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THE SECOND ANGEL'S MESSAGE



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THE SECOND ANGEL'S MESSAGE

What is the second Angel's message?

The second Angel's message is one the three Angels' messages which are the last warning to be given to the world. As the name suggests, it is a second message to be proclaimed and thus it follows the first angel's message. **It is a message that reveals that Babylon is fallen, is fallen.** It does not only proclaim the fall of Babylon but also reveals what Babylon has done i.e. making all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.

It is also a message that God has given to His church in these last days warning it from unlawful connection with fallen religious systems that have become harlots.(that have divorced themselves from Christ).

The second Angel's message also reveals the destruction of religious systems that have sacrificed God's truth. Wonderful to mention is that, it is a message of mercy that calls upon all faithful/honest people in fallen religious system to come out from among them and be separate lest they partake of Babylon's sins, and receive of her plagues.

The second Angel's message reveals sins of the fallen/apostate religious systems. Don't you see how important this message is? Won't you wish to study this precious present truth- the truth that will set you free from corrupting religious systems? Let us go ahead with the study now.

Where is the second Angel's message found in the Bible?

The second Angel's message is found in the eighth verse of the fourteenth chapter of Revelation 14. Let us find it out.

Revelation 14:8

“And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.”



1st Angel



2nd Angel followed

We are going to examine this scripture to analyse this second angel’s message using the study questions on page 1.

When was the second Angel’s message first preached?

We are going to trace the proclamation of the second Angel’s message after the protestant reformation. This takes us to the time after the Millerite movement which later on became the Adventist movement got the disappointment of Jesus Christ when He came not back to the earth as expected. After the first disappointment in the spring of 1844, Ellen G. White records this:

“Another mighty angel was commissioned to descend to earth. Jesus placed in his hand a writing, and as he came to the earth, he cried, "Babylon is fallen, is fallen." Then I saw the disappointed ones again raise their eyes to heaven, looking with faith and hope for their Lord's appearing. But many seemed to remain in a stupid state, as if asleep; yet I could see the trace of deep sorrow upon their countenances. The disappointed ones saw from the Scriptures that they were in the tarrying time, and that they must patiently wait the fulfillment of the vision.

The same evidence which led them to look for their Lord in 1843, led them to expect Him in 1844. Yet I saw that the majority did not possess that energy which marked their faith in 1843. Their disappointment had dampened their faith. {EW 247.1} She also wrote that:

“Our hopes now centered on the coming of the Lord in 1844. This was also the time for the message of the second angel, who, flying through the midst of heaven, cried, “Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city.” Many left the churches in obedience to the message of the second angel. Near its close the Midnight Cry was given: “Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him”! {1BIO 50.2}

It was during this period of expectation and waiting that, as noted in her statement quoted above, the message of the second angel began to sound. Another who passed through the experience reported, “We all rushed out of Babylon.”—JW to L. W. Hastings, Aug. 26, 1848. It was later in this period that eyes turned to October 22, which, according to the Karaite reckoning, would be the exact time for the fulfillment of the prophecy of Daniel 8:14...{1BIO 50.5}

...The first and second messages were given in 1843 and 1844, and we are now under the proclamation of the third; but all three of the messages are still to be proclaimed. It is just as essential now as ever before that they shall be repeated to those who are seeking for the truth. By pen and voice we are to sound the proclamation, showing their order, and the application of the prophecies that bring us to the third angel's message. There cannot be a third without the first and second. These messages we are to give to the world in publications, in discourses, showing in the line of prophetic history the things that have been, and the things that will be.--Manuscript 32, 1896. {CW 26.2}

The second angel's message of Revelation 14, was first preached in the summer of 1844, and it then had a more direct application to the churches of the United States, where the warning of the Judgment had been most widely proclaimed and most generally rejected, and where the declension in the churches had been most rapid. **But the message of the second angel did not reach its complete fulfillment in 1844.** The churches then experienced a moral fall, in consequence of their refusal of the light of the Advent message; but that fall was not complete. As they have continued to reject the special truths for this time, they have fallen lower and lower. Not yet, however, can it be said that “Babylon is fallen, . . . because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.” **She has not yet made all nations do this.** The spirit of world-conforming and indifference to the testing truths for our time exists and has been gaining ground in churches of the Protestant faith in all the countries of Christendom; and these churches are included in the solemn and terrible denunciation of the second angel. But the work of apostasy has not yet reached its culmination. {GC88 389.2} This was written in 1888.

The connection between the second Angel’s message and that of Revelation 18.

John the Revelator says; “And after these things I saw **another angel** come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, **saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen**, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her

delicacies. And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. [Revelation 18:1, 2, 4.]

This scripture points forward to a time when the announcement of the fall of Babylon, as made by the second angel [Revelation 14:8] of Revelation 14, is to be repeated, with the additional mention of the corruptions which have been entering the various organizations that constitute Babylon, since that message was first given, in the summer of 1844. A terrible condition of the religious world is here described. With every rejection of truth, the minds of the people will become darker, their hearts more stubborn, until they are entrenched in an infidel hardihood. In defiance of the warnings which God has given, they will continue to trample upon one of the precepts of the Decalogue, until they are led to persecute those who hold it sacred. Christ is set at naught in the contempt placed upon his Word and his people. As the teachings of Spiritualism are accepted by the churches, the restraint imposed upon the carnal heart is removed, and the profession of religion will become a cloak to conceal the basest iniquity. A belief in spiritual manifestations opens the door to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils, and thus the influence of evil angels will be felt in the churches. {GC88 603.2}

Who is Babylon that is pronounced in the second Angel's message?

Who is Babylon that has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication? John answers the question. In Revelation 17:1-5, he says.

" And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will show unto thee the judgment of **the great whore** that sitteth upon many waters:

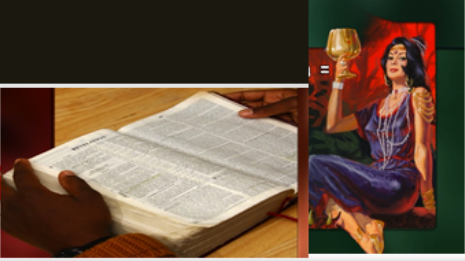
With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication. So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: **and I saw a woman** sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, **having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:**

And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:

And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, **BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.**

REVELATION 17:4
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Here, we see that Babylon is referred to as a mother having daughters (all feminine). Has a mother ever been a man? God forbid. For a mother is a woman. What about a daughter? A daughter has also never been a male. **Babylon and the daughters are both women.**

What does the 'woman' symbolize?

