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# The Last Warning

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#### **Foreword**

There is a sealing of the Holy Spirit in the last days. That time is now! Coupled with the time of sealing are destructive events in nature and in the affairs of men. This book exposes some if not all of those events that will make us aware that we are now in the dangerous time of the end and that our time should be given in searching our hearts and see if we are ready to be sealed.

The purpose of this book is to see the reality of the fulfilled prophecy of the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy, so that each one of us who longs for the coming of Jesus Christ would live up to the expectation of God, that is to live a Christlike life. It is not the purpose of this book to deeply investigate and critic events as in some of the information given, but to expose them as they have occurred.

Seventh-day Adventist Christians are the most informed body of believers in terms of prophecy. The church was blessed with inspired men and women, example Mrs. Ellen G. White's inspiration helping men and women to prepare for the great final days of this earth history, yet believers can be easily fallen prey to the subtle deception that has been described in time past by Mrs. Ellen G. White.

One issue that will make Seventh-day Adventist lax with its faith is from the words of Jesus itself when he said, "Occupy till I come." I, as a Seventh-day

Adventist Christian will say, we have a mission to occupy till Jesus will come. Yet, as we are in this 21<sup>st</sup> century, we enjoyed what it has to offer us. We are enjoying the very fulfillment of what Daniel saw in his visions that knowledge shall increase in the last days. Aside from education, we have the technology boom. We connect with our loved ones in real time even when they are on the other side of the planet. We know what is happening in the world by just clicking at the electronic mouse. People can move easily from here to there in global terms.

As we enjoy more and more of these stuffs and comforts of the modern technology we tend to forget that we are a people who are preparing for the soon coming of Jesus Christ, a peculiar people. Because of the trend of today's ideals, fashion, and culture we sometimes loose our view of the Heavenly Kingdom and the importance of having the Christlike character which is very crucial for the believers than acquiring things in this world. Sometimes we are tempted to conclude that the coming of the Lord is still far away. I heard a lay preacher in the local church who said, "We need to wait for the Sunday Law to be proclaimed. That is a sure sign that Jesus' coming is close." And because the rumor of the Sunday Law is still not an issue of the present day we use the phrase "occupy till I come" as an excuse for our selfish ambitions for the pursuit of money, fame, material things, and comfort. We make excuses that we still

have lots of time in the future to worship the Lord wholeheartedly. This is the most dangerous presumption of the truth. Let us be careful in our pursuits of life today. Notice what Ellen G. White said about today; "I would say that we are living in a most solemn time. In the last vision given to me, I was shown the startling fact that but a small portion of those who now profess the truth will be sanctified by it and be saved. Many will get above the simplicity of the work. They will conform to the world, cherish idols, and become spiritually dead' (Testimonies for the Church, vol. 1, pp.608, 609).

We need to ponder seriously on the statement above. To make us more aware of our time, we will talk of some tremendous truths that serve as landmarks that indeed we are nearing home.

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## Chapter 1

# The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Events

Mrs. White speaks of our time as a solemn one. Why? I will discuss three issues that have significance in the fulfillment of Jesus' imminent coming. First, the issue of same sex marriage. Second about the subject of genetic engineering, third, the Discovery of the Ark of the Covenant, and fourth, I will touch a little about the fulfillment of Revelation 13.

Perhaps we have come to the most deluded time in our post modern world. Wickedness and blatant disregard of God's Law is prevalent in our time. This simply shows we are coming to the peak of God's patience before He will unleash his wrath again. I said again because the very nature of sins that prompted God to destroy part or whole of the earth is happening now in our very time. One of the most nauseating issues occurring today is the issue of the same-sex marriage.

#### Same-Sex Marriage

Same-sex marriage is now approved in America. Hundreds of couples are now legally married both in Boston and California beginning on May 17, 2008. We saw these couples openly broadcasted on the news and on televisions. This is the benchmark of history that clearly portrays repeating the Sodomite practices that led Sodom and Gomorrah's total annihilation.

