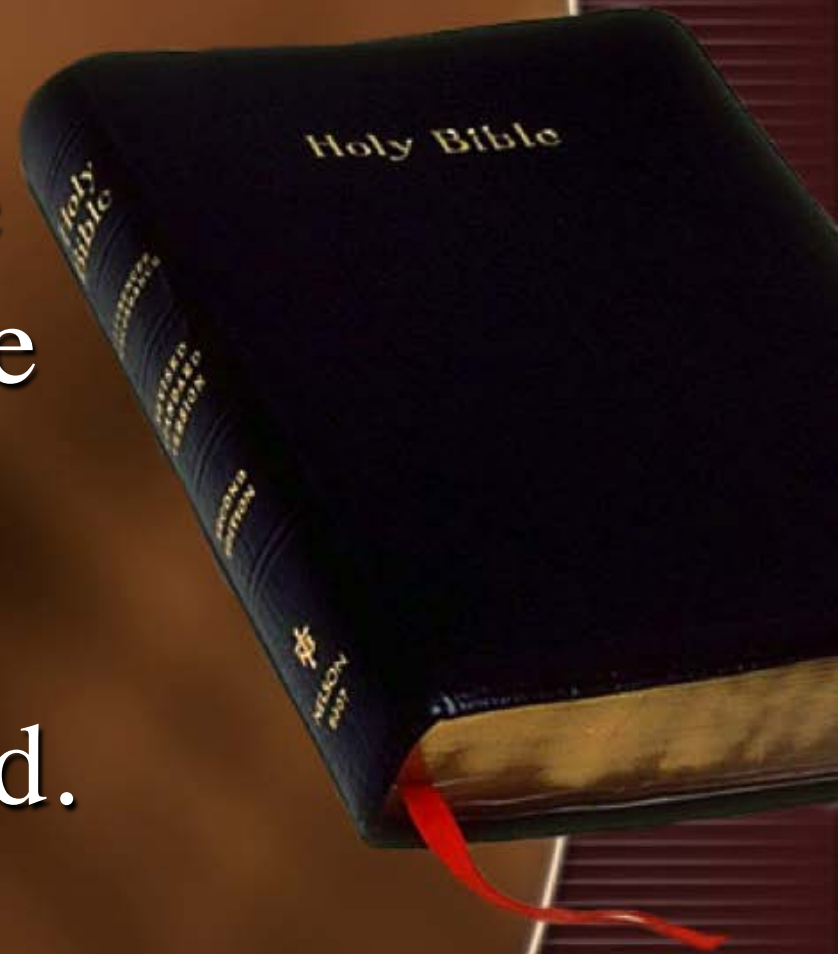
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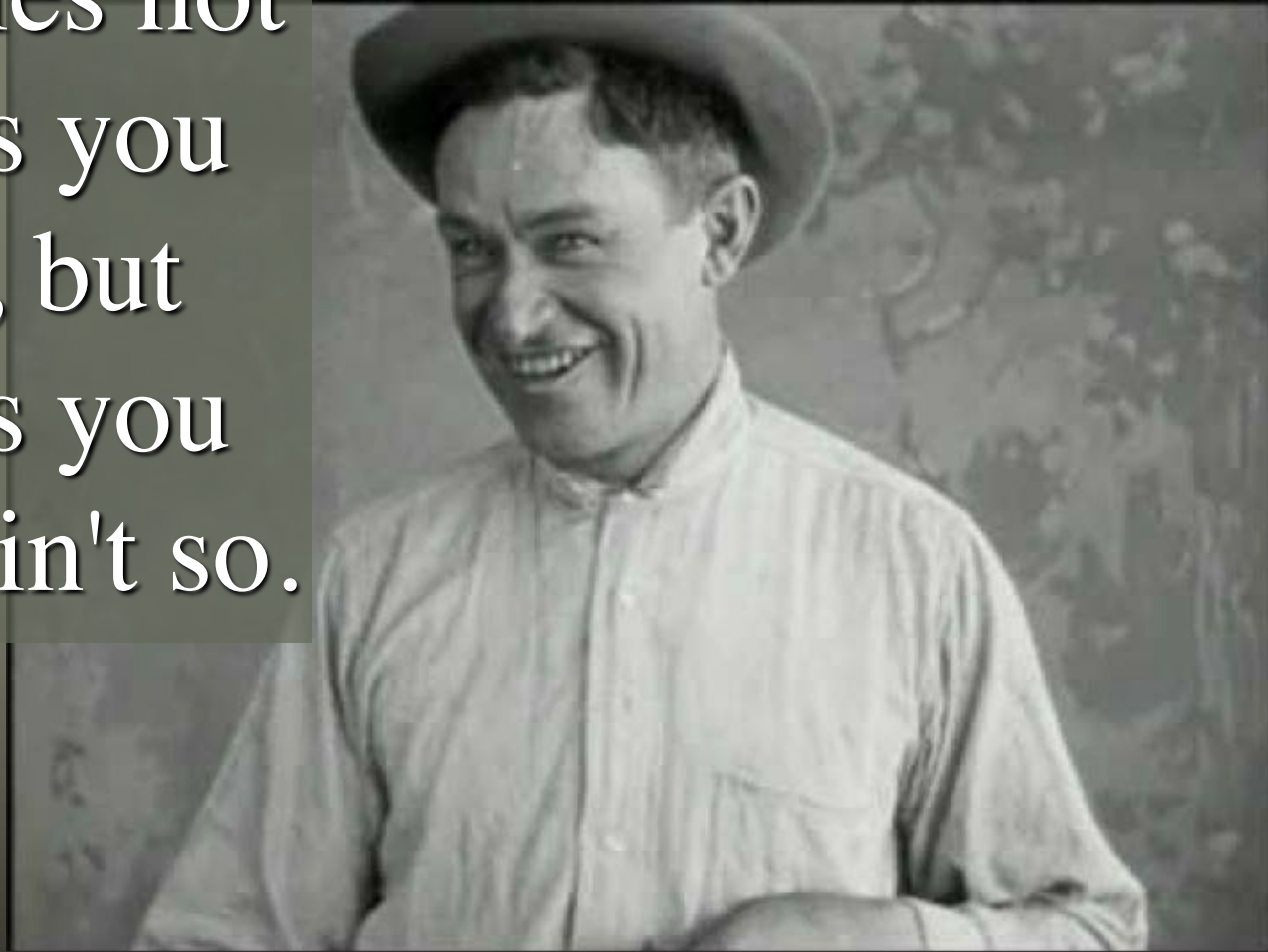
A Failure to Understand

And he charged them, saying, Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, and of the leaven of Herod.



Mark 8:15

Ignorance lies not
in the things you
don't know, but
in the things you
know that ain't so.



Will Rogers

proactive interference

Definition: A cause of forgetting by which previously stored information prevents learning and remembering new information.

proactive interference

Quite Simply...

What you already know stops you from learning new things that you want/need to know.

proactive interference

Quite Simply...

It's when past information prevents the storage of present information to be retrieved from the brain.

proactive interference

Quite Simply...

The old information you already know
blocks new information from coming in.

Examples of Proactive Interference

When the layout of a grocery store changes, you will look for things in their old places instead of their new ones.

Examples of Proactive Interference

101 Dog Tricks

Step-by-Step Activities to Engage, Challenge, and Bond with Your Dog

• Fetch the Paper • Roll Over • Take a Bow • Answer the Phone • Bring the Remote • And More!!

Can't teach an old dog new tricks because the dog can't forget the old tricks it learned. The tricks he already knew are interfering with his ability to learn new ones.

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LEARN TRAINING SECRETS FROM A RENOWNED TRAINER
AND THE WORLD'S SMARTEST DOG

Kyra Sundance and Chalcy

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Examples of Proactive Interference

When you come back to school after winter break, you often find yourself writing the previous year on your papers.



Examples of Proactive Interference

You were taught to solve a math problem the wrong way, you have trouble learning and remembering how to do the problem the new (right) way.



Examples of Proactive Interference

You learned how to speak Spanish but now you can't remember the French you're learning because the Spanish blocks the new language.

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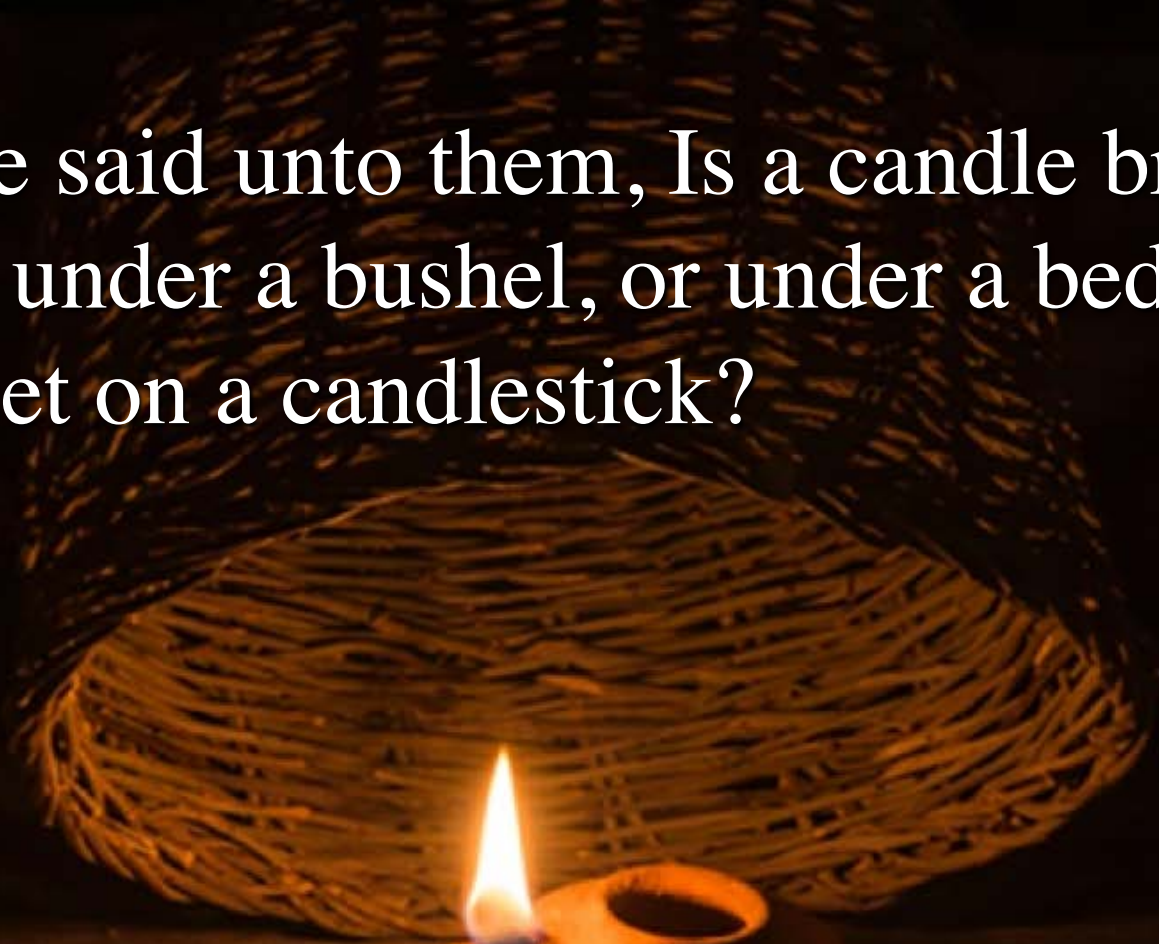
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brillante

And he said unto them, Is a candle brought to be put under a bushel, or under a bed? and not to be set on a candlestick?



For there is nothing hid, which shall not be manifested; neither was any thing kept secret, but that it should come abroad. If any man have ears to hear, let him hear.

The Lamp Under the Bushel

The Hidden Lamp

Mark 1:1-8:26



The Lamp Under the Bushel

1:23 - 25

1:34 Jesus forbade demons
3:11, 12 from identifying Him

1:41 - 44 Jesus forbade a leper from telling
anyone that he was cleansed by Jesus.

4:11, 12

4:33, 34 Jesus hid the Mystery of the
Kingdom of God in parables

The Lamp Under the Bushel

5:41-43 Jesus hid the resurrection
of Jairus' daughter

7:24 Jesus left Israel to hide
in Tyre and Sidon

7:32-36 Jesus admonished a deaf and dumb
man not to tell people
that he was healed.

The Lamp Under the Bushel

8:25, 26 Jesus took a blind man out of town to heal him and told him not to tell anyone

8:29, 30 Jesus forbade his disciples from telling people that He was the Christ.

9:2-4, 9 Peter, John and James were not to speak about the transfiguration.

9:30 The secret journey through Galilee

The Gospel of Mark

Notice the application of the parable of the candle. Jesus' frank admission of being the Christ (Messiah) results in putting Him on the candle stand, the cross. It is upon the cross that the light of God's love for man is plainly seen. Upon the cross Jesus, our king, took our place and suffered the consequences of our sin.

Chiastic Outline

Centering upon Peter's Confession

A1:1, 11	The beginning of the gospel with Jesus exalted as the Son at His baptism
B 1:14-39	First day of Jesus' ministry
C 2:1—3:6	Five controversy dialogues
D 4:1-34	Jesus' teaches the kingdom of God
E4:35—8:21	Three trips across the sea
F 8:27-30	Peter's confession of faith
E' 8:31—10:52	Three passion predictions
D' 13:1-37	Jesus teaches the future of the kingdom of God
C'11:27—12:40	Five controversy dialogues
B' 14:12—15:41	Last day of Jesus' ministry
A' 16:1-8	The end of the gospel with Jesus exalted in His resurrection as Son of God



Markan Frame

Definition – Markan Frame
Two similar passages serve as bookends (inclusio) to a section of narrative to focus the content and offer an interpretation of the material in between.

Markan Frame

22 And he cometh to Bethsaida; and they bring a blind man unto him, and besought him to touch him.

23 And he took the blind man by the hand, and led him out of the town; and when he had spit on his eyes, and put his hands upon him, he asked him if he saw ought.

24 And he looked up, and said, I see men as trees, walking.

25 After that he put his hands again upon his eyes, and made him look up: and he was restored, and saw every man clearly.

26 And he sent him away to his house, saying, Neither go into the town, nor tell it to any in the town.

Markan Frame



46 And they came to Jericho: and as he went out of Jericho with his disciples and a great number of people, blind Bartimæus, the son of Timæus, sat by the highway side begging.

47 And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me.

48 And many charged him that he should hold his peace: but he cried the more a great deal, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me.



Markan Frame

49 And Jesus stood still, and commanded him to be called. And they call the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good comfort, rise; he calleth thee.

50 And he, casting away his garment, rose, and came to Jesus.

51 And Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight.

52 And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way.

Mark 10:46-52

The Argument

And Jesus went out,
and his disciples, into
the towns of Cæsarea
Philippi: and by the
way he asked his
disciples, saying unto
them, Whom do men
say that I am?



Mark 8:27

The Argument

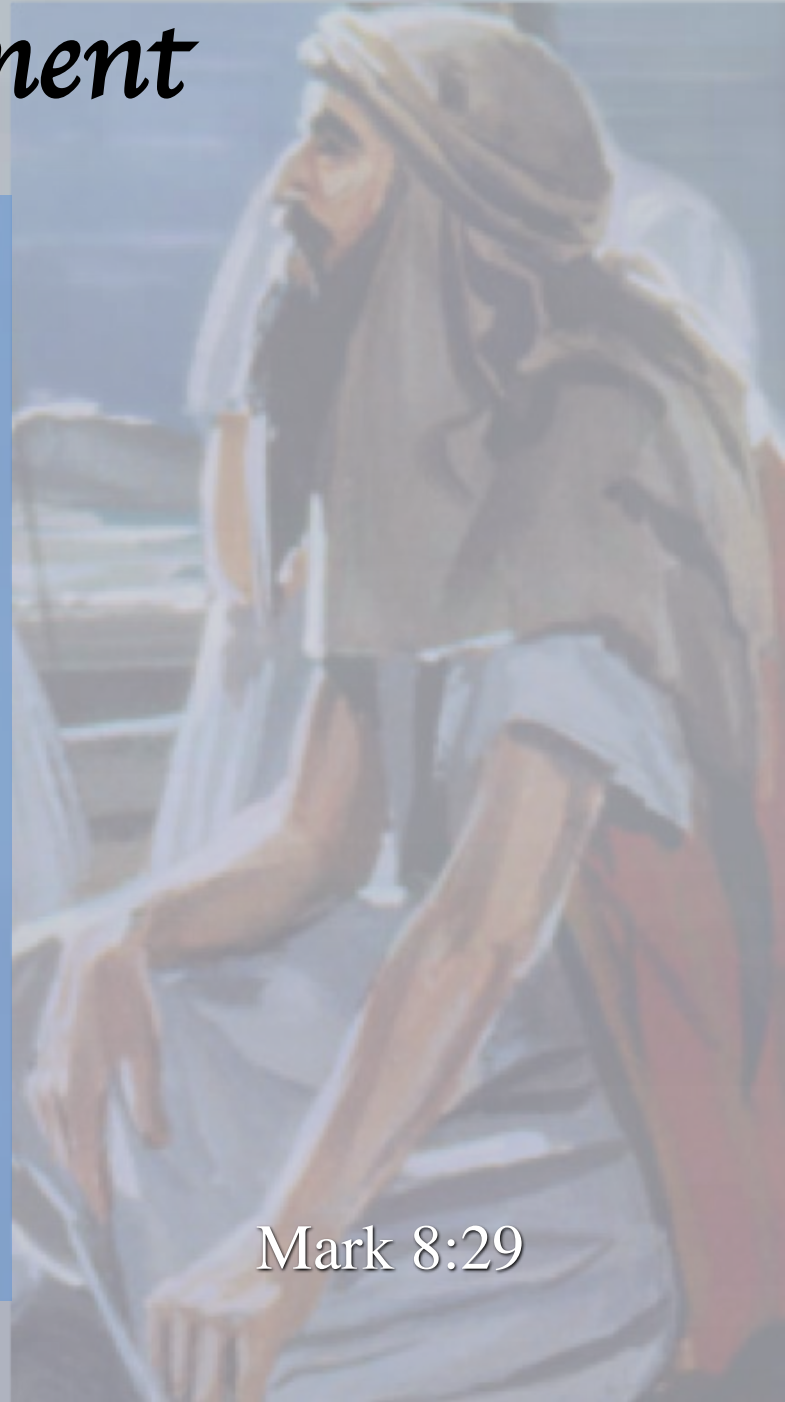
And they answered, John the Baptist: but some say, Elias; and others, One of the prophets.