A woman is the symbol of a church. See the language being used here in Isaiah 54:6, “For the Lord hath called thee a woman...a wife of youth...” (Also read Ephesians 5:23-27 and 2 Corinthians 11:2) These and other passages speak of the church under the similitude of a “woman.” The woman clothed with the sun in Revelation 12 symbolizes a pure church. A harlot is the symbol of a corrupt church. (Ezekiel 16) It is thus evident that the mother and her daughters [Revelation 17:5] are doubtless the entire corrupt church. We shall later on find out which are the corrupt churches and who is the mother of all corrupt churches.

We understand therefore, that **Babylon is not limited to a single ecclesiastical body**; but that its very name renders it necessary that it should be composed of many religious systems.

....The term Babylon is derived from Babel, and signifies confusion. **It is employed in Scripture to designate the various forms of false or apostate religion...** {GC88 380.3}

Who is the mother of harlots.

The woman, Babylon, of Revelation 17, is described as “arrayed in purple and scarlet color, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness. The purple and scarlet color, the gold and precious stones and pearls, vividly picture the magnificence and more than kingly pomp affected by the haughty see of Rome.(the papacy)

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{ GC88 382.2}



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Babylon is further declared to be “that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.” [it is charged with the sin of unlawful connection with “the kings of the earth-Revelation 17:18.] The power that for so many centuries maintained despotic sway over the monarchs of Christendom, is the papacy (from 538A.D to 1798). “She[the Roman Catholic church- the papacy] was holding unlawful connection with the kings of the earth. During this time, - 'THEY fed her,' (Revelation 12:6,) not God.” With what did they feed her? John Answers, “And I saw the woman **drunken with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus,**” Revelation 17:6. Blood, then was her food! The beast shed it, and the woman drank and became intoxicated with it. And no other power could be so truly declared “drunken with the blood of the saints” as the Papacy which has so cruelly persecuted the followers of Christ in the dark ages.

She [the Roman Catholic Church- the papacy] lived in a state of dissipation and fornication with the kings of the earth while in 'her place.. In her state or 'place' of concubinage, and since she has taken her seat on the beast, she has brought forth a numerous progeny of illegitimate daughters [apostate protestant churches], who have soon imitated the example of their mother, or great mother, and like her have become harlots. {December 9, 1851 JWe, ARSH 57.25} { GC88 382.2}

Who are the harlot daughters?

Babylon is said to be “the mother of harlots.”...**her daughters must be symbolized churches that cling to her doctrines and traditions,**

and follow her example of sacrificing the truth and the approval of God, in order to form an unlawful alliance with the world.

The message of Revelation 14 announcing the fall of Babylon, must apply to religious bodies that were once pure and have become corrupt. Since this message follows the warning of the Judgment, it must be given in the last days, therefore it cannot refer to the Romish Church, for that Church has been in a fallen condition for many centuries.

Furthermore, in the eighteenth chapter of the Revelation, in a message which is yet future, **the people of God are called upon to come out of Babylon. According to this scripture, many of God's people must still be in Babylon.** And in what religious bodies are the greater part of the followers of Christ now to be found? **Without doubt, in the various churches professing the Protestant faith.** At the time of their rise, these churches took a noble stand for God and the truth, and his blessing was with them. Even the unbelieving world was constrained to acknowledge the beneficent results that followed an acceptance of the principles of the gospel. In the words of the prophet to Israel, “Thy renown went forth among the heathen for thy beauty; for it was perfect through my comeliness, which I had put upon thee, saith the Lord God.” **But they fell by the same desire which was the curse and ruin of Israel,—the desire of imitating the practices and courting the friendship of the ungodly.** “Thou didst trust in thine own beauty, and playedst the harlot because of thy renown.” {GC88 382.3}



NOTE:

And the term Babylon—confusion—may be appropriately applied to these bodies, all professing to derive their doctrines from the Bible, yet divided into almost innumerable sects, with widely conflicting creeds and theories. {GC88 383.1}

The fall of Babylon. (Why is Babylon fallen or from what is she fallen.)

How have protestant churches become Babylon?

Many of the Protestant churches are following the Roman Catholic churches' example of iniquitous connection with "the kings of the earth;" by their relation to secular governments, and other denominations and seeking the favor of the world. The fall of professed protestant churches is likewise a moral fall.

The Bible says that initially, such churches were full of judgment and righteousness lodged in them; but now murderers. Their silver is become dross and **their wine (doctrine) has been mixed with water (error or fables)**. (Read Isaiah 1:21-22). Has the doctrines of your Church been mixed with water (error or fables)? You will find the answer ahead as we handle the errors that exist in some Church organisations.

You will understand that it is true that...the Spirit speaketh expressly, **that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith**, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; 1 Timothy 4:14:3

The people who claim to be the depositaries of God's law will reach a time when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto

fables(2 Timothy 4:4) and the city/Church which was once pure becomes a harlot.

How Has The Faithful City Become An Harlot?

It is its union with the unbelievers. Joining itself to the harlot. Says the Bible, **“What? Know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body....1 Corinthians 6:16.”**What makes a Church a harlot is its union with another Church system which is already a harlot. Revelation chapter 17 addresses the Roman Catholic Church as the mother of harlots. Her daughters are churches that cling to her dogmas. When a true Church of God joins itself to any of these corrupting systems, it also becomes corrupted and God no longer uses it.

In Revelation 14, the first angel is followed by a second, proclaiming, **“Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.”** [Revelation 14:8.] and in Revelation 18,..another angel came down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.

The whole chapter [Revelation 18] shows that Babylon that has fallen is the churches who will not receive the messages of warning the Lord has given in the first, second, and third angel's messages. They refused the truth and accepted a lie. They refused the messages of truth. See 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12. The message in the eighteenth chapter of Revelation is plain and clearly defined. "For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies" (Revelation 18:3). Anyone who reads this chapter need not be deceived. {1MR 361.4}

Have you and the religious you are in, rejected the three Angel's messages? Or you have never even heard of them? Please watch out!