God hated this sin. It is an insult to the design he has made to his creatures. The account portrayed in the Bible shows how grievous this issue is in the sight of God that it requires for these cities to be totally erased.

Genesis 18: 20 – "And the Lord said, because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous."

Jude 7 – "Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire."

Homosexuals and lesbian today are, in fact, crying for the third sex issue. This phenomenon has challenged church stand and has made part of the judiciary system at naught. Legalizing it shows the landmark that the Lord is about to punish the world again.

## **Genetic Engineering**

Another issue in the 21<sup>st</sup> century that is a recurrence of the past involves the scientist ability to re-engineer our genes. We know it now as Genetic Engineering.

What is the significance on this subject in relation to the end time events? Its significance is great in magnitude. Mrs. White had seen it in vision that this will happen at the end time. What makes genetic engineering so big then? To answer the question, let me explain it in a lay man term and in the way I understand it in my research.

Genetic Engineering is the technology that manipulates genes of every living thing that God created. The technology today is very sophisticated that according to their scientist, they can modify the genotype of the unborn individual to control what traits it will possess when born. *In short, humans in the future if allowed by God will become super human as projected in the movies today.* (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Human\_genetic\_engineering, Italics mine.)

This is genetic engineering at the tip of the iceberg. Can you see the wide range of possibilities genetic engineering can do in changing or destroying our species? Although ethical issues restrain this breakthrough to make further unethical results, it has a claim of success.

- Chinese scientists at the Shanghai Second Medical University in 2003 successfully fused human cells with rabbit eggs. The embryos were reportedly the first human-animal chimeras successfully created.
- In Minnesota last year researchers at the Mayo Clinic created pigs with human blood flowing through their bodies.
- Weissman has already created mice with brains that are about one percent human. Later this year he may conduct another experiment where the mice have 100 percent human brains. This would be done, he said, by injecting human neurons into the brains of embryonic mice. (www.NationalGeographic.com/ January 25, 2005 issue)

We have cloning. The possibility of human and animal experiments today is progressing. There are secret experiments today regarding human cloning. Cloning is successful to animals and so genetic engineers move on to human cloning. But I believe this will not succeed because the time now is very short. God cannot allow that to happen as it angered Him at the past. There's a striking statement of Mrs. Ellen G. White regarding this thing:

"But if there was one sin above another which called for the destruction of the race by the flood, it was the base crime of amalgamation of man and beast which defaced the image of God, and caused confusion everywhere" (Spiritual Gifts, vol. 3, p. 64).

Noticed the strong statement, "...the destruction of the race..." because of the sin of amalgamation. The mixing of genes between man and animals, the sin is too great before God that it requires a worldwide flood to annihilate these confusion.





(Figure 1)



(Figure2)

Some more evidences regarding amalgamation are stated below.

"Every species of animal which God had created were preserved in the ark. The confused species which God did not create, which were the result of amalgamation, were destroyed by the flood. Since the flood there has been amalgamation of man and beast, as may be seen in the almost endless varieties of species of animals, and in certain races of men" (Ibid, p. 75).

"In the antediluvian world there were many wonderful works of art and science. Fresh from the hand of the Creator, these descendants of Adam possessed capabilities that we do not now see" (Signs of the Times Feb. 1, 1899).

Did the people before do this wickedness out of ignorance? No. In their time they have intellectual superiority comparing to the disciplined scholars and scientist of our days.

"Notwithstanding the wickedness of the antediluvian world, that age was not, as has often been supposed, an era of ignorance and barbarism. . . . They possessed great physical and mental strength, and their advantages for acquiring both religious and scientific knowledge were unrivaled. . . . Their mental powers were early developed. . . . Could illustrious scholars of our time be placed in

contrast with men of the same age who lived before the Flood, they would appear as greatly inferior in mental as in physical strength. As the years of man have decreased, and his physical strength has diminished, so his mental capacities have lessened. There are men who now apply themselves to study during a period of from twenty to fifty years, and the world is filled with admiration of their attainments. But how limited are these acquirements in comparison with those of men whose mental and physical powers were developing for centuries" (Patriarchs and Prophets, pp. 82, 83).

