

Is This The End? Questions Answered

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The Great Cosmic Week 6000 + 1000

Psa 90:4 For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

2Pe 3:8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

The book of Revelation refers to the 1000 year millennial period six times

Rev 20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

The problem people have with the lecture is the date for the close of the six thousand years

What is the problem with the date?

I'm not time setting I am saying the time is short.

How can I say this in the light of what we have discussed? Can I use this study as definitive in terms of time or are there other factors that need to be taken into consideration? Can the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy help us in this regard? I believe the answer is yes, so we need to consider all the possible permutations before we create undue anxiety or excitement.

The Saviour of the world had no controversy with Satan, who was expelled from heaven because he was no longer worthy of a place there. He who could influence the angels of God against their Supreme Ruler, and against His Son, their loved Commander, and enlist their sympathy for himself, was capable of any deception. **Four thousand years he had been warring against the government of God and had lost none of his skill or power to tempt and deceive.** { Con 45.1 }

On Jordan's banks the voice from heaven, attended by the manifestation from the excellent glory, proclaimed Christ to be the Son of the Eternal. Satan was to personally encounter the Head of the kingdom which he came to overthrow. If he failed he knew that he was lost. Therefore the power of his temptations was in accordance with the greatness of the object which he would lose or gain. **For four thousand years, ever since the declaration was made to Adam that the seed of the woman should bruise the serpent's head, he had been planning his manner of attack.** { Con 78.2 }

The fullness of time was 27 AD

“When the **fullness of the time** was come, God **sent forth His Son**, ... to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.” Galatians 4:4, 5. { DA 31.1}

The Saviour’s coming was foretold in Eden. **When Adam and Eve first heard the promise, they looked for its speedy fulfillment.** They joyfully welcomed their first-born son, hoping that he might be the Deliverer. But the fulfillment of the promise tarried. Those who first received it died without the sight. From the days of Enoch the promise was repeated through patriarchs and prophets, keeping alive the hope of His appearing, and yet He came not. **The prophecy of Daniel revealed the time of His advent**, but not all rightly interpreted the message. Century after century passed away; the voices of the prophets ceased. The hand of the oppressor was heavy upon Israel, and many were ready to exclaim, “The days are prolonged, and every vision faileth.” Ezekiel 12:22. { DA 31.2}

Mar 1:13 And he was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted of Satan; and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered unto him.

Mar 1:14 Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God,

Mar 1:15 And saying, **The time is fulfilled**, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

The Bible: Revelation chapter 10 takes us to the time of the unsealing of the longest prophetic time period in the book of Daniel, the 2300-day prophecy after which there would be no more prophetic time to precisely predict when prophesied events would take place, however, there would be signs which the watchmen on the wall were to watch out for.

Rev 10:6 And swear by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that **there should be time no longer:**

Mat 24:32 Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh:

The Spirit of Prophecy: Here there are also very clear statements which tell as that there will be **no definite time after 1844**

Our position has been one of waiting and watching, with no time-proclamation to intervene between the close of the prophetic periods in 1844 and the time of our Lord's coming.—Manuscript Releases 10:270 (1888). { LDE 36.1}

The people will not have another message upon definite time. After this period of time [Revelation 10:4-6], reaching from 1842 to 1844, there can be no definite tracing of the prophetic time. The longest reckoning reaches to the autumn of 1844.—The S.D.A. Bible Commentary 7:971 (1900). { LDE 36.2}

This time, which the angel declares with a solemn oath, is not the end of this world's history, neither of probationary time, **but of prophetic time**, which should precede the advent of our Lord. That is, the people will not have another message upon definite time. After this period of time, reaching from 1842 to 1844, there can be no definite tracing of the prophetic time. The longest reckoning reaches to the autumn of 1844.
7BC 971.7

Again and again have I been warned in regard to time setting. There will never again be a message for the people of God that will be based on time. We are not to know the definite time either for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit or for the coming of Christ. {
1SM 188.1}