I saw that as the Jews crucified Jesus, so the nominal churches had crucified these messages, and therefore they have no knowledge of the way into the most holy, and they cannot be benefited by the intercession of Jesus there. Like the Jews, who offered their useless sacrifices, they offer up their useless prayers to the apartment which Jesus has left; and Satan, pleased with the deception, assumes a religious character, and leads the minds of these professed Christians to himself, working with his power, his signs and lying wonders, to fasten them in his snare. Some he deceives in one way, and some in another...{EW 260.1}

Revelation 18 points to the time when, **as the result of rejecting the threefold warning of Revelation 14:6-12**, the church will have fully reached the condition foretold by the second angel, and the people of God, still in Babylon, will be called upon to separate from her communion. This message is the last that will ever be given to the world; and it will accomplish its work. When those that "believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness," [2 Thessalonians 2:12.] shall be left to receive strong delusion, and to believe a lie, then the light of truth will shine upon all whose hearts are open to receive it, and all the children of the Lord, that remain in Babylon, will heed the call, "Come out of her, my people." [Revelation 18:4.] {GC88 390.2}

The Bible declares that before the coming of the Lord, Satan will work "with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness;" and they that "received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved," will be left to receive "strong delusion, that they should believe a lie." 2 Thessalonians 2:9-11. **Not until this condition shall be reached, and the union of the church with the world shall be fully accomplished throughout Christendom,**

will the fall of Babylon be complete. The change is a progressive one, and the perfect fulfillment of Revelation 14:8 is yet future. {GC 389.3}

The sins of Babylon.

The second angel's message is to be repeated, with the additional mention of the corruptions which have been entering the various organizations that constitute Babylon, since that message was first given, in the summer of 1844.

For the Bible says, "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins. Isaiah 58:1"

The **great sin** charged against Babylon is, that she "made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication." **This cup of intoxication which she presents to the world, represents the false doctrines** that she has accepted as the result of her unlawful connection with the great ones of the earth. Friendship with the world corrupts her faith, and in her turn she exerts a corrupting influence upon the world by teaching doctrines which are opposed to the plainest statements of Holy Writ. {GC88 388.1}

What does wine represent?

"Jesus knew that He could do the scribes and Pharisees no good, unless they would empty themselves of self-importance. He chose new bottles for His new wine of doctrine, and made fishermen and unlearned believers the heralds of His truth to the world...{5BC 1089.1} This quotation shows that wine represents doctrines.

What is the wine of Babylon?

"...The fallen denominational churches are Babylon. **Babylon has been fostering poisonous doctrines, the wine of error.** This wine of error is made up of false doctrines, such as the natural immortality of the soul, the eternal torment of the wicked, the denial of the pre-existence of Christ prior to His birth in Bethlehem, and advocating and exalting the first day of the week above God's holy and sanctified day...

...These and kindred errors are to the world by the various churches, and thus the Scriptures are fulfilled that say, 'For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.'

It is a wrath which is created by false doctrines, and when kings and presidents drink this wine of the wrath of her fornication, they are stirred with anger against those who will not come into harmony with the false and satanic heresies which exalt the false Sabbath, and lead men to trample underfoot God's memorial. {TM 61.3} {RH, September 12, 1893 par. 20}

Summary of the wine/doctrines of Babylon.

- Advocating and exalting the first day of the week(Sunday) above God's holy and sanctified day.(Saturday)
- Eternal torment of the wicked
- The denial of the pre-existence of Christ prior to His birth in Bethlehem
- Natural immortality of the soul
- Teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

...Men of faith and prayer will be constrained to go forth with holy zeal, declaring the words which God gives them. **The sins of Babylon will be laid open...**By these solemn warnings, the people will be stirred.

Thousands upon thousands will listen who have never heard words like these. **In amazement they hear the testimony that Babylon is the church, fallen because of her errors and sins, because of her rejection of the truth sent to her from heaven...**

As the people go to their former teachers with the eager inquiry, Are these things so? The ministers present fables, prophesy smooth things, to soothe their fears and quiet the awakened conscience. But since many refuse to be satisfied with the mere authority of men and demand a plain "Thus saith the Lord," the popular ministry, like the Pharisees of old, filled with anger as their authority is questioned, will denounce the message as of Satan and stir up the sin-loving multitudes to revile and persecute those who proclaim it. {GC 606.2}

Is The General Conference Part of Babylon Now?

As we handle this section, I would like you to pray in thine heart that God may help you to understand the concept under study.

When confronted with this startling question, most professed Seventh-Day Adventists will refer to an article written by Ellen White in 1893, to try to show that the General Conference is not Babylon now, nor will ever reach that corrupt spiritual condition. This article is found in Manuscript Releases, vol.1, p. 348-357.

Ellen White's reason for writing this testimony was in opposition to a group of people (Stanton and Caldwell) who, in 1983, distributed a pamphlet called the Loud Cry in which they denounced the General conference as Babylon. Let us read there.

"Those who have published the "Loud Cry" tract have not consulted me upon the subject. They have quoted largely from my writings and put their own construction upon them. They claim to have a special message

from God to pronounce the Seventh-day Adventist Church Babylon, proclaim her fall, and call the people of God to come out of her, and try to make the testimonies substantiate their theory. **These publications are misleading minds,** and increasing the prejudice already existing, and tend to make it more difficult to get access to them to present the message God has given in warnings to the world of altogether a different character from the ideas presented in these pamphlets. {1MR 348.2}”

“I understood that both these men were at the General Conference [held in Battle Creek, February 17 - March 6, 1893], that is, S and C. Could they not discern there the revealings of the Spirit of God? Could they not see that God was opening the windows of heaven and pouring out a blessing? Why was this? ... {1MR 349.3}

The Lord has had a church from that day, through all the changing scenes of time to the present period, 1893....**When anyone is drawing apart from the organized body of God's commandment-keeping people,** when he begins to weigh the church in his human scales, and begins to pronounce judgment against them, then you may know that God is not leading him. He is on the wrong track. {1MR 355.2}

How could they come from that meeting where the power of God was revealed in so marked a manner, and proclaim that the loud cry was that the commandment-keeping people were Babylon? Satan was saying that same thing to Christ when Joshua stood before the angel. Satan was declaring his sins to be so great that he should not be restrained from destroying him. The words of Christ are applicable to these brethren, and to all who advance similar sentiments. "The Lord rebuke thee, O Satan; even the Lord that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire? Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the angel" (Zechariah 2:2, 3)... {1MR 351.1}

In 1893, the General Conference was part of Seventh-day Adventist Church[God's only true church] and Was Not to be Called Babylon. For this reason, Ellen G. White then wrote the following letter to Stanton on March 23, 1893..

