

"The Lord is King."  
Psalm 10:16.

"Bind up the testimony, seal  
the law among My disciples."  
Isaiah 8:16.



"To the law —

REVELATION 18:1-4.

— and to the testimony."

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## The Remnant Church Not Babylon

### Characteristics of True Remnant Church Examined

Those who are not acquainted with the fundamental principles of this Reform Movement, are often perplexed, when they are told, that we believe that the Remnant Church is Babylon. This is a misrepresentation of the true fact, and calculated to deceive. We do not believe that the Remnant Church is Babylon, or will ever become a part of Babylon. Therefore, the question under consideration is not, "Is the Remnant Church Babylon?" but rather, "Which church is the Remnant Church?" But now, to the end that we may positively know who "the Remnant Church," or "the people of God," are,—they are one and the same, of course,—let us pause long enough to briefly examine certain of their more prominent identifying marks, characteristics which the Divine Spirit has declared will be revealed in them.

First, the Scriptures describe the true remnant people of God in these words:—

"Yet, behold therein shall be left a remnant that shall be brought forth, both sons and daughters; behold they shall come forth unto you, and ye shall see their way and their doings . . . . And they shall comfort you, when ye shall see their ways and their doings." Ezek. 14:22, 23.

"I will also leave in the midst of thee an afflicted and poor people, and they shall trust in the name of the Lord. The remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies; neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth." Zeph. 3:12, 13.

And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." Rev. 12:17.

Thus does the Sacred Word set forth several of the outstanding characteristics to be seen in God's true remnant people. But before we pass on to a further examination of their special peculiarities, as brought to light in the writings of the spirit of prophecy, let us carefully charge our minds with these vital identifying marks, to be revealed in the true Church, as presented in the Scriptures just quoted.

First of all, we find that the true remnant shall live such consistent, blameless, godly lives that their example "shall be a comfort." Their "ways and their doings" will be so fully in accord with the revealed character of God as to bring honor and praise to His name and message, not dishonor and reproach.

Next, we learn that "the remnant of Israel" will be an "afflicted" people,—persecuted for Christ's sake; a "poor" people, "poor in spirit" free from Laodicean pride; a "trusting" people, dependent alone upon the power of God, having no confidence in the arm of flesh. They, we are told, "shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies, neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth,"—a guileless, holy people; a people whose hearts have been washed and made white in the blood of Jesus, and

kept pure by His indwelling, victory-giving Spirit.

Again, the Word tells us that "the remnant of her seed" will be an obedient people. They will "keep" all of God's commandments, and "have" (possess, not reject) the testimonies of the spirit of prophecy.

These peculiar, these wonderful characteristics, which are to be revealed in no other people, may not be mistaken. They positively point out the true Remnant Church. The writings of the Holy Word are very marked and explicit in this matter; they set forth perfectly, in principle, Heaven's glorious standard. Yet let us consider for a moment certain passages descriptive of God's true people which we shall find in the Testimonies. The truths which these writings contain are of incalculable importance. Let us note them carefully.

"There is a high standard to which we are to attain if we would be children of God,—**noble, pure, holy, and undefiled.**"—"Testimonies," Vol. 5, p. 344.

"The remnant people of God must be a **converted people.**"—Id. Vol. 9, p. 154.

"The remnant are to **overcome** by the blood of the Lamb."—"Early Writings," p. 114.

"Those who are truly children of God are **believers** . . . Those that believe that Jesus can and will save them personally from sin, are the elect and chosen of God; they are His peculiar treasure."—"Review and Herald," Aug. 1, 1893.

"The calling and character of God's people are **peculiar** their prospects are **peculiar**, and these peculiarities **distinguish** them from all other people."—"Testimonies," Vol. 1, p. 283.

"The children of God do not eat and drink to please the appetite, but to preserve life and strength to do their Master's will. They clothe themselves for health, not for display or to keep pace with the changing fashion."—Id. Vol. 3, p. 239.

"God requires His people to be **holy**, to keep themselves **separate** from the works of darkness." . . . "Our holy faith cries out, **separation**. We should not be conformed to the world, or to dead, heartless professors."—Id. Vol. 1, p. 240.