But the day and the hour of His coming Christ has not revealed. He stated plainly to His disciples that **He Himself could not make known the day or the hour** of His second appearing. Had He been at liberty to reveal this, why need He have exhorted them to **maintain an attitude of constant expectancy**? There are those who claim to know the very day and hour of our Lord's appearing. Very earnest are they in mapping out the future. But the Lord has warned them off the ground they occupy. The exact time of the second coming of the Son of man is God's mystery. { DA 632.4 }

We are not to live upon time excitement. We are not to be engrossed with speculations in regard to the times and the seasons which God has not revealed. Jesus has told His disciples to “watch,” but not for a definite time. His followers are to be in the position of those who are listening for the orders of their Captain; they are to watch, wait, pray, and work, as they approach the time for the coming of the Lord; but no one will be able to predict just when that time will come; for “of that day and hour knoweth no man.” You will not be able to say that He will come in one, two, or five years, neither are you to put off His coming by stating that it may not be for ten or twenty years. { 1SM 189.2 }

By giving the gospel to the world it is in our power to hasten our Lord’s return. We are not only to look for but to hasten the coming of the day of God. See 2 Peter 3:12. **Had the church done her appointed work as the Lord ordained, the whole world would before this have been warned, and Jesus would have come.** { HLv 426.1 }

Prophecy is conditional and predicting a precise time can create despair in some and rash actions in others.

Biblical examples of conditional prophecies and events:

The fall of Nineveh and the preaching of Jonah

The destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah

The conquest of Canaan and the 40-year delay

The delay of 1888

2Pe 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

There is a fear that the message will be brought into disrepute or that the prophet will be brought into disrepute, but a true prophet must be in harmony with the Bible.

Isa 8:20 To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.

What does the Bible teach and what did the Early church and the reformers and the pioneers of the SDA church believe?

Depends which Bible you use. – LXX versus Masoretic text

Why are we scared of this cosmic time concept? Higher Criticism, LXX and Evolution

Lately it is popular to quote from, or refer to, the Septuagint; perhaps the speaker wants to sound scholarly, or maybe it is just because it is the popular thing to do, or most likely the speaker is simply unaware of the facts. Most people really have no idea what the Septuagint is, and even most Bible scholars are ignorant of many salient details.

To begin with, the name Septuagint is short for the Latin title *Versio Septuaginta Interpretum*, meaning “translation of the seventy interpreters,” and abbreviated LXX. It is a Greek translation of the Hebrew Old Testament, supposed to have been translated around 285-250 B.C. in Alexandria, Egypt. According to the legend, translation was accomplished by 72²⁹ Jewish scholars (six from each tribe), in 72 days, at the request of Ptolemy II Philadelphus. Since Greek was the trade language of Jesus’ day, scholars claim that this is the Bible that Jesus used and quoted from, rather than the

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“Such historical errors recorded in the Letter of Aristeas disclose the undeniable fact that the work is not of the time period it claims.... Surely enough has already been said to alert the reader to the true nature of ‘Aristeas.’”³¹

The letter of Aristeas appears to have been written about 150 years after the time period it claims to be from, and was exposed as legend

³⁰ Floyd Nolen Jones, Th.D., Ph.D., *The Septuagint: A Critical Analysis*, 6th ed. (Woodlands, TX: Kings Word Press, 2000), p. 5-6.

³¹ *Ibid.*, p. 6.

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as early as 1705, by Humphry Hody,³² a Protestant Professor of Greek at Oxford (1698-1706). Oddly, though scholars agree that the letter is fiction, most of the details, oft repeated, regarding the origin of the Septuagint, still come from this letter.

The sacred responsibility of preserving and copying Scripture was entrusted to the sons of Levi.³³ All the scribes in the Bible were of the tribe of Levi,³⁴ therefore they would not be six from each tribe as in the popular mythology. Also by the date given for the letter of Aristeas, the tribes of the northern kingdom of Israel were non-existent.

The quality of translation in the Septuagint varies widely from book to book, from fairly good in the Pentateuch, to incompetent in Isaiah,

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and the Psalms not much better. Esther, Job, and Proverbs are not faithful translations, but paraphrases.³⁵ An important detail to note regarding the Septuagint is that it contains the Apocrypha.

