

“Behold, The Bridegroom Cometh...”

We read in the Bible: „...the day of thy watchmen [and] thy visitation cometh; now shall be their perplexity.” *Micah 7:4, KJV*

I believe that this time has already come and God the Father wants to reveal to us the time of the coming of His Son, Jesus Christ, to the Earth. There is a promise given to us that God’s people will be purified and whitened, which means that they will be ready for Jesus’ coming. There is another promise that we read about saying that God’s people will have the knowledge of the time – of the time of the end and they will recognize the events which will happen at that time.

Let us analyze together this message which should awaken hope and should make us want to build an even deeper relation with our Saviour.



“...this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.” *Acts 1:11, KJV*

First of all, the desires of our hearts should focus on the longing for this moment when we will see Jesus coming back for His people on the clouds of Heaven. First of all, we must feel this deep desire and longing for Jesus’ coming back as a result of our unconditioned love towards Him. This deep desire and longing will awake in us hope for Jesus’ quick coming and will make us study the Bible deeply and thoroughly “...and search the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.” *Acts 17:10-11, KJV*

Those who honestly await Our Saviour’s coming will ask themselves and God the same question which was asked by Job. Job expressed the same longing amid the wrong and evil of his times which was much smaller and less influential comparing to the fall of today values and much smaller than today impiety which surrounds us in today world.

We read: “Why, seeing times are not hidden from the Almighty, do they that know him not see his days?” *Job 24:1, KJV*

In the next verses Job describes the pain and suffering existing in the world caused by lawlessness.

In the Isaak Cylkow translation of the Bible from Hebrew into Polish this fragment refers directly to the time of God’s judgement.

“Why does not the Almighty keep the destiny, why can’t those who know Him see the day of His Judgemnet?” *Job 24:1, Isaak Cylkow’s translation*

Isaak Cylkow comments this verse in this way: “Why do not the days of torment come? Why do not the days destined for the wicked come? Therefore the saints cannot easily understand the ways of God.”

But it turns out that God answers these questions asked by agonized souls. In the book of Daniel we read: “And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever. But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, [even] to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased; Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.” *Daniel 12: 3-4, KJV*

Let us put emphasis on the fact that God’s promise directed to His people says not only about them being purified and whitened which means they will be ready for God’s coming but also says that God’s people will know the time – time of the end and the events happening at that time.

Our God promised to us that He will do nothing before He reveals His plan towards His servants, prophets. “Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.” *Amos 3:7, KJV*

“Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them.” *Isaiah 42:9, KJV*

God will do nothing on Earth before He reveals His plans to His people. This promise refers to everything even to telling

us the time of His Son coming back to the Earth!

“Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.” *John 15:15, KJV*

If we are Jesus’ friends then our Saviour will tell us everything that He has heard from His Father.

“But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.” *1Thessalonians 5:4-5, KJV*

Therefore “That thou keep [this] commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ: Which in his times he shall shew, [who is] the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom [be] honour and power everlasting. Amen.” *1Timothy 6:14-16, KJV*

Our Heavenly Father reveals the time of coming back to the Earth by His Son Jesus Christ and Jesus tells about this blessed message to His watchmen.

Therefore “So teach [us] to number our days, that we may apply [our] hearts unto wisdom. Return, O LORD, how long? and let it repent thee concerning thy servants.” *Psalms 90:12-13, KJV*

This is our calling to God and our conjuration so He taught us to number our days so we could gain the Wisdom of hearts and so we could be given the answer to the question: “...how long?...” When will you return our God?

In Psalm 90 we read that “For a thousand years in thy sight [are but] as yesterday when it is past, and [as] a watch in the night.” *Psalms 90:4, KJV*

This is a very important hint for us in determining the time which has been given to man so he could come to his senses and return to his God, His Father in Heaven, to Eden garden. The same thought was expressed by apostle Peter when he asked us to pay special attention to this way of counting days: “But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day [is] with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.” *2Peter 3:8, KJV*

But even though we know the time of Jesus coming, it will be useless knowledge for us without our proper preparation.

Let us recollect the story of the pioneers. They were also waiting for Jesus coming in 1844. There were 50 000 people waiting for Jesus on the 22nd of October 1844 but only a small group of 50 faithful to God people were left after that day which was the day of great disappointment because Jesus Christ did not come on that day. Those 50 people were faithful despite being laughed at, sneered and derided by the disappointed “believers” and other people.

We can see that the whole group of people who joined the Millerites on the basis of emotions and fear of the end of times, were later the ones who imprecated and execrated the 50 people who were truly and faithfully believing in God.

Despite the fact that this huge group of people had left the protestant churches, despite the fact that they were able to sell all their properties and wait for the Saviour coming – yet their hearts were not close to God. Surely they did not think in this way at the very beginning of the Millerite Movement and they were sure that they were ready to get to Heaven.

The message about preparation is said to us by the third Elihaja (*Malachi 3:22-24*). It is one of the most crucial messages at the end of times. Yet, it is mostly ignored and neglected... I write about this message concerning our preparation in the book titled “Back to Eden”.

Very few people notice that in the Words about Jesus’ coming in *Mathew 24:36*, it is said that only the DAY and the HOUR will be unknown as far as Jesus coming is concerned.

“But of that day and hour knoweth no [man], no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.” *Mathew 24:36, KJV*

So these Words refer to the day and the hour only. Besides those words do not suggest that nobody can know the time but they only emphasize that only God the Father knows about this time. And when we accept the principle that God the Father does NOTHING which He has not revealed to His people earlier, then as Adventists we perfectly know that on a given day God will announce to us the DAY and the HOUR of Jesus coming with His own voice. We can read about it in the book “The Great Controversy” by Ellen White:

“The voice of God is heard from heaven, declaring the day and hour of Jesus’ coming, and delivering the everlasting covenant to His people. Like peals of loudest thunder His words roll through the earth.” *The Great Controversy by E.G. White, p. 640*

Till the end God will be faithful to His principle which tells us that He reveals everything to His people before something happens.

6000 years

Since neither the day nor the hour is given to us in the Bible because they will be proclaimed to us from Heaven by God's voice, then the year and the month should be written in the Bible!

Let us try to search the Scriptures and analyze the Words.

Our Lord created the World in 6 days, and on the 7th day He rested together with His creation – together with man. Our Lord enjoyed man's company and in a special way blessed this day and separated it from other days. In this way Our Lord created a cycle of a seven day week – seven day creation cycle.

For ages this cycle has been invariable, timeless, and unchangeable. It represents God's creation.

When we accept God's principle that one day is like 1000 years, we must also accept the fact that the 1000 years of Jesus Christ's ruling in Heaven together with the saved described in the book of Revelation chapter 20 is the seventh millennium in God's cycle which ends with the seventh millennium - just similarly as the seventh day crowned the time of six days of God's creation.

6000 years have been given to people in God's plan, so man could get back to his original state of mind and could get back to Eden.

This plan is very meticulous "...for God is not [the author] of confusion ..." *1Corinthians 14:33, KJV*. His plans are always in perfect order, fully controlled by Him, nothing is coincidental.

6000 years have been given to satan so he could see the results of his rebel.

So we can accept that the six days of the process of creation represent the six millenniums. The seventh day – the Sabbath – is a symbol of the seventh millennium in which God will conjoin, coalesce (reconciliate) with man forever. In the seventh millennium God's work will be finally finished and completed and the judgement over the wicked will fully justify and exonerate God's name from satan's accusations. The whole Universe will see it and will be the witness of this final judgement. Then it will be clear that every man, woman, angel and satan separated from God out of their own will and deliberately chose eternal separation from our Creator

As long as the sin exists, it is impossible to get back to our Creator.

Therefore at the end of the sixth millennium, i.e. at the time when we are now living - God will call the generation of His people who will condemn the sin in the flesh in the same way as Jesus Christ did it when He lived on the Earth. This will cause the final cleansing of the sanctuary in Heaven which means purification of God's people and sending "...the other lot for the scapegoat" *Leviticus 16:8, KJV* into the wilderness.

After that, the seventh millennium will come when we will rule together with Jesus Christ and we will judge the wicked. (*Revelation 20:1-6*)

The whole cycle in which the plan of redemption shall take place will last 7000 years. Right after this period satan and the wicked people will be sentenced to the second, eternal death in the lake of fire. The Earth will be also destroyed in this fire, and new Earth and new Heaven will be created (*Revelation 20:1-15; 21:1-8; 2Peter 3:7*)

"The fire that consumes the wicked purifies the earth." *The Great Controversy by E. G. White p. 674*

The time of judgement over the righteous dead people has been taking place now since 1844 and it will finish with the judgement of the living righteous people. The living righteous people will be sealed and will prove to the whole world and universe that man can live with sacred, sinless life no matter how bad circumstances surround him in his sinful body. It will turn out that it is possible to live sinless life, choosing it out of our own will just because this choice is made on the basis of unconditioned true love to our Creator.

Our Lord wanted to represent this plan practically through giving Israel the right to cultivate their soil for six years, so it could rest in the seventh year. Seven such cycles were supposed to be crowned by the jubilee year. Seven times seven Sabbath years made 49 years and the fiftieth year was a jubilee which was a symbol for the final deliverance of man from satan's bondage. (*Leviticus 25:1-13*)

"All the Autumn holidays were celebrated in the seventh month. The sanctuary year consisted of seven months from Nissan [March/April] when three first holidays were celebrated until Tishri [September/October] when the last three holidays were celebrated. The seventh month crowned the whole sanctuary year in the same way as the Sabbath crowned the week. (*Genesis 2:1-3*)

In Biblical languages the word week (sabbaton) means 'seven'. **Seven days make a week. Seven months make a temple year. Every seven years was a Sabbath year, and every seven Sabbath years there was a jubilee year.** The seventh

millennium is supposed to play a similar role as the weekly Sabbath and the Sabbath years (Revelation 20-21).” *Alfred J. Palla “The Temple Treasures” p. 99*

Can we then place accurately in time, how long will the 6000 years last? Let us call to God as the psalmist did: “So teach [us] to number our days, that we may apply [our] hearts unto wisdom.” *Psalms 90:12, KJV*

Our God is very precise. There are no coincidences in His inspired Words. Each Word has its important meaning.

In the book “The Great Controversy” by E. G. White p. 659 we read: “For six thousand years, Satan’s work of rebellion has made the earth to tremble. He had made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof. And he opened not the house of his prisoners. For six thousand years his prison house has received God’s people, and he would have held them captive forever; **but Christ had broken his bonds and set the prisoners free.**”

At p. 656 we read further: “For six thousand years the great controversy has been in progress; the Son of God and His heavenly messengers have been in conflict with the power of the evil one, to warn, enlighten, and save the children of men. Now all have made their decisions; the wicked have fully united with Satan in his warfare against God. The time has come for God to vindicate the authority of His downtrodden law. Now the controversy is not alone with Satan, but with men. ‘The Lord hath a controversy with the nations’; ‘He will give them that are wicked to the sword.’”

These words point to the jubilee year in which the Israelites were given freedom and all their debts were cancelled. “And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout [all] the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a jubilee unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family.” *Leviticus 25:10, KJV*

Let us read further in the “Great Controversy” we read: “Satan’s work of ruin is forever ended. For six thousand years he has wrought his will, filling the earth with woe and causing grief throughout the universe. The whole creation has groaned and travailed together in pain. **Now God’s creatures are forever delivered from his presence and temptations.** ‘The whole earth is at rest, and is quiet: they [the righteous] break forth into singing.’ (Isaiah 14:7). And a shout of praise and triumph ascends from the whole loyal universe. ‘The voice of a great multitude’, ‘as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings,’ is heard, saying: ‘Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth’. (Revelation 19:6)” *The Great Controversy by E.G. White, p. 673*

“And it shall come to pass in the day that the LORD shall give thee rest from thy sorrow, and from thy fear, and from the hard bondage wherein thou wast made to serve, That thou shalt take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say, How hath the oppressor ceased! the golden city ceased! The LORD hath broken the staff of the wicked, [and] the sceptre of the rulers. He who smote the people in wrath with a continual stroke, he that ruled the nations in anger, is persecuted, [and] none hindereth. The whole earth is at rest, [and] is quiet: they break forth into singing.” *Isaiah 14:3-7, KJV*

So we read quite clearly here that satan will torment people *only* for 6000 years. He has been allowed to be active among people only for this time. No minute, nor any second longer, as the seventh millennium is the time of peace and rest for the Earth and tying of the powers of darkness which will have no one to tempt and torment and delude as during this time the wicked will be dead and the righteous will be in Heaven.

Has God told us about the 6000 years as a clear hint or was it just a whimsy? Was it a real hint which has poured hope and joy into our hearts as our deliverance is coming?

When we read Ellen White we see that we should count the 6000 years from the moment when Adam sinned as since that moment man has become satan’s slave and has been tormented and kept captive by satan.

The Spirit of Prophecy defines clearly when there is the end of the Old Testament period of 4000 years.

“Satan had pointed to Adam’s sin as proof that God’s law was unjust, and could not be obeyed. In our humanity, Christ was to redeem Adam’s failure. But when Adam was assailed by the tempter, none of the effects of sin were upon him. He stood in the strength of perfect manhood, possessing the full vigor of mind and body. He was surrounded with the glories of Eden, and was in daily communion with heavenly beings. It was not thus with Jesus when He **entered the wilderness** to cope with Satan. For **four thousand years** the race had been decreasing in physical strength, in mental power, and in moral worth; and Christ took upon Him the infirmities of degenerate humanity. Only thus could He rescue man from the lowest depths of his degradation.” *Desire of Ages by E. G. White, p. 117*

In this passage we find words which help us identify the time of 4000 years. The end of 4000 years was set for the day on which Jesus began His public activity.

What year did Jesus begin His public activity?

“Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judaea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of Ituraea and of the region of Trachonitis, and Lysanias the tetrarch of Abilene, Annas and Caiaphas being the high priests, the word of God came unto John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness. And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins; As it is written in the book of the words of Esaias the prophet, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.” *Luke 3:1-4, KJV*

“John answered, saying unto [them] all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire.” *Luke 3:16, KJV*

“And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.” *Luke 3:21-22, KJV*

“And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, Being forty days tempted of the devil. And in those days he did eat nothing: and when they were ended, he afterward hungered.” *Luke 4:1-2, KJV*

In this fragment we find the historical fact describing Jesus’ baptism, His being tempted by satan in wilderness and the beginning of His public activity.

Historical sources most often say that Tiberius Caesar started to rule in the 14th year A.D., so the 15th year of his rule would be the year 28 A.D.

Unfortunately we cannot accept the above calculations when we study the prophecy about 70 weeks which were given to people of Israel in Daniel 9:24-27. The period of 70 weeks is a part of the prophecy about 2300 years.

“The 2300 days had been found to begin when the commandment of Artaxerxes for the restoration and building of Jerusalem went into effect, in the autumn of 457 B.C. Taking this as the starting point, there was perfect harmony in the application of all the events foretold in the explanation of that period in Daniel 9:25-27. Sixty-nine weeks, the first 483 of the 2300 years, were to reach to the Messiah, the Anointed One; and **Christ’s baptism and anointing by the Holy Spirit, A.D. 27, exactly fulfilled the specification.** In the midst of the seventieth week, Messiah was to be cut off. Three and a half years after His baptism, Christ was crucified, in the spring of A.D. 31. The seventy weeks, or 490 years, were to pertain especially to the Jews. At the expiration of this period the nation sealed its rejection of Christ by the persecution of His disciples, and the apostles turned to the Gentiles, A.D. 34. The first 490 years of the 2300 having then ended, 1810 years would remain. From A.D. 34, 1810 years extend to 1844. “Then,” said the angel, ‘shall the sanctuary be cleansed.’ All the preceding specifications of the prophecy had been unquestionably fulfilled at the time appointed.