"I was shown those whom I had before seen weeping and praying in agony of spirit. The company of guardian angels around them had been doubled, and they were clothed with an armor from their head to their feet. **They moved in exact order, like a company of soldiers.**"—"Early Writings," p. 271.

"God's people, taught by the inspiration of truth, and led by a good conscience to live by every word of God, will take His law, **written in their hearts**, as the only authority which they can acknowledge or consent to obey."—"Testimonies," Vol. 1, p. 361.

"God's remnant people, standing before the world as reformers, are to show that the law of God is the foundation of all enduring reform, and that the Sabbath of the fourth commandment is to stand as a memorial of creation, a **constant reminder** of the power of God."—"Prophets and Kings," p. 678.

"I was shown that God's people, who are His peculiar treasure, **cannot engage** in this perplexing war, for it is opposed to every principle of their faith."—"Testimonies," Vol. 1, p. 361.

Surely, God's standard is high! His true remnant people will, we see, be "converted," they will be "overcomers," "holy," "peculiar," "separate" yet "united," "reformers,"—and they will be commandment keepers, fearing God and giving glory to Him.

It is thus that the pen of inspiration instructs us; and only that people which attains to Heaven's prescribed ideal can rightly lay claim to that inviolable title, The Remnant Church. Furthermore, with this vital fact before us, a fact admitting neither of doubt or denial, all must acknowledge that that people would be a readily distinguished people, and that church could not be rightly classed with spiritual Babylon.

#### Once Pure Church Becomes "an Harlot"

The spirit of prophecy gives us the following clear and universally accepted definition of the term Babylon:—

"The message announcing the fall of Babylon must apply to some religious body that was **once pure**, and **has become corrupt** . . . A virtuous woman represents a pure church, a vile woman an apostate church. **Babylon is said to be an harlot.**"—"Spirit of Prophecy," Vol. 4, pp. 232, 233.

A fallen, or apostate, church is, we see, characterized as an impure woman—an harlot; and the term harlot is used in the Scriptures as a symbol of Babylon. (See Rev. 17:5.)

Now, with this vital point also fully substantiated let us weigh carefully, this most remarkable message in which is contained the startling exposure of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church's spiritually vile, spiritually corrupt, condition, also her just condemnation as declared by Christ Himself ("our Instructor") on that fateful day, April 21, 1903:—

"Who can truthfully say, 'our (meaning the Seventh-day Adventist Church's) gold is tried in the fire; our garments are unspotted by the world?' I saw our Instructor pointing to the garments of so-called righteousness. Stripping them off, He laid bare the defilement beneath. Then He said to me: 'Can you not see how they have pretentiously covered up their defilement and rottenness of character? **How is the faithful city become AN HARLOT** (or, Babylon)?'—"Testimonies," Vol. 8, p. 250.

That people, once divinely named and claimed as God's peculiar remnant, at last fallen so low, as to have been denounced by Christ as "an harlot"—Babylon. To what shameful depths of spiritual faithlessness did the once pure church descend!

Like Israel of old, it may as truly be said of modern Israel, "Thou hast fallen by thine iniquity." Such is the true witness of the Spirit-led narrator; such is the irrevocable record

as inscribed by the one whom God chose and inspired.

#### How Once "Faithful City" Became Babylon

But, does one inquire, in the words of the prophet, "How is the faithful city become an harlot?" Let us turn to the enlightening writings of the spirit of prophecy for the answer. There we shall find this solemn warning message, which was faithfully presented to the self-satisfied, heedless church long year before her fall. Spake the Lord:—

"You are following the same path as did ancient Israel. There is the same falling away from your holy calling as God's peculiar people. You are having fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness. Your concord with unbelievers has provoked the Lord's displeasure. You know not the things that belong to your peace, and they are fast being hid from your eyes. Your neglect to follow the light will place you in a more unfavorable position than the Jews upon whom Christ pronounced a woe."—"Testimonies," Vol. 5, pp. 75, 76.

And what evil course was it that ancient Israel pursued, the persistent following of which proved to be the cause of her downfall?—

"It was by departure from the Lord, and alliance with the heathen, that the Jewish church became an harlot."—"The Great Controversy," p. 382.