Mark 8:28

The Argument

And he saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Peter answereth and saith unto him, Thou art the Christ.

Mark 8:29



The Argument

And he
charged them
that they
should tell no
man of him.

Mark 8:30

The Argument

[T]he disciples, had so **false a conception** of the Messiah that a public announcement of Him would give them no true idea of His character or His work. . . .



The Argument

The disciples ... expected Christ to **reign as a temporal prince**. Although He had so long concealed His design, they believed that He would not always remain in poverty and obscurity; the time was near when He would establish His kingdom.

The Argument

With the death of Christ the hopes of His disciples perished. They looked upon His closed eyelids and drooping head, His hair matted with blood, His pierced hands and feet, and their anguish was indescribable.

The Argument

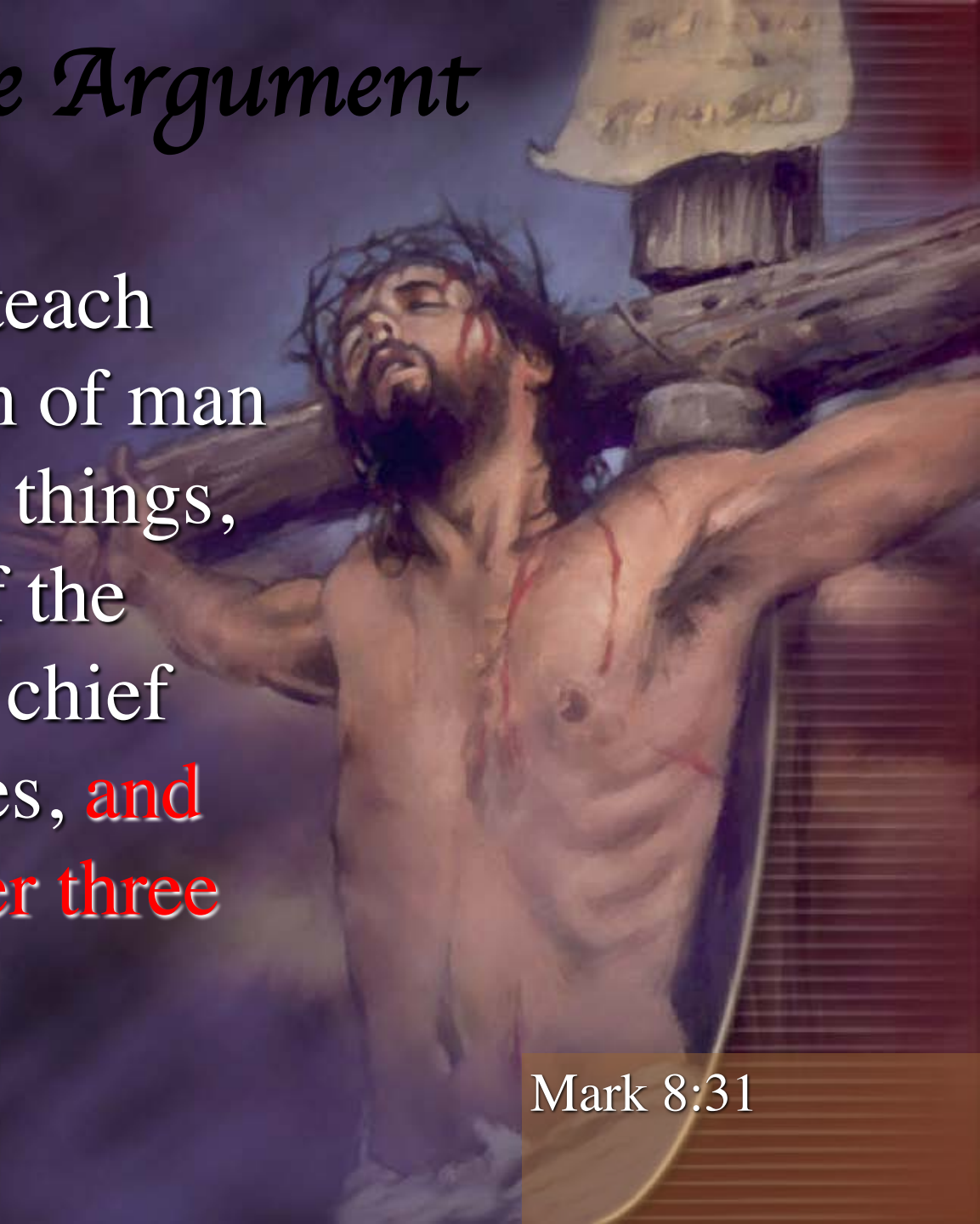
Until the last **they had not believed that He would die**; they could hardly believe that He was really dead. Overwhelmed with sorrow, **they did not recall His words foretelling this very scene.**



The Argument

And he began to teach them, that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders, and of the chief priests, and scribes, **and be killed, and after three days rise again.**

Mark 8:31



The Argument



And he spake that
saying openly.

And **Peter took**
him, and began to
rebuke him.

Mark 8:32

The Argument



But when he had turned about and looked on his disciples, he rebuked Peter, saying, **Get thee behind me, Satan**: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of men.

Mark 8:33

Babylonian Empire

Medo-Persian Empire

Grecian Empire

Roman Empire



Daniel 2:31 - 45

The Argument

Daniel 2:31 - 45



The Mountain of the Kingdom of God



Daniel 2:31 - 45

Peter's Argument with Jesus

34 The people answered him, We have heard out of the law that Christ abideth for ever: and how sayest thou, The Son of man must be lifted up? who is this Son of man?



John 12:34

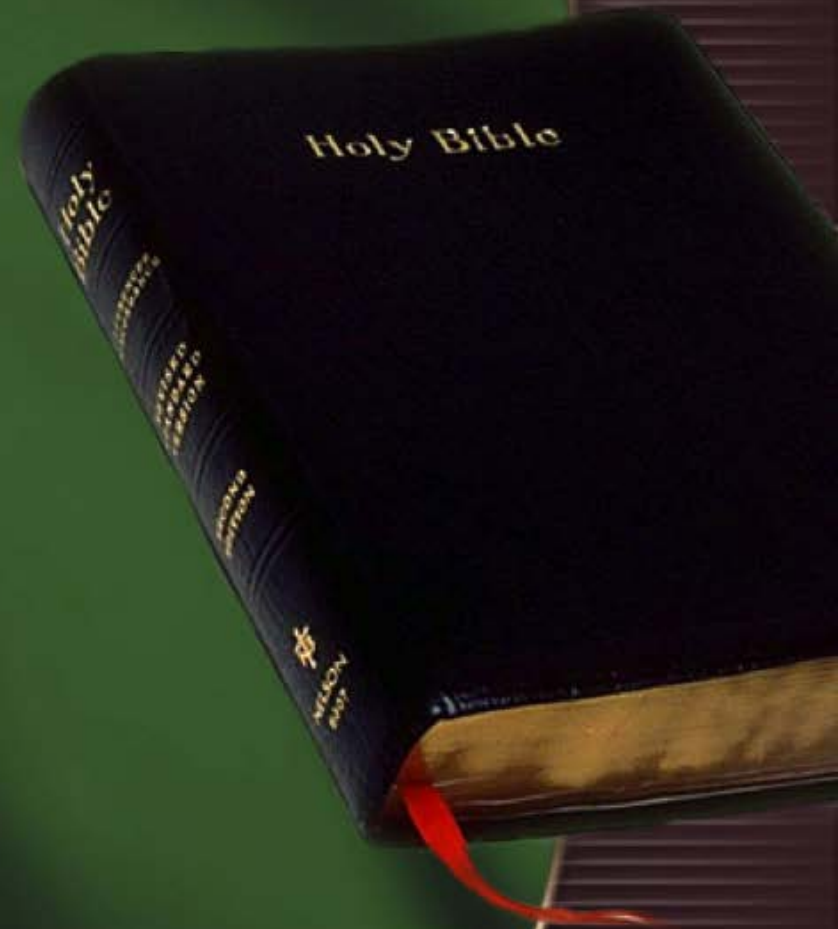
Peter's Argument with Jesus

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

Daniel 9:26

Rejection of Jesus

Howbeit we know
this man whence he
is: but when Christ
cometh, no man
knoweth whence he
is.



John 7:27

Rejection of Jesus

But thou, Beth-lehem Ephratah,
though thou be little among the
thousands of Judah, yet out of
thee shall he come forth unto me
that is to be ruler in Israel; whose
goings forth have been from of
old, from everlasting.

Micah 5:2

Rejection of Jesus

And Jesus answered and said, while he taught in the temple, How say the scribes that Christ is the Son of David? For David himself said by the Holy Ghost, The Lord said to my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool. David therefore himself calleth him Lord; and whence is he then his son?

Rejection of Jesus

And the Pharisees went forth, and straightway took counsel with the Herodians against him, how they might destroy him.



Mark 3:6

Rejection of Jesus

And when his friends heard of it, they went out to lay hold on him: for they said, He is beside himself.

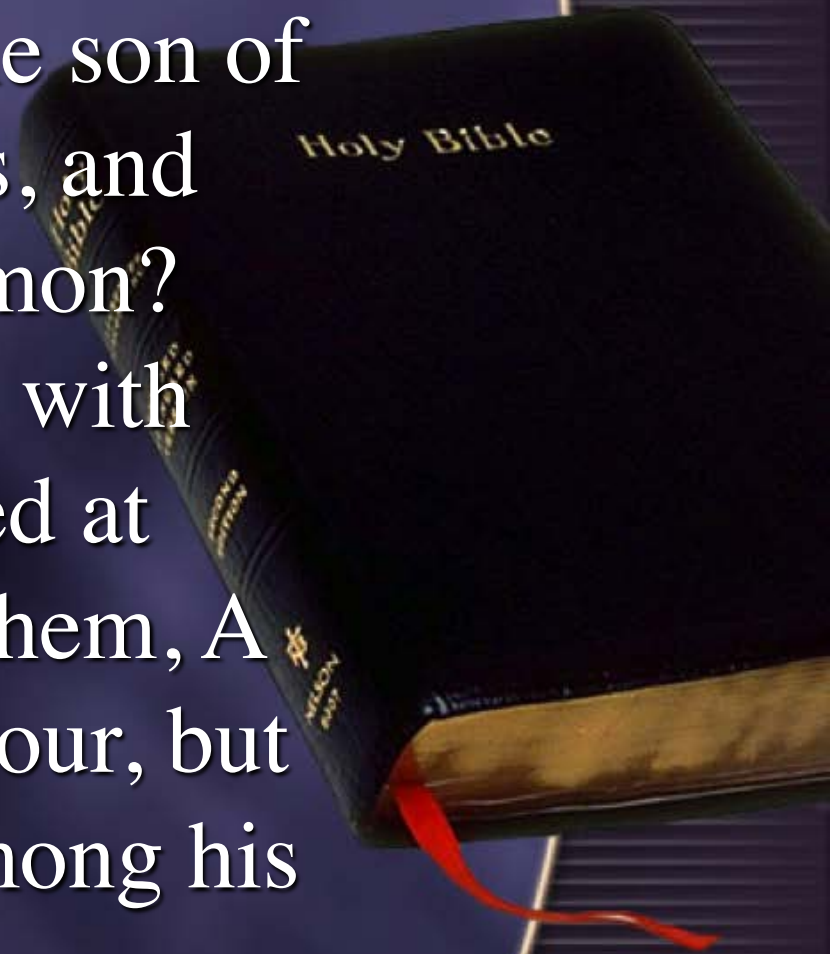


Mark 3:21

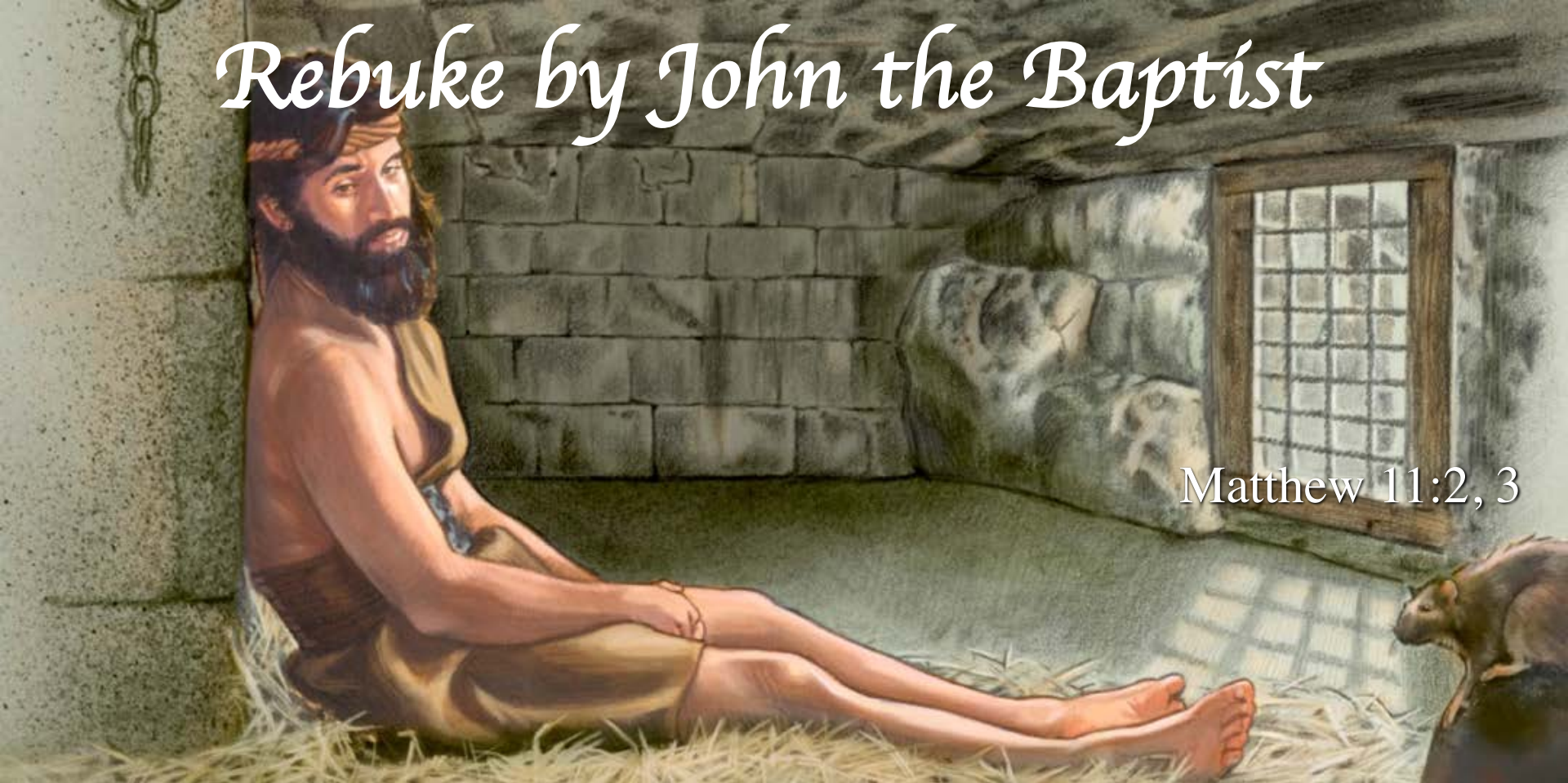
Rejection by Jesus' Hometown

Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended at him. But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, but in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house.