With this reckoning, all was clear and harmonious, except that it was not seen that any event answering to the cleansing of the sanctuary had taken place in 1844. **To deny that the days ended at that time was to involve the whole question in confusion, and to renounce positions which had been established by unmistakable fulfillments of prophecy.”** *Great Controversy by E.G. White, p. 410*

According to the prophecy about 2300 days as well as 70 weeks it is well known that His public activity Jesus began in 27 A.D. In 31 A.D. He was crucified and in 34 A.D. the time of grace for the Jews as a chosen nation –finished.

Let us pay attention to the fact that the prophecy points to and puts much greater emphasis on the moment of the beginning of Jesus’ public activity than on the day of His birth.

Now we can add 2000 years to year 27 A.D. and we will come up with year 2027 as the year when 6000 years of the existence of our planet should end. This is the time when satan’s dominium collapses and His supremacy will come to an end.

So following this logic, should Jesus come back and deliver His people from satan’s bondage in **2027**? Is it really the year when 6000 years finish and the new, the seventh millennium begins? “...And it shall come to pass in the day that the LORD shall give thee **rest from thy sorrow, and from thy fear, and from the hard bondage wherein thou wast made to serve,**...” *Isaiah 14:3, KJV*

“The whole earth is at rest, [and] is quiet: they break forth into singing.” *Isaiah 14:7, KJV*

The Hosea prophecy

We shall use the same method of counting the 7000 years (one day as 1000 years) we can understand the message written by Hosea much clearer.

“Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. **After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up**, and we shall live in his sight. Then shall we know, [if] we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us **as the rain, as the latter [and] former rain unto the earth.**” *Hosea 6:1-3, KJV*

The Christian tradition says that this text from the book of Hosea refers to Jesus’ resurrection on the third day, but it is *never* quoted in any verse of the New Testament when referring to Jesus’ resurrection, although e.g. Jonah 2:1 is associated with Jesus’ resurrection in Mathew 12:40.

So this prophecy we cannot refer to Jesus’ resurrection but to the time when we shall ‘live in His presence’.

After two milleniums (two days) from the moment when He began His saving service towards people till the day when He returns to us the eternal life in the third millennium (the third day) we will live together with Him in Heaven in the seventh millennium.

Moreover, these words refer to the Latter Rain which will be given to His people at the end of the time of grace/mercy for the world so His people could go and warn other people and call God’s people out from the fallen Babylon.

The Feast of Tabernacles

Each truth of the Bible has to be supported by at least two witnesses (*Deuteronomy 17:6, 19:15; Mathew 18:16*). Therefore let us call now another witness which will confirm to us the same period and year of Jesus’ coming to the Earth.

First, let us pay attention to Ellen White’s words which she wrote in “The Great Controversy”. This quote comes from the German translation from year 1892:

“These symbolic pictures [three first holidays] were fulfilled, not only as to the event, but as to the predicted time... **In like manner the typological pictures of the symbolic service of the Old Testament which relate to the second coming must be fulfilled at the specified time.**” *in the English version of The Great Controversy by E. G. White the quotation can be found on pp. 399-400*

What typological picture refers to the second Jesus’ coming? We live in the Day of Atonement, in the day of judgment -Yom Kippur which was always followed by the Feast of Tabernacles. The Feast of Tabernacles symbolizes Israelis joy of being delivered from the Egyptian bondage and this in turn symbolizes our joy from being delivered from the bondage of sin and our eternal joy from the eternal presence of our Saviour in our lives from that day on. So the Feast of Tabernacles was the feast of joy, remembrance and autumn harvest time.

The harvest symbolizes the pouring of the Latter Rain. Each Jew lit on a torch in front of his tent. In front of each tent there was a flame of fire. On the day of Pentecost, the fiftieth day after Jesus’ resurrection the disciples received the early rain, which was represented by the tongues of fire over their heads.

Besides “...pilgrims would come for the feast from all over the world. What’s interesting, in this time animals were sacrificed in order to bring nations of the world to Atonement with God. Talmud says that 70 bulls were given as sacrifice for the pagans. **The Jews prayed for other nations so they could also be participants of the latter rain in letter and in spirit.** Therefore, colloquially the Jews also called this feast as the feast of Nations.” *Allfred J. Palla “The Treasures of The Temple”, p. 97*

The Words in the Bible also confirm to us the fact that those who will not walk in the Feast of Tabernacles – should not receive the Latter Rain.

“And it shall come to pass, [that] every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles. And it shall be, [that] whoso will not come up of [all] the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain. And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, that [have] no [rain]; there shall be the plague, wherewith the LORD will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles. This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all nations that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.” *Zechariah 14:16-19, KJV*

During this feast the Latter Rain will be given to God’s people. Everybody in one spirit at the same time will be gathered

together. Geographically they will not be on one spot but in spirit and in time they will be one during the celebration of the Feast of Tabernacles.

All God's people in one spirit will be gathered during the feast at one place in one spirit, not necessarily in a geographical sense. The Week's Feast was a reflection of the Pentecost (the early rain) and was already fulfilled. But the Feast of Tabernacles which has its reflection in pouring of the Latter Rain has not been fulfilled, yet.

"In the seventh month came the Feast of Tabernacles, or of ingathering. This feast acknowledged God's bounty in the products of the orchard, the olive grove, and the vineyard. It was the crowning festal gathering of the year. The land had yielded its increase, the harvests had been gathered into the granaries, the fruits, the oil, and the wine had been stored, the first fruits had been reserved, and now the people came with their tributes of thanksgiving to God, who had thus richly blessed them.

This feast was to be pre-eminently an occasion of rejoicing. It occurred just after the great Day of Atonement, **when the assurance had been given that their iniquity should be remembered no more.** At peace with God, they now came before Him to acknowledge His goodness and to praise Him for His mercy. The labors of the harvest being ended, and the toils of the new year not yet begun, the people were free from care, and could give themselves up to the sacred, joyous influences of the hour. Though only the fathers and sons were commanded to appear at the feasts, yet, so far as possible, all the household were to attend them, and to their hospitality the servants, the Levites, the stranger, and the poor were made welcome.

Like the Passover, the Feast of Tabernacles was commemorative. In memory of their pilgrim life in the wilderness the people were now to leave their houses and dwell in booths, or arbors, formed from the green branches "of goodly trees, branches of palm trees, and the boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook." *Leviticus 23:40,42-43*

The first day was a holy convocation, and to the seven days of the feast an eighth day was added, which was observed in like manner.

At these yearly assemblies the hearts of old and young would be encouraged in the service of God, while the association of the people from the different quarters of the land would strengthen the ties that bound them to God and to one another. **Well would it be for the people of God at the present time to have a Feast of Tabernacles - a joyous commemoration of the blessings of God to them.** As the children of Israel celebrated the deliverance that God had wrought for their fathers, and His miraculous preservation of them during their journeyings from Egypt, so should we gratefully call to mind the various ways He has devised for bringing us out from the world, and from the darkness of error, into the precious light of His grace and truth.

With those who lived at a distance from the tabernacle, more than a month of every year must have been occupied in attendance upon the annual feasts. This example of devotion to God should emphasize the importance of religious worship and the necessity of subordinating our selfish, worldly interests to those that are spiritual and eternal. We sustain a loss when we neglect the privilege of associating together to strengthen and encourage one another in the service of God. The truths of His word lose their vividness and importance in our minds. Our hearts cease to be enlightened and aroused by the sanctifying influence, and we decline in spirituality. In our intercourse as Christians we lose much by lack of sympathy with one another. He who shuts himself up to himself is not filling the position that God designed he should. We are all children of one Father, dependent upon one another for happiness. The claims of God and of humanity are upon us. It is the proper cultivation of the social elements of our nature that brings us into sympathy with our brethren and affords us happiness in our efforts to bless others.

The Feast of Tabernacles was not only commemorative but typical. It not only pointed back to the wilderness sojourn, but, as the feast of harvest, it celebrated the ingathering of the fruits of the earth, and pointed forward to the great day of final ingathering, when the Lord of the harvest shall send forth His reapers to gather the tares together in bundles for the fire, and to gather the wheat into His garner. At that time the wicked will all be destroyed. They will become 'as though they had not been.' (Obadiah 16). And every voice in the whole universe will unite in joyful praise to God. Says the revelator, 'Every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb forever and ever.' (Revelation 5:13). The people of Israel praised God at the Feast of Tabernacles, as they called to mind His mercy in their deliverance from the bondage of Egypt and His tender care for them during their pilgrim life in the wilderness. They rejoiced also in the consciousness of pardon and acceptance, through the service of the day of atonement, just ended. But when the ransomed of the Lord shall have been safely gathered into the heavenly Canaan, forever delivered from the bondage of the curse, under which 'the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now' (Romans 8:22), they will rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory. Christ's

great work of atonement for men will then have been completed, and their sins will have been forever blotted out.” *Patriarchs and Prophets by E. G. White, pp. 540-542*

Apostle Paul was extremely faithful in celebrating this feast and did not want to miss it.

“And Paul [after this] tarried [there] yet a good while, and then took his leave of the brethren, and sailed thence into Syria, and with him Priscilla and Aquila; having shorn [his] head in Cenchrea: for he had a vow. And he came to Ephesus, and left them there: but he himself entered into the synagogue, and reasoned with the Jews. When they desired [him] to tarry longer time with them, he consented not; But bade them farewell, saying, **I must by all means keep this feast that cometh in Jerusalem:** but I will return again unto you, if God will. And he sailed from Ephesus.” *Acts 18:18-21, KJV*

In those times the Israelites celebrated only one of the three feasts for which they had to go to Jerusalem. The three feasts were Passover, the Week’s Feast and the Feast of Tabernacles. Among them only the Feast of Tabernacles has not found its fulfillment, yet.

The first Christians together with apostle Paul still celebrated only this one feast. What’s interesting the remark about this feast can be found only in certain translations of the Bible, but in many others it is omitted.

Our joy coming from our deliverance begins with the pouring of the Latter Rain which is a marriage/atonement/joining together Divinity with humanity (The Feast of Tabernacles). The crowning of this time will be gathering of the living righteous people - namely 144000 who will be changed as well as the resurrection of the dead during the third coming of Jesus.

It is crucial for us to gather together and celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles. We should pray and study the Bible thoroughly at that time and we should be expecting the pouring of special God’s blessings during this time. One year during the Feast of Tabernacles, God will pour the blessing of the Latter Rain on His faithful people gathered in one Spirit and mind. The Latter Rain will seal His people who have dared stop working for the eight days and have cut themselves off from the worldly matters in order to be used by God in His mission. They will be anointed to the public activity in God’s Spirit so they could preach the eternal gospel and the judgement, so they could call people out from the Babylon and could warn the world against the coming doomsday.

The Jubilee Year

The typological picture for Jesus Christ’ coming is also the Jubilee year which must find its actual fulfillment. We find confirmation for this in the Spirit of Prophecy:

“And when the never-ending blessing was pronounced on those who had honored God in keeping His Sabbath holy, there was a mighty shout of victory over the beast and over his image. **Then commenced the jubilee, when the land should rest.** I saw the pious slave rise in triumph and victory and shake off the chains that bound him, while his wicked master was in confusion and knew not what to do; for the wicked could not understand the words of the voice of God. Soon appeared the great white cloud. It looked more lovely than ever before. On it sat the Son of man. At first we did not see Jesus on the cloud, but as it drew near the earth we could behold His lovely person.” *The Early Writings by E. G. White, pp. 34-35*

The above words were also repeated by Ellen G. White in the last chapters of this book: “Then commenced the jubilee, when the land should rest.” (*ibid p. 286*)

So, if this feast pointed to the time of Jesus’ coming then we must have a closer look at this issue.

As we read in some historical sources, the Jews had never observed the jubilee year.

“During the jubilee year the soil was supposed to rest as in the Sabbath years. In return God promised triple crops in the preceding year so it could be sufficient for the Sabbath year, for the following, coming every 49 years - Jubilee year, and for the next year when new crops were supposed to be sown. (Leviticus 25:20-22) Respecting this order would prepare people for the miracle done by the Lord, but unfortunately, **the jubilee year demanded such a profound faith that... it had never been observed.**” *Alfred Palla “The Treasures of the Temple”, p. 102*

Moreover, even the “Sabbath year was not observed in Israel during the five centuries preceding the Babylonian exile. After 490 years when the number of neglected Sabbath years reached 70, God sent people to captivity which gave the Judean land rest for the next 70 years. Jeremiah wrote: ‘To fulfil the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her sabbaths: [for] as long as she lay desolate she kept sabbath, to fulfil threescore and ten years.’ (2Chronicles 36:21).” *Alfred J. Palla, “The treasures of the Temple”, p. 101*

It would be quite difficult for us now to count the whole cycle of jubilee years which should have been completed till today, namely the time of the second advent-and have not been completed due to Israel’s neglect and disbelief. But

we can still estimate the time of the jubilee year in the present times referring to the date when Jesus began His public work. Jesus in His first public performance referred to this very feast.

The concept of the jubilee year appears in the first – inauguration talk in Nazareth. There Jesus read and commented the *Isaiah 61:1-2*:

“The Spirit of the Lord [is] upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.” *Luke 4:18-19, KJV*

What did exactly the prophesy mean? Let us read again these words but in deeper context.

“The Spirit of the Lord GOD [is] upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, **to proclaim liberty to the captives**, and the opening of the prison to [them that are] bound; To proclaim **the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God**; to comfort all that mourn; To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified. And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations.

But ye shall be named the Priests of the LORD: [men] shall call you the Ministers of our God: ye shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves. For your shame [ye shall have] double; and [for] confusion they shall rejoice in their portion: therefore in their land they shall possess the double: everlasting joy shall be unto them.

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh [himself] with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth [herself] with her jewels.

For Zion’s sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem’s sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp [that] burneth. **And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD shall name.**

For [as] a young man marrieth a virgin, [so] shall thy sons marry thee: **and [as] the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, [so] shall thy God rejoice over thee.** I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, [which] shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that make mention of the LORD, keep not silence, And give him no rest, till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth.

Go through, go through the gates; prepare ye the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the people. Behold, the LORD hath proclaimed unto the end of the world, Say ye to the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy salvation cometh [**your Saviour comes**, Hebrew Interlinear Translation]; behold, his reward [is] with him, and his work before him. And they shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed of the LORD: and thou shalt be called, Sought out, A city not forsaken.” *Isaiah 61: 1-4; 6-7; 10; 62;1-2; 5-7; 10-12*

As we can see from the above words the jubilee year is connected with the final deliverance of God’s people, their glory, with salvation, with wedding ceremony, with the Savior’s coming and with the Doomsday of our God. All these facts refer to “the acceptable year”, which in turn is an allegory to the jubilee year, and the jubilee year is the general and final deliverance from captivity of sin and satan.

The literal text which Jesus read referred to the mission of Isaiah. Luke cites this text according to the Septuaginta version which is the oldest, Greek translation of the Old Testament. The prophet pleads God’s anointment and is aware that it is God speaking through Him. Isaiah faced a group of exiles after their coming back home. They suffered from poverty, oppression – they were waiting for some change.

The prophet, in the name of God, prophesied to them a radical change of their lives. He *preaches them the good tidings*. *The good tidings* are to be preached to people who are in captivity of sin, in captivity of sinful relations with the unfaithful and in captivity of evil spirits which claim rights to them whenever people make wrong decisions.