With the evidences above we can say that God destroyed the world with flood because of the evil of genetic engineering (Figures 1 & 2). In the antediluvian time, that is before the flood destroyed the earth, people defaced the image of God through amalgamation between man and animal. No wonder, the ancient world had records of weird people being made mystic symbols and which archeology today would prove that these animal looking people existed once but are now extinct. Ellen G. White says "these are the confused species which God did not create". This technology created confusion during the antediluvian world and now we have the fact that is being repeated in our present day.

Amidst the lawlessness and wickedness in our time, God can not suffer to hide the truth from men. So amidst those two grievous sins, God has also forewarned that he will provide a just thing that will stand as the basis on how He judge human beings.

#### The discovery of the Ark of the Covenant

One of the most important archeological discoveries in the 21<sup>st</sup> century is The Ark of the Covenant. The Ark of the Covenant was discovered through God's providence. Ron Wyatt, the archeologist whom God had permitted to rediscover a number of significant archeological finds including Noah's ark, the Red Sea crossing site with its encrusted Chariot wheels, and the real Mt. Sinai with its blackened top and altars. He was directed by God to dig in an area outside of old Jerusalem known as the Calvary Escarpment. It was January 6th 1982, when Ron Wyatt made this amazing discovery. To read his most interesting adventure with God and the discovery, go to (<a href="https://www.bibleplus.com">www.bibleplus.com</a>).

Mrs. Ellen G. White said that before the coming of the Lord, the Ark of the Covenant will be found;

HEAVENLY TABLES APPEAR IN THE LAST GREAT DAY

"Thus it is in our time. A departure from right principles will bind the understanding as to what is truth. The Holy law of Ten Commandments, written on tables of stone by the finger of God, and placed in the ark, is the standard of righteousness. Before the obedient and the disobedient it will appear in the last great day, and all the wicked will be convicted. They will see that their actions proceeded from a depraved character. They will see that the part they acted served to carry on the rebellion begun in heavenly courts. The will see all the cruelty and all the wickedness that have dishonored their Creator and brought about the wretchedness that fills the world" (MR 1074, Bk. 13, p 381).

This statement could be understand as occurring on the final day of Jesus appearance but it is no mere coincidence that the hidden Ark of the Covenant was found as to awaken the consciousness of the modern mind that the Holy Law of the Ten Commandments written by the very own finger of God, the standard of righteousness, is kept and unchanged.

#### EARTHLY TABLES OF STONE TO BE BROUGHT FORTH

"By these words Christ has placed this matter beyond all the sophistry of human conjecture. 'And He [Christ] gave unto Moses, when He had made an end of communing with him upon Mount Sinai, two tables of

testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God' (Exodus 31:18). Nothing written on those tables could be blotted out. The precious record of the law was placed in the ark of the testimony and is still there, safely hidden from the human family. But in God's appointed time He will bring forth these tables of stone to be a testimony to all the world against the disregard of His commandments and against the idolatrous worship of a counterfeit Sabbath" (MR 8, 100.).

So, the Ten Commandment of God will stand in full view of men so that there will be no excuses in the time of His judgment.

#### **The Crisis**

Marvin Moore in his book The Coming Great Calamity deals one chapter discussing about the crisis that will come. It is so interesting to see that while he did not know when this is going to happen, we see it as perfectly happening in our time. Here is a quote from his book.

"For many years I had a hard time understanding how revelation 13 could possibly be fulfilled in the world of the late twentieth century. I did not doubt the prophecy. I just could not fit it in with the world in which I lived. I now know that I don't have to fit in with the world in which I live, because Revelation 13 won't be fulfilled in the world in which I live. I am writing these words in December 1995, but Revelation 13 will be fulfilled in a world that is vastly different from the world of 1995" (The Coming Great Calamity, Marvin Moore, pp. 123-133).