"Dear Brother S. "My brother, I learn that you are taking the position that the Seventh-day Adventist Church is Babylon, and that all that would be saved must come out of her. You are not the only man the devil has deceived in this matter. For the last forty years, one man after another has arisen, claiming that the Lord has sent him with the same message; but let me tell you, as I have told them, that this message you are proclaiming is one of the satanic delusions designed to create confusion among the churches. {TM 58.4}

"My brother, if you are teaching that the Seventh-day Adventist Church is Babylon, you are wrong, God has not given you any such message to bear. Satan will use every mind to which he can attain access, inspiring men to originate false theories or go off on some wrong tangent, that he may create a false excitement, and thus divert souls from the true issue for this time. I presume that some may be deceived by your message, because they are full of curiosity and desire for some new thing. {TM 59.2}

"It is our individual duty to walk humbly with God. We are not to seek any strange, new message. We are not to think that **the chosen ones of God who are trying to walk in the light compose Babylon. The fallen denominational churches are Babylon.** Babylon has been fostering poisonous doctrines, the wine of error. This wine of error is made up of false doctrines, such as the natural immortality of the soul, the eternal torment of the wicked, the denial of the pre-existence of Christ prior to His birth in Bethlehem, and advocating and exalting the first day of the week above God's holy and sanctified day. These and kindred errors are

presented to the world by the various churches, and thus the Scriptures are fulfilled that say, 'For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.' It is a wrath which is created by false doctrines, and when kings and presidents drink this wine of the wrath of her fornication, they are stirred with anger against those who will not come into harmony with the false and satanic heresies which exalt the false sabbath, and lead men to trample underfoot God's memorial. {TM 61.3}

How did Ellen White describe the SDA church that can never be Babylon?

...Let all be careful not to make an outcry against the only people who are fulfilling the description given of the remnant people who keep the commandments of God and have faith in Jesus, who are exalting the standard of righteousness in these last days. {TM 57.3}

God has a distinct people, a church on earth, second to none, but superior to all in their facilities to teach the truth, to vindicate the law of God. God has divinely appointed agencies--men whom He is leading, who have borne the heat and burden of the day, who are cooperating with heavenly instrumentalities to advance the kingdom of Christ in our world. Let all unite with these chosen agents, and be found at last among those who have the patience of the saints, who keep the commandments of God, and have the faith of Jesus. {TM 58.1}

The Condition of the General conference structure

Between 1893 and 1903

Some, I know will shed tears as they read ahead. Let us examine whether Ellen G. White continued to call the General conference structure as part of God's commandment keeping people. A change happened.

1894:

...God has not laid upon any living man the burden of jealously guarding the movements of His fellow men, for this would restrict their intelligent freedom. {9MR 179.2}

In following a course of this kind, men are pursuing a similar course to that of the Roman Catholics who center in the pope every power of the church, **and ascribe to him authority to act as God**, so that those below him in station lay every plan at his feet that he may prescribe the rules for men and women in every minutiae of life. In following a course of this kind, there is danger that no chance will be left for God to answer the prayers of His delegated servants according to His promise in giving them wisdom in pursuing their work. {9MR 179.3}

God does not purpose to have one man prescribe how his fellow workmen shall perform His work. When this manner of action comes in among our people, there is need of a protest. {9MR 179.4} Letter 53, 1894.

1895:

“The spirit of domination is extending to the presidents of our conferences. If a man is sanguine of his own powers and seeks to exercise dominion over his brethren, feeling that he is invested with authority to make his will the ruling power, the best and only safe course is to remove him, lest great harm be done and he lose his own soul and imperil the souls of others. "All ye are brethren." {TM 362.1}

...When men who profess to serve God ignore His parental character and depart from honor and righteousness in dealing with their fellowmen, Satan exults, for he has inspired them with his attributes. They are following in the track of Romanism. {TM 362.2}

1896

“Who can now feel sure that they are safe in respecting the voice of the General Conference Association? If the people in our churches understood the management of the men who walk in the light of the sparks of their own kindling, would they respect their decisions? I answer, No, not for a moment. I have been shown that the people at large do not know that the heart of the work is being diseased and corrupted at Battle Creek. Many of the people are in a lethargic, listless, apathetic condition, and assent to plans which they do not understand - Special Instruction Relating To The Review And Herald Office And The Work In Battle Creek, pp. 19, 20 (1896) {PC 422.8}”

...Men have seemed determined to place the mold and superscription of their human wisdom upon the work of God.

They refused to be worked by the Holy Spirit, and brought in their own wisdom and devising. {17MR 185.2}

The result of this has been in various ways. **The sacred character of the cause of God is no longer realized at the center of the work. The voice from Battle Creek, which has been regarded as authority in counseling how the work should be done, is no longer the voice of God; but it is the voice of--whom? From whence does it come, and where is its vital power?** This state of things is maintained by men who should have been disconnected from the work long ago. These men do not scruple to quote the word of God as their authority, **but the god who is leading them is a false god.** {17MR 185.3}

1898

...It has been some years since I have considered the General Conference as the voice of God.--17MR 216 (1898). {LDE 50.3}

1899

Let those in America who suppose the voice of the General Conference to be the voice of God, become one with God before they utter their opinions. - Testimony To Elder Haskell, November 16, 1899. {PC 422.6}

I can now repeat the words of the prophet and say Let those who suppose the voice of the General Conference to be the voice of God at the present time, become one with God before they utter their opinions. For God can no longer call the General Conference structure part of His SDA church and thus it cannot be His voice. So, if you are on the Lord's side, you cannot call the General Conference which has become a harlot the voice of God. Never, and never will it be again. For God is no longer in her midst.