The good news is preached to all those who are in any state of captivity and humiliation. The aim of the prophet’s mission is to comfort and awake hope for the better future and prepare people for the atmosphere of joy and renewal.

Jesus Christ uses this verse in the same way. Jesus addresses His listeners who are under spiritual pressure or in captivity of sin. He talks to those who are overwhelmed by Judean tradition and law accompanied by rigorous rules. He talks to those who are overwhelmed by contempt and lack of understanding in Israeli spiritual leaders and therefore they are overwhelmed by sin and sufferings.

Jesus Christ, as once Isaiah did, tells about a radical change. But the prophet talked about something that was supposed to happen whereas Jesus talks about the changes which are happening at His times:

“And he began to say unto them, **This day** is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.” *Luke 4:21, KJV*

Luke is very sensitive to the concept of time. So when the others write that the “Scriptures are fulfilled” for him the scriptures and the time are fulfilled. The change of times, the change of the epoch comes together with Jesus coming and the beginning of His public service for salvation of man.

The reference to the jubilee year points that it is a very special, holy time. Time of great changes, of renewal and special joy. The beginning of this time is not announced by the sound of the trumpet – as in the Old Testament -but by the voice of Jesus Christ! His voice in words present in the Good News.

It is the announcement of the final deliverance accompanied by His second coming for His people and the resurrection of the righteous.

The public work of Jesus began in the jubilee year and will also finish in the jubilee year which in its time will find its real and final fulfillment.

As I have already mentioned, Jesus Christ began His public work in 27 A.D. which had been formerly announced as the jubilee year. So if we accept the 27 year as the jubilee year and then we add to it 40 next cycles of jubilee years which may also symbolize the 40 years of pilgrimage of the God’s people on the desert right before conquering the promised land, we will receive year 2027!

Year 2027 is the beginning of the final jubilee which at its moment becomes reality for God’s people.

In 2027 God’s people together with Jesus Christ enter a new era, the seventh millennium. The seventh millennium when the Earth is to rest, the era of joy, and lack of sin.

After the seventh millennium there comes the execution of the final sentence on the wicked people, satan and his angels.

“In the seventh month of the sanctuary year there were ten days of blowing in the trumpet... For the Israelites it was a signal that the heavenly court will sit soon and they will open the books with records and then the destiny of each and every man ever living on our planet will be decided... Those ten days were colloquially called the days of atonement. Unlike other feasts which commemorated past events, these ten days called for deeper thoughts, for time of thinking over life. Unlike Yom Kippur when the sentence was already executed, the ten days of trumpets were supposed to point that there is still time of grace and mercy.

The prophet Ezekiel wrote: ‘Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord GOD. **Repent, and turn [yourselves] from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin. Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit:** for why will ye die, O house of Israel?’ (Ezekiel 18:30-31)

Shofar (the trumpet) announced not only the beginning of judgment but also the beginning of the jubilee year which delivered the debtors and slaves. The fact that shofar, the trumpet was also used during the ten days of the Feast of the Trumpets before Yom Kippur/Doomsday emphasized the positive character of the judgment which was supposed to be associated in every believers mind with blotting out of the sins and a new beginning. It brought justification and freedom. Only for those who had not repented for their sins the Day brought death. (Revelation 21:1)

Yom kippur (The Day of Atonement) was the beginning of every Sabbath or Jubilee year. (Leviticus 25:9) since like the years it brought recovery of debts and freedom and for the ones who did not want to atone the day was a prophecy of vengeance of God. (Revelation 21:1)

The Days of the Trumpets whose last day was on Yom Kippur were the very last chance for repentance. The final – death sentence was announced when the archpriest put the notice of sins on the head of the scapegoat and in this way annihilated sin and any memory of it together with the goat. The Spring feasts symbolized Jesus’ service on the Earth, the Pentecost symbolized the beginning of His service in Heaven (Hebrews 8:1-2) and the Autumn Feasts proclaimed the end of Jesus’ service.” *A. J. Palla, “The treasures of the Temple”, pp. 92-95*

Right now we are living in the days of repentance, in the time of judgement. When Jesus comes for the second time on the Earth to get His people, it will be the time of execution of the final sentence.

“For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; **and then he shall reward every man according to his works.**” *Mathew 16:27, KJV*

“And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward [is] with me, to **give every man according as his work shall be.**” *Revelation 22:12, KJV*

“I charge [thee] therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.” *2Timothy 4:1-2, KJV*

“Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels.” *Mathew 25:34, 41, KJV*

“The Messiah is coming to proclaim the sentence which has been set during the preadvent judgement on the basis of the notes in the Heavenly books of record. Then, according to the New Testament, one group of people will be given the eternal life while others will eternally die. (John 5:28-29; Romans 6:23).” *A. J. Palla, “The Treasures of the Temple”, p. 95.*

In the light of the above words we can also assume that Jesus will come in **Autumn 2027**, on the turn of September/October. Today we are living in the time of the last trumpet’s blowing. We are living in the time when we are called to repent, in the time when we are invited to enter the Most Holy place in the Heavenly Temple, so we could be cleansed from all our sins there. We are living in the times when the God’s mystery “Christ in you, the hope of glory” *Colossians 1:27, KJV* should be revealed.

The Autumn time of Jesus’ coming back for His people is also symbolized by the Feast of Tabernacles.

Jesus Christ was born in Autumn, during the Feast of the Tabernacles. 30 years later He started His public service in Autumn, during the Feast of Tabernacles, too. He was crucified in Spring during the Passover, 3,5 year after the beginning of His public service.

The words in John 1:14 in Interlinear translation: “And the Word was made flesh, and **put up its tent among us**, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father), full of grace and truth” refers to the Feast of the Tabernacles, too.

Hezekiah

The next piece of evidence and confirmation that the deliverance of God’s people will happen in the jubilee year is the experience of the Judean king, Hezekiah. His story and the rescue of Israel and Jerusalem from the siege of the Assyrians is a typological picture/reference for the times of the last days and the final deliverance of God’s people from the oppression of today spiritual Babylon.

Let us analyze Hezekiah’s story.

Hezekiah was not born in a pious family; He had no support from His relatives nor friends. His childhood was accompanied by repulsive and full of blood scenes. His father Ahaz made terrible and cruel deeds.

We read about his father: “But he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, yea, **and made his son to pass through the fire**, according to the abominations of the heathen, whom the LORD cast out from before the children of Israel. And he sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree.” *2Kings 16:3-4, KJV*

Hezekiah was to watch his father fulfill all the capricious wishes of the blood-thirsty idol Baal.

So why, did not he follow his steps (*2Chronicles 29:2*)? So what evoked the spiritual renewal during the reign of Hezekiah (*2Kings 18:4-7*)? What were the results of this renewal?

The story of Hezekiah is described in three books of the Old Testament, namely in II Kings, II Chronicles and the Isaiah book. Reading the three reports we can see a slightly different perspective of the story of Ahaz’ son.

The pious king Hezekiah became king in Judea in the third year of ruling of the king Hoshea who ruled the 10 tribes in Israel. At that time Israel was decimated by the Assyrian’s king who attacked Israel. The Israeli captives were dispersed among the Gentiles in the countries far from the Palestine.

“Hezekiah came to the throne determined to do all in his power to save Judah from the fate that was overtaking the northern kingdom. The messages of the prophets offered no encouragement to halfway measures. Only by most **decided reformation** could the threatened judgments be averted.” *Kings and Prophets by E. G.White, p. 331*

Hezekiah’s reform was mainly based on restoration of the temple service in Jerusalem. He also renewed the celebration of the Passover. The call for the renewal of the celebration of the Passover was also directed to the 10 northern tribes.

“So they established a decree **to make proclamation throughout all Israel**, from Beersheba even to Dan, that they

should come to keep the passover unto the LORD God of Israel at Jerusalem: for they had not done [it] of a long [time in such sort] as it was written. So the posts went with the letters from the king and his princes throughout all Israel and Judah, and according to the commandment of the king, saying, Ye children of Israel, turn again unto the LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, and he will return to the remnant of you, that are escaped out of the hand of the kings of Assyria. And be not ye like your fathers, and like your brethren, which trespassed against the LORD God of their fathers, [who] therefore gave them up to desolation, as ye see. Now be ye not stiffnecked, as your fathers [were, but] yield yourselves unto the LORD, and enter into his sanctuary, which he hath sanctified for ever: and serve the LORD your God, that the fierceness of his wrath may turn away from you. For if ye turn again unto the LORD, your brethren and your children [shall find] compassion before them that lead them captive, so that they shall come again into this land: for the LORD your God [is] gracious and merciful, and will not turn away [his] face from you, if ye return unto him. So the posts passed from city to city through the country of Ephraim and Manasseh even unto Zebulun: **but they laughed them to scorn, and mocked them.** Nevertheless divers of Asher and Manasseh and of Zebulun humbled themselves, and came to Jerusalem. Also in Judah the hand of God was to give them one heart to do the commandment of the king and of the princes, by the word of the LORD." *2Chronicles 30:5-12, KJV*

"From city to city through the country of Ephraim and Manasseh even unto Zebulun," the couriers sent out by Hezekiah carried the message. Israel should have recognized in this invitation an appeal to repent and turn to God. But the remnant of the ten tribes still dwelling within the territory of the once-flourishing northern kingdom treated the royal messengers from Judah with indifference and even with contempt. **'They laughed them to scorn, and mocked them.'** There were a few, however, who gladly responded. 'Divers of Asher and Manasseh and of Zebulun humbled themselves, and came to Jerusalem, ... to keep the feast of unleavened bread.' Verses 10-13

About two years later, Samaria was invested by the hosts of Assyria under Shalmaneser; and in the siege that followed, multitudes perished miserably of hunger and disease as well as by the sword. The city and nation fell, and the broken remnant of the ten tribes were carried away captive and scattered in the provinces of the Assyrian realm." *The Prophets and the Kings by E.G. White p. 161*

Today also the spiritual Israel is divided into two groups. The ones who will gather in the temple in the most Holy place. They will accept the warnings and God's message. And those who will be the scoffers of the God's message.

"And in the dark days that were to come in the history of Judah, when only a remnant were to be left in the land, the prophet's words were to continue bearing fruit in decided reformation. (...) Many were to behold the One altogether lovely, the chiefest among ten thousand. 'Thine eyes shall see the King in His beauty,' was the gracious promise made them. Isaiah 33:17. Their sins were to be forgiven, and they were to make their boast in God alone. In that glad day of redemption from idolatry they would exclaim, "The glorious Lord will be unto us a place of broad rivers and streams.... The Lord is our judge, the Lord is our lawgiver, the Lord is our king; He will save us." Verses 21, 22.

The messages borne by Isaiah to those who chose to turn from their evil ways were full of comfort and encouragement." *The Prophets and the Kings by E. G. White p. 320,321*

As God's remnants we also must experience the erasing of our sins. The time of mercy will soon come to its end for the spiritual Israel. Then the time of mercy will last for the world only. Then, when our Archpriest who is serving now in the most holy place in the temple will finish His service – the time of mercy for the world will also cease.

The time of mercy for the world will cease in Autumn 2026, and then the time of pouring of the last seven plagues of God's wrath will start and will last for one year. (*Revelation 15:1-8; 16:1-21*) This period will last one year until Jesus will appear on the clouds in the sky in Autumn 2027.

"For the day of vengeance [is] in mine heart, **and the year of my redeemed is come.**" *Isaiah 63:4, KJV*

Let's get back to the times of Hezekiah. The Assyrian king Sancheryb showed great arrogance and confidence in his own power because of his victories, therefore he decided to conquer Judea with its capital city. He defeated all major Judean dwellings and now he wanted to direct his pride towards Jerusalem. So he sent to Jerusalem a big army and sieged the capital of Judea. He knew some "psychological" tactics and his people were well prepared. This Assyrian knew that in order to win and defeat the Jews, he must rob them from faith in God's power, therefore he ordered his army to stay next to the aqueduct of the upper waterpond.

The Assyrian king started to send some warning messages to the Judean king to make him surrender.

In those letters he derided at the Judean king and God of Israel. Sancheryb also called the simple people to rebel against their king Hezekiah and stop listening to him as the one who deceives them.

“And Rabshakeh said unto them, Speak ye now to Hezekiah, Thus saith the great king, the king of Assyria, What confidence [is] this wherein thou trustest? Thou sayest, (but [they are but] vain words,) [I have] counsel and strength for the war. Now on whom dost thou trust, that thou rebellest against me? Now, behold, thou trustest upon the staff of this bruised reed, [even] upon Egypt, on which if a man lean, it will go into his hand, and pierce it: so [is] Pharaoh king of Egypt unto all that trust on him. But if ye say unto me, We trust in the LORD our God: [is] not that he, whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah hath taken away, and hath said to Judah and Jerusalem, Ye shall worship before this altar in Jerusalem? Now therefore, I pray thee, give pledges to my lord the king of Assyria, and I will deliver thee two thousand horses, if thou be able on thy part to set riders upon them. How then wilt thou turn away the face of one captain of the least of my master’s servants, and put thy trust on Egypt for chariots and for horsemen? Am I now come up without the LORD against this place to destroy it? The LORD said to me, Go up against this land, and destroy it. Then said Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, and Shebna, and Joah, unto Rabshakeh, Speak, I pray thee, to thy servants in the Syrian language; for we understand [it]: and talk not with us in the Jews’ language in the ears of the people that [are] on the wall. But Rabshakeh said unto them, Hath my master sent me to thy master, and to thee, to speak these words? [hath he] not [sent me] to the men which sit on the wall, that they may eat their own dung, and drink their own piss with you? Then Rabshakeh stood and cried with a loud voice in the Jews’ language, and spake, saying, Hear the word of the great king, the king of Assyria: Thus saith the king, Let not Hezekiah deceive you: for he shall not be able to deliver you out of his hand: Neither let Hezekiah make you trust in the LORD, saying, The LORD will surely deliver us, and this city shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria. Harken not to Hezekiah: for thus saith the king of Assyria, Make [an agreement] with me by a present, and come out to me, and [then] eat ye every man of his own vine, and every one of his fig tree, and drink ye every one the waters of his cistern: Until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of corn and wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of oil olive and of honey, that ye may live, and not die: and hearken not unto Hezekiah, when he persuadeth you, saying, The LORD will deliver us. Hath any of the gods of the nations delivered at all his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria?” *2Kings 18:19-33, KJV*

We can clearly read here about the mockery and scoffing of the Assyrian king over the real God.

The same fate will meet God’s remnant whom the spiritual Babylon will scoff and mock and deride during the time of great trouble.

Moreover, Sancheryb utters the same words which had been previously said by the snake to Eve in Eden: “(...) Ye shall not surely die.” *Genesis 3:4, KJV*

Who was in charge of the Assyrian kingdom, then? Who will be in charge of the Great Babylon in the last conflict on the Earth? It is the king of darkness, accuser of brothers and the scoffer of all things that are holy and eternal. God’s enemy, enemy of God’s people, and enemy of God’s truth, and everything that is true.

The Assyrian belonged to the most cruel tribes that have ever lived on Earth. The art of siege was made perfect among them. They isolated the desired land from the rest of the world, then they sieged a few cities trying to conquer them quickly . They treated the defenders in an exceptionally cruel way so they could discourage other nations from defending their territories. They empaled the conquered men, women and children alive. They made stakes out of live prisoners of war. The Assyrian authorities had to their disposal a very good, effective and sophisticated system of propaganda and investigation. The public opinion was systematically moulded, and every independent thought was stifled. The most frequent punishment for “disobedience” was obligatory exile to hard work. All nations fighting for their independence were exiled far from their fatherland in order to rob them from their national identity and then consequently make any assimilation easier.