The Septuagint contains many serious problems that we could not accept as the faithfully preserved word of God. “The majority of LXX manuscripts give 167 as the age of Methuselah at the birth of his son, Lamech (the Hebrew reads 187—Genesis 5:25). However, if Methuselah were 167 at the birth of Lamech, Lamech 188 at the birth of Noah and Noah 600 at the Flood (as recorded in the LXX), Methuselah would have been 955 at the date of the Flood. Since he lived to be 969 (the lifespan given by both), the LXX becomes

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entangled in the absurdity of making Methuselah survive the Flood by 14 years!

“The constructor of the scheme in the LXX lengthens the chronology of the Patriarchs after the flood by 720 years. He also graduates the length of lives of the patriarchs throughout the entire register, both those before and after the flood. The curious result is that with the three exceptions of Enoch, Cainan, (whose life exceeds that of his father by only five years) and Reu (whose age at his death is the same as that of his father), every one of the Patriarchs from Adam to Abraham is made to die a few years younger than his father. Could anything be more manifestly artificial?

“After analyzing the disparity between these discordant ages of the patriarchs in both the LXX and the Samaritan Pentateuch with regard to the Hebrew, C.F. Keil concluded that the Hebrew text was the only

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reliable account: 'That the principal divergences of both texts from the Hebrew are intentional changes, based upon chronological theories or cycles, is sufficiently evident from their internal character.... No such intention is discernible in the numbers of the Hebrew text: consequently every attack upon the historical character of it [sic] numerical statements has entirely failed, and no tenable argument can be adduced against their correctness.'"³⁶

Keil is telling us that the Hebrew Old Testament is the only reliable text, and therefore the LXX and the Samaritan Pentateuch cannot be trusted.

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The Septuagint is like the missing link in evolution. Everyone assumes it is there somewhere, but no one can seem to find it. Remember, the Septuagint is supposed to be a Greek translation of the Hebrew Old Testament from around 250 B.C. that Jesus quoted from, when on earth. However, when someone quotes to you from the Septuagint today, they are actually quoting from the Sinaiticus and the Vaticanus (4th century A.D. at the earliest). Now, why would someone quote from fourth century A.D. manuscripts when they could quote from a 250 B.C. manuscript,³⁹ if older is better? Because they have not found the 250 B.C. manuscript. It is the mythical predecessor to the Sinaiticus and Vaticanus that everyone assumes is there, and no one can find.

So, the Catholic church capitalized on the forged Letter of Aristeas, and its story of the Septuagint, to give validity to their corrupted Greek manuscripts, making them sound as if they were copies of the Bible that Jesus used. Essentially, the earliest “Septuagint” is the fifth column of Origen’s Hexapla, or six columned bible, circa A.D. 245.⁴⁰

So, what is the origin of these corrupted Greek manuscripts?

Five men stand out in prominence who corrupted a handful of manuscripts:

1. Justin Martyr
2. Tatian
3. Clement of Alexandria
4. Origen
5. Eusebius

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Origen became head of the school at Alexandria by A.D. 213, was the first teacher of purgatory, and the father of Arianism.⁴⁹ Origen taught that the soul existed from eternity before it inhabited a body, he emasculated himself,⁵⁰ and he wrote the Hexapla, a six-columned bible in which we first find the “Septuagint” in its fifth column.

Origen said that “the Scriptures are of little use to those who understand them as they are written.”⁵¹

Interestingly, Helena Petrovna Blavatsky,⁵² a Luciferian⁵³ who established the Theosophical Society, and is considered to be the mother of modern occultism, agrees with Origen. “Truly, unless we read the ‘Old Testament’ kabalistically and comprehend the hidden meaning thereof, it is very little we can learn from it.”⁵⁴

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Not only this, but Blavatsky considered the Septuagint and the Vulgate to be correct and the Protestant Bible (KJV) to be in error. This should be a huge warning to Christians who insist that there are no doctrinal changes in modern bibles, as the Septuagint is the basis of most modern Bibles (at least the Old Testament portion⁵⁵).