What followed after here(1899) in the General conference was embarrassing. When the prophet heard misguided people still call the General Conference structure the voice of God, she almost called it blasphemy. These are not my words. Let us read them:

1901:

It is working upon wrong principles that has brought the cause of God into **its present embarrassment**. The people have lost confidence in those who have the management of the work. **Yet we hear that the voice of the Conference is the voice of God. Every time I have heard this, I have thought it was almost BLASPHEMY.** The voice of the Conference ought to be the voice of God, but it is not, because some in connection with it are not men of faith and prayer, they are not men of elevated principle. There is not a seeking of God with the whole heart; there is not a realization of the terrible responsibility that rests upon those in this institution to mold and fashion minds after the divine

similitude.--Manuscript 37, 1901, p. 8 (April, 1901, Talk by Mrs. E. G. White in the Review Chapel regarding the Southern work). {ChL 20.4}

On a sad note, Ellen G. White's warnings went unheeded by the General Conference structure. Apostasy began with the leaders relying upon themselves and their own ideas in place of God's authority. In 1888, they rejected a great light that God had given them. In 1901, and then more firmly in 1903, they voted to enforce a kingly hierarchy to control all institutions and centralizing power just like the Catholic popes through the Vatican! In doing so, they went directly against God's will, and God rebuked them for it:

“At times, when a small group of men entrusted with the general management of the work have, in the name of the General Conference, sought to carry out unwise plans and to restrict God's work, I have said I could no longer regard the voice of the General Conference, represented by these few men, as the voice of God. - Testimonies For The Church, Vol. IX page 260 {PC 422.4}”

That these men (leaders) should stand in a sacred place, to be as the voice of God to the people, as we once believed the General Conference to be, **that is past.** - General Conference Bulletin 1901 page 25 {PC 422.5}

From the above quotations, we CLEARLY SEE that the General Conference by the year 1901, it had divorced herself from its Husband and thus God. And this is why the prophet of the Lord declares by this year that we once believed the General Conference to be the voice of God but, **that is past.**

It is Satan's plan now to have as many people as possible to remain attached to this fallen General Conference which is no longer the voice of God until probation closes for them and at last be lost for eternity.

Ellen G. white stops attending General conference meetings

1902

Having lost confidence in the General conference, Ellen White, on December 2, 1902 wrote to her Children Edson and Willie White who were doing the work of God in the self-supporting ministry. She wrote:

“My sons, I would have you firmly united as brothers in the flesh and as brothers in Christian fellowship. {17MR 64.1}”

I have a work to do, and I am now making decisions. **I must remain away from conference meetings. I must not attend camp meetings.** The spirit of drawing apart, as the result of judging one another, has become so common, and the churches are becoming so leavened with this spirit, that I have no desire to attend these meetings. After returning from them, it is often weeks before I am able to take up my neglected work. {17MR 64.2}”

My mind shall not be dragged into confusion by the tendency they manifest to work directly contrary to the light that God has given me. I am done. I will preserve my God-given intelligence. {17MR 64.3}

My voice has been heard in the different conferences and at camp meetings. I must now make a change.

I cannot enter the atmosphere of strife and then have to bear testimonies that cost me much more than those to whom they are sent can imagine. When I attend the different meetings, I am compelled to deal with men, standing in responsible places, who I know are not exerting an influence that God can endorse. And when I bear a testimony in reference to their course of action, advantage is taken of this testimony.

These men have not clear understanding. Should I say the things that I know, they would not, with their present experience, use this instruction wisely, and would bring upon me inconceivable burdens. {17MR 64.4}

The Condition of the General Conference Structure Between 1903 and 1915

1903:

Men have given to our leading physician [Dr. Kellogg] allegiance that is due to God alone; and he has been permitted to show what self-exaltation will lead men to do. Scientific, spiritualistic sentiments, representing the Creator as an essence pervading all nature have been given to our people, and have been received even by some who have had a long experience as teachers of the Word of God. The results of this insidious devising will break out again and again.

There are many for whom special efforts will have to be put forth to free them from this specious deception. {BCL 79.3}

Few can see the meaning of the present apostasy. But the Lord has lifted the curtain, and has shown me its meaning, and the result that it will have if allowed to continue. We must now lift our voices in warning. Will our people acknowledge God as the supreme Ruler, or will they choose the misleading arguments and views that when fully developed, make Him, in the minds of those who accept them, as nothingness? {BCL 79.5}

She says, “**Few can see the meaning of the present apostasy**” and indeed few up to now can see such great apostasy in the General conference churches.

As the General conference went further and further deep into apostasy, Ellen G. White was shown by God what would befall it in later times.

She was shown that the General conference which was part of God's SDA church in 1893 was no longer part and that it would become a new organization which would yield up the **doctrines which stand as the pillars of our faith and that the General conference would go into the cities preaching its false doctrines.** Here she pens it down.

“The enemy of souls has sought to bring in the supposition that a great reformation was to take place among Seventh-day Adventists, and that **this reformation would consist in giving up the doctrines which stand as the pillars of our faith,** and engaging in a process of reorganization . **Were this reformation to take place, what would result?**

(1)The principles of truth that God in His wisdom has given to the remnant church, would be discarded. (2)Our religion would be changed. (3)The fundamental principles that have sustained the work for the last fifty years would be accounted as error. (4)A new organization would be established.

(5)Books of a new order would be written. (6)A system of intellectual philosophy would be introduced. (7)The founders of this system would go into the cities, and do a wonderful work. (8)The Sabbath of course, would be lightly regarded, as also the God who created it. (9)Nothing would be allowed to stand in the way of the new movement.

(10)The leaders would teach that virtue is better than vice, but God being removed, they would place their dependence on human power, which, without God, is worthless.

(11)Their foundation would be built on the sand, (12)and storm and tempest would sweep away the structure. {1SM 204.2} Letter 242, October 1903 & Special Testimonies, Series B #7, pp. 36-42; (numbers are added for emphasis)

1904:

“Be not deceived; many will depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils...