The ten Israeli tribes met the same fate. Many of them had to work in Assyrian silver mines. The work there was so hard that hardly anyone left this place alive. Others were assimilated. The Assyrians brought the Syrians and the Elamites who mixed with the Israeli people and gave the beginning to the Samaritans (*Ezra 4:10*) Let us not be surprised that Hezekiah was terrified. He was afraid that the same fate will meet his people in Judea.

“And it came to pass, when king Hezekiah heard [it], that he rent his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the LORD. And he sent Eliakim, which

[was] over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz. And they said unto him, Thus saith Hezekiah, This day [is] a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and blasphemy: for the children are come to the birth, and [there is] not strength to bring forth. It may be the LORD thy God will hear all the words of Rabshakeh, whom the king of Assyria his master hath sent to reproach the living God; and will reprove the words which the LORD thy God hath heard: wherefore lift up [thy] prayer for the remnant that are left. So the servants of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah. And Isaiah said unto them, Thus shall ye say to your master, Thus saith the LORD, Be not afraid of the words which thou hast heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me. Behold, I will send a blast upon him, and he shall hear a rumour, and shall return to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land. So Rabshakeh returned, and found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah: for he had heard that he was departed from Lachish. And when he heard say of Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, Behold, he is come out to fight against thee: he sent messengers again unto Hezekiah, saying, Thus shall ye speak to Hezekiah king of Judah, saying, Let not thy God in whom thou trustest deceive thee, saying, Jerusalem shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria. Behold, thou hast heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands, by destroying them utterly: and shalt thou be delivered? Have the gods of the nations delivered them which my fathers have destroyed; [as] Gozan, and Haran, and Rezeph, and the children of Eden which [were] in Thelasar? Where [is] the king of Hamath, and the king of Arpad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, of Hena, and Ivah? And Hezekiah received the letter of the hand of the messengers, and read it: and Hezekiah went up into the house of the LORD, and spread it before the LORD. And Hezekiah prayed before the LORD, and said, O LORD God of Israel, which dwellest [between] the cherubims, **thou art the God, [even] thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; thou hast made heaven and earth. LORD, bow down thine ear, and hear: open, LORD, thine eyes, and see: and hear the words of Sennacherib, which hath sent him to reproach the living God.** Of a truth, LORD, the kings of Assyria have destroyed the nations and their lands, And have cast their gods into the fire: for they [were] no gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone: therefore they have destroyed them. Now therefore, O LORD our God, I beseech thee, save thou us out of his hand, **that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou [art] the LORD God, [even] thou only.** Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, [That] which thou hast prayed to me against Sennacherib king of Assyria I have heard. This [is] the word that the LORD hath spoken concerning him; The virgin the daughter of Zion hath despised thee, [and] laughed thee to scorn; the daughter of Jerusalem hath shaken her head at thee. Whom hast thou reproached and blasphemed? and against whom hast thou exalted [thy] voice, and lifted up thine eyes on high? [even] **against the Holy [One] of Israel.** By thy messengers thou hast reproached the Lord, and hast said, With the multitude of my chariots I am come up to the height of the mountains, to the sides of Lebanon, and will cut down the tall cedar trees thereof, [and] the choice fir trees thereof: and I will enter into the lodgings of his borders, [and into] the forest of his Carmel. I have digged and drunk strange waters, and with the sole of my feet have I dried up all the rivers of besieged places. Hast thou not heard long ago [how] I have done it, [and] of ancient times that I have formed it? now have I brought it to pass, that thou shouldest be to lay waste fenced cities [into] ruinous heaps. Therefore their inhabitants were of small power, they were dismayed and confounded; they were [as] the grass of the field, and [as] the green herb, [as] the grass on the housetops, and [as corn] blasted before it be grown up. But I know thy abode, and thy going out, and thy coming in, and thy rage against me. **Because thy rage against me and thy tumult is come up into mine ears, therefore I will put my hook in thy nose, and my bridle in thy lips, and I will turn thee back by the way by which thou camest.**" *2Kings 19:1-28, KJV*

Let us right now remind ourselves the words from *Daniel 11:44*.

"But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many. And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him." *Daniel 11:44-45, KJV*

The news will be the midnight cry, the message about coming back of our Savior Jesus Christ who will come from the east. He will leave His father's throne which is situated in the far north. The destruction has always come from the east, this time it is going to be the final destruction of Babylon.

"How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! [how] art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High." *Isaiah 14:12-14, KJV*

"I have raised up [one] from the north, and he shall come: from the rising of the sun shall he call upon my name: and he shall come upon princes as [upon] mortar, and as the potter treadeth clay." *Isaiah 41:25, KJV*

"Then the LORD said unto me, **Out of the north an evil shall break forth upon all the inhabitants of the land.**" *Jeremiah 1:14, KJV*

"Thus saith the LORD; Behold, waters rise up out of the north, and shall be an overflowing flood, and shall overflow the

land, and all that is therein; the city, and them that dwell therein: then the men shall cry, and all the inhabitants of the land shall howl." *Jeremiah 47:2, KJV*

"Therefore, behold, the days come, that I will do judgment upon the graven images of Babylon: and her whole land shall be confounded, and all her slain shall fall in the midst of her. Then the heaven and the earth, and all that [is] therein, shall sing for Babylon: **for the spoilers shall come unto her from the north**, saith the LORD. As Babylon [hath caused] the slain of Israel to fall, so at Babylon shall fall the slain of all the earth." *Jeremiah 51:47-49, KJV*

Thus we can see clearly, that just like the anger against God and His people shown by the Assyrians, similarly the king of north - of Babylon will show anger against God's people (144000) in the times of end.

The sign of salvation for the God's remnant at the time of end will be the jubilee year. "And this [shall be] a sign unto thee, Ye shall eat this year such things as grow of themselves, and in the second year that which springeth of the same; and in the third year sow ye, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat the fruits thereof. And the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall yet again take root downward, and bear fruit upward. For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and they that escape out of mount Zion: the zeal of the LORD [of hosts] shall do this." *2Kings 19:29-31, KJV*

It was not allowed to sow for two years in the jubilee year, namely in the 49th year and in the 50th year. This prophecy can not refer to that Judea literally since the Assyrian king Sancheryb's army was not in Palestine longer than one year, and Jerusalem's deliverance was almost immediate. This sign was given to the God's remnant at the end of times.

So the final sign for God's remnant at the end of time is the jubilee year! These verses refer also to God's remnant who will grow their roots deep into the vine which is Jesus Christ Himself. (*John 15:5*) and will bear fruit in Heaven which is life, righteousness and Jesus Christ's character and through which our God in Heaven will be glorified. (*John 15:8*)

Then we read further words about the Assyrian king:

"Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning the king of Assyria, **He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shield, nor cast a bank against it.** By the way that he came, by the same shall he return, and shall not come into this city, saith the LORD. For I will defend this city, to save it, for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake. **And it came to pass that night, that the angel of the LORD went out, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians an hundred fourscore and five thousand:** and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they [were] all dead corpses. So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and dwelt at Nineveh. And it came to pass, as he was worshipping in the house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons smote him with the sword: and they escaped into the land of Armenia. And Esarhaddon his son reigned in his stead." *2Kings 19:32-37, KJV*

Was Sancheryb such a great king if he had so perverted relations in his own family? Where was His magnificence? Was he respected by all his subordinates? Where was this magnificent kingdom which he had promised to Israelites by his messengers. Everything that he accused God of - referred to him. Everything that he foretold to Hezekiah turned against him. All his own threatens turned against him. His end was bad.

This is what God said about the jubilee year.

"A jubile shall that fiftieth year be unto you: ye shall not sow, neither reap that which groweth of itself in it, nor gather [the grapes] in it of thy vine undressed. **For it [is] the jubile; it shall be holy unto you:** ye shall eat the increase thereof out of the field. In the year of this jubile ye shall return every man unto his possession. And if thou sell ought unto thy neighbour, or buyest [ought] of thy neighbour's hand, ye shall not oppress one another: According to the number of years after the jubile thou shalt buy of thy neighbour, [and] according unto the number of years of the fruits he shall sell unto thee: According to the multitude of years thou shalt increase the price thereof, and according to the fewness of years thou shalt diminish the price of it: for [according] to the number [of the years] of the fruits doth he sell unto thee. Ye shall not therefore oppress one another; but thou shalt fear thy God: for I [am] the LORD your God. Wherefore ye shall do my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them; and ye shall dwell in the land in safety. And the land shall yield her fruit, and ye shall eat your fill, and dwell therein in safety. And if ye shall say, What shall we eat the seventh year? behold, we shall not sow, nor gather in our increase: Then I will command my blessing upon you in the sixth year, and **it shall bring forth fruit for three years.** And ye shall sow the eighth year, and eat [yet] of old fruit until the ninth year; until her fruits come in ye shall eat [of] the old [store]." *Leviticus 25:11-22, KJV*

Every 49 years the Israelites were not only denied to sow their fields in the seventh year, but also in the fiftieth year were they not to sow. So in other words they were not to sow any grain for two years in a row.

As I have already mentioned the Israelites never had such faith to obey this God's instruction in the jubilee year. It was hard for them to obey the similar instruction during the Sabbath year. They did not believe in God's assuring words that He will bless abundantly their lives. God's plan was to bless the crops in the sixth year so it was enough food for

three years, for the Sabbath year, for the jubilee year and for the following one when they were to start sowing again.

Let us again find evidence and confirmation that the events from the time of the siege of Jerusalem by the Assyrian army are indeed the typological events referring to the times of end and that consequently the jubilee year is the sign of deliverance for God's people in the last conflict in the times of end.

"The LORD of hosts hath sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, [so] shall it stand: That I will break the Assyrian in my land, and upon my mountains tread him under foot: **then shall his yoke depart from off them, and his burden depart from off their shoulders. This [is] the purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth:** and this [is] the hand that is stretched out **upon all the nations.** For the LORD of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul [it]? and his hand [is] stretched out, and who shall turn it back?" *Isaiah 14: 24-27, KJV*

Another confirmation comes from the prophet Zachariah said against the Assyrians when God's remnant pleaded for the Latter Rain.

"...And he shall pass through the sea with affliction, and shall smite the waves in the sea, and all the deeps of the river shall dry up: and the pride of Assyria shall be brought down, and the sceptre of Egypt shall depart away." *Zechariah 10:11, KJV*

It is through the faithful remnant of God's people that God will be able to ruin the pride of the Assyrians (Egypt and Babylon)

"And I will strengthen them in the LORD; and they shall walk up and down in his name, saith the LORD." *Zechariah 10:12, KJV*

The Spirit of Prophecy also confirms this understanding of the above mentioned events:

"**The rise and fall of the Assyrian Empire is rich in lessons for the nations of earth today.** Inspiration has likened the glory of Assyria at the height of her prosperity to a noble tree in the garden of God, towering above the surrounding trees. The Assyrian was a cedar in Lebanon with fair branches, and with a shadowing shroud, and of an high stature; and his top was among the thick boughs.... Under his shadow dwelt all great nations. Thus was he fair in his greatness, in the length of his branches: for his root was by great waters. The cedars in the garden of God could not hide him: the fir trees were not like his boughs, and the chestnut trees were not like his branches; nor any tree in the garden of God was like unto him in his beauty... All the trees of Eden, that were in the garden of God, envied him" Ezekiel 31:3-9. With unerring accuracy the Infinite One still keeps account with the nations. While His mercy is tendered, with calls to repentance, this account remains open; **but when the figures reach a certain amount which God has fixed, the ministry of His wrath begins.** The account is closed. Divine patience ceases. Mercy no longer pleads in their behalf. (...) **The pride of Assyria and its fall are to serve as an object lesson to the end of time.** (...) This is true not only of the nations that arrayed themselves against God in ancient times, but also of **nations today** who fail of fulfilling the divine purpose." *The Prophets and the Kings by E. G. White, pp. 362-366*

"And the LORD shall cause his glorious voice to be heard, and shall shew the lighting down of his arm, with the indignation of [his] anger, and [with] the flame of a devouring fire, [with] scattering, and tempest, and hailstones. **For through the voice of the LORD shall the Assyrian be beaten down,** [which] smote with a rod. And [in] every place where the grounded staff shall pass, which the LORD shall lay upon him, [it] shall be with tabrets and harps: and in battles of shaking will he fight with it. For Tophet [is] ordained of old; yea, for the king it is prepared; he hath made [it] deep [and] large: the pile thereof [is] fire and much wood; the breath of the LORD, like a stream of brimstone, doth kindle it." *Isaiah 30:30-33, KJV*

It is exactly when the God's remnant (144000) will hear the day and the hour of Jesus second coming which will be uttered by God Himself in His voice and what will terrify the wicked. Soon after Jesus will come on the clouds. For the ungodly ones this event will be as a burning fire which will consume them. "For our God [is] a consuming fire (...)" *Hebrews 12:29, KJV*; The sinners in Zion are afraid; fearfulness hath surprised the hypocrites. Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings? **He that walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly; he that despiseth the gain of oppressions, that shaketh his hands from holding of bribes, that stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood, and shutteth his eyes from seeing evil."** *Isaiah 33:14-15, KJV*

How important then is the clue for us that the jubilee year is the sign of the final deliverance.

An undeniable fact is that Jesus started His public activity during the jubilee year in 27 AD and He will also finish it in the jubilee year in 2027. If Jesus does not come back in 2027 then we would have to wait another 50 years till 2077. But taking into consideration the signs of times which appear in this world it is almost impossible for this world to last so long after 2027. Besides another 50 year cycle after 2027 would be the 41st jubilee cycle and 6000 years would be exceeded.

Taking into consideration the range of preparations that we still have ahead - the time which is left, is quite short. What are the preparations? We hardly know something about it.

And we should remember that God's people should be prepared for the pouring of the Latter Rain which means they should fully reflect God's character in Jesus Christ before the Sunday law is issued.

Be Prepared To Stand Before Your God!

"Now is the time to prepare. **The seal of God will never be placed upon the forehead of an impure man or woman.** It will never be placed upon the forehead of the ambitious, world-loving man or woman. It will never be placed upon the forehead of men or women of false tongues or deceitful hearts. All who receive the seal must be without spot before God—candidates for heaven. Go forward, my brethren and sisters. I can only write briefly upon these points at this time, merely calling your attention to the necessity of preparation. Search the Scriptures for yourselves, that you may understand the fearful solemnity of the present hour." *Testimonies for the Church by E.G. White, vol. 5 p. 216*

"Not one of us will ever receive the seal of God while our characters have one spot or stain upon them. It is left with us to remedy the defects in our characters, to cleanse the soul temple of every defilement. Then the latter rain will fall upon us as the early rain fell upon the disciples on the Day of Pentecost." *Testimonies for the Church by E. G. White, vol. 5 p. 214*

God's seal is the Latter Rain. God needs His perfect character revealed in His people through Jesus Christ so He could seal them for eternity.

So, isn't it today the time to express the loud cry: "Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him."? *Mathew 25:6, KJV* Isn't it today the day of our awakening, restoration and reformation?

If this movement is to encompass the whole world, first its seed must germinate among the Adventists, among God's remnant, among those who haven't knelt before Baal.

We must wake up on the basis of a deep study of the Bible, we must humble our hearts before God and we must recognize the range of our preparations for Jesus second coming.

"The angel who unites in the proclamation of the third angel's message is to lighten the whole earth with his glory. A work of world-wide extent and unwonted power is here foretold. The advent movement of 1840-44 was a glorious manifestation of the power of God; the first angel's message was carried to every missionary station in the world, and in some countries there was the greatest religious interest which has been witnessed in any land since the Reformation of the sixteenth century; **but these are to be exceeded by the mighty movement under the last warning of the third angel.**" *Great Controversy by E. G. White p. 611*

What were the characteristics of the Advent movement in its beginning?