Mark 6:3, 4



Rebuke by John the Baptist



Matthew 11:2, 3

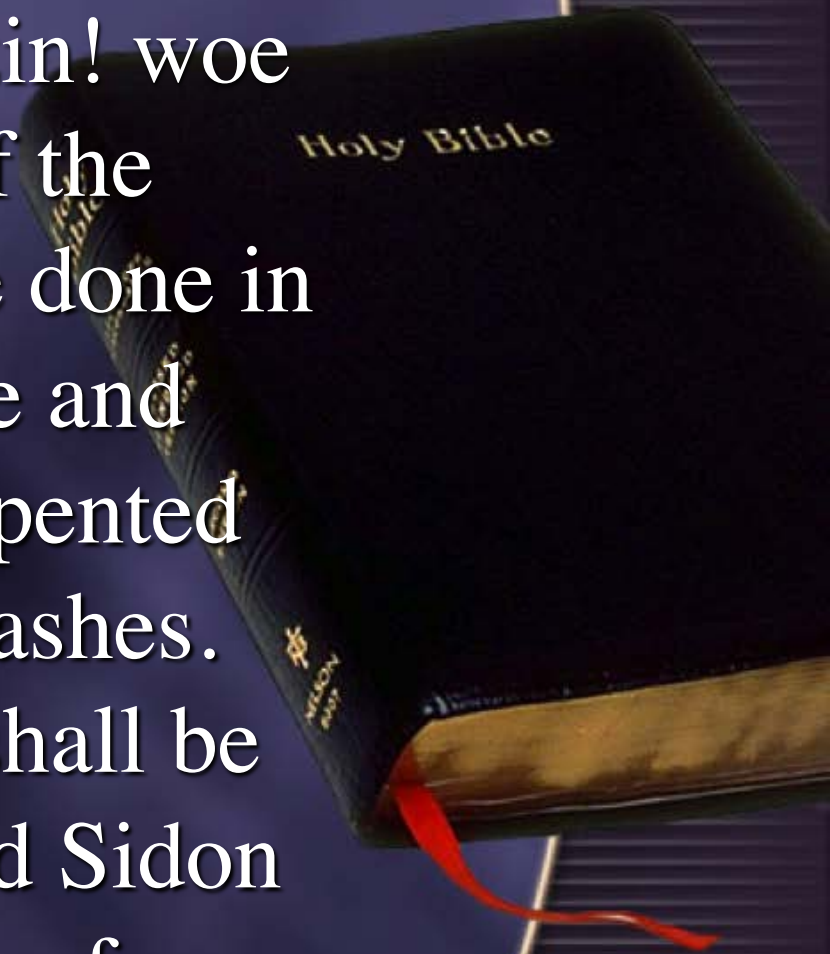
Now when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples, And said unto him, Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another?

Rejection by Galilee

21 Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works, which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.

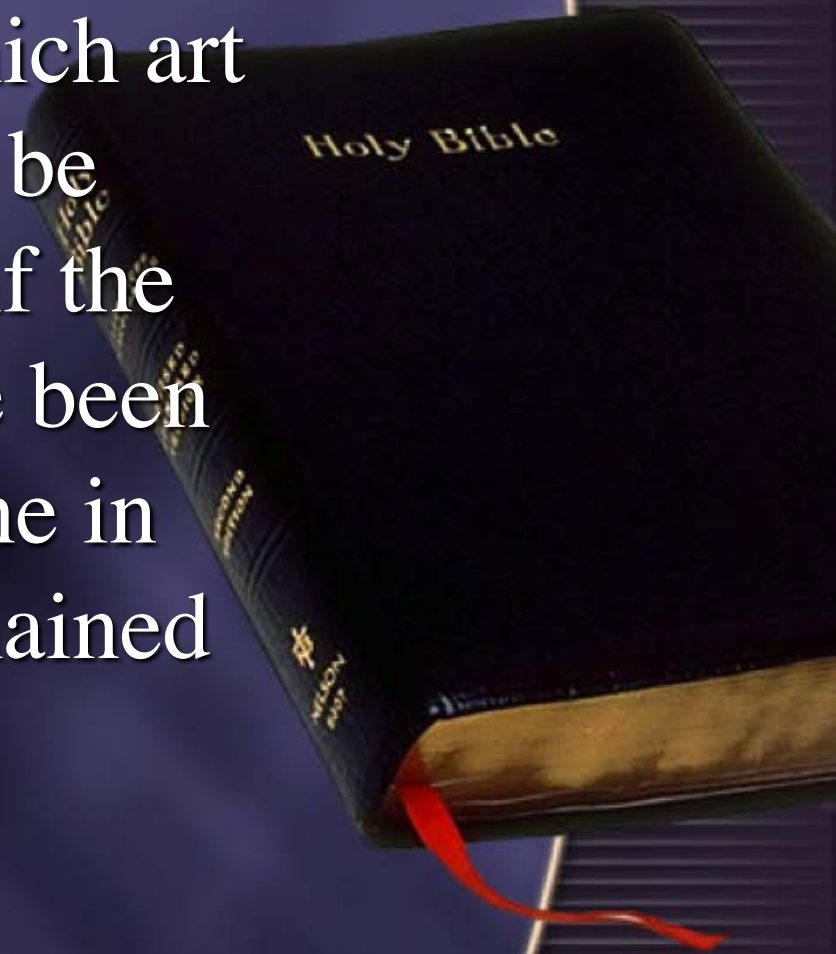
22 But I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgment, than for you.

Matthew 11:21- 23



Rejection by Galilee

And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.



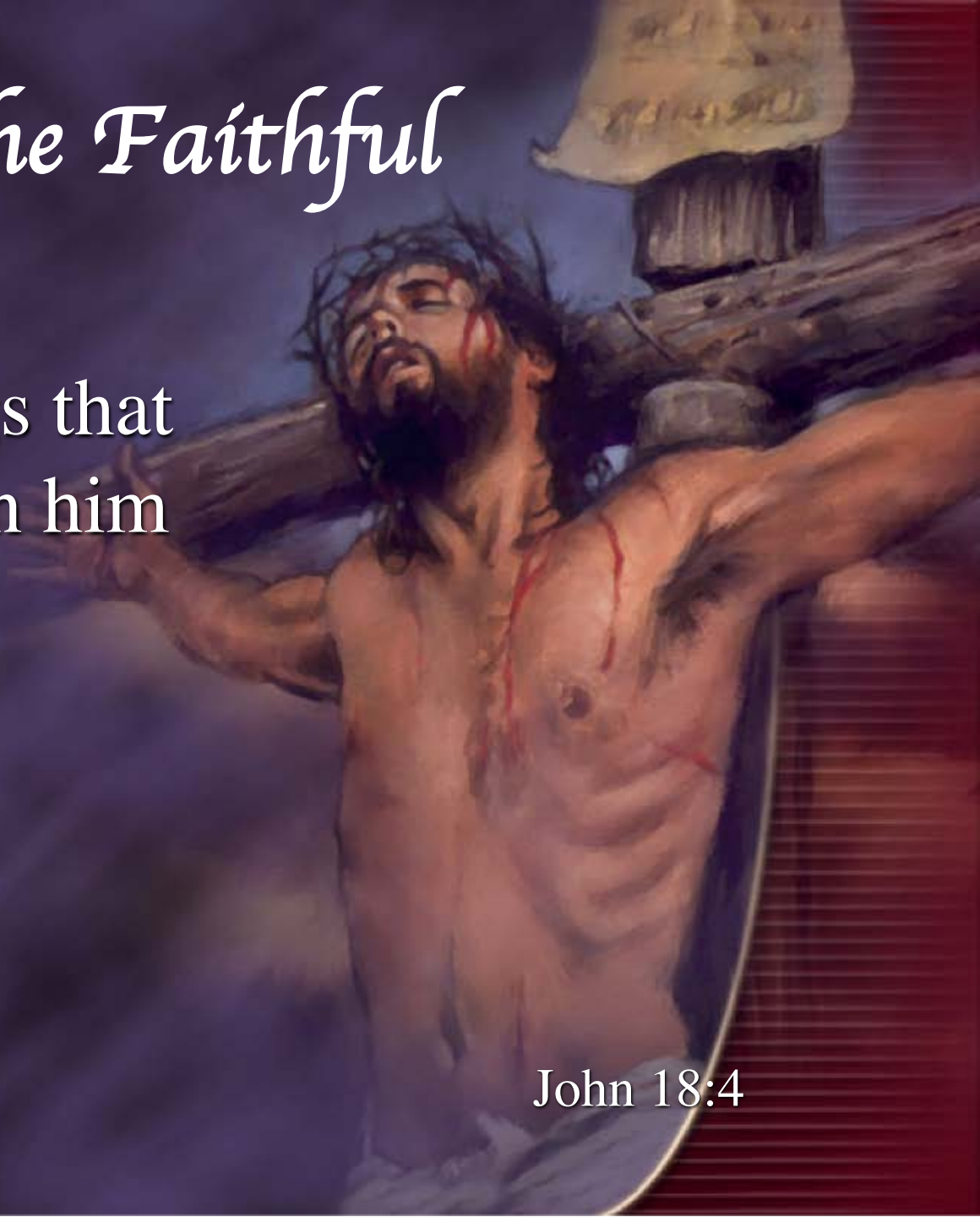
Matthew 11:21- 23

The Faithful

Jesus therefore,
knowing all things that
should come upon him

...

John 18:4



A Commitment



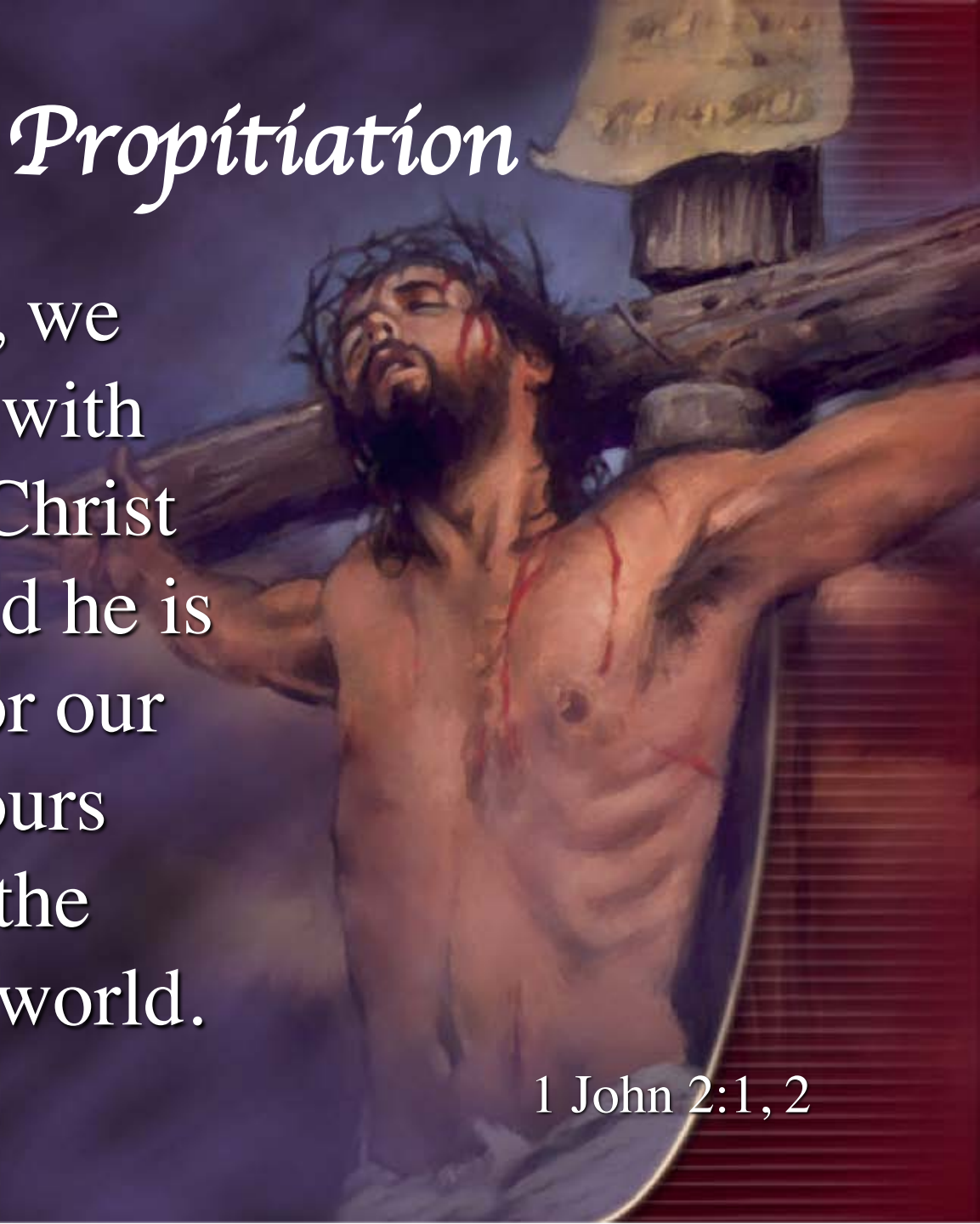
Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed ... said, ... This cup is the new testament in my blood...

1 Corinthians 11:23-25

The Propitiation

... if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2:1, 2




Government Struggles



Those who hold the reins of government are **not able to solve the problem** of moral corruption, poverty, pauperism, and increasing crime.

#32 Testimonies for the Church, vol. 9, p. 13

Government Struggles

A man in a dark suit is seen from behind, standing at a podium and addressing a large, seated audience in a grand hall. The scene is dimly lit, with spotlights on the speaker and the audience. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

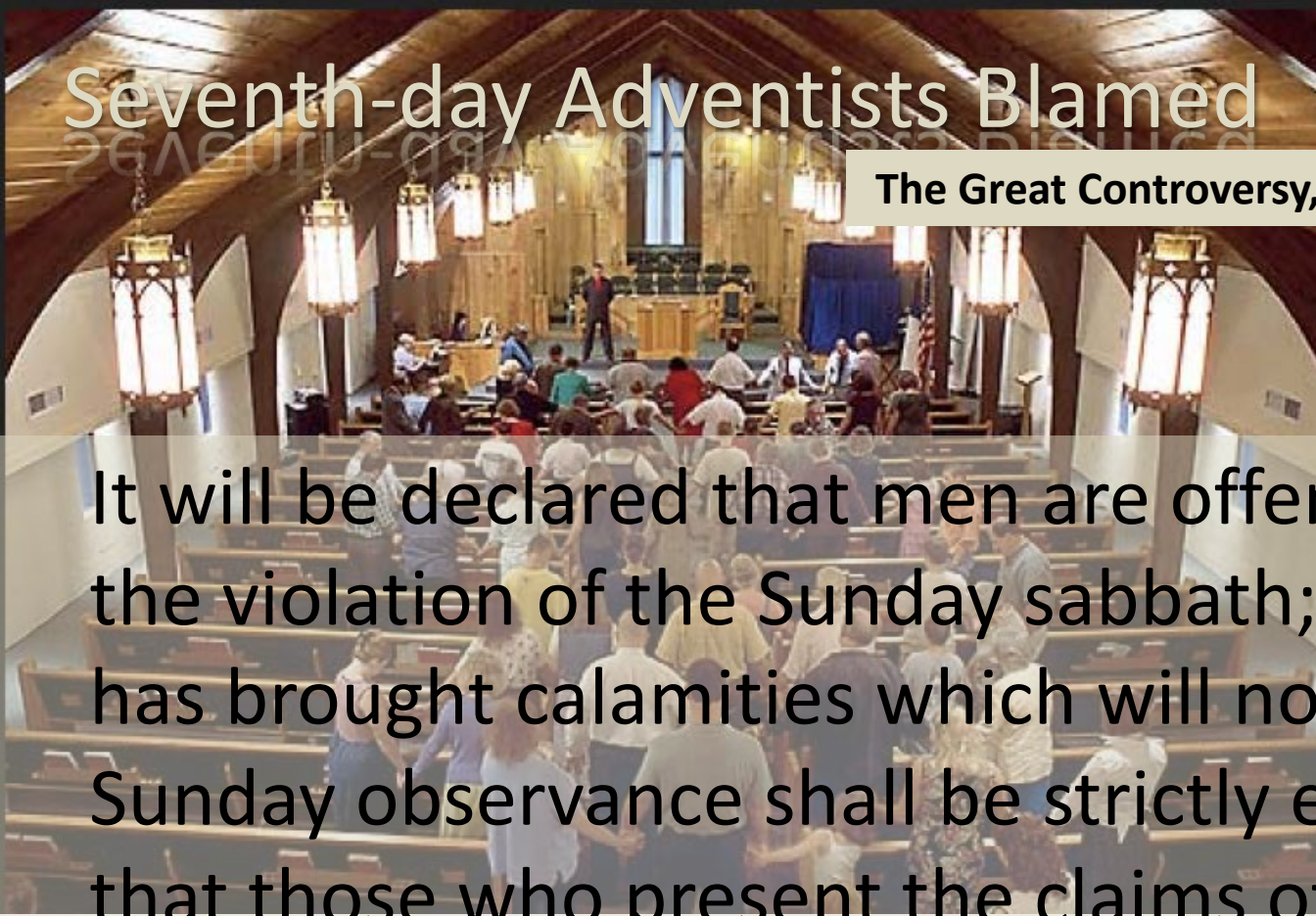
[Religious Leaders] put forth the claim that the fast-spreading corruption is largely attributable to the desecration of the so-called "Christian sabbath," and that **the enforcement of Sunday observance would greatly improve the morals of society.** This claim is especially urged in America...