We have now before us the alpha of this danger. The omega WILL BE OF A MOST STARTLING NATURE.”{SpTB02 16.2} written July 24, 1904. {1SM 197.4}

Ellen White witnessed the Omega of Apostasy in her time and what was to follow was the omega of Apostasy which would be so startle in nature. The statements she wrote after 1904 showed that apostasy from God’s truth was waxing strong.

1906

One thing it is certain is soon to be realized,--the great apostasy, which is developing and increasing and waxing stronger, and will continue to do so until the Lord shall descend from heaven with a shout. We are to hold fast the first principles of our denominated faith, and go forward from strength to increased faith. Ever we are to keep the faith that that has been substantiated by the Holy Spirit of God from the earlier events of our experience, until the present time. We need now larger breadth, and deeper, more earnest, unwavering faith in the leadings of the Holy Spirit. If we needed the manifest proof of the Holy Spirit's power to confirm truth in the beginning after the passing of the time, we need today all the evidence in the confirmation of the truth, when souls are departing from the faith and giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. There must not be any languishing of soul now. {NYI, February 7, 1906 par. 1}

In this year(1906), she boldly said that the General conference has departed from the faith. Applying 1 Timothy 4:1 to the General Conference, Ellen White said:

“The warning is given in the Word, "Some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils" (1 Timothy 4:1). **We now repeat, Parents, keep your children away from Battle Creek.** Some of our medical missionary workers are becoming leavened with infidelity. Specious heresy has been taking hold of minds and its threads have been woven into the pattern of the figure. Who is responsible for giving young men and women an education that has left a seducing influence upon their minds? One father writes that of his two children who were sent to Battle Creek, one is now an infidel and the other has given up the truth. {MR760 26.4}

Letters such as this have been coming from different ones. The warning is given me to give to parents, **If your children are in Battle Creek, call them away without delay.** Satan has come down with great power to work with all deceivableness of unrighteousness.--Ms 20, 1906. ("Preach the Word," February 7, 1906.) {MR760 27.1}

Then she declared that satan had come into the General conference and to avoid the children of the faithful souls from partaking of the sins of the General conference institutions, she appealed to the parents to remove their children from Battle Creek.

1908:

“On every hand we see those who have had much light and knowledge deliberately choosing evil in the place of good. Making no attempt to reform, **they are growing worse and worse.**” RP (Report of Progress), September 15, 1908, par. 13. {7T 62.2}

1915:

“I am charged to tell our people that they do not realize that the devil has device after device, and he carries them out in ways that they do not expect. Satan’s agencies will invent ways to make sinners out of saints. I tell you now, that when I am laid to rest, great changes will take place. I do not know when I shall be taken; and I desire to warn all against the devices of the devil. I want the people to know that I warned them fully before my death.” Manuscript 1, February 24, 1915.

Dear reader, I believe enough evidence has been given by the Lord’s messenger Ellen G. White concerning the state of the General Conference. Shall we then exempt the General conference from the systems of Babylon? I say No.

As early as 1886, Ellen White had written this statement concerning the general conference of becoming Babylon.

“We must as a people arouse and cleanse the camp of Israel. Licentiousness, unlawful intimacy, and unholy practices are coming in among us in a large degree; and ministers who are handling sacred things are guilty of sin in this respect. They are coveting their neighbors’ wives, and the seventh commandment is broken. We are in danger of becoming a sister to fallen Babylon, of allowing our churches to become corrupted, and filled with every foul spirit, a cage for every unclean and hateful bird; and will we be clear unless we make decided movements to cure the existing evil? {21MR 380.1}

The coming out from Babylon.

And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. Revelation 18:1,2,4

God does not call His people from truthful churches which keep His Commandments and have the Testimony of Jesus which is the Spirit of Prophecy. Rather, He calls them to come out from the corrupt churches which are daily imbibing new errors, teaching false doctrines/fables and constantly rejecting the Light in His word and have become harlots, habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

Today, “Seventh-day Adventists have been chosen by God as a peculiar people, separate from the world. By the great cleaver of truth He has cut them out from the quarry of the world and brought them into connection with Himself. He has made them His representatives and has called them to be ambassadors for Him in the last work of salvation...{7T 138.2}...They are not to engage in speculation, neither are they to enter into business enterprises with unbelievers; for this would hinder them in their God-given work. {9T 19.2}

The Bible tells us that friendship with the wicked world systems is enmity to God and thus God’s true children must be separated from unbelievers.(Read James 4:4 and 2 Corinthians 6:14-17)

If the coming out will be from Babylon, will there be a coming out from the General conference churches? Yes. Why? Because we have already shown that the General conference is now part of Babylon, it is now a worldling. So, separation from it is a necessity. We are going to see how the coming out of it is going to be.

Shall there be a coming out of the Conference Churches?

The question that has troubled the Adventist World in these last days is whether it is God's plan for a decided separation from the established general conference structure (regular line) to the self supporting ministries (irregular lines). This section is going to respond to this question.

Has there ever been any Separation in Religious History?

If there has ever been separation in the past, it will be repeated in the last days because the Bible says, "That which hath been is now; and that which is to be hath already been; and God requireth that which is past. Ecclesiastes 3:15" And continues to say that; "The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun. Ecclesiastes 1:9 Is there any thing whereof it may be said, See, this is new? it hath been already of old time, which was before us. Ecclesiastes 1:10

The Spirit of Prophecy says;

"There was a coming out, **a decided separation from the wicked, an escape for life.** So it was in the days of Noah; so with Lot; so with the disciples prior to the destruction of Jerusalem; and so it will be in the last days. Again the voice of God is heard in a message of warning, bidding His people separate themselves from the prevailing iniquity. {PP 166.4}

Do you see that even in the last days which now are, there will a separation from the wicked? Ellen white writes:

“So often the same old difficulties arise and are presented in regard to disturbing the "regular lines." But God will work in some way to make His people understand that the regular lines have become full of irregular practices. [The Phrase "Regular Lines" Referred To The Publishing Work At Battle Creek. The "Irregular Practices" Included the Exercise Of Kingly Authority (PM 132), The Printing Of "The Soul-Destroying Theories Of Romanism" (8T 92), And A Variety Of Other Improperities. (See The Publishing Ministry, PP. 127-178.)