Blavatsky states, “the text of the English (Protestant) Bible is, in disagreement, as usual, with those of the Septuagint and the Vulgate. Thus, while in the former one reads (in Deuter. xxxii., 8 and 9) ‘When the MOST HIGH (not Jehovah) divided to the nations their inheritance he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel,’ in the Septuagint the text reads ‘according to the number of the Angels’ (Planet-Angels), which is more concordant with truth and fact.”⁵⁶

In the Geneva bible 1560, there is a detailed record of the age of the earth from the time of Adam-Noah, Noah-Abram, Abraham-Israel in Egypt, Israel in Egypt-First temple, temple-Christ, etc... 1560 was the time of the Reformers and they reckoned the earth was 5534 and 6mon, I fast forwarded to 2020, and the earth year came to 5994, then the 6000 thing came to mind and I arrived at 2027

The KJV used the chronology of James Ussher author of the famous work: ***The Annals of the World.***

James Ussher was the Church of Ireland Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland between 1625 and 1656

The Cosmic Week in history

The Cosmic Week and the church fathers

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Millennial_Day_Theory

Early premillennialists included

PseudoBarnabas,^[5] Papias,^[6] Methodius, Lactantius,^[7] Commodianus^[8] Theophilus, Tertullian,^[9] Melito,^[10] Hippolytus of Rome, Victorinus of Pettau,^{[11][12]} Many of these theologians and others in the early church expressed their belief in premillennialism through their acceptance of this sexta-septamillennial tradition. This belief claims that human history will continue for 6,000 years and then will enjoy Sabbath for 1,000 years (the millennial kingdom), thus all of human history will have a total of 7,000 years prior to the new creation.

Irenaeus: (AD. 120-202)

“For in as many days as this world was made, in so many thousand years shall it be concluded. And for this reason, the Scripture says: ‘Thus the heaven and the earth were finished, and all their adornment. And God brought to a conclusion upon the sixth day the works that He had made, and God rested upon the seventh day from all His works.’

This is an account of the things formerly created, as also it is a prophecy of what is to come. **For the day of the Lord is as a thousand years, and in six days created things were completed: it is evident, therefore, that they will come to an end at the sixth thousandth year ... the whole apostasy of six thousand years, and unrighteousness, and wickedness, and false prophecy, and deception; for which things’ sake a cataclysm of fire shall also come [upon the earth].”**

“These are [to take place] in the times of the kingdom, that is, upon the seventh day, which has been sanctified, in which God rested from all the works which He created, which is the true Sabbath of the righteous, which they shall not be engaged in any earthly occupation; but shall have a table at hand prepared for them by God, supplying them with all sorts of dishes.”

Hippolytus: (AD. 170-236)

“And six thousand years must needs be accomplished, in order that the Sabbath may come, the rest, the holy day on which God rested from all His works. For the Sabbath is the type and emblem of the future kingdom of the saints, when they shall reign with Christ, when He comes from heaven, as John says in his Apocalypse. **‘For a day with the Lord is as a thousand years.’ Since, then, in six days God made all things, it follows that six thousand years must be fulfilled.”**

The Cosmic Week and the SDA Pioneers

J.H. Waggoner - From Eden to Eden

And to the prophet John the angel spoke thus:— FEE 253.4

“And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new.” [Revelation 21:4, 5](#). FEE 253.5

Eden is then fully restored. Here the river of the water of life flows out from the Mount Zion. Here Adam regains the tree of life, planted beside the river which parts into separate heads as in the beginning. **Here again is paradise, the garden which the Lord himself planted seven thousand years before.** Here Abraham inherits the earth according to the promise; here is the city for which he looked, every inhabitant of which regards him as a father. **Here Moses will enter into that goodly land which he saw with the eye of a prophet. Here David will behold his throne established, nevermore to be overturned, but to endure as the sun, even as the days of Heaven.....**Here is the chosen company of those who were redeemed from the earth at the coming of their Lord, who overcame the beast and his image and the mark of his name by strict adherence to the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, in the perilous days when all the world was overcome with the prevailing iniquity.FEE 253.6