September of 2008, thirteen years later, the question of Pastor Moore finds its answer. The financial crisis that hits the United States will mark the fulfillment of the crisis in Revelation 13. For further study, read Marvin Moore's The Coming great Calamity chapter 12, pages 123, 133. Furthermore, Revelation 13 talks of the deception that the world powers have its power to do. Miraculous signs, in literal-scientific world that will be dealt in the latter chapter of this book. Remember that Satan, the old serpent, the dragon, the father of lies has no compassion but to lie, and he lies more at the end time because he knows that his time is short.

I have stated four of the identifying end-time landmarks in this chapter. It is no accident that all these truths and facts are put together in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

As we have read, they have given us weight of significance as pointing to the final day of God's revelation. Just as the destruction of the antediluvian world, the complete destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, and the final delusion of the people of God in the last days are sure, so is the final Revelation of Jesus is sure.

Brethren there is a message here that God wants us to take heed. God wants our attention to focus now on the things that concern our eternal interest. He doesn't want us to be lost when He comes. This is why we are richly given warnings in our time today.

This century is a solemn one because it is in our days that the Lord will appear in the clouds of heaven. This book unfolds at least some of the landmarks of the nearness of Jesus Christ's coming.

## Chapter 2

The Cause of Calamities and Disasters

Scientists have been baffled by the events that are taking place in nature almost successively in this 21<sup>st</sup> century. Based on record, this century has reported the most number of deadly calamities and natural disasters. Everybody is left questioning, what caused them?

Some blamed it to climate change or the popularly termed global warming. Al Gore, the former U.S. Vice President, was recently called the science prophet for warning the world of the threat Greenland is posing having its ice melting significantly. Global warming blames the pollution that is emitted from the earth to the atmosphere and destroys the ions that is shielding the earth from the direct energy wave from the sun. On the other hand the sun is also eyed as having emitted heat waves increasingly causing earth's climate change. Scientific study gave valid significance on these causes while on the other hand, some people blamed sophisticated technologies to have caused global warming, citing for example the facilities in Alaska called HAARP or Highly Active Auroral Research Program.

Here are the facts of calamities and disasters that are occurring in our very time. We will see the messages behind these natural events later.

## Earthquakes and tsunamis

- Dec. 26, 2003. An earthquake devastated the ancient city of Bam, in central Iran, leaving between 31,000 and 43,000 people dead.
- Dec. 26, 2004. A magnitude 9.0 quake struck off the coast of Sumatra, triggering tsunamis that swept through the coastal regions of a dozen countries bordering the Indian Ocean. The death toll has been estimated at between 225,000 and 275,000.

230,000 (and perhaps as many as 290,000) people in 12 countries — including about 168,000 in Indonesia alone were killed in the 2004 earthquake just off the west coast of the island of Sumatra, and the tsunami that followed.

- Oct. 8, 2005. At least 80,000 people were killed and three million left homeless after a quake struck the mountainous Kashmir district in Pakistan.
- More than 69,000 people died in the 2008 Sichuan China earthquake.
   (<a href="http://www.cbc.ca/world/story/2008/05/08/f-natural-disasters-history.html">http://www.cbc.ca/world/story/2008/05/08/f-natural-disasters-history.html</a>)

#### **Hurricanes**

- Hurricane Katrina of the <u>2005 Atlantic hurricane season</u> was the costliest hurricane in the history of the <u>United States</u> and also one of the five deadliest.
- Hurricane Stan--The eighteenth named storm, and tenth hurricane of the 2005 Atlantic Hurricane Season started out modestly, and only was a Category One Hurricane on the Saffir-Simpson Scale when it made landfall over Southern Mexico, but the heavy rains it produced resulted in a deadly toll. Unofficially, as of this time, there have been up to 1,500 deaths in Guatemala, Mexico, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Costa Rica. Officially, there have been 796 deaths so far throughout Mexico (71 dead) and Central America including 652 in Guatemala, and another 71 in El Salvador. In addition, the Mexican Government estimates that damage from Stan will cost approximately \$1.9 billion U.S. Dollars while crop damage in El Salvador is estimated to be about \$10 million. The death toll reported so far with Hurricane Stan makes this storm among the most deadly of all time, and may even surpass the tally accumulated by Hurricane Katrina along the Gulf Coast of the United States. Reasons for the high death toll is that the heavy rains from the dissipating storm produced severe flooding and mudslides. Rainfall amounts ranging between 15 to 20 inches was reported in the region.