"Those who participated in these solemn movements **were in harmony**; their hearts were filled with love for one another and for Jesus, whom they expected soon to see. **The one faith, the one blessed hope, lifted them above the control of any human influence, and proved a shield against the assaults of Satan.**" *Great Controversy by E. G. White p. 398*

If God's remnant (144000) is to utter the midnight cry, then the God's remnant must know when (what year) Jesus comes back. They can not proclaim in Might and Power that the bridegroom cometh if they postpone indefinitely the time of His second coming. But the Bride knows this time because together with the Bridegroom they utter the midnight cry.

" And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely..." *Revelation 22: 17, KJV*

"Lingering near the bride's house are ten young women robed in white. Each carries a lighted lamp and a small flagon for oil. All are anxiously watching for the appearance of the bridegroom. But there is a delay. Hour after hour passes; the watchers become weary and fall asleep. At midnight the cry is



heard, "Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him." The sleepers, suddenly awaking, spring to their feet. They see the procession moving on, bright with torches and glad with music. **They hear the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride.**" *Christ's Object Lessons by E. G. White pp. 405-406, 1900*

The beginning of the Advent Movement also had a very clear message with very definite time of its fulfillment. The mistake concerned the event not the revealed date which was loudly stated at that time. Despite the fact that the date was clearly stated, the main emphasis was put on the preparations for the judgment day, on Jesus coming, on atonement, on confessing sins, awakening and on practical piety.

"In preaching the doctrine of the second advent, William Miller and his associates had labored with the sole purpose of arousing men to a preparation for the judgment. They had sought to awaken professors of religion to the true hope of the church and **to their need of a deeper Christian experience**, and they labored also to awaken the unconverted to the duty of immediate repentance and conversion to God." *The Great Controversy by E. G. White p. 375*

When William Miller was aware of the vicinity of the time of end and the beginning of the judgment, he was calling for getting rid of the sins, atonement and preparation for Jesus coming back.

"My whole object was a desire to convert souls to God, to notify the world of a coming judgment, and to induce my fellow men to make that preparation of heart which will enable them to meet their God in peace." *A fragment from 'Bliss', page 328 quoted in Great Controversy by E. G. White at p. 375*

"Like a tidal wave the movement swept over the land. From city to city, from village to village, and into remote country places it went, until the waiting people of God were fully aroused. Fanaticism disappeared before this proclamation like early frost before the rising sun. Believers saw their doubt and perplexity removed, and hope and courage animated their hearts. The work was free from those extremes which are ever manifested when there is human excitement without the controlling influence of the word and Spirit of God. It was similar in character to those seasons of humiliation and returning unto the Lord which among ancient Israel followed messages of reproof from His servants. It bore the characteristics that mark the work of God in every age. There was little ecstatic joy, but rather deep searching of heart, confession of sin, and forsaking of the world. **A preparation to meet the Lord was the burden of agonizing spirits. There was persevering prayer and unreserved consecration to God.**" *The Great Controversy by E. G. White, p. 400-401*

This movement evoked: "Another who participated in the movement testified: **'It produced everywhere the most deep searching of heart and humiliation of soul before the God of high heaven.** It caused a weaning of affections from the things of this world, a healing of controversies and animosities, a confession of wrongs, a breaking down before God, and penitent, brokenhearted supplications to Him for pardon and acceptance. It caused self-abasement and prostration of soul, such as we never before witnessed. As God by Joel commanded, when the great day of God should be at hand, **it produced a rending of hearts and not of garments**, and a turning unto the Lord with fasting, and weeping, and mourning. As God said by Zechariah, a spirit of grace and supplication was poured out upon His children; they looked to Him whom they had pierced, there was a great mourning in the land, (...) and those who were looking for the Lord afflicted their souls before Him.'" *Bliss, in Advent Shield and Review, vol. I, p. 271 (January, 1845).*

These are the signs of the true awakening. On the basis of the same experience we will be able to state whether we take part in the last awakening movement in the times of end or whether it is only a human movement based on emotions and high feelings.

We must be sure of the fact whether we represent the angel who joins the third angel and we add Might to the three angels' message or whether we just form a another advent branch/sect/section which will end up similarly as all other awakening movements.

"At the call, 'The Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet Him', the waiting ones 'arose and trimmed their lamps'; **they studied the word of God with an intensity of interest before unknown.**" *The Great Controversy by E. G. White, p. 402*

If these thoughts are the midnight cry then each of us who loves Jesus second coming will study the Bible with earnest eagerness and the light coming from the Bible will light in its full blast and will enlighten our countenances, minds and hearts up to the moment of pouring of God's Spirit in the Latter Rain of His blessings.

"But all who received it **withdrew from the world** and were closely united with one another. (...) I saw the angel of God watching with the deepest interest His professed people, to record **the character which they developed as the message of heavenly origin was presented to them.**" *The Early Writings by E. G. White, p. 246*

"Run ye to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and know, and seek in the broad places thereof, if ye can find a man, if there be [any] that executeth judgment, that seeketh the truth; and I will pardon it." *Jeremiah 5:1, KJV*

We are living today in the times of shaking of the sheaf of firstfruits. God is gathering His people (144000). He invites

those who act righteously, who obey the law, who are faithful, who seek the truth. He gathers those who **love** the second coming of His Son, Jesus Christ. Today our only mission is to gather the dispersed people of Israel. Time for preaching the gospel is not now, it will come... and then the end will come.

“But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” *Mathew 15:24, KJV*

After another deflecting of accusations thrown by pharisees and scribes, Jesus said to his perplexed pupils: “But he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up. Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.” *Mathew 15:13-14, KJV*

We need a very clear and evident God’s guidance. We need His wisdom so we knew whom and when we should leave and whom we should lean over.

May God let us recognize His plans and will and act according to it in His glory and be even more and more effective in our service for our brothers and sisters.

“I have commanded my sanctified ones, I have also called my mighty ones for mine anger, [even] them that rejoice in my highness. The noise of a multitude in the mountains, like as of a great people; a tumultuous noise of the kingdoms of nations gathered together: **the LORD of hosts mustereth the host of the battle.** They come from a far country, from the end of heaven, [even] the LORD, and the weapons of his indignation, to destroy the whole land. Howl ye; **for the day of the LORD [is] at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty.** Therefore shall all hands be faint, and every man’s heart shall melt: And they shall be afraid: pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them; they shall be in pain as a woman that travaileth: they shall be amazed one at another; their faces [shall be as] flames. Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it. And the wild beasts of the islands shall cry in their desolate houses, and dragons in [their] pleasant palaces: and her time [is] near to come, and her days shall not be prolonged.” *Isahiah 13:3-9,22, KJV*

“And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.” *Revelation 7:1-3, KJV*

This time is finishing, soon the four winds of the last events on the Earth will be let loose. There is very little time left for us for the preparation.

“**Gather yourselves together, yea, gather together,** O nation not desired; **Before the decree bring forth, [before] the day pass as the chaff,** before the fierce anger of the LORD come upon you, before the day of the LORD’S anger come upon you. Seek ye the LORD, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the LORD’S anger.” *Zephaniah 2:1-3, KJV*

“Sanctify ye a fast, call a solemn assembly, gather the elders [and] all the inhabitants of the land [into] the house of the LORD your God, and cry unto the LORD, Alas for the day! **for the day of the LORD [is] at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come;** Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: **for the day of the LORD cometh, for [it is] nigh at hand;** A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, [even] to the years of many generations. A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth: the land [is] as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; yea, and nothing shall escape them. And the LORD shall utter his voice before his army: for his camp [is] very great: for [he is] strong that executeth his word: for the day of the LORD [is] great and very terrible; **and who can abide it?** Therefore also now, saith the LORD, **turn ye [even] to me with all your heart,** and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: **And rend your heart, and not your garments,** and turn unto the LORD your God: for he [is] gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil. Who knoweth [if] he will return and repent, and leave a blessing behind him; [even] a meat offering and a drink offering unto the LORD your God? **Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly: Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet.**” *Joel 1:14-15, 2:1-3, 11-16, KJV*

“He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ [be] with you all. Amen.” *Revelation 22:20-21, KJV*

Explanation

After publishing in Poland the message about Jesus second coming in *Philadelphia* no 7 in which the year of Jesus second coming is stated for 2027, I received a few letters and phones in which the readers discredited the message with Ellen White's writings in which she clearly wrote warnings against those ones who wanted to define dates of Jesus coming. Ellen White emphasized that Daniel's prophecy about 2300 days is the last prophetic period ranging till 1844.

I cannot leave those arguments which were raised by some readers of *Philadelphia* with indifference. I cannot deny my longstanding experience connected with God's guidance in this topic, either. This experience was not only connected with the study of the Bible but also with many practical experiences which took place during the study and shaping of this message.

I prayed many times for understanding of this inconsistency in my experience, even during my writing of the article titled "Behold, the bridegroom cometh" I prayed again because I had known all those texts written by Ellen White. But I did not receive any clear explanation at that time, and on the other hand there was an irresistible inner voice reminding me to write and more and more light was appearing to me in this topic. So I left the matter of understanding Ellen G. White's words for later.

During the time of writing of this message I was accompanied by many phenomena which were not coincidental. I received many dreams in which the time of Jesus coming was given to me. The time of Jesus coming was stated to me always in connection with the need of deeper preparation. I will not describe those experiences because they do not have to be any evidence for the genuineness of this message for the readers. They are of great importance for me and my dearest ones.

Noone of those who called me did refer to the article on the basis of its content in his or her discrediting it. The only argument against stating the date of Jesus coming was the verse from [Mathew 24:36](#) and the mentioned above quotations from Ellen G. White.

In [Mathew 24:36](#) it is written "...of that day and hour knoweth no [man], no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only" KJV If it was written "that the day will never be known", then my opponents would be right, but it is not written so. It is obvious that the time of end is known to God the Father Himself because He is the source of all things, but together with the words from [Amos 3:7](#) and [1Thimothy 6:14-16](#) we can deduce that God's people will know God's plans, even those concerning the second coming of His Son.

Coming back to Ellen G. White's words we must take into consideration the historical context of her statements in which she warns against defining the dates of Jesus coming.

At that time after the great disappointment in 1844 many religious, advent groups emerged. They tried and even determined new dates of second Jesus coming many times. When several of those dates did not find their fulfillment in reality, new were determined. Each and every new group determined their own new dates and in this way they recruited new members to their groups.

Among others one of the groups which was formed by the followers of William Miller was the Adventist Movement. In their studies they mainly focused on the subject of second Jesus coming. They determined many dates connected with this event and they suffered from many disappointments. The Adventist preacher Jonas Wendell taught about the soon coming of Jesus Christ in the leaflet called "The Present Truth" issued in 1870. In this book he foretold the date of Jesus Coming for 1873. Almost coincidentally??? His teachings inspired the faith in Charles Taze Russell who founded the group called "Bible Students" or more colloquially The Jehova Witnesses. New dates were determined and when it turned out that they were not fulfilled then a new theology was started which stated that Jesus had already come back but in spiritual way.

Therefore it is more than justified that during that time of great confusion, God's prophet warned the Adventists against determining new and new dates of second Jesus coming. During that time the fundamental truths were being shaped which mainly focused on the matter of preparation for that great day of Jesus coming.

Another misunderstanding is the issue of 2300 days as the last prophetic time. When we analyze deeper Ellen G. White's statements in this topic, we will notice that she referred to the "prophetic time" calculated according to the principle "day for year".

In [Revelation 10:6, KJV](#) we read: "And sware by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer" And it is crucial for us to understand which "time be no longer"?

"This time, which the angel declares with a solemn oath, is not the end of this world's history, neither of probationary

time, but of **prophetic time**, which should precede the advent of our Lord. That is, the people will not have another message upon definite time. After this period of time, reaching from 1842 to 1844, there can be no definite tracing of the **prophetic time**. The longest reckoning reaches to the autumn of 1844." *Manuscript 59, 1900; SDA Bible Commentary, Comments of Ellen G. White, vol. 7, p. 971*

On the 22nd October 1844 is the end of prophetic time which was based on several clearly stated dates which had their beginning dates and ending dates and were determined according to the principle "day for year". And now analyzing further her statement we must find the answer to the question: what is the "prophetic time" which will never appear after 1844? In the Bible we find the answer to the question what "prophetic time" means:

"After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, [even] forty days, **each day for a year**, shall ye bear your iniquities, [even] forty years, and ye shall know my breach of promise." *Numbers 14:34, KJV*

In these words God established the system of calculating of the prophetic time – "each day for a year". This system of calculation will never refer to any time after 1844. In other words after 1844 there will be no possibility to calculate any prophetic time according to the principle "each day for a year".

But it does not mean that we are to cease studying the prophecies. We are also not exempted from determining the dates but we are to use a different principle – a different system of calculation than "each day for a year".

"To souls that are **earnestly seeking for light and that accept with gladness** every ray of divine illumination from His holy word, to such alone light will be given. It is through these souls that God will reveal that light and power which will lighten the whole earth with His glory." *Testimonies for the Church, vol. 5 by E.G. White, p. 729*

"We must not for a moment think that there is no more light, no more truth, to be given us. We are in danger of becoming careless, by our indifference losing the sanctifying power of truth, and composing ourselves with the thought, "I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing." (Revelation 3:17). While we must hold fast to the truths which we have already received, we must not look with suspicion upon any new light that God may send." *Gospel Workers by E. G. White, p. 310*

"God calls upon us to awake, for the end is near. (...) Study your Bible as you have never studied it before. Unless you arise to a higher, holier state in your religious life, you will not be ready for the appearing of our Lord. As great light has been given, God expects corresponding zeal, faithfulness, and devotion on the part of His people. There must be more spirituality, a deeper consecration to God, and a zeal in His work that has never yet been reached. Much time should be spent in prayer, that our garments of character may be washed and made white in the blood of the Lamb." *Testimonies for the Church, vol. 5 by E. G. White, pp. 716, 717*

"To secure popularity and patronage, legislators will yield to the demand for a Sunday law. Those who fear God cannot accept an institution that violates a precept of the Decalogue. On this battlefield comes the last great conflict of the controversy between truth and error. And we are not left in doubt as to the issue. Now, as in the days of Mordecai, the Lord will vindicate His truth and His people.

By the decree enforcing the institution of the papacy in violation of the law of God, our nation will disconnect herself fully from righteousness. When Protestantism shall stretch her hand across the gulf to grasp the hand of the Roman power, when she shall reach over the abyss to clasp hands with spiritualism, when, under the influence of this threefold union, our country shall repudiate every principle of its Constitution as a Protestant and republican government, and shall make provision for the propagation of papal falsehoods and delusions, then we may know that the time has come for the marvelous working of Satan and that the end is near.

As the approach of the Roman armies was a sign to the disciples of the impending destruction of Jerusalem, so may this apostasy be a sign to us that the limit of God's forbearance is reached, that the measure of our nation's iniquity is full, and that the angel of mercy is about to take her flight, never to return. The people of God will then be plunged into those scenes of affliction and distress which prophets have described as the time of Jacob's trouble. The cries of the faithful, persecuted ones ascend to heaven. And as the blood of Abel cried from the ground, there are voices also crying to God from martyrs' graves, from the sepulchers of the sea, from mountain caverns, from convent vaults: 'How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost Thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?'