Sunday Laws

Satan puts his interpretation upon events, and they think, as he would have them, that the calamities which fill the land are a result of Sunday-breaking. Thinking to appease the wrath of God, these **influential men make laws enforcing Sunday observance.**

Seventh-day Adventists Blamed

The Great Controversy, p. 590



It will be declared that men are offending God by the violation of the Sunday sabbath; that this sin has brought calamities which will not cease until Sunday observance shall be strictly enforced; and that those who present the claims of the fourth commandment, thus destroying reverence for Sunday, are troublers of the people, preventing their restoration to divine favor and temporal prosperity.

The Plan

In the night season I was in a large company where the subject of education was agitating the minds of all present. Many were bringing up objections to changing the character of the education which has long been in vogue.

The Plan

One who has long been our instructor was speaking to the people. He said: "The subject of education should interest the whole Seventh-day Adventist body."

Prepare for What Is Coming

[T]hese words were spoken to me:
"Charge the teachers in our schools
to prepare the students for what is
coming upon the world."

Prepare for What Is Coming

The Lord has been waiting long for our teachers to walk in the light He has sent them. There is need of a humbling of self, that Christ may restore the moral image of God in man.

Prepare for What Is Coming



The character of the education given must be greatly changed before it can give the right mold to our institutions.

Prepare for What Is Coming

The science of true education is the truth, which is to be so deeply impressed on the soul that it cannot be obliterated by the error that everywhere abounds.



Prepare for What Is Coming

The third angel's message is truth, and light, and power, and to present it so that right impressions will be made upon hearts should be the work of our schools as well as of our churches, of the teacher as well as of the minister.



Prepare for What Is Coming



Those who accept positions as educators should prize more and more the revealed will of God so plainly and strikingly presented in Daniel and the Revelation.

Prepare for What Is Coming

Before we can carry the message of present truth in all its fulness to other countries, we must first break every yoke. We must come into the line of true education, walking in the wisdom of God, and not in the wisdom of the world.

Prepare for What Is Coming

God calls for messengers who will be true reformers. We must educate, educate, to prepare a people who will understand the message, and then give the message to the world.

Prepare for What Is Coming

Our people are now being tested as to whether they will obtain their wisdom from the greatest Teacher the world ever knew, or seek to the god of Ekron. Let us determine that we will not be tied by so much as a thread to the educational policies of those who do not discern the voice of God and who will not hearken to His commandments.

Prepare for What Is Coming



Our work is reformatory; and it is the purpose of God that through the excellence of the work done in our educational institutions the attention of the people shall be called to the last great effort to save the perishing.

The Three Angels' Messages

The third angel is represented as flying in the midst of heaven, showing that the message is to go throughout the length and breadth of the earth. It is the most solemn message ever given to mortals,



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The Three Angels' Messages

and all who propose to connect themselves with the work should first feel their need of an education, of the most thorough training.



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The Three Angels' Messages

Plans should be made and efforts put forth for the improvement of those who anticipate entering any branch of the work.



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The Three Angels' Messages



As the children sang in the temple courts, "Hosanna; Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord" (Mark 11:9),

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The Three Angels' Messages

so in these last days
children's voices will be
raised to give the last
message of warning to
a perishing world.

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Students, p. 176*

The Three Angels' Messages

When heavenly intelligences see that men are no longer permitted to present the truth, the Spirit of God will come upon the children, and they will do a work in the proclamation of the truth which the older workers cannot do because their way will be hedged up.



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The Plan

In order to understand what is comprehended in the work of education, we need to consider both the nature of man and the purpose of God in creating him. We need to consider also the change in man's condition through the coming in of a knowledge of evil, and God's plan for still fulfilling His glorious purpose in the education of the human race.



The Plan

When Adam came from the Creator's hand, he bore, in his physical, mental, and spiritual nature, a likeness to his Maker. ...

The Plan

By infinite love and mercy the plan of salvation had been devised, and a life of probation was granted.



The Plan



To restore in man the image of his Maker, to bring him back to the perfection in which he was created,

The Plan

to promote the development of body, mind, and soul, that the divine purpose in his creation might be realized





The Plan

this was to be the
work of
redemption. This is
... the great object
of life.

Restoration

Through sin the divine likeness was marred, and well-nigh obliterated.

- *Man's physical powers were weakened,*
- *his mental capacity was lessened,*
- *his spiritual vision dimmed.*
- *He had become subject to death.*

Restoration

Yet the race was not left without hope. By infinite love and mercy the plan of salvation had been devised, and a life of probation was granted.

- To restore in man the image of his Maker,
- to bring him back to the perfection in which he was created,
- to promote the development of body, mind, and soul,

Restoration

that the divine purpose in his creation might be realized—this was to be the work of redemption. This is the object of education, the great object of life.

Restoration

In the highest sense the work of education and the work of redemption are one, ...

Molding the Character

Character building is the most important work ever entrusted to human beings; and never before was its diligent study so important as now. Never was any previous generation called to meet issues so momentous; never before were young men and young women confronted by perils so great as confront them today.

The Revelation

When the books of Daniel and Revelation are better understood, believers will have an entirely different religious experience.



A Holy People

God desires that his people shall stand before the world a holy people. Why? —

Review and Herald, March 31, 1910

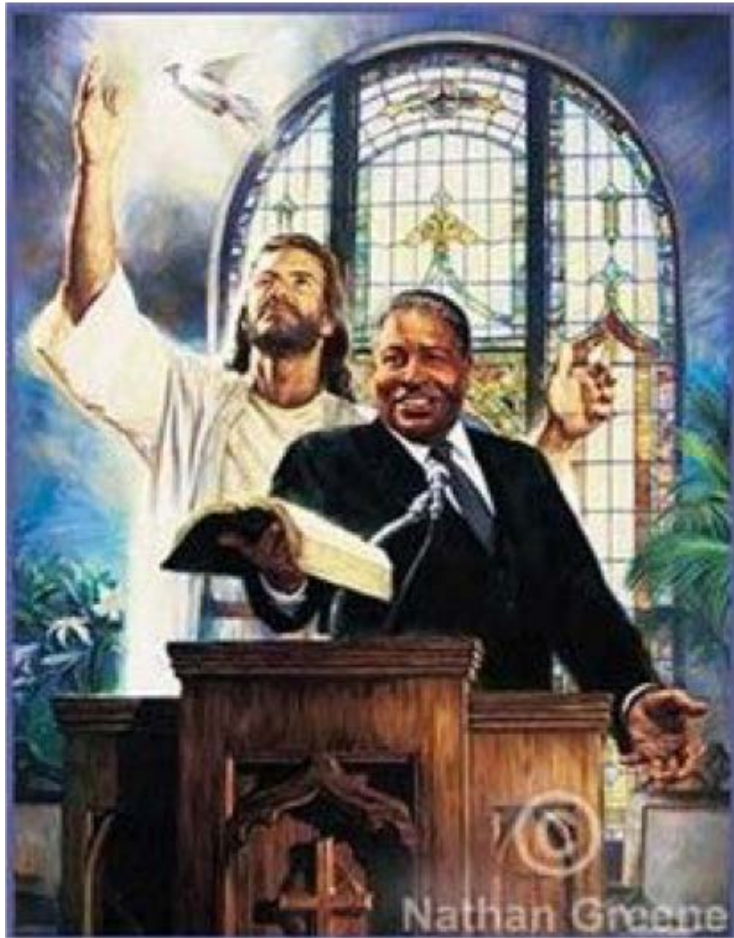


A Holy People

Because there is a world to be saved by the light of gospel truth; and as the message of truth that is to call men out of darkness into God's marvelous light, is given by the church, the lives of its members, sanctified by the Spirit of truth, are to bear witness to the verity of the messages proclaimed.

Review and Herald, March 31, 1910

A Holy People



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United with Christ in God, we shall reveal to the world that as God chose His Son to be His representative on the earth, even so has Christ chosen us to represent His character. Everyone who has genuine faith in Christ Jesus will represent Him in character.

The Revelation



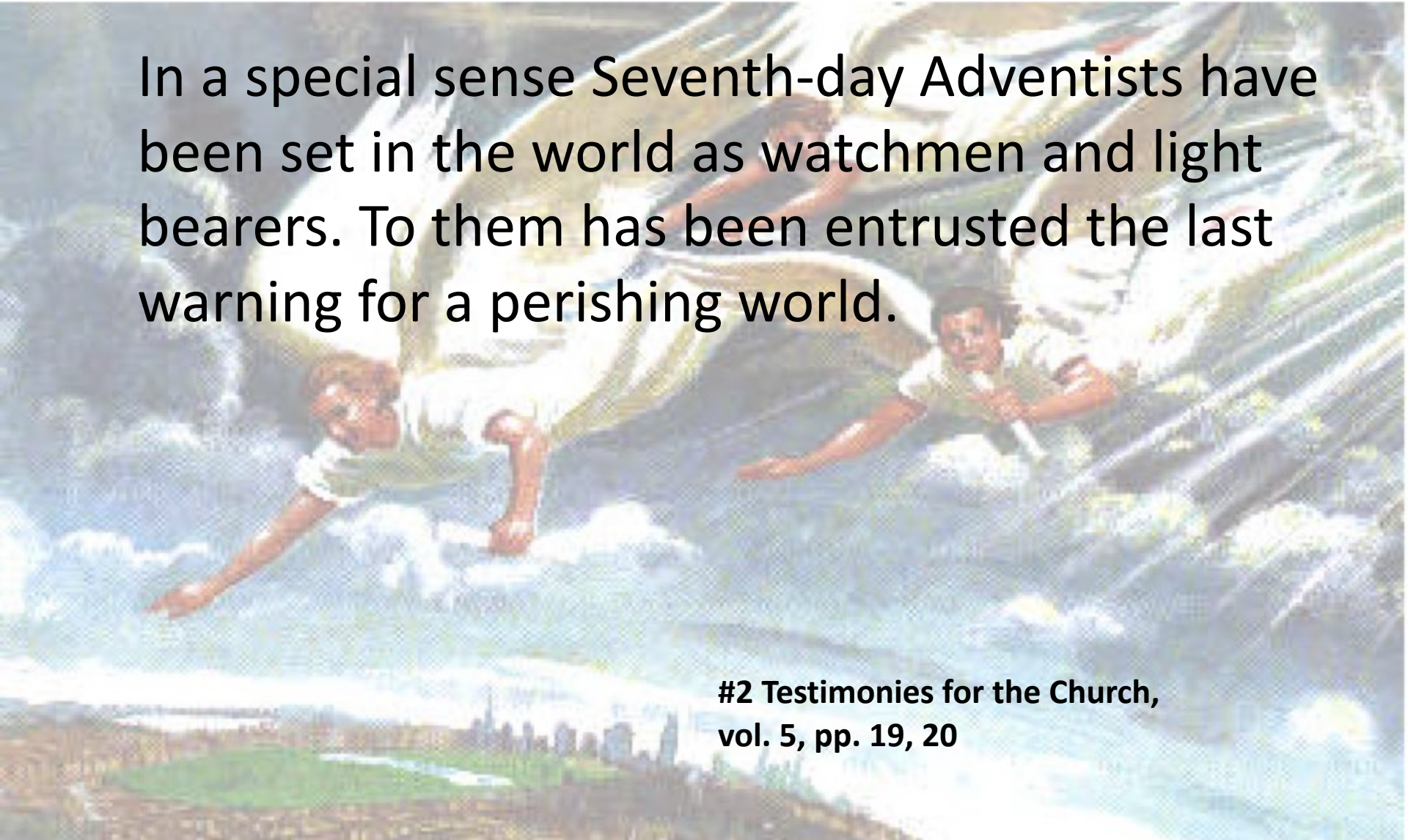
[T]he loud cry of the third angel has already begun in the revelation of the righteousness of Christ, the sin-pardoning Redeemer. This is the beginning of the light of the angel whose glory shall fill the whole earth.

Review and Herald, November 22,
1892

The Watchmen

In a special sense Seventh-day Adventists have been set in the world as watchmen and light bearers. To them has been entrusted the last warning for a perishing world.

**#2 Testimonies for the Church,
vol. 5, pp. 19, 20**



An open book with two hands clasped over it. The hands are positioned in the center-right of the frame, with fingers interlaced. The book's pages are visible, showing some text. The background is dark, making the book and hands stand out.

The Watchmen

On them is shining wonderful light from the word of God. They have been given a work of the most solemn import—the proclamation of the first, second, and third angels' messages.

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The Watchmen

There is no other work of so great importance. They are to allow nothing else to absorb their attention.

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The Light Bearers

The most solemn truths ever entrusted to mortals have been given us to proclaim to the world. The proclamation of these truths is to be our work. The world is to be warned, and God's people are to be true to the trust committed to them. ...

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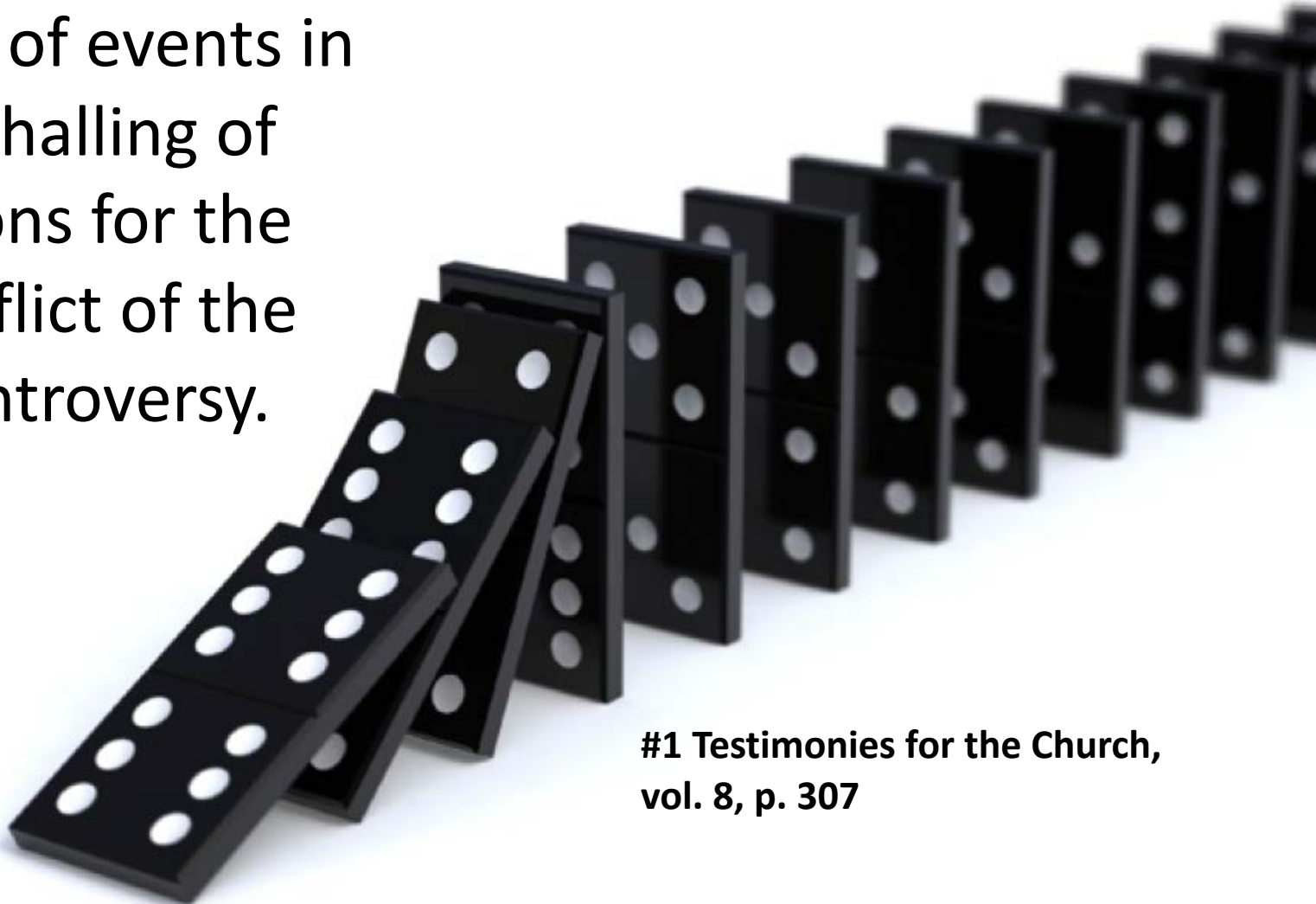
The Light Bearers

It is not a small matter that the counsels and plans of God have been so clearly opened to us. It is a wonderful privilege to be able to understand the will of God as revealed in the sure word of prophecy. This places on us a heavy responsibility.

**#2 Testimonies for the Church,
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The Progress of Events

We are to ...
understand the
progress of events in
the marshalling of
the nations for the
final conflict of the
great controversy.