- Hurricane Noel--Like Humberto, it was a minimal storm, but this Category One Hurricane was the deadliest and most costly hurricane of the 2007 Atlantic Hurricane Season. The storm, which formed 185 miles South-Southeast of Port-Au-Prince, Haiti left some 163 people dead as well as 59 missing. In addition, Noel left behind some \$742 million in damages including \$500 million on the island of Cuba alone. Maximum sustained winds were 80 miles per hour with gusts up to 95 miles per hour. Minimum central pressure dropped to 28.94 inches, or 980 millibars.
- May 3, 2008. Cyclone Nargis, swept along by winds that exceeded 190 kmh and waves six meters high struck the Burmese peninsula and may have left as many as 100,000 dead, according to U.S. estimates.
   (<a href="http://www.hurricaneville.com/historic.html">http://www.hurricaneville.com/historic.html</a>)

#### Wildfires

2007 (22), 2006 (15), 2005 (15), 2004 (16), 2003 (17), 2002 (18), 2001 (4), 2000
 (27) These are the records of the wildfire in the entire world that sets fire among the hundreds of thousands of forest.

(http://www.mapreport.com/na/west/ba/news/subtopics/d/wildfire.html)

Did the record on disasters baffle you as well? Others in the secular world doubt that some or most of these disasters are done by man. Perhaps they could be true but turning on the Bible we will see the truth as it has been told.

#### The Message behind these Natural Events

One message that is virtually connected to calamities and disasters is the Sealing of God's People.

Revelation 7:1-3 "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 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."

In these verses, we see four angels holding the four winds from hurting the earth. They also have the authority to hurt the earth and the sea after the servants of God have been sealed.

Remember the winds that John mentions are the winds of destruction that will hurt the earth globally. According to Ranko Stefanovic on his comments of Revelation 7:1, the "Winds in the Old Testament symbolizes the destructive forces that are agents of God" (Revelation of Jesus Christ, Commentary on the Book of Revelation, Chapter 7: 1, Andrews University Press, Berrien Springs, Michigan). So it is very clear that this forces that would soon swept the earth is from God. This would come after God's people are sealed in their foreheads. I believe that the reason why the four angels are holding their mission to hurt the earth is that the people of God are not yet sealed. But as soon as they are sealed, the four angels would release their power.

Are we not witnessing the destruction happening all over the world these days? Does this explicitly tell us that the sealing is finished, and that the case of the people of God ready to be saved has been decided? I don't want to propose on such a conclusion. What I am trying to emphasize is that we have to be serious in our Christian life today. Let me quote some of our famous Adventist theologians today about today's sealing time.

1. Marvin Moore says, "We are being sealed now. The most important lesson you and I can learn about the timing of the seal of God is that we are being sealed right now" (The Crisis of the End Time, Pacific Press Publishing Association, 1992, p.142).

- 2. Robert J. Wieland also said, "The work of this angel is sealing God's people is the most important activity in the world today. It will continue until in 'every nation, tribe, tongue, and people' God's true followers shall have been gathered out and sealed' (The Gospel in Revelation, Glad Tidings Publishers, p. 48).
- 3. "What is the seal of the living God, which is placed in the foreheads of His people? It is a mark which angels, but not human eyes, can read; for the destroying angel must see this mark of redemption. The angel with the writer's ink horn is to place a mark upon the foreheads of all who are separated from sin and sinners, and the destroying angel follows this angel. Just as soon as the people of God are sealed in their foreheads—it is not any seal or mark that can be seen, but a settling into the truth, both intellectually and spiritually, so they cannot be moved—just as soon as God's people are sealed and prepared for the shaking, it will come. Indeed, it has begun already; the judgments of God are now upon the land, to give us warning, that we may know what is coming" (SDA Bible Commentary, Vol. 4, p. 1161).