The Lord is doing His work. All heaven is astir. The Judge of all the earth is soon to arise and vindicate His insulted authority. The mark of deliverance will be set upon the men who keep God's commandments, who revere His law, and who refuse the mark of the beast or of his image." *Testimonies for the Church vol. 5 by E. G. White pp. 451, 452*

"God has revealed what is to take place in the last days, that His people may be prepared to stand against the tempest

of opposition and wrath." *Testimonies for the Church vol. 5 by E. G. White, p. 452*

The Spirit of prophecy encourages us to thorough study and examining of the Bible. If all the truths and prophecies were already discovered, E. G. White would not have called us to further reading and studying of the 12th chapter of Daniel.

"I am deeply moved by the unprepared condition of our churches. One thing we must do. We must keep our feet in the straight and narrow path that leads to eternal life. We must make no missteps now. The first and second chapters of Colossians have been presented to me as an expression of what our churches in every part of the world should be. The great apostle had many visions. The Lord showed him many things that it is not lawful for a man to utter. Why could he not tell the believers what he had seen? Because they would have made a misapplication of the great truths presented. They would not have been able to comprehend these truths. And yet all that was shown to Paul molded the messages that God gave him to bear to the churches.

The people of God need to study what characters they must form in order to pass through the test and proving of the last days. Many are living in spiritual weakness and backsliding. They know not what they believe.

Let us read and study the twelfth chapter of Daniel. It is a warning that we shall all need to understand before the time of the end. There are ministers claiming to believe the truth who are not sanctified through the truth. Unless a change comes in their lives, they will say, "My Lord delayeth His coming." Letter 161, July 30, 1903, MR Vol. 15 by E. G. White, p. 228

If the meaning of the prophetic warning included in the book of Daniel had been discovered at her times she would have presented it to us, but she did not. She did not publish anything about it therefore she asked us to study this chapter thoroughly.

"In every age there is a **new development of truth, a message of God to the people of that generation.** The old truths are all essential; new truth is not independent of the old, but an unfolding of it. It is only as the old truths are understood that we can comprehend the new. When Christ desired to open to His disciples the truth of His resurrection, He began 'at Moses and all the prophets and expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning Himself.' (Luke 24:27). But it is the light which shines in the fresh unfolding of truth that glorifies the old. He who rejects or neglects the new does not really possess the old. For him it loses its vital power and becomes but a lifeless form." *Christ's object lessons by E. G. White, p. 127,128*

The generation of the Adventists' founders is already dead, the following generation is also dead. We are living in the new reality. We are the last generation living just before Jesus' second coming and the end of the world.

The message about second Jesus coming in 2027 does not deny any of the previous Advent truths, but it develops them and prepares God's people for the reunion with the Bride. Except for this message there are other ones which will precisely determine the time of pouring of the **Latter Rain** as well as the time period of the last reign of the papal supremacy and the time of trouble for God's people.

I believe there is much more light which God wants to pour on His people if we only stay faithful to Him.

If we cannot use any further the principle "day for a year" while calculating the prophetic time, then what is left to us is the **literal** understanding of days and years.

The words from *Revelation 13:5* should serve as the evidence for the need of calculating the prophetic time according to the literal meaning of days and years: "And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue **forty [and] two months.**" This prophecy refers to the second papal supremacy. The time period of the existence of the first papal supremacy is given to us in *Revelation 12:4* and in *Daniel 7:25*... "and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time." This time period referred to 1260 years. After the papal wound had been healed (*Revelation 13:3*), the second supremacy will last literal 42 months, 3,5 years... If we wanted to apply in this prophecy counting of prophetic time according to the principle "day for year", then we would have to state that when papacy reaches its supreme authority having been launched by the USA, then its supremacy would have to last for about 1260 years according to the principle "day for year". Such an interpretation is absurd and not acceptable.

Therefore, we can see what 'prophetic time' is and what we should not apply. It does not mean that we should not study the prophecies because they will not be explained to us. It is quite contrary. The last generation of God's people will receive the light which has not been given to any generation before.

"The disciples had asked the question: 'What shall be the sign of Thy coming, and of the end of the world?' Jesus

gave them signs, and said: 'When ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.' Verses 3, 33. One saying of the Saviour must not be made to destroy another. Though no man knoweth the *day* nor the *hour* of His coming, **we are instructed and required to know when it is near. We are further taught that to disregard His warning, and refuse or neglect to know when His advent is near, will be as fatal for us as it was for those who lived in the days of Noah not to know when the flood was coming.** And the parable in the same chapter, contrasting the faithful and the unfaithful servant, and giving the doom of him who said in his heart, 'My Lord delayeth His coming,' shows in what light Christ will regard and reward those whom He finds watching, and teaching His coming, and those denying it. 'Watch therefore', He says. 'Blessed is that servant, whom his Lord when He cometh shall find so doing.' Verses 42, 46. 'If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.' Revelation 3:3

Paul speaks of a class to whom the Lord's appearing will come unawares. 'The day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, ...and they shall not escape.' But he adds, to those who have given heed to the Saviour's warning: 'Ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.' 1Thessalonians 5:2-5

Thus it was shown that Scripture gives no warrant for men to remain in ignorance concerning the nearness of Christ's coming. But those who desired only an excuse to reject the truth closed their ears to this explanation, and the words 'No man knoweth the day nor the hour' continued to be echoed by the bold scoffer and even by the professed minister of Christ. As the people were roused, and began to inquire the way of salvation, religious teachers stepped in between them and the truth, seeking to quiet their fears by falsely interpreting the word of God. Unfaithful watchmen united in the work of the great deceiver, crying, Peace, peace, when God had not spoken peace. Like the Pharisees in Christ's day, many refused to enter the kingdom of heaven themselves, and those who were entering in they hindered. The blood of these souls will be required at their hand." *The Great Controversy by E. G. White, pp. 370-372*

"Let the watchmen now lift up their voice and give the message which is present truth for this time. Let us show the people where we are in prophetic history and seek to arouse the spirit of true Protestantism, awaking the world to a sense of the value of the privileges of religious liberty so long enjoyed." *Testimonies for the Church by E.G. White, vol. 5 p. 716*

It is not a coincidence that the Spirit of Prophecy for many times mentions and determines the duration of the existence of the Earth for 6000 years. It is not a coincidence that we have been given the sign in the jubilee year. This sign is mentioned in the typological experience of Hezekiah. 6000 years is the number of years in the principle "day for 1000 years" if we multiple 6 days of creation times 1000.

In the times of Noah God foretold that His Spirit will not last in human being for ever.

"And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also [is] flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years." *Genesis 6:3, KJV* Those who interpret the Bible usually say that the above mentioned 120 years is the duration to which God limited human's life.

But this can not be the appropriate interpretation because after the deluge (flood) there were people who lived longer than 120 years, even now there are people who live up to 130 or 140 like the Hunza people who live far from civilization in the Himalayas.

Besides Noah himself lived 950 years, Abraham lived 175 years, Isaac lived 180 years, Jacob lived 147. And Job? "After this lived Job an hundred and forty years, and saw his sons, and his sons' sons, [even] four generations. So Job died, [being] old and full of days." *Job 42:16-17, KJV*

We read in *Psalms 90:10* that usually our lives last 70-80 years.

Therefore 120 years refer not to the duration of life of individual people but to the whole mankind and they determine the duration of existence of man on this planet. God emphasizes that the sinful man will not live forever but his life will be limited. God is very precise when He informs us about 120 years. It is time which can be comprehensible to us. So how should we understand the above mentioned 120 years?

Noah preached the warning for the world for 120 years. "But Noah stood like a rock amid the tempest. Surrounded by popular contempt and ridicule, he distinguished himself by his holy integrity and unwavering faithfulness. A power attended his words, for it was the voice of God to man through His servant. Connection with God made him strong in the strength of infinite power, while for one hundred and twenty years **his solemn voice fell upon the ears of that generation in regard to events, which, so far as human wisdom could judge, were impossible.**" *The Patriarchs and the Prophets by E. G. White p. 96.* This event is a typology for the times of end. Logically this time means also the end of existence of the sinful man on Earth.

The crowning of the plan of salvation and the final deliverance is the jubilee year. 120 jubilees times 50 is 6000 years. It is the 6000 years which has been given to mankind for repentance, after this time Jesus comes back and the wicked will die.

Life and service of Moses is also the typological picture for the deliverance from the captivity of sin and conquering of the heavenly Canaan. I will also mention that Moses died when he was so close to the promised land being 120 years old. The time of his death has a deep meaning.

May our Merciful God send us light and knowledge of his plans in all events which are ahead of us so we could be prepared to express the midnight cry: "Behold, the bridegroom cometh..."

...Go ye out to meet him



In the Bible we read about two groups of believers, represented symbolically by barley and wheat. The time when wise virgins (wheat) come to the Bridegroom is identified with the time of preparation for the wedding. The preparation for the wedding is symbolized by taking care of the lamp which in turn means accepting the wedding dress as Christ's righteousness. Preparing oneself for the wedding means forming one's character in the likeness of Jesus Christ.

The preparation of the bride is symbolized by the shaking of the sheaf of the very firstfruit (barley) by our Archbishop. Then the bride and the bridegroom can **together** invite the wedding guests (wheat) for the wedding during the midnight cry.

Before the wedding begins, before the guests will be invited, the firstfruits (barley) which are 144000 who are also the watchmen of Zion, must be prepared for the wedding. The wedding will have its practical fulfillment in pouring of the Latter Rain which in other words is the joining of divinity with humanity. The wedding guests, (wheat) symbolized by the wise virgins walking in the wedding procession represent God's people called out from Babylon and invited to the wedding.

Wedding has got a double meaning in the Bible. On one hand it represents the wedding party during which God's people will sit

together with Jesus during the seventh millennium to judge the wicked ([Mathew 8:11](#), [Luke 22:30](#)) and on the other hand it also represents the present judgment during which we are living where the King looks carefully at the invited guests and checks their garments.

"The proclamation, 'Behold, the Bridegroom cometh', in the 'summer of 1844, led thousands to expect the immediate advent of the Lord. At the appointed time the Bridegroom came, not to the earth, as the people expected, but to the Ancient of Days in heaven, **to the marriage, the reception of His kingdom.** 'They that were ready went in with Him to the marriage: and the door was shut.' They were not to be present in person at the marriage; for it takes place in heaven, while they are upon the earth. The followers of Christ are to 'wait for their Lord, when He will *return from* the wedding.' (Luke 12:36). But they are to understand His work, and **to follow Him by faith as He goes in before God.** It is in this sense that they are said to go in to the marriage. In the parable it was those that had oil in their vessels with their lamps **that went in to the marriage.** Those who, with a knowledge of the truth from the Scriptures, had also the Spirit and grace of God, and who, in the night of their bitter trial, had patiently waited, searching the Bible for clearer light — these saw the truth concerning the sanctuary in heaven and the Saviour's change in ministration, and by faith they followed Him in His work in the sanctuary above. And all who through the testimony of the Scriptures accept the same truths, following Christ by faith as He enters in before God to perform the last work of mediation, and at its close to receive His kingdom — all these are represented as going in to the marriage. In the parable of (Matthew 22) the same figure of the marriage is introduced, **and the investigative judgment is clearly represented as taking place before the marriage.** Previous to the wedding the king comes in to see the guests, to see if all are attired in the wedding garment, the spotless robe of character washed and made white in the blood of the Lamb (Matthew 22:11; Revelation 7:14). He who is found wanting is cast out, but all who upon examination are seen to have the wedding garment on are accepted of God and accounted worthy of a share in His kingdom and a seat upon His throne. This work of examination of character, of determining who are prepared for the kingdom of God, is that of the investigative judgment, the closing

of work in the sanctuary above." *Great Controversy by E.G. White, pp.427, 428*

This is the time we are living. This is the last calling to God's people so they could go to the wedding together with Jesus – for the judgement, so they could be examined by Heaven, so it could be stated whether their characters have been molded into God's likeness, whether their garments is spotless and whether they "...have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." *Revelation 7:14*

"Every case had been decided for life or death. While Jesus had been ministering in the sanctuary, the judgment had been going on for the righteous dead, **and then for the righteous living**. Christ had received His kingdom, having made the atonement for His people and **blotted out their sins**. The subjects of the kingdom were made up. **The marriage of the Lamb was consummated**. And the kingdom, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, was given to Jesus and the heirs of salvation, and Jesus was to reign as King of kings and Lord of lords." *Early Writings by E. G. White, p. 280*

"Who are kept by the power of God **through faith** unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, **though it be tried with fire**, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see [him] not, yet believing, **ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: Receiving the end of your faith, [even] the salvation of [your] souls**. Owf which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace [that should come] unto you: **Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ** which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow. Unto whom it was revealed, **that not unto themselves, but unto us** they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into. Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy." *1Peter 1:5-14, KJV*

What laudable and wonderful promise and what wonderful times we live in. As the last generation of God's people we are highly privileged to be the witnesses of God and to witness in God's power His Son's Jesus Christ second coming. What conditions must be fulfilled so we could become God's witnesses?

"They that [were] foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps." *Mathew 25:3-4, KJV*

The trimming of lamps means correct understanding of the Words of God, and the Word can form our characters. The oil in lamps symbolizes God's Spirit.

Only an obedient to God man can receive His Spirit. (*Acts 5:32*). An obedient man lives faithfully believing God in His guidance in every aspect of life and bears Him glory according to his knowledge and skills.

"If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, [and] prepared unto every good work." *2Timothy 2:21, KJV*

„...but the class represented by the foolish virgins have been content with a superficial work. **They do not know God. They have not studied His character; they have not held communion with Him; therefore they do not know how to trust, how to look and live. Their service to God degenerates into a form. (...) In this life they have not entered into fellowship with Christ; therefore they know not the language of heaven, they are strangers to its joy.** (...) There is nothing that Christ desires so much as agents who will represent to the world His Spirit and character. There is nothing that the world needs so much as the manifestation through humanity of the Saviour's love. All heaven is waiting for channels through which can be poured the holy oil to be a joy and blessing to human hearts. **When Christ reigns in the soul, there is purity, freedom from sin.** The glory, the fullness, the completeness of the gospel plan is fulfilled in the life. The acceptance of the Saviour brings a glow of perfect peace, perfect love, perfect assurance. The beauty and fragrance of the character of Christ revealed in the life testifies that God has indeed sent His Son into the world to be its Saviour." *Christ object lessons by E. G. White, p. 413,419-420*

"The sinners in Zion are afraid; fearfulness hath surprised the hypocrites. Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings?" *Isaiah 33:14, KJV*

When we read further the prophet's words we learn who will be allowed to stay alive and endures to the end.

"**He that walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly;** he that **despiseth the gain of oppressions, that shaketh his**

hands from holding of bribes, that stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood, and shutteth his eyes from seeing evil; He shall dwell on high: his place of defence [shall be] the munitions of rocks: bread shall be given him; his waters [shall be] sure. **Thine eyes shall see the king in his beauty:** they shall behold the land that is very far off. Thine heart shall meditate terror. Where [is] the scribe? where [is] the receiver? where [is] he that counted the towers? Thou shalt not see a fierce people, a people of a deeper speech than thou canst perceive; of a stammering tongue, [that thou canst] not understand. Look upon Zion, the city of our solemnities: thine eyes shall see Jerusalem a quiet habitation, a tabernacle [that] shall not be taken down; not one of the stakes thereof shall ever be removed, neither shall any of the cords thereof be broken. But there the glorious LORD [will be] unto us a place of broad rivers [and] streams; wherein shall go no galley with oars, neither shall gallant ship pass thereby. For the LORD [is] our judge, the LORD [is] our lawgiver, the LORD [is] our king; he will save us. Thy tacklings are loosed; they could not well strengthen their mast, they could not spread the sail: then is the prey of a great spoil divided; the lame take the prey. And the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick: the **people that dwell therein [shall be] forgiven [their] iniquity.**" *Isaiah 33:15-24, KJV*

How can we let our God make us ready in a practical way?