**#1 Testimonies for the Church,
vol. 8, p. 307**

The Deception

As we near the end of time, falsehood will be so mingled with truth, that only those who have the guidance of the Holy Spirit will be able to distinguish truth from error.

E. G. White, Review and Herald,
November 22, 1892

The Deception

Every wind of doctrine will be blowing. Everything that can be shaken will be shaken, and only those things that cannot be shaken will remain.

E. G. White, Review and Herald,
November 6, 1883

The Testimony of the True Witness



The Laodicean message has been sounding. Take this message in all its phases and sound it forth to the people wherever Providence opens the way.

E. G. White, Manuscript Releases,
vol. 15, p. 94

The Cleansing

- [W]e are living in the solemn hour of the Judgment, when we should afflict our souls, confess our errors, repent of our sins, and pray one for another that we may be healed.



E. G. White, Review and Herald,
May 13, 1884

The Knowledge of God

- Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth.

Beginning of Sorrows

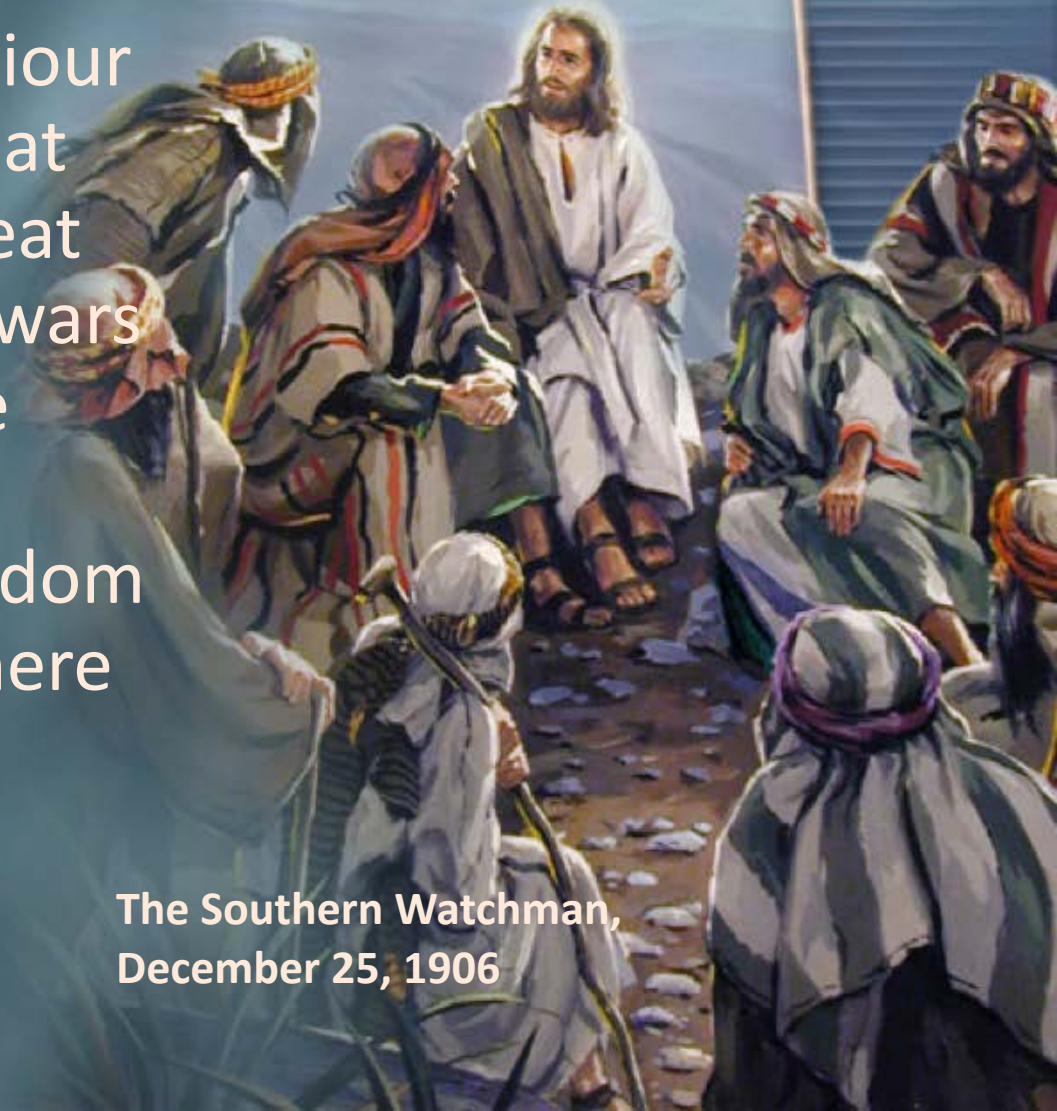
He is speaking to those who make [His Law] void in storms, in floods, in tempests, in earthquakes, in perils by land and by sea. ...

The Southern Watchman,
December 25, 1906



We are standing on the threshold of great and solemn events. ... Upon the Mount of Olives the Saviour rehearsed the scenes that were to precede this great event: "Ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars," he said. "Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes in divers places.

The Beginning of Sorrows



The Southern Watchman,
December 25, 1906

The Beginning of Sorrows

All these are the beginning of sorrows." While these prophecies received a partial fulfilment at the destruction of Jerusalem, **they have a more direct application in the last days.**



The Southern Watchman,
December 25, 1906

Storms Rage

Storms rage with destructive violence. Harm comes to man and beast and property. **Because men continue to transgress God's law** He removes their defense.

Calamity

A night-time photograph of a city street, likely in New York City, featuring several yellow taxis. The street is wet and reflects the city lights. In the background, a tall skyscraper with a glowing top is visible against a dark sky. The overall scene is dimly lit, with the primary light sources being the streetlights and the building's lights.

Famine, calamity by sea, and the pestilence that walketh at noonday, follow because men have forgotten their Creator.

Shaking

We are amid the perils of the last days, and trying times are before us. Everything that can be shaken will be shaken, that those things that cannot be shaken may remain.

Manuscript Releases, vol. 20, p. 285



Sealing

Drought, famine, pestilence, earthquakes, casualties by sea and land, will multiply. Life will be unsafe anywhere, only as the life is hid with Christ in God. Now, while the angels are holding the four winds, is our opportunity to seek the Lord most earnestly.

Manuscript Releases, vol. 20, p. 285

Wealth and Power

You do not realize your peril. ... You have clung to your idols, and are becoming spiritually benumbed. ... [It] would better deny self and make any sacrifice than live without the presence and favor of God. There is something more to be dreaded by individuals who have had light and knowledge of the truth than drought, famine, or temporal inconveniences.

Wealth and Power

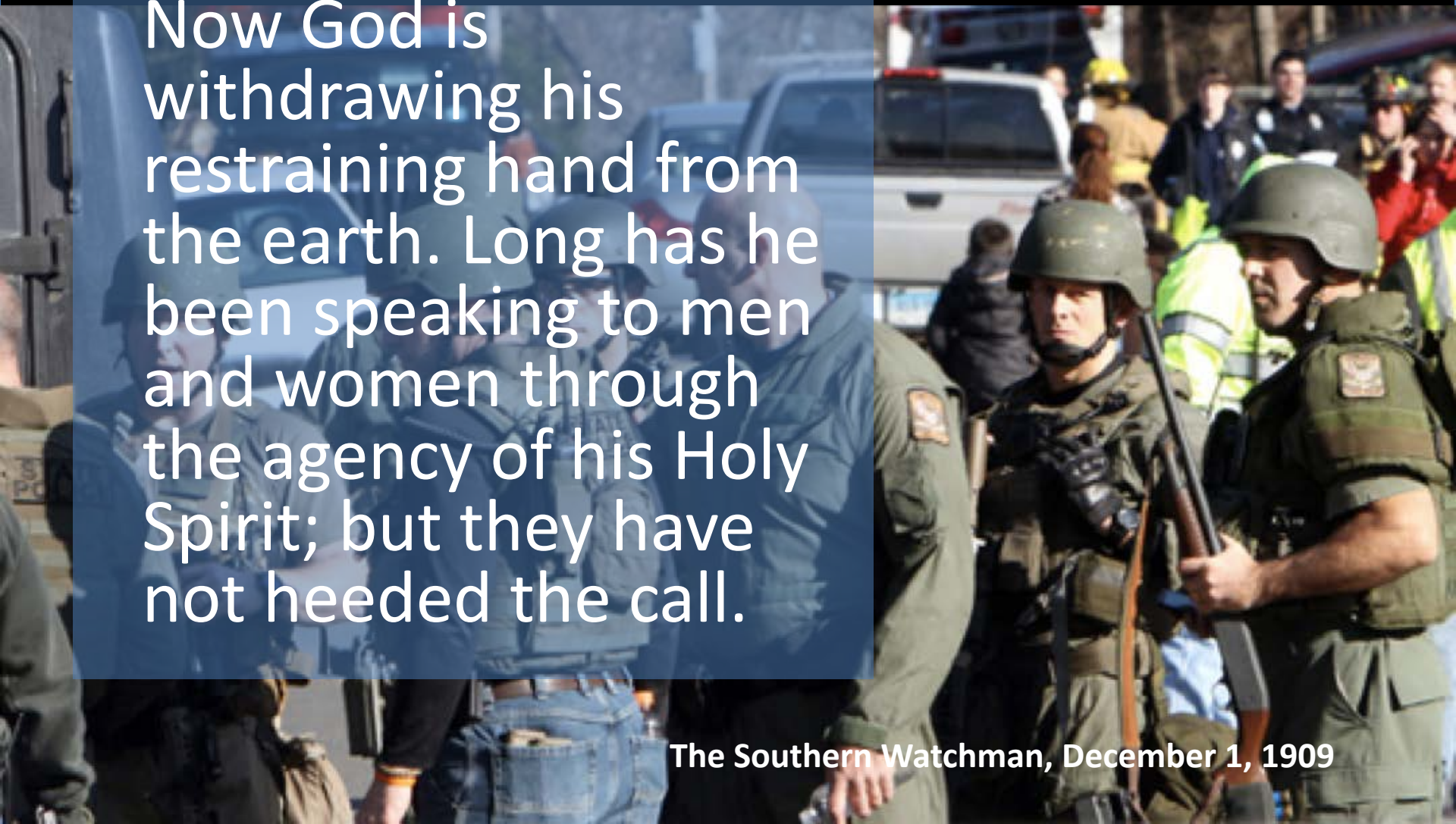
It is a worse thing to lose faith in God, in truth, in duty. It is far worse to choose your own way, to love money, to love those things that minister to selfish gratification and indulgence. It is a terrible thing to imperil the soul's highest interest for any temporal gain or worldly advantage.

Manuscript Releases, vol. 20, p. 285

A Time of Judgments

Now God is withdrawing his restraining hand from the earth. Long has he been speaking to men and women through the agency of his Holy Spirit; but they have not heeded the call.

The Southern Watchman, December 1, 1909



A Time of Judgments

Now he is speaking to his people, and to the world, by his judgments. The time of these judgments is a time of mercy for those who have not yet had opportunity to learn what is truth. Tenderly will the Lord look upon them. His heart of mercy is touched; his hand is still stretched out to save.



The Southern Watchman, December 1, 1909

Cities Ruined



[Satan] will
bring disease
and disaster,
until populous
cities are
**reduced to ruin
and desolation.**

Manuscript Releases, vol. 4, p. 75

In accidents and calamities by sea and by land, in great conflagrations, in fierce tornadoes and terrific hailstorms, in tempests, floods, cyclones, tidal waves, and earthquakes, in every place and in a thousand forms, Satan is exercising his power. ... **These visitations are to become more and more frequent and disastrous.**

Cities Ruined

Gigantic Monopolies

In the world gigantic monopolies will be formed. ... A few men will combine to grasp all the means to be obtained in certain lines of business.

Manuscript Releases, vol. 4, p. 75

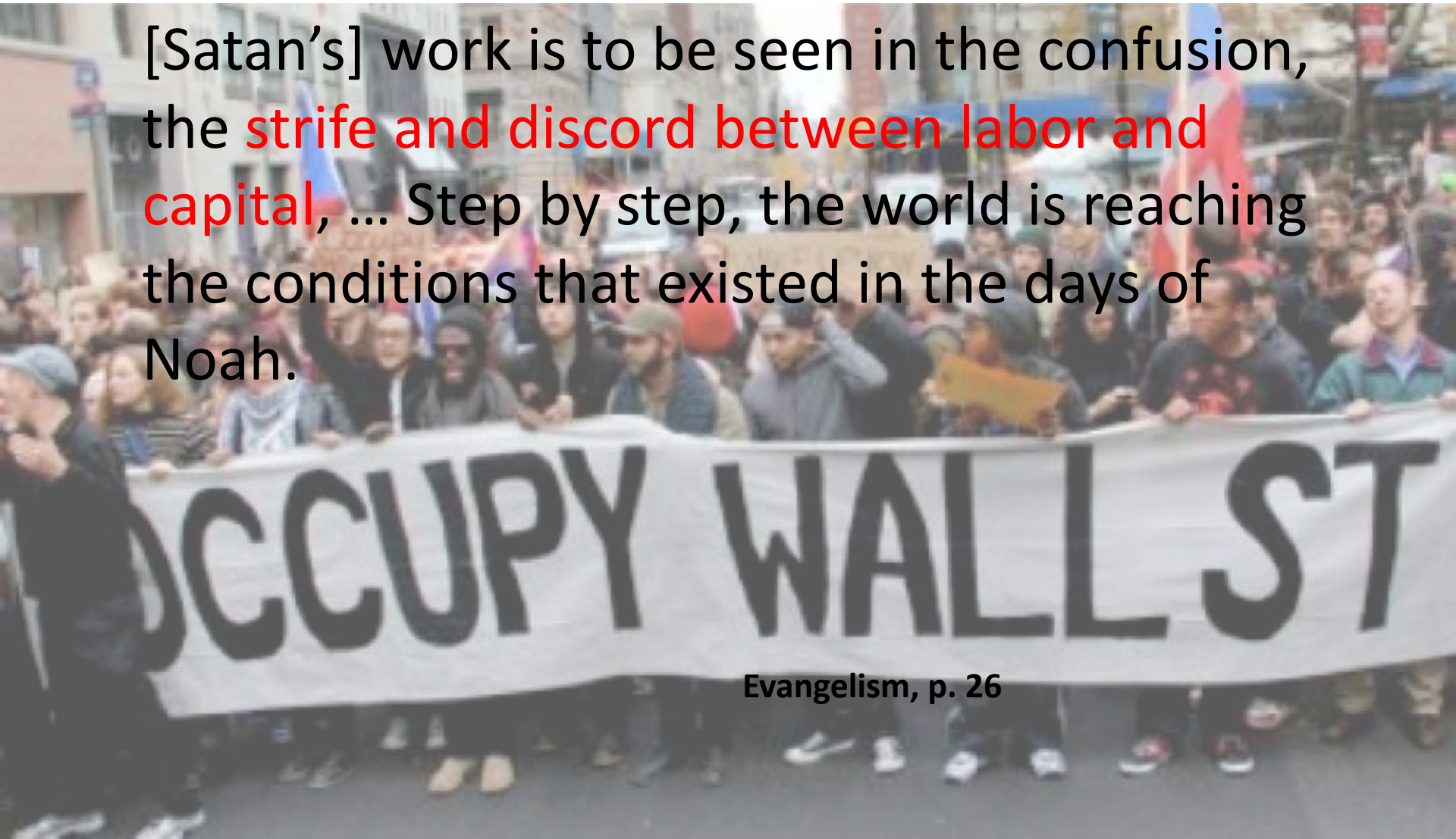
HSBC Holdings

Asset size: \$2.3 trillion

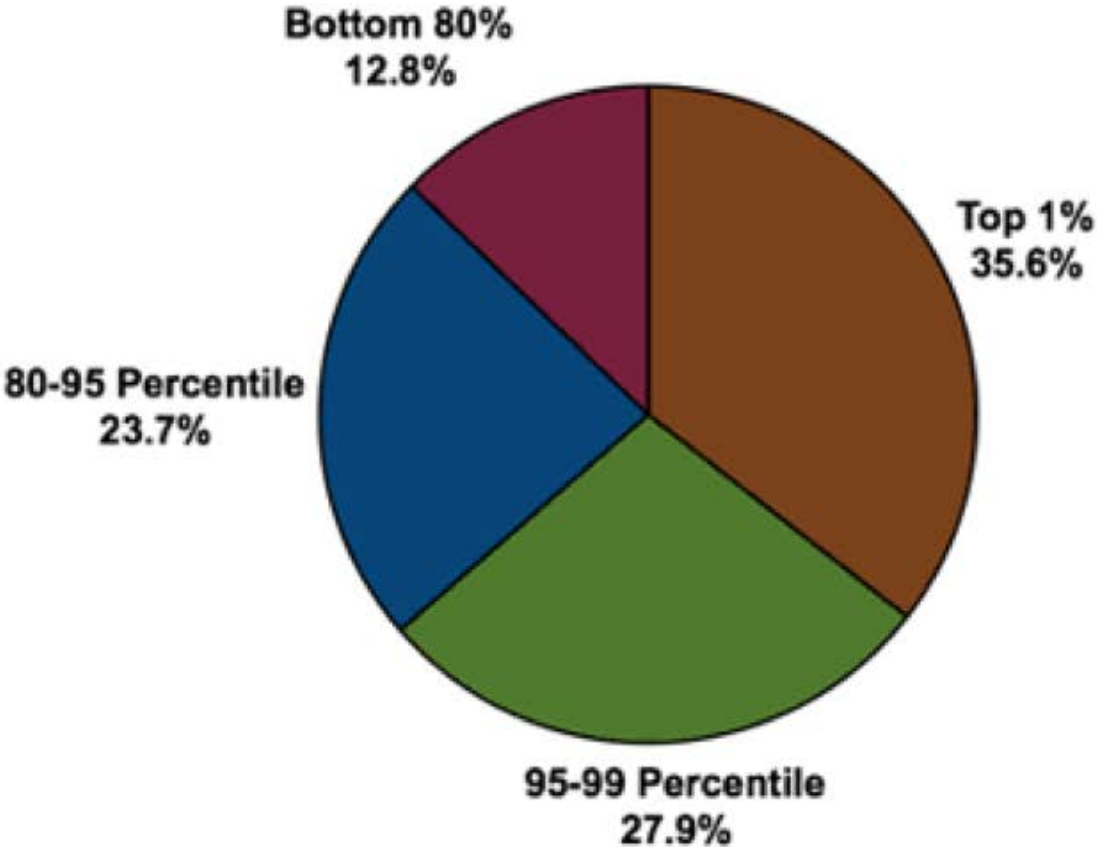
(as of Jan. 2010)

Labor and Capital

[Satan's] work is to be seen in the confusion, the **strife and discord between labor and capital**, ... Step by step, the world is reaching the conditions that existed in the days of Noah.