The church of old, practised spiritual fornication with the world, we learn, and thus became an harlot. And the servant of God, many, many years ago, counselled modern Israel that her history should be "a solemn warning" to her.

Indeed, numerous and oft-repeated were the earnest admonitions addressed by the Lord to His faithless people. As we continue, let us give attention to just two or three such warnings which are most strikingly appropriate as well as of particular import as related to the subject immediately before us.

"The world must not be introduced in to the church, and married to the church, forming a bond of unity. Through this means the church will become indeed corrupt, and as stated in Revelation, 'A CAGE OF EVERY UNCLEAN AND HATEFUL BIRD' (or, Babylon)."—"Testimonies to Ministers," p. 265.

It would seem quite unnecessary to make comment upon this extraordinary clear prophetic warning, for its inescapably obvious significance must at once be recognized. Moreover, it may not be denied that the identical evil therein warned against was, and is today, deliberately and openly practised by the Seventh-day Adventist Church. And, perforce, the lamentable result is just as the unerring spirit of prophecy foretold it. Indeed, years in the past, the witnessing Spirit declared:—

"Many who once were earnest Adventists are conforming to the world,—to its practises, its customs, its selfishness. Instead of leading the world to render obedience to God's law, the church is uniting more and more closely with the world in transgression. Daily the

church is becoming converted to the world."—"Testimonies," Vol. 8, pp. 118, 119.

The cause, then, of modern Israel's undoing proves to be exactly the same as that which worked the ruin of her ancient predecessor. As did God's professed people of old, the so-called Israel of today likewise "played the harlot with many lovers." By following that same unholy course, against which she was so graciously and continuously warned, she fell to the same abhorrent depths of shame as did the faithless Jewish church. Thus, as divinely foreshown, the church became "indeed corrupt"—"a cage of every unclean and hateful bird." She became Babylon!

#### Another Proof of Her Identity as Babylon

Another God-sent warning, and one of the most profound importance, was set forth in the writings of the spirit of prophecy many years prior to the church's ultimate fall. In "The Great Controversy," pages 382 and 383, we read:—

"Babylon is also charged with the sin of unlawful connection with 'the kings of the earth.' Many of the Protestant churches are following Rome's example of iniquitous connection with 'the kings of the earth'—the state churches, by their relation to secular governments; and other denominations, by seeking the favor of the world."

During the great war of 1914-1918, when such an intensely critical test developed as never before confronted the modern professed church of God, unfaithful denominational leaders, representing the Seventh-day Adventist organization in Europe, "of their own accord,"—to employ the exact words of their shameless confession,—deliberately joined hands with the State and moreover, this amazingly perfidious act received the sanction of the highest authorities of the church at Washington.

(Note: The documents concerning the apostasy of the denomination during the great World War, appear in "Revival and Reformation" Series No. 1, "The Truth about the Reform Movement in the Seventh-day Adventist Church." We refer the dear reader to this tract for further information.)

With these very significant facts before us, let us consider well the appropriateness of the following solemn declaration of the servant of the Lord.

"The law of God enjoining the Creator's rest-day, demands obedience, and threatens wrath against all who transgress its precepts. With the issue thus clearly brought before him, whoever shall trample upon God's law to obey a human enactment, receives **THE MARK OF THE BEAST**; he accepts the sign of allegiance to the power which he chooses to obey instead of God."—"The Great Controversy," p. 604.

Truly, thus again did modern Israel disclose her real present-day character and iden-

tity. Her illicit connection with "the kings of the earth,"—her seeking for the favor of a secular government at the expense of her Heaven-required fidelity to the law of Jehovah,—undeniably proves her to be a daughter of "the mother of harlots,"—Babylon!

**"Confusion"—Spiritual Chaos—Babylon!**

We have yet another Spirit-sounded warning to consider in connection with our present study which we shall here cite.

"Let a church become proud and boastful, not depending on God, not exalting His power, and that church will surely be left by the Lord, to be brought down to the ground. Let a people glory in wealth, intellect, knowledge, or in anything but Christ, and they will soon be brought to CONFUSION (or, Babylon)."—"Testimonies," Vol. 8, p. 127.