Meanwhile, In 1894, Ellen White's Son, Edson, Had Begun A Privately Supported Ministry For The Blacks In Mississippi And Tennessee. Edson's Sacrificial Publishing Ventures In The South, While Independent Of The "Regular Lines," Received Ellen White's Strong Sympathy And Support.] {20MR 142.4}

Separation needs much faith and prayer

It is as hard today to break away from the regular lines [General conference churches] as it was in Christ's day. We have had great light. Let us not become narrow. Let us break the bonds which bind us. Christ is the source of all true growth, the maintainer of all life. By His Holy Spirit He communicates heavenly principles and furnishes spiritual life. {20MR 143.5}

God calls for a revival and a reformation. **The "regular lines" have not done the work which God desires to see accomplished.** Let revival reformation make constant changes. Something has been done in this line, but let not the work stop here. No! Let every yoke be broken. Let men awaken to the realization that they have an individual responsibility. {SpM 175.2}. This shows that irregular lines (Self Supporting Ministries like that of Edison White separate and independent from the General conference) were ordained of God and

were to continue till the close of time as long as irregular practices were sanctioned by the general conference in order to accomplish the work which God designed to be done which the General conference has rejected.

It is time that Church members understood that everywhere there is a work to be done in the Lord's vineyard. No one is to wait for a regular process before they make any efforts. They should take up the work right where they are. There should be many at work in what are called "irregular lines." If one hundred laborers would step out of the "regular lines," and take up self-sacrificing work, such as Brother Shireman has done, souls would be won to the Lord. And the workers would understand by experience what it means to be laborers together with God. {SpM 195.5}

Brother Shireman went on planting Church by Church in places where he presented the truth and these churches were independent and separate from the General conference of SDA'

We note that starting a Church independent and separate from the General conference has been ordained of God and in nowise make one a non-Seventh Day Adventist.

Ellen White's vision about separation from the nominal Adventists churches.

Ellen White, in a vision concerning the faithful Christians still in Conference nominal churches tells us that, "I saw that God has honest children among the nominal Adventists and the fallen churches, and before the plagues shall be poured out, ministers and people will be called out from these churches and will gladly receive the truth. Satan knows this; and before the loud cry of the third angel is given, he raises an excitement in these religious bodies, that those who have rejected the

truth may think that God is with them. He hopes to deceive the honest and lead them to think that God is still working for the churches. But the light will shine, and all who are honest will leave the fallen churches, and take their stand with the remnant. {EW 261.1}

After separation from the churches that have fallen from the truth, can we still go to attend their meetings?

Says Ellen G. White, "...If God has delivered us from such darkness and error, we should stand fast in the liberty wherewith He has set us free and rejoice in the truth. **God is displeased with us when we go to listen to error, without being obliged to go**; for unless He sends us to those meetings where error is forced home to the people by the power of the will, He will not keep us. The angels cease their watchful care over us, and we are left to the buffetings of the enemy, to be darkened and weakened by him and the power of his evil angels; and the light around us becomes contaminated with the darkness. {EW 124.3}

Unless we are obliged to go and preach to such churches, we are not to go and attend their erroneous services. We can learn from Jesus' example. After his withdraw from the Jewish synagogues, He did not continue attending their religious services. He only went **teaching in their synagogues**, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people."(Read: Matthew 4:23, Matthew 12:9, Matthew 13:54, Mark 1:39, Luke 4:15). In like manner, the apostles did as their master, only going to their churches to preach not to listen to fables and heresy.(Read Acts 13:5, 14-15) How then shall we oppose Jesus' method and continue to go and worship with those in error? Come out from among them and be ye separate.

Says Ellen White, **“I saw that we have no time to throw away in listening to fables.** Our minds should not be thus diverted, but should be occupied with the present truth, and seeking wisdom that we may obtain a more thorough knowledge of our position, that with meekness we may be able to give a reason of our hope from the Scriptures. While false doctrines and dangerous errors are pressed upon the mind, it cannot be dwelling upon the truth which is to fit and prepare the house of Israel to stand in the day of the Lord. {EW 125.1}

She continues to say, “I was shown the necessity of those who believe that we are having the last message of mercy, being separate from those who are daily imbibing new errors. I saw that neither young nor old should attend their meetings; for it is wrong to thus encourage them while they teach error that is a deadly poison to the soul and teach for doctrines the commandments of men. The influence of such gatherings is not good... {EW 124.3}

Beloved, you have well witnessed all what is in your Church of worship. You understand very well the formality of worship that has existed therein for all your life time. You well know how the true Seventh Day Adventists ought to behave. Can you contrast with what you are seeing right now. Do you still claim that God is still working with that religious system you are in? It is a time to make right decisions right now. Before it is too late, before probation closes, God the Lord Almighty calls you now to “Come out from among them, and be ye separate, and touch not the unclean thing, and He will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be His son/daughter.

The bible says, “See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil; In that I command thee this day to love the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply:

and the LORD thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it. But if thine heart turn away, so that thou wilt not hear, but shalt be drawn away, and worship other gods, and serve them; I denounce unto you this day, that ye shall surely perish, and that ye shall not prolong your days upon the land, whither thou passest over Jordan to go to possess it. I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live: (Deuteronomy 30:15-19)

Separation From Secular Schools.

The command found in Revelation 18:4, "come out of her, my people," means to come out of those institutions which will place in the minds of our young people, principles which are apt to make them join the class of worshipers of which we read in 2 timothy 3:5: "having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof." As faithful watchmen, **we should be just as desirous of getting our children out of the popular schools as we are to call the older people out of the popular churches.** The popular churches are only a product of worldly education, so to get at the root of the matter, we must separate ourselves from that which creates the condition in which all the religious world, at present, finds itself. {PH081 38.1}

True seventh Day Adventists have nothing to do with secular education. What we need is true education. This has been lost sight of and it must be restored by all the true and faithful seventh day Adventists.