Will we agree that the sanctuary was made in order to teach us how to stop sinning?

If it was not its destination then we could sin on, confess our sins and sin again, then rip out the lamb's throat, not one lamb but thousands of lambs, thousands liters of blood, oil... constant, immeasurable sufferings of God's Son who is still the Carrier of our sins if we still put them on Him by sinning and sinning and sinning...

"Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he [was] wounded for our transgressions, [he was] bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace [was] upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." *Isaiah 53:4-5, KJV*

When would we like to finish the degradation and apostasy of man whom God created in His likeness? Are we really awaiting our Saviour with hearts full of longing for Him?

Jesus will suffer the pain of cross so long as His sanctuary is cleansed which in other words means when His people stop sinning and God's righteousness will lighten the Earth with its full blast.

"Reproach hath broken my heart; and I am full of heaviness: and I looked [for some] to take pity, but [there was] none; and for comforters, but I found none. They gave me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink." *Psalms 69:20-21, KJV*

This true gospel about God's might is a good news about the fact that we can lead sinless life in our sinful bodies – this is what was done for us by God in His Son, and through His Son, God wants to do it in each of us if we want it and believe Him.

This is the essence, this is the foundation on which we can start to build "Ye also, as lively stones, are **built up a spiritual house**, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ." *1Peter 2:5, KJV*

The Old Testament Sanctuary and its service revealed but one aim – the full revelation of God in body. This God's aim has not been reached, yet – but God will reach it with or without us – "**Him that overcometh** will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, [which is] new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and [I will write upon him] my new name." *Revelation 3:5, KJV*

He that overcometh or in other words the Philadelphia, 144000, the firstfruits will form the "holy priesthood". "And he said unto me, Son of man, the place of my throne, and the place of the soles of my feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel for ever, and my holy name, shall the house of Israel no more defile, [neither] they, nor their kings, by their whoredom, nor by the carcasses of their kings in their high places." *Ezekiel 43:7, KJV*

The ancient Israel had never understood the lessons which came from the sanctuary, and the priests were doing their most to make people sin because the sacrifices were forming their wealth. Therefore, the priests hated the prophets who constantly called the people towards purity and avoiding buying sacrifices but called the people towards obedience and sanctification.

"And Samuel said, Hath the LORD [as great] delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey [is] better than sacrifice, [and] to hearken than the fat of rams." *1Samuel 15:22, KJV*

"Wherewith shall I come before the LORD, [and] bow myself before the high God? shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves of a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, [or] with ten thousands of rivers of oil? shall I give my firstborn [for] my transgression, the fruit of my body [for] the sin of my soul?" *Micah 6:6-7, KJV*

Then we read the answer: “He hath shewed thee, O man, what [is] good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, **but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?**” *Micah 6:8, KJV*

Today we think that our greatest virtue is repentance, penance and confession of sins. But this is what we can do all our lives and be lost forever!

The main aim of the sanctuary service was to teach the people abhorrence and abomination of sin and sinning. God wanted to make the abhorrence in us so great so we could “go, and sin no more.” *John 8:11, KJV*

We may wonder why killing of lambs became such a common custom among the Jews. We may wonder why they did not abhor what they did. But do we wonder why we do not abhor sinning? We have also got used to killing the God’s Son and therefore we sin and confess, sin and confess. This fact does not obscure our talking about God’s love. Our lips talk about God’s love, we say how much we love Him and then we sin again and confess and sin again.

So on one hand we love Him and on the other hand we kill Him...

I do not know whether we are aware of the fact that in the Old Testament sanctuary service if somebody sinned because of oversight or just by mistake had to bring the sacrifice to the temple. But there was, and consequently there *is no sacrifice* for the wilful sinning performed with premeditation (*Leviticus 4*).

For the willful breaking of the law there was death!

Let us analyze Paul’s words in a full context:

“Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; And [having] an high priest over the house of God; **Let us draw near with a true heart** in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled **from an evil conscience**, and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the profession of [our] faith without wavering; (for he [is] faithful that promised;) **And let us consider one another to provoke unto love** and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some [is]; but exhorting [one another]: **and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins**, But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. He that despised Moses’ law **died without mercy** under two or three witnesses: Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, **who hath trodden under foot the Son of God**, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace? For we know him that hath said, Vengeance [belongeth] unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people. [It is] a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. But call to remembrance the former days, in which, after ye were illuminated, ye endured a great fight of afflictions; Partly, whilst ye were made a gazingstock both by reproaches and afflictions; and partly, whilst ye became companions of them that were so used. For ye had compassion of me in my bonds, and took joyfully the spoiling of your goods, knowing in yourselves that ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance. **Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.** For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry. Now the just shall live by faith: but if [any man] draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. **But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.**” *Hebrews 10:19-39, KJV*

So if we sin willfully having known the whole truth there is no sacrifice for us.

Whom God hath set forth [to be] a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

“Little children, **let no man deceive you**: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as **he is righteous. In this the children of God are manifest**, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.” *1John 3:7, 10, KJV*

“Let no man deceive you”, do not believe the hired hands who work in church as priests who deceive you with the idea of the cheap mercy. Do not believe them when they tell you from behind the church pulpits that you are newborns in Christ despite the fact that you still sin the same sins, and repeat sinning the same sins. This is a deception and the end of it is eternal death. You will die in your sins.

Right now we are going to analyze the experience of being truly newborn. What does it mean for those who are to be prepared for the death in Christ and then to rise from the dead.

As a matter of fact we have not started yet analyzing the scope of the final preparation which must be a part of the Christian experience for those who are to stay alive while Jesus second coming. For them an even deeper and fuller renewal and sanctification must be done.

“Real piety begins when all compromise with sin is at an end.” *Thoughts from the Mount of Zion by E. G. White, p. 91*

This is the very beginning of the sanctification symbolized by entering the holy place in the sanctuary where we do not sin wilfully. In the holy place where we grow in our sanctification God makes us aware of the sins which had been committed by us in our unconsciousness. But we still must enter the most holy place where we must be purified and literally sin must be erased from our minds. Having confessed and got rid of the sins for ever, Jesus erases the sin from our consciousness and subconsciousness... only people who will be prepared in this way will be allowed to stay alive till Jesus second coming and survive the time when there will be no mediator in the sanctuary. They will stay faithful to God till the very end.

And what shall happen to those Adventists who are still in the court: sin - the lamb; sin – the lamb; sin – the lamb; sin - confession; sin - confession...?!

“Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak [this] to your shame.” *1 Corinthians 15:34, KJV*

As we are the last generation we must be fully aware of what is forgiveness and what is the blotting out, deleting of our sins. The 144000 must experience the other.

“And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for [his] only [son], and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for [his] firstborn.” *Zechariah 12:10, KJV*

We will not experience such repentance and atonement if we do not love God with all our heart, with all our strength, with undivided love; if we do not love Him unconditionally, not for a prize, neither for salvation but for His glory and for justification of His name before the whole Universe.

It is not thinking over my own sufferings that brings the saints to blotting out their sins but thinking over the sufferings of Jesus in the cross of Calvary.

The range of our preparation includes each and every detail of our lives - our personal, marital, family and church lives.

Today we are to cross the Jordan and to conquer the promised land – our heavenly Canaan.

“This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. And Joshua said unto the people, **Sanctify yourselves:** for to morrow the LORD will do wonders among you.” *Joshua 1:8; 3:5, KJV*

This is the only way to conquer successfully the Canaan – the unconditioned obedience to God as a result of our faith and love – Joshua was an example of such a God’s man, Jesus Christ was an obedient God’s Son and He longs to be such in us through His Spirit.

“To whom God would make known what [is] the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is **Christ in you, the hope of glory: Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; **that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.”** *Colossians 1:27-28, KJV***

God’s law judges our motives of our hearts, our thoughts, our words and deeds – such a dimension of God’s law includes its spiritual aspect- therefore no one can live by God’s law if he or she is not newly born in Spirit to new life in Jesus Christ when His righteousness is put within us and our hearts and minds.

“For this [is] the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God...”, Only such people are God’s people.

“...and they shall be to me a people.” *Hebrews 8:10, KJV*

“The sin of Judah [is] written with a pen of iron, [and] with the point of a diamond: [it is] graven upon the table of their heart, and upon the horns of your altars.” *Jeremiah 17:1, KJV*

Nowadays God has to write with a pen of iron His law upon the table of our hearts. On the heart tables of those who

will not experience death; this “operation” must be done on the “living organism”.

“He did not consent to sin. Not even by a thought did He yield to temptation. So it may be with us.” *Desire of Ages* by E. G. White, p. 123

“Every impure thought defiles the soul, impairs the moral sense, and tends to obliterate the impressions of the Holy Spirit. (...) **All impurity of speech or of thought must be shunned by him who would have clear discernment of spiritual truth.**” *Desire of Ages* by E. G. White, p. 302

What does that mean to us in our practical lives?

Whoever is angry with another person, or feels reluctance, anger, not to mention hatred to another person is the murderer of this person. Additionally if anyone uses abuses or insults as e.g. “fool” shows the bad state of his or her own heart – wicked heart.

“Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire. Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift. Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison. Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing.” *Mathew 5:21-26, KJV*

We do not have to emanate with antipathy and aversion to our neighbours. It is enough of evil if we just think about other people in this way. Our thoughts tell us who we are.

Any backbiting, telling gossip, talking publically about somebody else’s sins shows our lack of Love and our need to patronize and condescend towards others. And it is written: “[Let] nothing [be done] through strife or vainglory; **but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.**” *Philippians 2:3, KJV*

Let us now read about the way Jesus treated people belonging to different society classes:

“The divine Teacher **bears with the erring through all their perversity.** His love does not grow cold; His efforts to win them do not cease. With outstretched arms He waits to welcome again and again the erring, the rebellious, and even the apostate. His heart is touched with the helplessness of the little child subject to rough usage. The cry of human suffering never reaches His ear in vain. Though all are precious in His sight, the rough, sullen, stubborn dispositions draw most heavily upon His sympathy and love; for He traces from cause to effect. The one who is most easily tempted, and is most inclined to err, is the special object of His solicitude.” *Education* by E.G. White, p. 294

“His tender compassion fell with a touch of healing upon weary and troubled hearts. Even amid the turbulence of angry enemies He was surrounded with an atmosphere of peace. The beauty of His countenance, the loveliness of His character, above all, the love expressed in look and tone, drew to Him all who were not hardened in unbelief.” *The Desire of Ages* by E. G. White, p. 254

Only the ones who will show this character will enter Heaven. “We need to understand that **imperfection of character is sin.**” *Christ’s Object Lesson* by E. G. White, p.330

“It is true that there may be an outward correctness of deportment without the renewing power of Christ. The love of influence and the desire for the esteem of others may produce a well-ordered life. Self-respect may lead us to avoid the appearance of evil. A selfish heart may perform generous actions. By what means, then, shall we determine whose side we are on?

Who has the heart? With whom are our thoughts? Of whom do we love to converse? Who has our warmest affections and our best energies? If we are Christ’s, our thoughts are with Him, and our sweetest thoughts are of Him. All we have and are is consecrated to Him. We long to bear His image, breathe His spirit, do His will, and please Him in all things.” *Steps to Christ* by E. G. White, p. 58

Talking about the spiritual aspect of God’s law we must be aware of its standards. If anyone watches or listens to obscene language or pictures as e.g. love scenes in films then he or she takes part in adultery. When we watch in films love acts we take part in adultery. Additionally those acts are not real love acts, they are played by actors who also take part in adultery while filming and then we accompany them while watching these movies. The same line of reasoning refers to any acts of physical abuse, shedding blood or anything that is generally known as worldly life.

“Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.” *Colossians 3:2, KJV*

“Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things [are] honest, whatsoever things [are] just, whatsoever things [are] pure, whatsoever things [are] lovely, whatsoever things [are] of good report; if [there be] any virtue, and if [there be] any praise, think on these things.” *Philippians 4:8, KJV*

We have no chance for being forgiven our sins, not to mention blotting them out if we ruin our minds and hearts with anything that comes from this world. Let us mention a few examples: television, cinema, radio, newspapers and magazines, Internet and its news web portals and all other ungodly and impudent content, computer games, sport with its competing aspect, politics, ungodly relations, (unequal yoke), playing church and religion, dietary habits and customs of this world, fashion, the way we dress...

We can not become Jesus’ disciples if we do not abandon ALL that we have (*Luke 14:25-35*) If we love anything that comes from this world then God’s love has no space in our hearts (*1John 2:15-16*) as His Kingdom is not from this world (*John 18:36*).

Let us not be surprised then that the world wins with us. Let us not be surprised that we are weak or we do not have enough faith which is typical for the winners.

We have no chance to win with temptations if we dwell in satan’s territory. We are what we think, what we say and what we do. And this is a consequence of what we think about, what we watch, what we listen to, what we talk about, how we talk and how we dress. If we breach of any of those aspects – then we are off target which means that we sin. And in this way we rob ourselves from God’s Spirit, we make ourselves weak and consequently when the temptation comes we are too weak to win it because at that stage we are sin. Satan has his “hooks” in us to which he can refer. On the other hand when as the fruit of our change in thinking we stop eating, drinking, dressing and living like the world does, then no temptation will win with us since satan will have no “hooks” in us for which he could draw us to the world.

Therefore being Jesus Christ’s disciple means abandoning everything that belongs to this world and coming after Him. Only then we can be freed from sin, from our fallen nature and we will be allowed to be changed into His likeness. But even then there is one more condition: “... **If ye continue in my word, [then] are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. They answered him, We be Abraham’s seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free? Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, **Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.** And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: [but] the Son abideth ever. If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.” *John 8:31-36, KJV***

Jesus said these words to believers, but still defeated by sin “Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him...” *John 8:31, KJV*

These words were not spoken to people from the world but to those ones who believed in Him and whom He invites to become His disciples. 11 disciples abided in His word therefore they experienced new birth. Enduring in His word (teaching) means obedience. “And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?” *Luke 6:46, KJV*

We are still analyzing the aspect of forgiveness, abandoning sin, new birth which is a condition for salvation. A man in such a state is prepared for death in Christ and resurrection to eternal life. Such a person is not guilty of any sin that he or she commits unconsciously.

However, the work which must be done for 144000 of those who will not experience death, the work which will make them saints in all scopes of life in their consciousness is much richer and deeper. This work will make them pure and sanctified as Jesus was who had no awareness of sin because he had never committed sin. Sin must be blotted out from their SUBCONSCIOUSNESS DURING THEIR LIFETIME. During their lives the sanctuary of their minds must be cleansed in the same meaning as was the earthly sanctuary during The Day of Atonement. The cleansing of the heavenly sanctuary is happening right now. Jesus service in the heavenly sanctuary in the most holy place since 1844 has this dimension. It is the preparation of 144000 of those whose minds will be blotted out of sin even in their subconsciousness.

Are we threatened to “grow” a mind which will be unable to understand and accept the revealed truth of God’s Word and its standard to which the last generation living on the earth must grow?