Earnest reader, can one rightfully say that the Lord did not adequately warn the church of her danger? No; indeed, no! That church, despite God's graciously-sent warnings, has gloried, and still glories, in everything "but Christ." That people have exulted, and do exult, in their untiring zeal, their material increase, their numerical growth, their much giving, in the praise of men, etc. Please note carefully the following testimony:—

"To lower the standard in order to secure popularity and an increase of numbers, and then to make this increase a cause of rejoicing, shows great blindness. If numbers were an evidence of success, Satan might claim the pre-eminence; for in this world his followers are largely in the majority."—"Testimonies," Vol. 6, p. 143.

Far back in the years of her shameless, Christ-deserting history, this mournful witness as to modern Israel's spiritual barrenness was born by the all-seeing Spirit of the Lord:—

"The church has turned back from following Christ her Leader, and is steadily retreating toward Egypt. Yet few are alarmed or astonished at their want of spiritual power."—"Testimonies," Vol. 5, p. 217.

Dear reader, could there be a greater cause for sorrow than this? That church knew not the Christ, He who would have been both her Lord and Saviour. Hence she loved Him not; therefore she glorified Him not! And for this, she has now been brought to "confusion"—to spiritual shame, to the Christless state of Babylon!

**The Importance of Two Dates Explained**

There is a chapter found in the book "Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers," entitled: "The Remnant Church not Babylon." This article from the pen of Sister White, appeared first in the columns of the "Review and Herald," in serial form, beginning with its issue of August 22, 1893, and ending with the edition of September 12 of the same year. In order that we might understand the importance of the date when this message was given, let us give careful consideration to the following testimony.

"There is but one church in the world who are at the present time standing in the breach, and making up the hedge, building up the old waste places; and for any man to call the attention of the world and other churches to this church, denouncing her as Babylon, is to do a work in harmony with him who is the accuser of the brethren."—"Testimonies to Ministers," p. 50.

In this quotation we read that "There is but one church in the world who are at the present time standing in the breach," etc. That church was, of course, the Seventh-day Adventist Church; and it was pointed out by the servant of the Lord as a very serious mistake for any one to denounce that church as Babylon; but on the other hand it is clearly evident that, that church, in the year 1893, bore the divine characteristics of the remnant church, and therefore could not be classed with Babylon. Let us give our attention to the following testimonies which point out some very important characteristics of the remnant church.

"Kings, and rulers, and governors have placed upon themselves the brand of antichrist, and are represented as the dragon who goes to make war with the saints,—with those who keep the commandments of God, and who have the faith of Jesus."—"Testimonies to Ministers," p. 39.

"Those who turn from disloyalty to God in this wicked and perverse generation, and come back to their allegiance, standing to vindicate the holy law of God, making up the breach made by the man of sin under the direction of Satan, will be accounted the children of God, and through the righteousness of Christ will stand perfect before God."—Id. p. 41.

"God has a church on earth who are lifting up the downtrodden law, and presenting to the world the lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world."—Id. p. 50.

"The whole world is filled with hatred of those who proclaim the binding claims of the law of God, and the church who are loyal to Jehovah must engage in no ordinary conflict."—Id. p. 51.

"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."—Id. p. 58.

According to these precious testimonies the spirit of prophecy recognized those as the people of God who keep the commandments of God, and have the faith of Jesus. This truth is fully substantiated by the Word of God. God will only recognize those as His who are true to Him. The Seventh-day Adventist church who, in the year 1893, did fulfill the description given of the remnant people, was not Babylon. But if we trace the history of that people, we find that about 10 years later, or in the year 1903, that same church was denounced as an "harlot" or, Babylon. (See "Testimonies," Vol. 8, p. 250.)

**Modern Israel Follows Ancient Israel**

Like Israel of old, Seventh-day Adventists, as a people, were raised up of God at a designated time, and for a specific and an exceed-

ingly exalted purpose. The history of both peoples, in a spiritual sense, is remarkably the same, as the inspired writings clearly disclose.