Thomas M. Preble – The Two Adams

Before the first Adam had the conflict with Satan, in which he fell; the seventh day, or Sabbath, had passed, so with the second Adam;-before the last and final conflict with Satan and his hosts, in which eternal victory will be gained for the Son of God and his people; the Sabbath, or seven thousand years will be passed.-[Genesis 2:3](#); [Genesis 3:1-6](#); [Revelation 20:7-10](#); [Hebrews 4:8, 9](#). TTA 9.1

Himes – Sign of the Times and Expositor of Prophecy

The world was created in six days, and the seventh day God rested from his labors. Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work, but on the seventh, shalt thou do no labor, thou nor thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, etc. With the Jews, every seventh day was a day of rest, every seventh year a year of rest, or jubilee. Seven in Bible language seems a complete number; **“In six troubles the Lord will be with thee and support thee, and in the seventh there shall no evil befall thee.”** This distinction we see carried out from the first chapter of Genesis to the last of the Revelation. **Seven thousand years have therefore appeared to me as complete, and I expect, after the six thousand years of labor and toil, perplexity and suffering, the seven thousandth will usher in the glorious jubilee.** HST May 3, 1843, page 70.10

Job 5:19 He shall deliver thee in six troubles: yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee.

J. Clarke – Advent Review and Sabbath Herald

The Bible answers every query and solves every doubt... In this blessed book, the lover of history, finds full information of past and future events, beginning with the first Eden, and reaching over a period of seven thousand years, to the second Eden in the earth made new. Here the lover of prophecy may be feasted with the words of inspiration telling of scenes to come; the future history of our race and of the planet we inhabit. ARSH March 6, 1866, page 109.17

Josiah Litch – The first report of the General Conference of Christians expecting the Advent of the Lord Jesus Christ

Man was the last piece of the “Divine workmanship on the creation week. This finished, and a race of moral agents produced, God rested the seventh day from all his works which he had made. FRGC 42.1

Let us, then, attend to the use the apostle Paul has made of this act of Divine procedure. “For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said. As I have sworn in my wrath if they shall enter into my rest; although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, ‘And God did rest the seventh day from all his works.’” [Hebrews 4:3, 4](#). The argument is, that although from the foundation of the world a rest was provided for man, yet those, and those only, who believe shall inherit it. He also draws from the texts he quotes, three inferences:- FRGC 42.2

1. That God's rest on the seventh day was typically prophetic of a future rest for his believing people; that they should be distinguished from others and enjoy it.

FRGC 42.3

2. That the rest which Joshua gave the Israelites in Canaan was not that promised rest; for had it been, he would not afterward have spoken of another day. But he did, by David, afterward speak of another day. Therefore, the remaineth a rest for the people of God. FRGC 42.4

Perhaps, however, it may be objected, "although the Sabbath is a type of the future rest which remains for the people of God, yet it does not exactly follow that it is a prophecy of it." But let us look at this point. A type is an image and representative of another and subsequent object. Does not, then, the very idea of a type presuppose the subsequent existence of its anti-type? Unless it does, it is no type at all. Hence, if the Sabbath is a type of a future rest for God's people, the promulgation of that type is a prophecy of the anti-type. It follows therefore that prophecy, and prophecy of a future rest for God's people, began with the exercise of God's moral government over man, the seventh day from the beginning of the creation. FRGC 42.5

To give the chronology of prophecy, is to trace its history from period to period, from its origin to its consummation. FRGC 42.6

Let us inquire, then, more particularly, what the Sabbath prefigures and predicts. FRGC 42.7

1. That it predicts a future rest for God's people, we have already seen. FRGC 42.8

2. It has been an almost universal opinion of the church, both Jewish and Christian, that the Sabbath prefigures a glorious state of rest for the church during the seventh thousand years of the world. The principal arguments in favor of this, are briefly as follows:- FRGC 42.9

1. God made the world in six days and rested the seventh; and constituted the Sabbath a type of future rest. So we may expect that after the troubles and commotions of six thousand years, there will be a rest of a thousand years from all these sorrows. FRGC 43.1