Distribution of U.S. Wealth, 2009



Source: Economic Policy Institute, The State of Working America 2011, "Wealth Holdings Remain Unequal in Good and Bad Times."



Economic Crash

While the top 1 percent have seen their incomes rise 18 percent over the past decade, those in the middle have actually seen their incomes fall. For men with only high-school degrees, the decline has been precipitous—12 percent in the last quarter-century alone. All the growth in recent decades—and more—has gone to those at the top.

Joseph E. Stiglitz

Of the 1%, by the 1%, for the 1%

Vanity Fair

May, 2011

Economic Issues

The agencies of evil are combining their forces and consolidating. They are strengthening for the last great crisis.

Great changes are soon to take place in our world, and the final movements will be rapid ones.

Economic Crisis

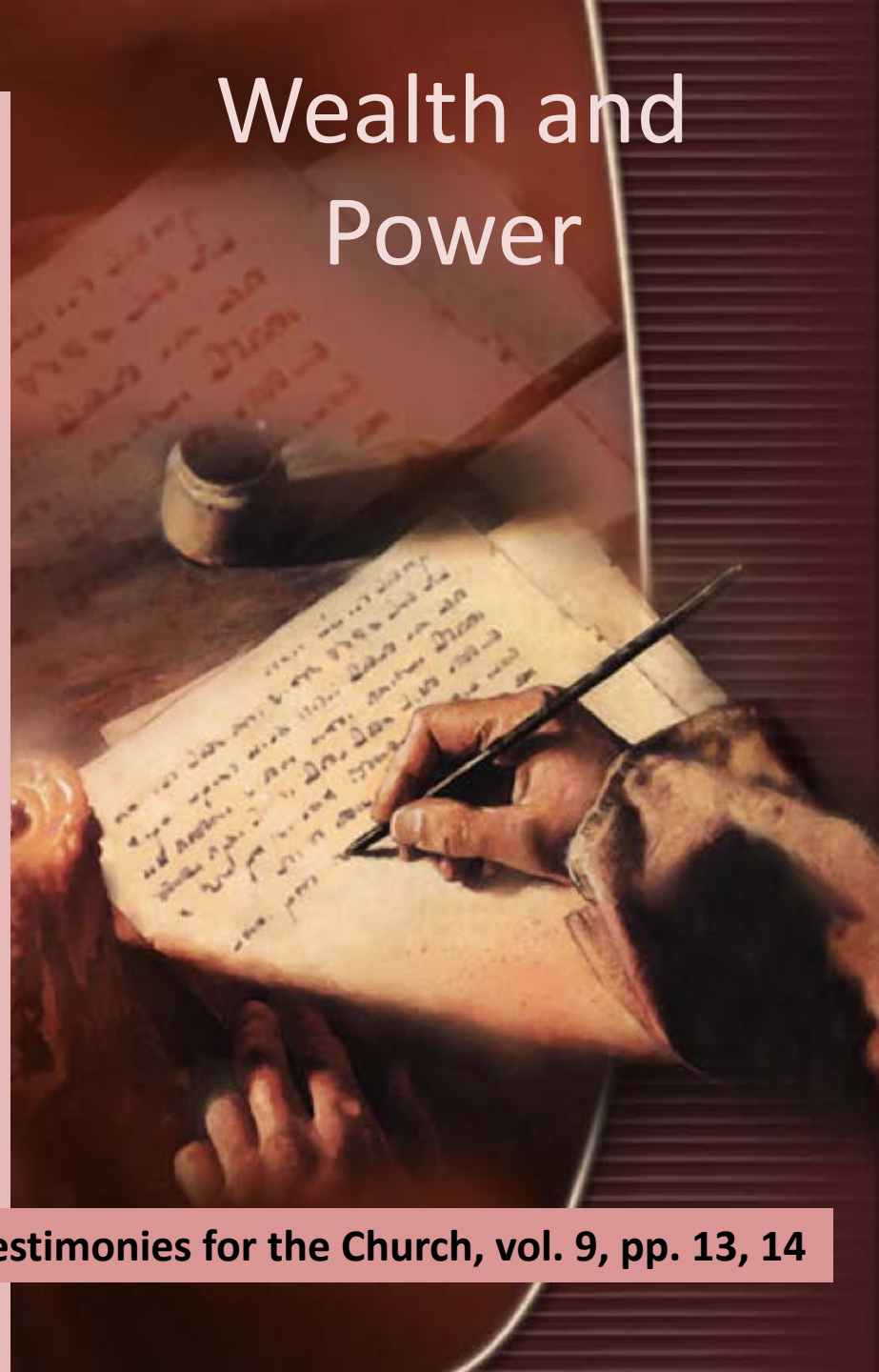
Those who hold the reins of government are ... struggling in vain to place business operations on a more secure basis.



Testimonies for the Church, vol. 9, p. 13

The Scriptures describe the condition of the world just before Christ's second coming. **Of the men who by robbery and extortion are amassing great riches**, it is written: "Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days.

Wealth and Power



Rich against Poor

The centralizing of wealth and power; the vast combinations for the enriching of the few at the expense of the many; the combinations of the poorer classes for the defense of their interests and claims;

Rich against Poor



the spirit of unrest, of riot and bloodshed; the world-wide dissemination of the same teachings that led to the French Revolution—all are tending to involve the whole world in a struggle similar to that which convulsed France.

Famine

[F]amine and want and distress shall increase more and more in the world...

Economic Crash

Poverty is coming upon this world, and there will be a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation.

Strife, War and Bloodshed

- Strife, war and bloodshed, with famine and pestilence, raged everywhere.
- Other nations were engaged in this confusion and war.
- War caused famine.
- Want and bloodshed caused pestilence.

Timeline

Time of Preparation		The Day of The Lord		
Unity in Religion		Little Time of Trouble		
World Economic Failure	Famine			
	Violence against Wealthy	Pestilence		
		Crime		National Sunday Law
		Wars		

Strife, War and Bloodshed

This is keenly felt by the poorer classes, and the devil leads them to do his will in stubbornly resisting the things they can not help. **Thus selfishness and violence are exercised by man over his fellowman.** The ones who are robbed and injured become exasperated, and violence and wickedness and cruelty are created in the world.

Vengeance Against the Rich

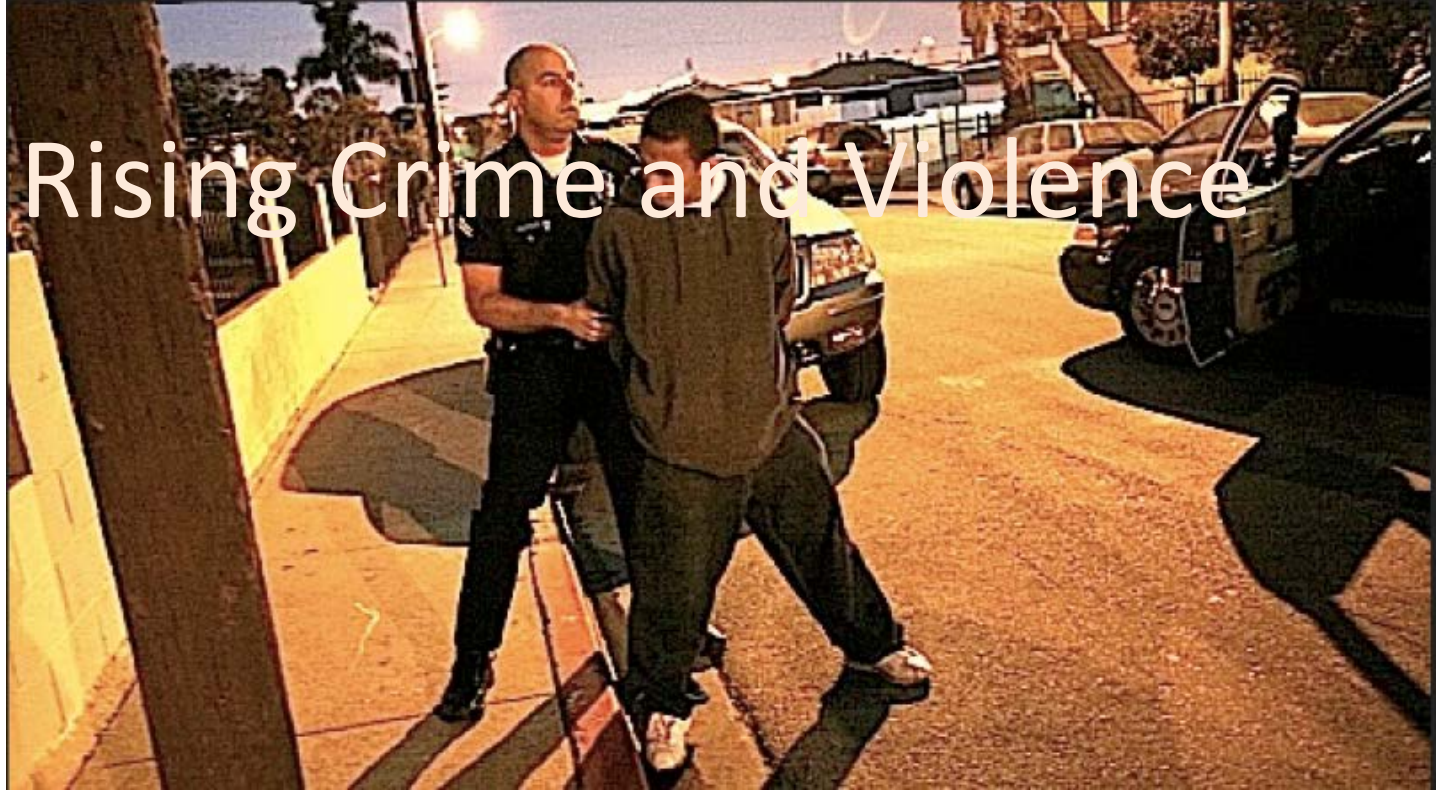


[S]oon there will be death and destruction, increasing crime, and cruel, **evil working against the rich who have exalted themselves against the poor.** Those who are without God's protection will find no safety in any place or position.

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Rising Crime and Violence



Light has been given me that the cities will be filled with confusion, violence, and crime, and that **these things will increase till the end of this earth's history.**

Testimonies for the Church, vol. 9, p. 84

Government Struggles



Those who hold the reins of government are **not able to solve the problem** of moral corruption, poverty, pauperism, and increasing crime.

Testimonies for the Church, vol. 9, p. 13

Judgments Against the Wealthy

The wrath of God is upon the inhabitants of the world,
...Already fire and flood are destroying thousands of lives and the property that has been **selfishly accumulated by the oppression of the poor.**

Lordly Palaces Destroyed

Terrible shocks
will come upon
the earth, and the
lordly palaces
erected at great
expense will
certainly become
heaps of ruins.



Sweep Away Treasures

[Lava], will sweep away the treasures of those who for years have been adding to their wealth by securing large possessions at

starvation prices from those in their employ.



Something Great Will Happen

The terrible disasters that are taking place from week to week speak to us in earnest tones of warning, declaring that the end is near, that

something great and decisive will soon of necessity take place.



Review and Herald, November 22, 1906

Approaching Events

Plagues and judgments are already falling ... The calamities by land and sea, the unsettled state of society, the alarms of war, ... forecast approaching **events of the greatest magnitude.**



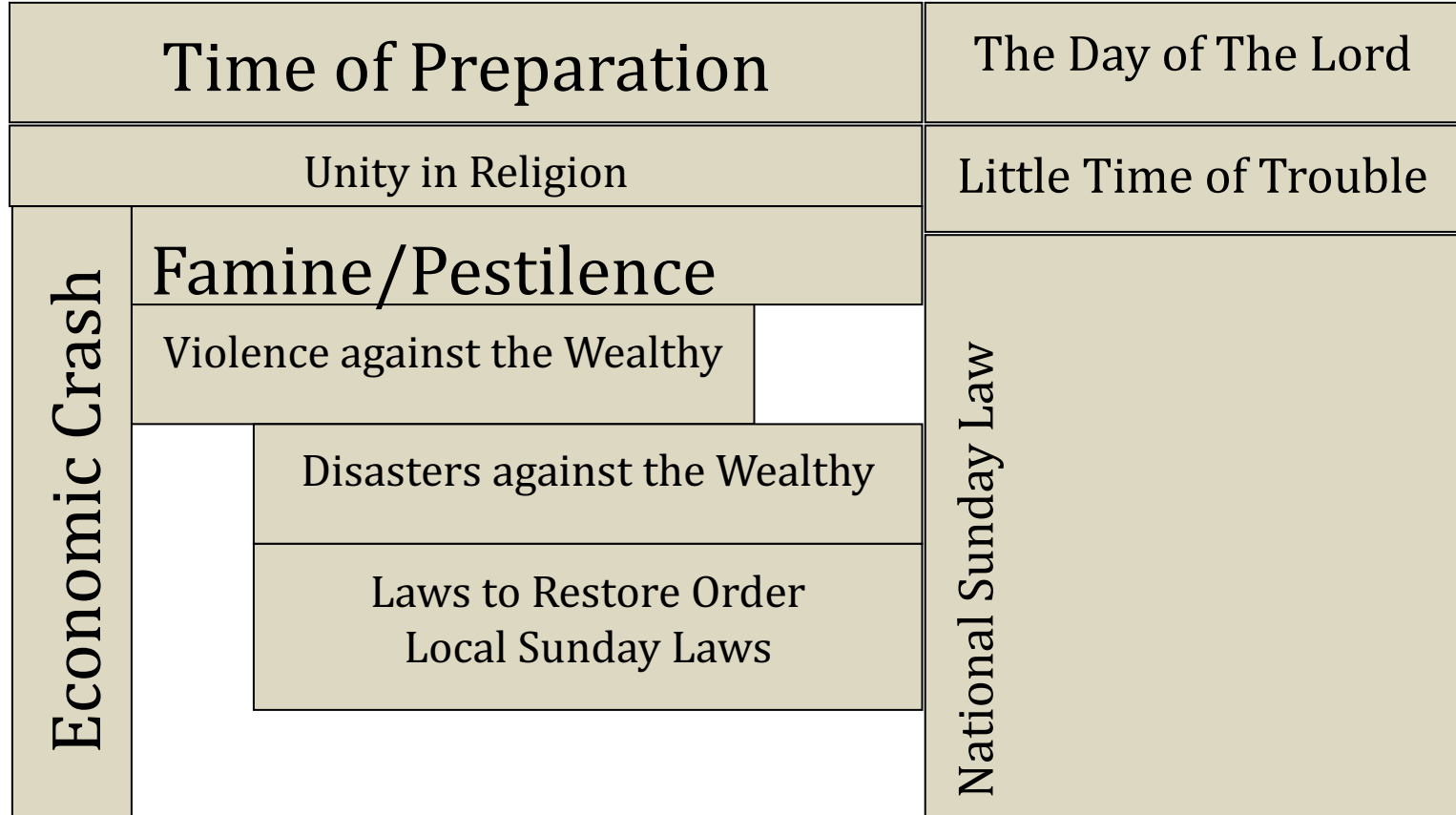
Testimonies for the Church,
vol. 9, p. 11

Moral Failure

[Religious leaders] put forth the claim that the fast-spreading corruption is largely attributable to the desecration of the so-called "Christian sabbath," and that the enforcement of Sunday observance would greatly improve the morals of society. This claim is especially urged in America...