The Jews from the days of their beginnings, provoked God's displeasure because of their flagrant disobedience and persistent retrogression. They were constantly counselled and reproved by the faithful prophets—warned that the Lord would certainly cast them off and raise up another people in their stead should they not repent, return to Him, and prove true to their calling. But all that a loving and patient God could do failed to divert them from their determined course of apostasy. At last the line of their probation was crossed, and the divine sentence of rejection was pronounced upon them by the grieved and weeping Saviour, when He said, "Behold your house is left unto you desolate." (Matt. 23:38.)

Almost from the time of their rise, the same Heaven-offending path was followed by Seventh-day Adventists. This is an incontestable fact vividly recorded in the writings of the spirit of prophecy. For long years gracious messages of reproof and warning, pointing out the continuous backsliding of that people and revealing the certainty of their ultimate divine abandonment should they not truly repent and thoroughly reform, were sent to them by the Spirit of God. But following true to the history of ancient Israel, the modern church persisted in adhering to her long-chosen path of spiritual retrogression and sin; and when the forbearance of God had finally been exhausted, the Saviour, through His messenger, addressed to them those solemn words of doom, "My Father's house is made a house of merchandise, a place whence the Divine presence and glory have departed." ("Testimonies," Vol. 8, p. 250.)

#### "God is not a Man, that He should Lie"

God never binds Himself unconditionally—He never has, nor never will, it may be truly asserted—to any purely human object or agency. To ancient Israel He proposed, simply, "Obey My voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be My people." (Jer. 7:23.) The fulfillment of such a covenant was—and is—dependent alone upon the fidelity of the human factor involved. "I am the Lord, I change not"; but "the heart (of man) is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?" (Jer. 17:9). Hence, of a truth, the realization of the benefits to be derived from such an agreement are contingent entirely upon the faithfulness of man. God can not fail; He is infinite. But Israel of old failed, and God rejected her. Likewise, modern Israel failed, and she, too, has been cast off of God.

Seventh-day Adventists, as a people, have today no more right to claim to be God's true people than have the Jews. Nor is it necessary today for men to make the charge that the Seventh-day Adventist Church has become a part of Babylon. God, through His witnessing, infallible Spirit, makes the solemn charge; and He, also, proves it all to be true—sadly true!

#### Always a Remnant

There is one church which will never reveal the iniquitous characteristics of Babylon. There is one church which in these corrupt, Sodom-like, closing days of time, will prove scrupulously true to God. And that church, "fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners," will, in the soon coming end, triumph gloriously in the mighty power of the Holy Ghost.

That church is "the remnant of Israel"—"the remnant" of the "seed" of "the woman." A people that "keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." (Rev. 12:17.)

That church is God's Church—His people. It is the true Remnant Church—the one church which is not Babylon.

"God has ever preserved a remnant to serve Him."—"Patriarchs and Prophets," p. 125.

"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 is heard in a message of warning, bidding His people separate themselves from the prevailing iniquity . . . As in the days of Noah and Lot, there must be a marked separation from sin and sinners."—Id. pp. 166, 167.

Praise be to God that He has "ever preserved a remnant to serve Him." Beloved reader, where stand you? Does your heart tell you that you are safely numbered with "the remnant of Israel?" or does it warn you that you are accounted in God's sight, as among those to whom the urgent call of the Spirit is sounding, "Come out of her, My people?"

This is the day of eternal decisions. And, praise God, it is still the day of salvation! So brother, sister, "Choose ye this day." And, beloved, may you choose wisely. "Behold, the Judge standeth before the door."

### The Harvest is Ripe

"Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? Behold I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." John 4:35.

# The History of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church

## A Firm Foundation

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

"While conflicting doctrines and theories abound, the law of God is the one unerring rule by which all opinions, doctrines, and theories are to be tested. Says the prophet, 'If they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.'—"The Great Controversy," p. 452.

This is our foundation! It is the foundation which was laid in the beginning, and will stand throughout eternity. All those who build faithfully upon this platform will never fail. They will triumph gloriously in the end. Please notice the following testimony.

"No line of truth that has made the Seventh-day Adventist people what they are, is to be weakened. We have the old landmarks of truth, experience, and duty, and we are to stand firmly in defense of our principles, in full view of the world."—"Testimonies," Vol. 6, p. 17.