2. The institution of the Sabbaths and jubilees among the Jews, has been considered typical of the same thing. FRGC 43.2

3. The third argument is from [2 Peter 3:8](#): “One day is with the Lord as a thousand years and a thousand years as one day.” This being spoken in reference to the “Day of the Lord,” and the time of its coming, it has been argued that the writer intended to intimate that each day of the creation week is typical of a thousand years of time before the final and everlasting subjection of all things, and the Son himself becomes subject to him who did put all things under him, and God is all in all. FRGC 43.3

4. The fourth, and I think strongest argument, is from the [20th chapter of Revelation](#); where a 1000 years’ reign with Christ and God is promised to the saints before the final resurrection and destruction of all foes. This 1000 years will be the grand jubilee of the redeemed of earth. FRGC 43.4

With these remarks, I will now proceed to show that the chronology of prophecy, as recorded in **the Bible, presents us with seven thousand years from the beginning of the exercise of God’s moral government over man, to the final period of the conquest of all God’s enemies**, and when Satan, death and hell, with all whose names are not written in the book of life, will be cast into the lake of fire, which is the second death. FRGC 43.5

Interesting inferences

Adam died first day

Gen 2:17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

Hos 6:1 Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up.

Hos 6:2 After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.

One fear is that Quoting the Spirit of Prophecy on the Cosmic week is not in accordance with modern thinking as it could discredit us and the Spirit of Prophecy. If the Bible contains this concept, then any true prophet would be in harmony with it and, if so, then the issue cannot discredit the prophet.

The Sabbath as a type of the final rest

Eze 20:12 Moreover also I gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the LORD that sanctify them.

The Third Angel's Message in Verity—Several have written to me, inquiring if the message of **justification by faith is the third angel's message, and I have answered, "It is the third angel's message in verity."**—The Review and Herald, April 1, 1890. { Ev 190.3}

It Presents an Uplifted Saviour—This message was to bring more prominently before the world the uplifted Saviour, the sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. **It presented justification through faith in the Surety; it invited the people to receive the righteousness of Christ, which is made manifest in obedience to all the commandments of God.** Many had lost sight of Jesus. They needed to have their eyes directed to His divine person, His merits, and His changeless love for the human family. All power is given into His hands, that He may dispense rich gifts unto men, imparting the priceless gift of His own righteousness to the helpless human agent. This is the message that God commanded to be given to the world. It is the third angel's message, which is to be proclaimed with a loud voice, and attended with the outpouring of His Spirit in a large measure. { Ev 190.4}

Some have been and are still, refusing to put on the **wedding garment**. They still wear their citizen's dress, and despise the garment woven in the loom of heaven, which is, "Christ our Righteousness." "And he saith unto me, write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb." Who are friends of Christ today? Do you feel an intense desire for the robe of Christ's righteousness? Are you sensible of the filthy rags of your own righteousness? **Then let the truth come into your practical life. If you are friends of Christ, show it in words, in spirit; manifest love to Jesus, and love for the souls for whom Christ hath died.** The sentiments of truth are the elements that constitute a symmetrical Christian character. We are far, far from being Christians, which is to be Christlike. We need the Holy Spirit's efficiency. God lives and reigns. The very reason that the Holy Spirit's manifestations were not accepted as precious tokens from God, is that there was not a receiving of the grace of God. The Spirit of the Lord has been upon His messengers whom He hath sent with light, precious light; but there were **so many who had turned their face away from the Sun of Righteousness that they saw not its bright beams.** The Lord says of them, They have turned their backs to Me, and not the face. There is need of seeking the Lord most earnestly. { 1888 1484.1 }

The history of ancient Israel is a striking illustration of the past experience of the Adventist body. God led his people in the Advent movement, even as he led the children of Israel from Egypt. In the **great disappointment** their faith was tested as was that of the Hebrews at the Red Sea. Had they still trusted to the guiding hand that had been with them in their past experience, they would have seen of the salvation of God. If all who had labored unitedly in the work in 1844 had received the third angel's message, and proclaimed it in the power of the Holy Spirit, the Lord would have wrought mightily with their efforts. A flood of light would have been shed upon the world. **Years ago the inhabitants of the earth would have been warned, the closing work completed, and Christ would have come for the redemption of his people.** { 4SP 291.1 }

Rev 22:20 He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.