The educational system advocated in these testimonies is the same as that given to all Christians from Abraham down; **it is the only System of education which Christians can safely follow if they desire to preserve their children in the true faith.**

Secular schools are not and never were intended for the children of Christians; they are for those of this world, whose citizenship is here....{PH081 33.4}

"It was a wise arrangement, which God Himself had made, to cut off his people, so far as possible, from all connection with the heathen, making them a people dwelling alone, and not reckoned among the nations. He had separated Abraham from his idolatrous kindred, that the patriarch might train and educate his family apart from the seductive influences which would have surrounded them in Mesopotamia, and that the true faith might be preserved in its purity by his descendants, from generation to generation."-- "Patriarchs and Prophets," pp. 141, 142. {PH081 34.2}

God wants to direct our education today as He did for ancient Israel.

We learn that they had a school in which workers were trained, called a "college" or "school of the prophets," by reading 2 chronicles 34:22; 1 Samuel 10:9-13; 2 kings 4:38-44; 6:1-7. This plan of education, when strictly followed out, placed the Israelites at the head of learning, and it is said that they were regarded by the pagan nations round about, thus: "for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people." Deuteronomy 4:6. Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the children of the east country and all the wisdom of Egypt, for he was wiser than all men. His fame was in all nations roundabout. 1 kings 4:29-34. The bible was the basis of their principal studies, which were the natural sciences (1 kings 4:33), the study of the law, sacred history, sacred music, poetry, agriculture, and horticulture. "the lord himself directed the education of Israel," and he wishes to direct our education today. {PH081 35.1}

Education, as it is conducted in the schools of today, is one-sided, and therefore a mistake. As the purchase of the Son of God, we are His property, and everyone should have an education in the schools of Christ. Wise teachers should be chosen for our schools. Teachers have to deal with human minds, and they are responsible to God to impress upon those minds the necessity of knowing Christ as a personal Saviour. But no one can truly educate God's purchased possession unless he himself has learned in the school of Christ how to teach. {SpM 56.1}

I must tell you [says Ellen G. White] from the light given me by God, I know that much time and money are spent by students in acquiring a knowledge that is as chaff to them; for it does not enable them to help their fellow-men to form characters that will fit them to unite with saints and angels in the higher school. In the place of crowding youthful minds with a mass of things that are distasteful, and that in many cases will never be of any use to them, a practical education should be given. Time and money is spent in gaining useless knowledge. The mind should be carefully and wisely taught to dwell upon Bible truth. The main object of education should be to gain a knowledge of how we can glorify God, whose we are by creation and by redemption. {SpM 56.2}

Everyone must know the science of true education.

The earth is corrupt and dark and idolatrous; but amid the darkness and corruption a pure, divine light, the Word of God, is shining. **But although we have known the truth for many years, little advancement has been made by those who have been given light.**

Whose plan was it to produce that class of books that have been patronized in our schools? It was the plan largely of men who had not the experience of Moses and Joshua and Daniel, and the other prophets and apostle, who endured the seeing of Him who is invisible..But to

place in our schools the books that have been placed there as standard books, is an offense to God. In this age, as never before, when the two great forces of the Prince of Heaven and the prince of hell have met in decided conflict, **our youth need instruction in Bible principles.** Like the branches of the True Vine, the Word of God presents unity in diversity. There is in it a perfect, superhuman, mysterious unity. It contains divine wisdom that is the foundation of all true education; but this book has been treated indifferently. {SpM 56.3}

Now, as never before, we need to understand the true science of education. If we fail to understand this, we shall never have a place in the kingdom of God. "This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou has sent." If this is the price of heaven, shall not our education be given on these lines? Christ must be everything to us. ..{SpM 56.4}

The difference between the fall of Babylon and the Destruction of Babylon.

Is the “fall of Babylon” similar to “her Destruction?”

The fall of Babylon, and her destruction, are different events. It is evident from what John says of her, after the occurrence of each of those events. He speaks of Babylon after her fall, as having "become the habitation of devils" - of God's people being called out of her - of her being threatened with plagues - her sins reaching to heaven - God remembering her iniquities - and of her glorifying herself,

and saying in her heart, "I sit a queen, and shall see no sorrow:" (see Revelation 18:2-7). All these things are said of her after her fall has taken place. Surely, then 'her fall cannot be her destruction.

Babylon exists after her fall; The fall of Babylon is evidently a moral fall, and not its final destruction. This may be seen from Revelation 18:2, where it is stated that Babylon is fallen, and is become the hold of every foul spirit, etc. It must exist after its fall in order to be a hold of foul spirits after that fall. In its fall and becoming a hold of foul spirits is clearly seen a moral change. {ND JW, BEARF 11.1} and it is after her fall that Babylon proudly says, 'I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow,' (v.7.) {December 9, 1851 JWe, ARSH 59.11-13}

But of her destruction it is said, "She shall be utterly burned with fire, and shall be found no more at all, (Revelation 18:16-21) She is first punished in the seventh plague. (read Revelaton 16:17, 19)

God's mercy as reveled in the second angel's message.

To prepare a people to stand in the day of God, a great work of reform was to be accomplished. God saw that many of His professed people were not building for eternity, and in His mercy He was about to send a message of warning to arouse them from their stupor and lead them to make ready for the coming of the Lord. {GC 311.2}

This warning is brought to view in Revelation 14. Here is a threefold message represented as proclaimed by heavenly beings and immediately followed by the coming of the Son of man to reap "the harvest of the earth." ,,,{GC 311.3}

Did you know that the three angels' message is the present truth that will prepare you to stand against the false theories of these last days? The manner in which you receive them hangs your eternal destiny.

The second angel's message is part of this last warning to be given to the perishing world.

It is a message of mercy that calls upon all faithful/honest people in fallen religious system to come out from among them and be separate lest they partake of Babylon's sins, and receive of her plagues. Would you wish to be destroyed with Babylon. You will absolutely say no. Do you see now how important this message is-the message that calls you to be freed from fallen religious systems- a message that calls for a decided escape for life?

Separation from the wicked churches is a case of life and death. It is death to remain connected with those Church bodies that speak lightly of, or oppose the coming of, the Lord and trample upon His moral law including the holy Sabbath and despise His writings given to us through His prophets. It is life to come out of all human tradition, and stand upon the word of God and look daily for the appearance of the Lord. We therefore now say to all who are in any way entangled in the yoke of bondage to have a decided separation from the wicked, an escape for life. May God bless you as you make up your decision.

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