## Our Method of Labor

In connection with our method of labor we shall quote the following Scripture and testimony.

"For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little." Isa. 28:10.

"Gather up the rays of light that have been slighted and rejected. Gather them up with meekness, with trembling, and with fear."—"Testimonies," Vol. 5, p. 94.

If we so study and labor, the promise will be fulfilled, "and His Spirit it hath gathered them." (Isa. 34:16.) The truth will be revealed to us in a marvelous way.

Because many are so apt to look upon outward appearances, and because of this become ensnared by the enemy, we entreat all to look only upon Jesus—the truth. By looking upon Him we will be able to see the truth of reformation.

## History of Advent People

We are, or should be, as students of the Word, well acquainted with the history of ancient Israel; but a clear, definite, up-to-date knowledge of the history of modern Israel is most essential that we may intelligently understand the parallel drawn by the spirit of prophecy, from which same unfailing Source the following facts are drawn. In order to show the true condition of those professing to be God's people at the present time, we must trace their history from the beginning of the movement.

1844.—"A spirit of solemn and earnest prayer was everywhere felt by the saints. A holy solemnity was resting upon them. Angels were watching with the deepest interest the effect of the message, and were elevating those who received it, and drawing them from earthly things to obtain large supplies from salvation's fountain. God's people were then accepted of Him. Jesus looked upon them with pleasure, for His image was reflected in them."—"Early Writings," p. 239.

"We were indeed a peculiar people. We were few in numbers, without wealth, without worldly wisdom or worldly honors; and yet we believed God, and were strong and successful, a terror to evil-doers. Our love for one another was steadfast; it was not easily shaken. Then the power of God was manifested among us, the sick were healed, and there was much calm, sweet, holy joy."—"Testimonies," Vol. 5, p. 534.

What an inspiring picture! But, alas, in eight short years the scene changes, for then the following sad record was given:

1852.—"As I have of late looked around to find the humble followers of the meek and lowly Jesus, my mind has been much exercised. Many who profess to be looking for the speedy coming of Christ are becoming conformed to this world, and seek more earnestly the applause of those around them than the approbation of God. They are cold and formal, like the nominal churches from which they but a short time since separated. The words addressed to the Laodicean Church describe their present condition perfectly."—"Early Writings," p. 107.

1856.—"Oh, the pride that was shown me of God's professed people! It has increased every year, until it is now impossible to designate professed Advent Sabbath-keepers from all the world around them."—"Testimonies," Vol. 1, p. 135.

1860.—"I was shown the low state of God's people; that God had not departed from them, but that they had departed from Him, and had become lukewarm."—"Testimonies," Vol. 1, p. 210.

1865.—"The people are overcharged with surfeiting and drunkenness and the cares of this life. They are entering deeper and deeper into a spirit of worldly enterprise . . . Spiritually and devotion are rare."—"Testimonies," Vol. 1, p. 469.

1868.—"I have stated before them that from what was shown me, but a small number of those now professing to believe the truth would eventually be saved—not because they could not be saved, but because they would not be saved in God's appointed way."—"Testimonies," Vol. 2, p. 445.

1882.—"As Jesus views the state of His professed followers of today. He sees base ingratitude, hollow formalism, hypocritical insincerity, Pharisaical pride and apostasy . . . The church has turned back from following Christ her Leader, and is steadily retreating toward Egypt."—"Testimonies," Vol. 5, p. 72, 217.

1888.—"The facts concerning the real condition of the professed people of God, speak more loudly than their profession, and make it evident that some power has cut the cable that anchored them to the Eternal

Rock, and that they are drifting away to sea without chart or compass."—"Review and Herald," July 24, 1888.

1891.—"The church has long been contented with little of the blessing of God; they have not felt the need of reaching up to the exalted privileges purchased for them at infinite cost. Their spiritual strength has been feeble, their experience of a dwarfed and crippled character, and they are disqualified for the work the Lord would have them to do."—"Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers," p. 175.

1893.—"And thou, Capernaum (Seventh-day Adventists, who have had great light), which art exalted unto heaven (in point of privilege), shall be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day."—"Review and Herald," August 1, 1893.