“The only way in which we can gain a more perfect apprehension of truth is by keeping the heart tender and subdued by the Spirit of Christ. The soul must be cleansed from vanity and pride, and vacated of all that has held it in possession, and Christ must be enthroned within.” *The Desire of Ages by E.G. White, p. 494*

“We can receive of heaven’s light **only as we are willing to be emptied of self.** We cannot discern the character of God, or accept Christ by faith, **unless we consent to the bringing into captivity of every thought to the obedience of Christ.** *The Desire of Ages by E. G. White, p. 181*

So it has been clearly revealed to us that if we use dirty words, if we cherish unclean thoughts and when we think improperly about our neighbours, when we treat them badly and impolitely, then we will not be able to recognize the spiritual truth. Even our faith without maintaining under control each and every our thought and in obedience to God is not enough to understand everything that is holy and eternal.

“The noble powers of the mind may be so dwarfed by lack of exercise on themes worthy of their concentration **as to lose their ability to grasp the deep meaning of the word of God.**” *Steps to Christ by E. G. White, p. 90*

Then we can often read the Bible but its message will never reach us and finally we will call the Truth false and this will be our end.

God communicates with us through our minds. Every sin is encoded in our minds and in spite of the fact that God forgives them all, still the scar of sins remains.

“Our thoughts are to be strictly guarded; for one impure thought makes a deep impression on the soul. An evil thought leaves an evil impress on the mind.” *Messages to Young People by E. G. White, p. 144*

“Every mistake, every error, unimportant though it may be regarded, leaves a scar in this life and a blot on the heavenly records.” *Our High Calling by E. G. White, p. 227*

“Every impure thought defiles the soul, impairs the moral sense, and tends to obliterate the impressions of the Holy Spirit. It dims the spiritual vision, so that men cannot behold God. The Lord may and does forgive the repenting sinner; but though forgiven, the soul is marred. All impurity of speech or of thought must be shunned by him who would have clear discernment of spiritual truth.” *Desire of Ages by E.G. White, p. 302*

No one of us who will live during the second Jesus coming, will enter Heaven with the awareness of his or her sins, even despite the fact that they had been forgiven.

The process of blotting out the subconscious sins started in 1844 and began with the righteous dead people. They will rise from death with minds cleansed from sin. Jesus will cover all their unconscious shortcomings with His own righteousness. They confessed and abandoned all sins that were made conscious to them.

But it is totally different with those ones who will live on the Earth when Jesus comes back. They will live without the Mediator in the Sanctuary. Today we are unable to imagine what it really means. If we are still in the court then our fate is wrong.

If we are in the holy place where our sanctification begins then it is high time so we went by faith at the judgement to the most holy place. It means a very deep examination, it means gathering in the temple, it means humbling our souls and calling for help in fasting and ashes. (*Joel 1:14, 2:1-3, 12-17; Sof. 2:1-3*)

Do we still have time to wait with our preparation? When shall the awakening of God’s people happen? Tomorrow? In a week? In a few months? In a few years? Why should the elders, the children and infants be gathered among the saints, too?

“**He is a perfect pattern of childhood, of youth, of manhood.**” *‘The faith I live by’ by E. G. White, p. 219*

“Through being partakers of the divine nature we may stand pure and holy and undefiled.” *3 Selected Messages by E. G. White, p. 131*

Each and every man at every age can be saint and unblemished. The life of Jesus Christ which glorifies God the Father can be revealed in every man at every age.

“Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger. When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained.” *Psalms 8:2-3, KJV*

Through the demonstration of His glory revealed in everyday practical life of His people, in families, in marriages, among the elders and children God wants to shut the mouths of all His enemies. Through the demonstration of God’s glory, Satan and his supporters who have always been God’s and man’s enemy are to be silenced for ever.

What tragic consequences will meet the believing parents who do not take care and do not protect minds of their children? Because of parents’ neglect many generations have joined the ranks of Satan and his demons. The children of allegedly believing parents are highly neglected in their spiritual growth.

“What the child sees and hears is drawing **deep lines upon the tender mind**, which no after circumstances in life can entirely efface.” *Child Guidance by E.G. White, p.199*

Are we fully aware of the importance of this message?

How many of us have now no time, neither the possibility to catch up the lost time and mend all the damages. But still we should never give up.

Today is the time when we must wake up and raise. Today is the time of reformation in every area of our lives.

Lack of proper education and upbringing at our homes have created paedocracy which means that our children rule and govern our homes. They make law at homes. The children and the youth have been leaving the church in great numbers. Some of them stay in church and lead superficial, sham religious life mainly by showing their talents in singing events. This all has led to lack of fear of God.

The health reform is not respected. Most of Adventists have still problems with stopping eating meat sweets, drinking coffee. Very few are vegan not to mention raw vegan which should have been our diet for many years now.

Besides, the reform of health is not only diet but it is the whole lifestyle we should lead which should differentiate us from the world.

Today young Adventists know nothing about the fact that they should not take part in any sport competitions. They shouldn't take part in any games that demand competition. No chess, not even draughts. No computer games, no films, no listening to worldly music, no reading worldly books.

As far as our clothes are concerned we should also reform our tastes. I suppose that young Adventists know nothing about the Prophet's message referring to the way we should dress. Still the message exists and it is very detailed for women, children and men.

Today Adventists do not distinguish from the world as far as clothes are concerned.

There is no reformation without awakening and renewal. The true awakening accompanied The Millerite movement. The awakening was accompanied by lowliness, meekness and humility. Everybody was ready to examine their hearts, abandon all worldly practices and restore their lives.

Do we think that the blotting out of our sins from our minds will be done with the use of a magic wand?

"For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins." *Hebrews 10:2, KJV* There is no way to blot out or erase our sins from our consciousness when the sinner still offers sacrifices, sin-prayer, sin-prayer, sin-the lamb, sin-the lamb again. But if we stop sinning in our lives thanks to God's grace which will act in us effectively then we do not have to offer sacrifices – our daily repentance prayers "**Now where remission of these [is, there is] no more offering for sin.**" *Hebrews 10:8, KJV*

When we live with the victorious life of Jesus in us we do not need to constantly confess our sins because we do not commit them.

Jesus as a perfect sacrifice has been serving us in the sanctuary in the most holy place since 1844. Has He got any Might to purify us once for all from our sins and then erase them from our consciousness?

Unfortunately, Jesus can not do it for us if we are still on the court. He can not do it if we still sin and bring our sins to the sanctuary. On the other hand, those who have abandoned any relation with sin, walk in the light of the holy place where each and every unconscious sin is made clear to them so they could abandon it and then consequently being pure they can enter by faith the most holy place where Jesus is and where He will erase their sins from their subconsciousness.

"Do not think that God will work a miracle to save those weak souls who cherish evil, who practice sin; **or that some supernatural element will be brought into their lives**, lifting them out of self into a higher sphere, where it will be comparatively easy work, without any special effort, any special fighting, without any crucifixion of self; because all who dally on Satan's ground for this to be done will perish with the evildoers. They will be suddenly destroyed, and that without remedy." *Testimonies to Ministers by E. G. White, p. 453*

Jesus can erase sins from our subconsciousness only then when we do not commit them. Nothing will happen automatically, it is a process of purification which is happening right now in the Day of Atonement in the Most Holy Place of the Sanctuary.

Therefore "Gather yourselves together, yea, gather together, O nation not desired; Before the decree bring forth, [before] the day pass as the chaff, before the fierce anger of the LORD come upon you, before the day of the LORD'S anger come upon you. Seek ye the LORD, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the LORD'S anger." *Zephaniah 2:1-3, KJV*

Now we should understand better the following quotation:

“Those who delay a preparation for the day of God cannot obtain it in the time of trouble or at any subsequent time. **The case of all such is hopeless.**” *The Great Controversy by E. G. White, p. 620*

We can add to it that anybody who is unconcerned and lighthearted and too lazy to let God examine his or her heart has already sentenced himself or herself to death.

Why is it so? The process of blotting out of our sins from our consciousness and subconsciousness can not be done within one or two days or even within a week sometimes neither within a year. If you had abandoned a sin in your life and never committed it again, then how much time did it take you to forget it in such a way that you are not aware of it and you do not even remember its ‘taste’?

Jesus said: “Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, **and hath nothing in me.**” *John 14:30, KJV*

“**Not even by a thought** could our Saviour be brought to yield to the power of temptation. (...) Satan could find nothing in the Son of God that would enable him to gain the victory. He had kept His Father’s commandments, and there was no sin in Him that Satan could use to his advantage. **This is the condition** in which those must be found who shall stand in the time of trouble.” *The Great Controversy by E. G. White, p. 623*

Can we say about ourselves that satan has nothing in us? So when will we be ready to utter such words???

Before Jesus healed the man who had been suffering from his illness for 38 years asked him: “Wilt thou be made whole?” *John 5:6, KJV*

Today Jesus asks the same question to us: “Wilt thou be made whole?”

Do we really want to become whole? Whole for Jesus? With all the consequences of the healing?

And what are these consequences? Living by God’s standards. Do we really want it since we have so many problems with choosing to walk by His paths and fulfilling His will? Or do we want to be whole so we could do more evil?

The problem is that the majority of us do not want to be whole, because this would mean that we would have to abandon things that we like and about which we know that God does not like them. Therefore we choose to be sick, to be sinful and we drift on the endless waters of wickedness and empty religious life which has no power and is not victorious. And Jesus would like to make us winners. He would like us to lead joyful, victorious life which brings fulfillment and atonement with His Father and the whole Universe.

The problem becomes greater as many of us do not even know that they are sick. Sin as a cancer penetrates our souls and we do not know it because we do not want to know. And then the day will come when the contaminated cells will bear their ill fruit which is death.

Only when we will let make ourselves fully aware of the fact that we are sick and that we need healing and only when we get to know the conditions of the healing process – we will be healed.

And what is this condition? It is FAITH. Faith which is active in love, faith which bears fruit of unconditioned obedience to God and His Word. Faith which through deeds becomes perfect. (*James 2:14-26*)!!! Only such faith can make us perfect.

Thanks to such faith Jesus could heal the man who had been sick for 38 years. Thanks to such faith this man is able to live without sin and lead sinless life following His Master.

“Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: **sin no more**, lest a worse thing come unto thee.” *John 5:14, KJV*

This faith relies on the power of Word which Jesus speaks to us and does not rely on our own skills. This faith is obedient to God and to every message received from Him. This faith does not discuss with God: “...is it really necessary? Oh... is it really so?” this faith accepts humbly and gratefully every light, advice, truth and word because this faith knows it is good and brings the man closer to God whom he or she loves with all, undivided heart.

The most important task for today is to show the God’s people the need to see the abomination of sin in which they wallow. Only then people can be aware of the need to be healed. Then we must get to know the condition of the healing: “So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple” *Luke 14:33* and this condition is to forsake all that we have otherwise we are unable to recognize and get to know the Truth. The only Truth which can make us FREE – free from the illness of sin.

We must be aware of the fact that any feeling of anger towards somebody else makes us murderers. We are not newly

born in our hearts if we are easily made nervous, irritated; if we lack in patience – if we show those flaws we are still in flesh even if we think that we are very religious people...

I would like to make you aware of the fact that even possessing a TV set or a radio at home is making an altar for demons at our homes. TV and radio are the nowadays homely gods (*2Kings 23:24*). Watching TV which is full of worldly themes created in order to fog and confuse our minds is as sinful as breaking any of the 10 commandments. Everything that destroys our frontal lobe in our brains which is responsible for our spiritual growth and contact with God is sinful.

Gluttony, lack of temperance, covetousness of flesh, eyes and love of world – these are the prevailing sins of modern civilization. “With the terrible weight of the sins of the world upon Him, Christ withstood the test upon appetite, upon the love of the world, and upon that love of display which leads to presumption.” *Desire of Ages by E. G. White, p. 116*

The most dangerous factors ruining the frontal lobe of our brains are alcohol, narcotics, nicotine, cigarettes, caffeine (coffee and tea), cocoa, teobromin, black and green tea, sugar, all kinds of sweets, baked cakes, natural hot spices, refined oils, white flour, all bakery products made of white flour, white rice, vinegar and all preserves made with the use of vinegar, every kind of meat, milk and all dairy produce, all artificial and chemical medicines, TV, cinema, novels, sexual freedom, pornography, masturbation.

We are living in the times when there are only a few products which we can buy in regular shops. All the shops’ shelves are packed with food which is full of chemicals such as additives, colouring agents. Each and every day we eat too many harmful substances served to us by demons.

Let us once again sum up what destroys our brains: **caffeine** (coffee, tea, cocoa, chocolate, chocolate sweets), **teine** (black and green tea), **nicotine**, **narcotics**, **most of medicines**: asthmatic medicines, medicines for regulating the blood pressure, antiallergic medicines, medicines for colds, for heart, sleeping pills, painkillers, tranquilizers, anticancer medicines, **artificial feeding of babies**, **saturated fats** (meat, milk, dairy produce), **improperly composed diet**, **sugar and sweets**, **refined products**, **highly processed food**, **lack of carbohydrates**, **tyramine** (all kinds of cheeses, wine, beer) **tryptamine** (all kinds of cheeses, fish, sausages).

Television. Television is the greatest modern god. It is the most wicked cult, god of millions and main medium of satan. The TV and film techniques destroy the frontal lobe, poisons the organism with harmful radiation and information. And it does not matter whether it is a film, music, a talk with a priest or a politician, or a scientific documentary. It is not the truth nor the honesty that governs TV therefore we will not find either of the two in TV. No truth, no honesty. TV is the worst of all known techniques of manipulating with people’s awareness. It is the most dangerous as it is the most common.

The technique of filming includes quickly changing pictures within one second which brings our minds in a state of hypnosis – it affects our consciousness as well as our subconsciousness.

Radio – drowns out and obscures God’s voice

Do you still want to become “healthy”? Will you leave everything and go to meet the Bridegroom? And leaving all these things is the very beginning of the healing process, then comes getting rid of your weaknesses of character, changing of your habits which form our characters and changing of our thinking, of our mentality.

This is how God’s people were described:

“And they shall **see** his face; and **his name** [shall be] in their foreheads.” *Revelation 22:4, KJV*

Whom you should look at? Whom should you listen to? Whose Spirit should you be filled?

This is the message to Philadelphia, the last victorious church:

“Because **thou hast kept the word of my patience**, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall **come upon all the world**, to try them that dwell upon the earth. **Behold, I come quickly**: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. **Him that overcometh** will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, [which is] new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and [I will write upon him] my new name.” *Revelation 3:10-12, KJV*

Let us analyze verse 10 in another Bible translation: “**Because thou didst keep the word of my endurance**, I also will keep thee from the hour of the trial that is about to come upon all the world, to try those dwelling upon the earth.” *Revelation 3:10; Young’s Literal Translation*

In one more translation we read: “Because you have kept the word **about waiting for me**, I also will keep you from the hour of temptation which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.” *Revelation 3:10, translation of The New Testament by priest Seweryn Kowalski*

Only if we keep Jesus' words about His coming and about our preparation to it, we will victoriously go through the last events on the earth.

May we belong to the last generation of Philadelphians, may true God's love, love of Philadelphia which means fraternal or brotherly love dwell among us so the day would not surprise us and would not be the greatest disappointment of our lives; so the day would not be the loss of eternal life but a happy and joyful crowning of God's plan of salvation which has been made true and effective in our lives.

"And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, **and joy in my people:** and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying." *Isaiah 65:19, KJV*

"Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left [us] of entering into his rest, **any of you should seem to come short of it.** For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard [it]. For we which have believed do enter into rest, **as he said,** As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. For he spake in a certain place of the seventh [day] on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works. And in this [place] again, If they shall enter into my rest. **Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief:** Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, **To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts.** For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day. There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God [did] from his. **Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.** For the word of God [is] quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, **piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and [is] a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.** Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things [are] naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do. Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast [our] profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as [we are, yet] without sin. **Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."** *Hebrews 4:1-16, KJV*

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