The Great Controversy, p. 587

Timeline



Compulsion by Cruelty

**The Great
Controversy,
p. 591**



[Satan] works through both religious and secular authorities, moving them to the enforcement of human laws in defiance of the law of God.

Local and State Sunday Laws

As the movement for Sunday enforcement becomes more bold and decided, the law will be invoked against commandment keepers. They will be threatened with **fin**es and **imprisonment...**



The Great Controversy, p. 607

Back from the Dead

Satan will have power to bring the appearance of a form before us **purporting to be our relatives and friends** that now sleep in Jesus. It will be made to appear as though they were present, the words they uttered while here,

Back from the Dead

will be spoken, and the same tone of voice, which they had while living, will fall upon the ear. All this is to deceive the saints, and ensnare them into the belief of this delusion.

Communications from the spirits will declare that God has sent them to convince the rejecters of Sunday of their error, affirming that the laws of the land should be obeyed as the law of God.

Voices of Spirits

The Great Controversy, p. 590

Voices of Spirits

They will lament the great wickedness in the world and second the testimony of religious teachers that the degraded state of morals is caused by the desecration of Sunday.

Great will be the indignation excited against all who refuse to accept their testimony.

The Great Controversy, p. 590

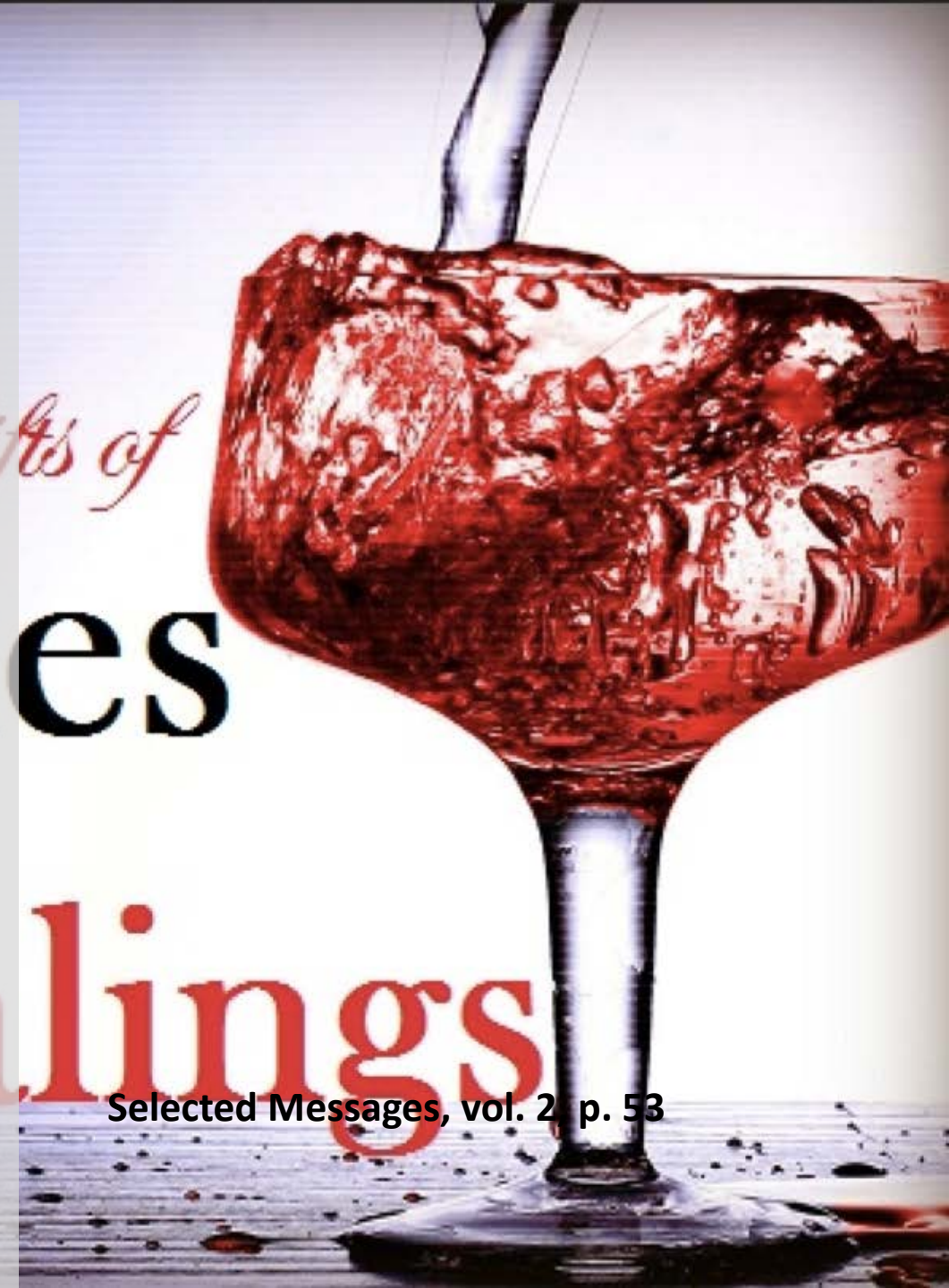
False Miracles

Men under
the influence
of evil spirits
will work
miracles.



Selected Messages, vol. 2, p. 53

Wonderful scenes,
with which Satan will
be closely connected,
will soon take place.
God's Word declares
that Satan will work
miracles. ... These
works of apparent
healing will bring
Seventh-day
Adventists to the test.

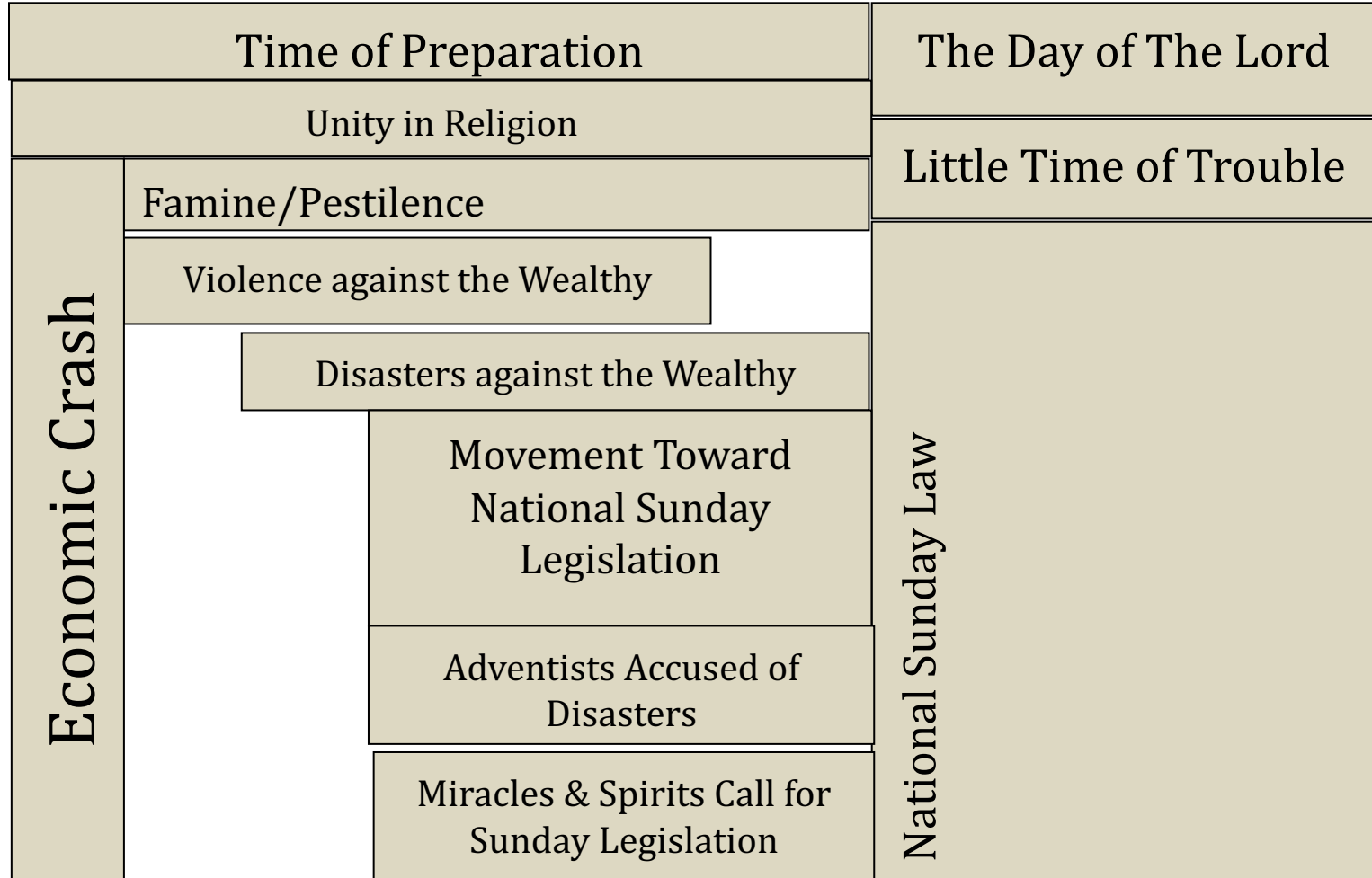


The Spiritual Gifts of
es

Healings

Selected Messages, vol. 2, p. 53

Timeline



Sunday Laws

The dignitaries of church and state will unite to bribe, persuade, or compel all classes to honor the Sunday. The lack of divine authority will be supplied by oppressive enactments.

The Great Controversy, p. 592

The Sabbath of Contempt

Satan says, ...

“The first day will be extolled, and the Protestant world will receive this spurious sabbath as genuine.

...



**Prophets and Kings, pp.
183, 184**

"I will be the ruler of the earth, the prince of the world. I will so control the minds under my power that God's Sabbath shall be a special object of contempt. A sign? I will make the observance of the seventh day a sign of disloyalty to the authorities of earth. ... The earth will be wholly under my dominion."

The Sabbath of Contempt

Prophets and Kings,
pp. 183, 184

Sabbath Issues

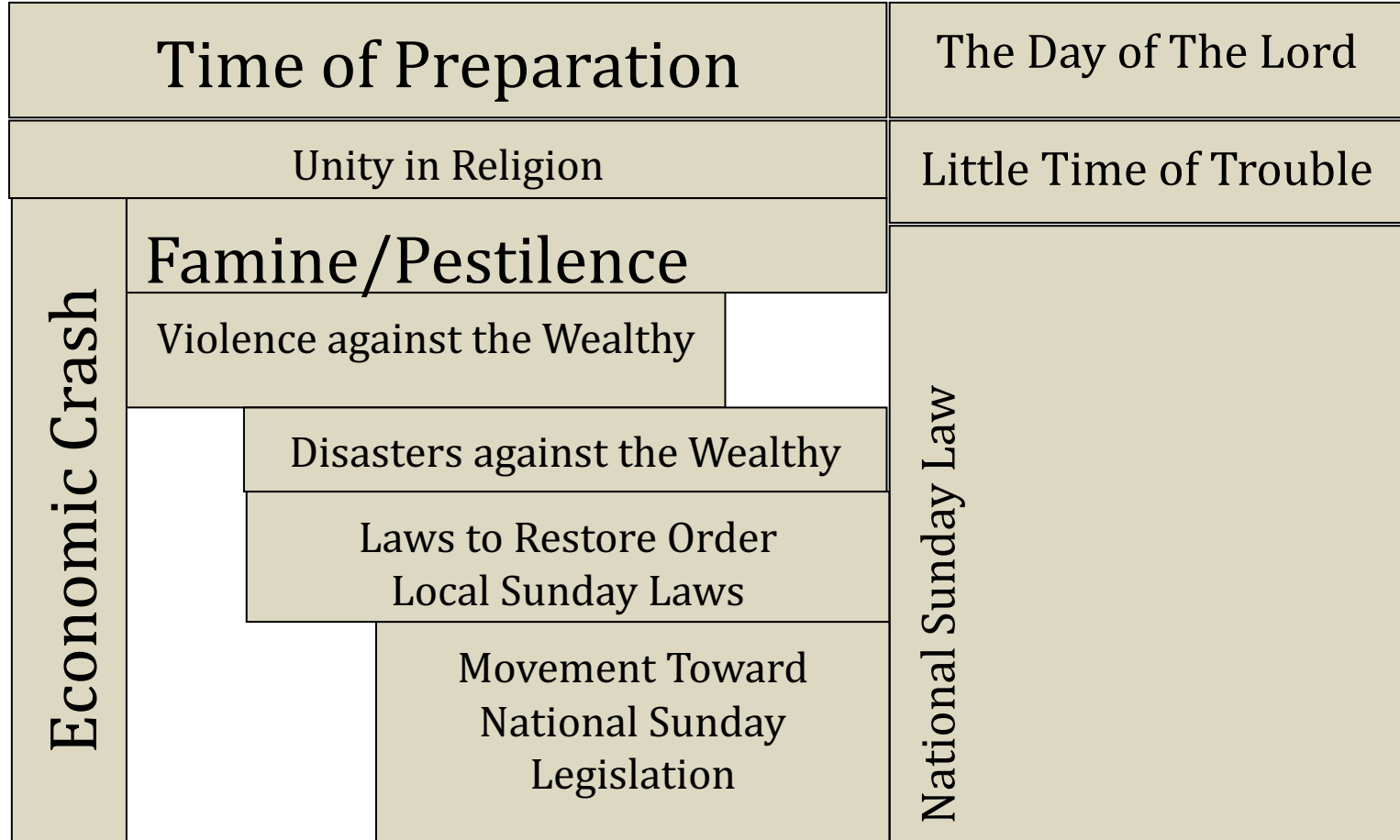
“The Sabbath is the great question which is to decide the destiny of souls. We must exalt the sabbath of our creating.

“... our principal concern is to silence this sect of Sabbath keepers. We must excite popular indignation against them. We will enlist great men and worldly-wise men upon our side, and induce those in authority to carry out our purposes.

Sabbath Issues

Then the sabbath which I have set up shall be enforced by laws the most severe and exacting. Those who disregard them shall be driven out from the cities and villages, and made to suffer hunger and privation.

Timeline



Sunday Laws



Satan puts his interpretation upon events, and they think, as he would have them, that the calamities which fill the land are a result of Sunday-breaking. Thinking to appease the wrath of God, these **influential men make laws enforcing Sunday observance.**

National Sunday Law

The first day of the week, a common working day, possessing no sanctity whatever, **will be set up as was the image at Babylon.**

Signs of the Times, May 6, 1897



National Sunday Law

When the leading churches of the United States, uniting upon such points of doctrine as are held by them in common, shall influence the state to enforce their decrees and to sustain their institutions, then Protestant **America will have formed an image** of the Roman hierarchy, and the infliction of civil penalties upon dissenters will inevitably result.



National Sunday Law

The Lord has shown me clearly that the image of the beast will be formed before probation closes; for **it is to be the great test for the people of God**, by which their eternal destiny will be decided.

**Seventh-Day Adventist Bible
Commentary, vol. 7, p. 976**

The Little Time of Trouble

Protestant America will [form] an image of the Roman hierarchy, and the infliction of civil penalties upon dissenters will inevitably result.



E. G. White,
The Great Controversy, p. 445



The Little Time of Trouble

E. G. White,
Review and Herald,
June 15, 1897

This national apostasy will speedily be
followed by national ruin.

National Sunday Law

[T]he assumption of power on the part of our nation in the decree enforcing the papal sabbath will be a warning to us. It will then be **time to leave the large cities**, preparatory to leaving the smaller ones for retired homes in secluded places among the mountains.