1895.—"The conviction is gaining ground in the world that Seventh-day Adventists are giving the trumpet an uncertain sound, that they are following in the path of worldlings."—"Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers," p. 86.

1903.—"Who can truthfully say, 'Our gold is tried in the fire; our garments are unspotted by the world'? I saw our Instructor pointing to the garments of so-called righteousness. Stripping them off, He laid bare the defilement beneath. Then He said to me: 'Can you not see how they have pretentiously covered up their defilement and rottenness of character? How is the faithful city become a harlot?' My Father's house is made a house of merchandise, a place whence the divine presence and glory have departed!"—"Testimonies," Vol. 8, p. 250.

#### Ancient Israel's Rejection, Modern Israel's Lesson

"Now all these things happened unto them for examples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come." 1 Cor. 1:11.

Truly, the history of ancient Israel should be a solemn warning to us. Can it be possible that again history should repeat itself, and we, upon whom is shining the accumulated light of past ages, should, indeed, follow in the steps of ancient Israel—that we, as a people, should share their fate! Please notice the import of the following testimony.

"In every age there is given to men their day of light and privilege, a probationary time in which they may become reconciled to God. But there is a limit to this grace. Mercy may plead for years and be slighted and rejected; but there comes a time when mercy makes her last plea. The heart becomes so hardened that it ceases to respond to the Spirit of God. Then the sweet, winning voice entreats the sinner no longer, and reproofs and warnings cease. That day had come to Jerusalem. Jesus wept in anguish over the doomed city, but He could not deliver her. He had exhausted every resource. In rejecting the warnings of God's Spirit, Israel had rejected the only means of help. There was no other power by which they could be delivered. The Jewish nation was a symbol of the people of all ages who scorn the pleadings of Infinite love. The tears of Christ when He wept over Jerusalem were for the sins of all time. In the judgments pronounced upon Israel, those who reject the reproofs and warnings of God's Holy Spirit, may read their own condemnation."—"The Desire of Ages," p. 587.

Ah, thoughtful reader, is not the lesson clear? Surely, this vital truth of ancient Isra-

el's rejection, has been presented to modern Israel as a solemn warning.

#### God's People Faithfully Warned

It has been already proven in our study that since the year 1852 a continual greater departure from God took place. But God is faithful. He has ever dealt justly with mankind. Verily, as His servant has said, "He has done all that a God could do." In love and mercy He counselled, rebuked, chastened. He was pleading and entreating through warnings, seemingly employing every conceivable means in His longing desire to arouse and save that people which He had raised up, and which bore His name and message. We will quote here some warnings which the Lord in His love sent to His people.

"I was shown that dreadful scenes are before us; Satan and his angels are bringing all their power to bear upon God's people. He knows that if they sleep a little longer, he is sure of them, for their destruction is certain."—"Testimonies," Vol. 1, p. 263.

"Many of our people are lukewarm. They occupy the position of Meroz, neither for nor against, neither cold, nor hot. They hear the words of Christ, but do them not. If they remain in this state, he will reject them with abhorrence."—"Testimonies," Vol. 5, p. 76, 77.

"I saw that at present we are under divine forbearance; but no one can say how long this will continue."—"Testimonies," Vol. 5, p. 76.

"Jerusalem is a representation of what the church will be if it refuses to receive and walk in the light that God has given."—"Testimonies," Vol. 8, p. 67.

"Jesus looked upon the pretensions, fruitless fig tree, and with mournful reluctance pronounced the words of doom. And under the curse of an offended God, the fig tree withered away. God help His people to make an application of this lesson while there is still time."—"Review and Herald," Feb. 25, 1902.

"The parable of the vineyard applies not alone to the Jewish nation. It has a lesson for us . . . The Jewish people cherished the idea that they were the favorites of heaven, and that they were always to be exalted as the church of God. They were the children of Abraham, they declared, and so firm did the foundation of their prosperity seem to them that they defied earth and heaven to dispossess them of their rights. But by lives of unfaithfulness they were preparing for their condemnation of heaven and for separation from God . . . Because they failed of fulfilling God's purpose, the children of Israel were set aside, and God's call was extended to other peoples. If these too prove unfaithful, will they not in like manner be rejected?"—"Christ's Object Lessons," pp. 294, 296, 304.

"The church cannot measure herself by the world, nor by the opinion of men, nor by what she once was. Her faith and her position in the world as they now are, must be compared with what they would have been if her course had been continually onward and upward. The church will be weighed in the balances of the sanctuary. If her moral character and spiritual state do not correspond with the benefits and blessings God had conferred upon her, she will be found wanting."—"Testimonies," Vol. 5, pp. 83, 84.

"Our Creator and our Commander, infinite in power, terrible in judgment, seeks by every means to bring men to see and repent of their sins. By the mouth of

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His servants He predicts the dangers of disobedience; He sounds the note of warning, and faithfully reproves sin. His people are kept in prosperity only by His mercy, through the vigilant watch care of chosen instrumentalities. He cannot uphold and guard a people who reject His counsel and despise His reproofs. For a time He may withhold His retributive judgments; yet He cannot always stay His hand."—"Prophets and Kings," p. 426.

"Neglect to repent and obey His word will bring you as serious consequences upon God's people to-day as did the same sin upon ancient Israel. Their is a limit beyond which He will not longer delay His judgments. The desolation of Jerusalem stands as a solemn warning before the eyes of modern Israel, that the correction given through His chosen instruments cannot be disregarded with impunity."—"Testimonies," Vol. 4, pp. 166, 167.

## God's Warnings Disregarded

But were God's warnings heeded? Were "the pleadings of Infinite Love" responded to? Give ear to the Spirit's mournful answer,—

"Words of warning and reproof have been treated as idle tales . . . He has done all that a God could do. He has flashed light before the eyes of the people, that their sins might not reach the boundary where repentance can not be felt. But by a long process of departure from just and righteous principles, men have placed themselves where light and truth, justice and mercy, are not discerned. This course has become a part of their very nature."—"Testimonies," Vol. 8, p. 68.

"The patience of God has an object, but you are defeating it. He is allowing a state of things to come that you would fain see counteracted by and by, but it will be too late."—"Testimonies," Vol. 5, p. 77.

"Has not blindness fallen upon the watchman standing on the walls of Zion? Are not many of God's servants unconcerned and well satisfied, as if the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night, rested upon the sanctuary? Are there not those in positions of responsibility, professing to know God, who in life and character deny Him? Are not many of those who count themselves as His chosen, peculiar people, satisfied to live without the evidence that of a truth God is among them, to save them from Satan's snares and attacks? Would we not have much greater light if, in the past, we had received the Lord's admonitions, ack-

nnowledged His presence, and turned away from all practices contrary to His will? . . . 'Yea, they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delighteth in their abominations. I also will choose their delusions, and will bring their fears upon them.'—"Testimonies," Vol. 8, pp. 248, 249.

## Ancient Israel's Path Retraced

The following testimonies prove clearly that modern Israel is repeating the history of ancient Israel.

"I have been shown that the spirit of the world is fast leavening the church. You are following the same path as did ancient Israel. There is the same falling away from your holy calling as God's peculiar people. You are having fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness. Your concord with unbelievers has provoked the Lord's displeasure. You know not the things that belong to your peace, and they are fast being hid from your eyes. Your neglect to follow the light will place you in a more unfavorable position than the Jews upon whom Christ pronounced a woe . . . We are repeating the history of that people."—"Testimonies," Vol. 5, p. 75, 76, 160.

"The sin of ancient Israel was in disregarding the expressed will of God and following their own way according to the leadings of unsanctified hearts. Modern Israel are fast following in their footsteps, and the displeasure of the Lord is as surely resting upon them."—"Testimonies," Vol. 5, p. 94.

History repeats itself! Ancient Israel was God's chosen people. But through her persistent course in following her own way the Lord's displeasure was resting upon them. We know, that God, despite their shortcomings, dealt lovingly and patiently with His ancient people. Yet—yet there came a day when they—even they—Heaven's peculiar treasure, because of their unfaithfulness, passed the final hour of their probation, and were cast off as a people. We are told, that modern Israel repeats the history of ancient Israel. Truly, "there is no new thing under the sun." (Eccl. 1:9.)

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