Timeline

Time of Preparation		The Day of The Lord	
Unity in Religion		Little Time of Trouble	
Economic Crash	Famine/Pestilence		National Sunday Law Great Destruction of Cities
	Violence against the Wealthy		
	Disasters against the Wealthy		
	Laws to Restore Order Local Sunday Laws		
	Testimony of Dead Relatives supporting Sunday		

National Sunday Law

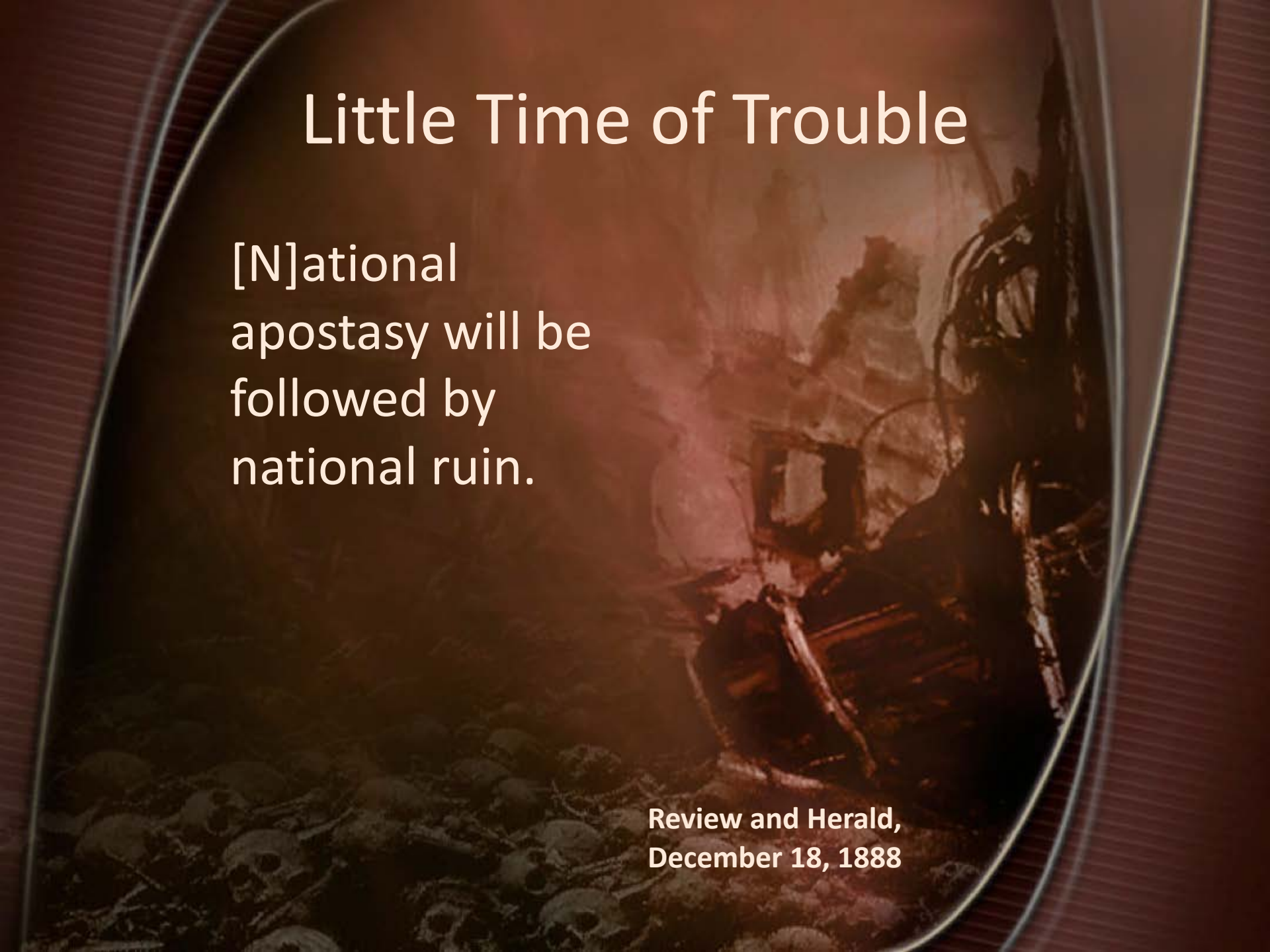


[T]his apostasy [will] be a sign to us that the limit of God's forbearance is reached, that the measure of our nation's iniquity is full, and that the angel of mercy is about to take her flight, never to return. The people of God will then be plunged into those scenes of affliction and distress which prophets have described as **the time of Jacob's trouble.**

Little Time of Trouble

[N]ational
apostasy will be
followed by
national ruin.

Review and Herald,
December 18, 1888



The time is near when the large cities will be visited by the judgments of God. In a little while these cities will be terribly shaken. No matter how large or how strong their buildings, **no matter how many safeguards against fire** may have been provided, let God touch these buildings, and in a few minutes or a few hours they are in ruins.

Judgment on Cities



Testimonies for the Church, vol. 7, p. 83

Judgment on Cities

The ungodly cities of our world are to be swept away by the besom of destruction. In the calamities that are now befalling immense buildings and large portions of cities **God is showing us what will come upon the whole earth.**



God will not again bring from the heavens above and the earth beneath waters as his weapons to use in the destruction of the world; but when next his vengeance shall be poured out against those who despise his authority, they will be destroyed by **fire concealed in the bowels of the earth, awakened into intense activity by fires from heaven above.**

Fire



Review and Herald,
February 24, 1885

Fire



Who is prepared for the sudden change that will take place in God's dealing with sinful men? Who will be prepared to escape the punishment that will certainly fall upon transgressors?

Balls of Fire

In the night I was, I thought, in a room but not in my own house. I was in a city, where I knew not, and I heard explosion after explosion. I rose up quickly in bed, and saw from my window large balls of fire.

Jetting out were sparks, in the form of arrows, and buildings were being consumed, and in a very few minutes the entire block of buildings was falling and the screeching and mournful groans came distinctly to my ears. I cried out, in my raised position, to learn what was happening: Where am I? ...

I was instructed that
**destruction hath gone forth
upon cities.**

Balls of Fire



**Manuscript Releases,
vol. 11, p. 361**



Fire

On one occasion, when in New York City, I was in the night season called upon to behold buildings rising story after story toward heaven. These buildings were warranted to be fireproof, and they were erected to glorify the owners and builders. Higher and still higher these buildings rose, and in them the most costly material was used. ...

Fire

Much of the money that they thus invested had been obtained **through exaction, through grinding down the poor.** ... The time is coming when in their fraud and insolence men will reach a point that the Lord will not permit them to pass, and they will learn that there is a limit to the forbearance of Jehovah.

The scene that next passed before me was an alarm of fire. Men looked at the lofty and supposedly fire-proof buildings and said: "They are perfectly safe." But these buildings were consumed as if made of pitch. The fire engines could do nothing to stay the destruction.



Fire

**Testimonies for the Church,
vol. 9, pp. 12, 13**

Balls of Fire

[A] very impressive scene was presented before me... **Great balls of fire** were falling upon houses, and from these balls fiery arrows were flying in every direction. It was impossible to check the fires that were kindled, and many places were being destroyed. The terror of the people was indescribable.

Balls of Fire

In the visions of the night a very impressive scene passed before me. I saw an immense ball of fire fall among some beautiful mansions, causing their instant destruction. I heard someone say: "We knew that the judgments of God were coming upon the earth,



Balls of Fire

but we did not know that they would come so soon." Others, with agonized voices, said: "You knew! Why then did you not tell us? We did not know." On every side I heard similar words of reproach spoken.



The Sealing

And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.

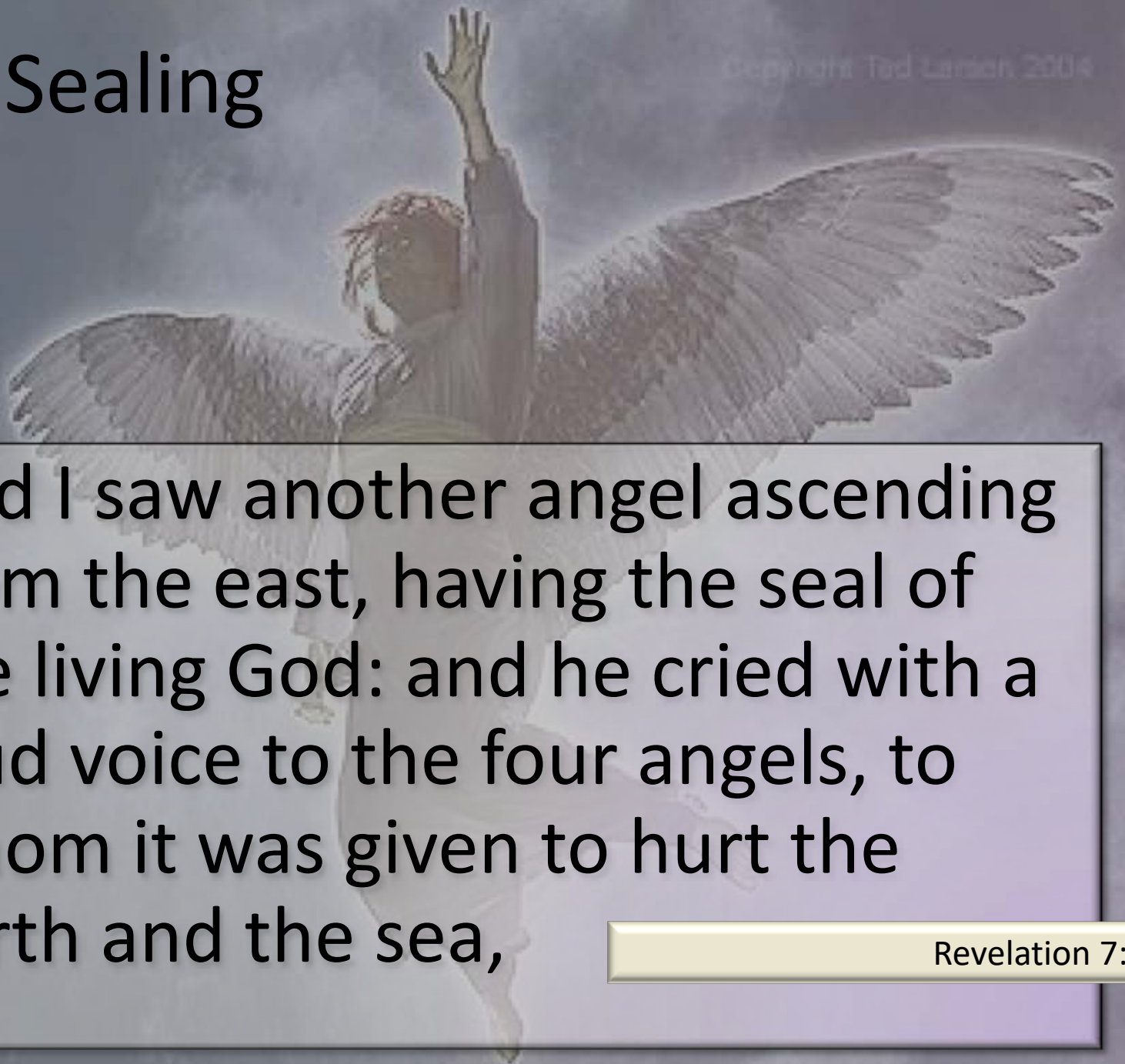


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Revelation 7:1

The Sealing

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And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,

Revelation 7:2

The Sealing



Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.

Revelation 7:2

The Sealing

As wax takes the impression of the seal, so the soul is to take the impression of the Spirit of God and retain the image of Christ.



E. G. White, Seventh-Day
Adventist Bible Commentary, vol.
7, p. 970

The Little Time of Trouble

The first, second,
and third angels'
messages are to
be repeated.



E. G. White, Review and Herald,
October 31, 1899

Coming Time of Trouble

We are called to proclaim the special truths for this time. For all this the outpouring of the Spirit is essential.

**Review and Herald,
March 2, 1897**

The Latter Rain

Near the close of earth's harvest, a special bestowal of spiritual grace is promised to prepare the church for the coming of the Son of man. This outpouring of the Spirit is likened to the falling of the latter rain.

E. G. White, The Acts of the Apostles, p. 55

The Latter Rain

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.

E. G. White, The Acts of the Apostles, p. 48



The Little Time of Trouble

- The earth will be filled with the knowledge of salvation. So abundantly will the renewing Spirit of God have crowned with success the intensely active agencies, that the light of present truth will be seen flashing everywhere.

E. G. White,
Maranatha, p. 27

The Little Time of Trouble

As America, the land of religious liberty, shall unite with the papacy in forcing the conscience and compelling men to honor the false sabbath, the people of every country on the globe will be led to follow her example.

E. G. White,
Testimonies for the Church,
vol. 6, p. 18

The Little Time of Trouble



- The apostle John in vision heard a loud voice in Heaven exclaiming, "Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time."

The Great Time of Trouble



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.

E. G. White,
Great Controversy, p. 624

The Little Time of Trouble

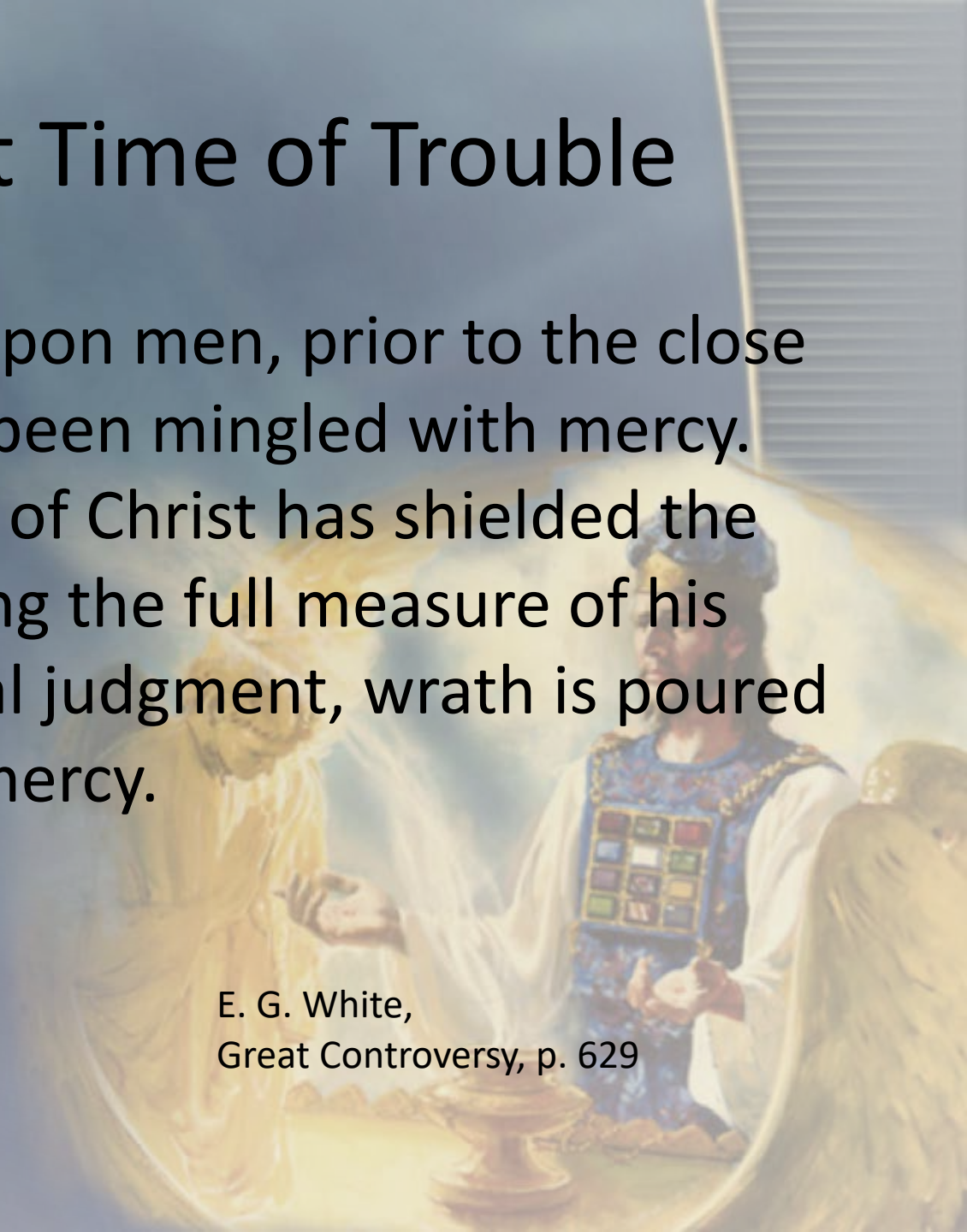
When the laws of men are exalted above the laws of God, when the powers of this earth try to force men to keep the first day of the week, know that the time has come for God to work.

Review and Herald, April 23, 1901

The Great Time of Trouble

All the judgments upon men, prior to the close of probation, have been mingled with mercy. The pleading blood of Christ has shielded the sinner from receiving the full measure of his guilt; but in the final judgment, wrath is poured out unmixed with mercy.

E. G. White,
Great Controversy, p. 629



The Great Time of Trouble

[A] general decree has fixed the time when commandment keepers may be put to death, their enemies will in some cases anticipate the decree, and before the time specified, will endeavor to take their lives.

E. G. White,
Great Controversy, p. 631

The Great Time of Trouble

The angry multitudes are suddenly arrested. Their mocking cries die away.

E. G. White,
Great Controversy, pp. 635, 636

The Second Coming

The living righteous are changed “in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye.” At the voice of God they were glorified; now they are made immortal and with the risen saints are caught up to meet their Lord in the air.

E. G. White,
Great Controversy, pp. 644, 645



How long do we wait?

Are we to wait until the fulfillment of the prophecies of the end before we say anything concerning them? Of what value will our words be then? Shall we wait until God's judgments fall upon the transgressor before we tell him how to avoid them?

Preparation

In order to destroy sin and its results He gave His best Beloved, and He has put it in our power, through co-operation with Him, to bring this scene of misery to an end. "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Matthew 24:14.

Preparation

Upon us has shone great light in regard to the last days of this earth's history. ... God's messengers must be clothed with power. They must have for the truth an elevating reverence that they do not now possess. The Lord's solemn, sacred message of warning must be proclaimed in the most difficult fields and in the most sinful cities—in every place where the light of the third angel's message has not yet dawned. To everyone is to be given the last call to the marriage supper of the Lamb.