This is a solemn warning and a solemn reminder for us who wants to be the people of God to be serious with our faith and come to God in earnest prayer as the time is already at hand. Ellen G. Whites says, "Local disturbances in nature are permitted to take place as symbols of that which may be expected all over the world when the angels loose the four winds of the earth. The forces of nature are under the direction of an Eternal Agency. Science, in her pride, may seek to explain strange happenings on land and on sea; but science fails of tracing in these things the workings of Providence" (Manuscript Releases, vol. 19, p. 280, bold added).

(By the way, in Al Gore's testimony before the House of Energy and Science committees citing global warming on March 21, 2007, he mentioned that scientist failed to explain the rapid melting of ice in Greenland as contributory to the natural disasters. A hundred years ago, Mrs. Ellen G. White was shown by inspiration that science will fail to explain these as these are the workings of the providence, aside from what humanity has on its power to destroy the earth.)

She further says, "The restraining Spirit of God is even now being withdrawn from the world. Hurricanes, storms, tempests, fire and flood, disasters by sea and land, follow each other in quick succession. Science seeks to explain all these. The signs thickening around us, telling of the near approach of the Son of God, are attributed to any other than the true cause" (Testimonies for the Church, vol. 6, p. 408, bold added).

## **Season of Calamities**

All of these things are just a season of calamities before the end of times. And it is happening in our present day. More than 160 years already that Ellen G. White speaks of our time today. She said," The time is nearing when the great crisis in the history of the world will have come, when movement in the government of God will be watched with intense interest and inexpressible apprehension. In quick succession the judgments of God will follow one another – fire and flood and earthquake, with war and bloodshed" (Testimonies, vol. 9, p 97).

Here is the statement of Mrs. Ellen G. White about the season of calamities:

"There are many souls to come out of the ranks of the world, out of the churches – even the Catholic Church – whose zeal will far exceed that of those who have stood in rank and file of proclaim the truth heretofore....When the crisis is upon us, when the season of calamity shall come, they will come to the front, gird themselves with whole armor of God, and exalt His law" (Selected Messages, book 3, pp. 386,387).

My older brother living in South Korea has told me that there were mothers from the Sunday churches who came looking for an English teacher to teach them in conjunction to studying the Bible. This experience has amazed him and saw that this was one of Mrs. White fulfillment of her prophecy. As we are told, we must make ourselves ready for these children of God will come to us asking for the Lord.

So Mrs. White had seen already the calamities that we are experiencing these years. We couldn't deny these facts today. All we need is to open our eyes and see the salvation of Lord because there are still calamities that will come and is more deadly and devastating than the rest. To add, I would say the little time of trouble is the religious and economic crisis that we will experience shortly, and the great time of trouble is the unleashing of the four winds held by the angels and shortly the Lord will appear in glory. Have you noticed that as the year 2000 steps on the history of the world the calamities and disasters begun pouring in?

#### Balls of fire in the future

Mrs. Ellen G. White predicted that, before Jesus comes this phenomenon will be seen in the world as a form of destruction especially to the wicked cities

and evil people. They will be caught unaware when this destruction comes. She said;

Last night a scene was presented before me. I may never feel free to reveal all of it, but I will a little. It seemed that an immense ball of fire came down upon the world, and crushed large houses. From place to place rose to cry. "The Lord has come! The Lord has come!" Many were unprepared to meet Him, but a few were saying "Praise the Lord!"

"Why are you praising the Lord?" inquired those upon whom was coming sudden destruction. Because we now see what we have been looking for."

If you believed that these things were coming, why did you not tell us? Was the terrible response. "We did not know about these things. Why did you leave us in ignorance? Again and again you have seen us; why did you not become acquainted with us, and tell us of the judgment to come, and that we must serve God, lest we perish? Now we are lost" (Ms. 102, 1904, quoted in Reflecting Christ, p 243; see also Testimonies, vol.9 p, 28, and Evangelism, p.29).

Marvin Moore also concluded in his book when he said, "Although I can't speak with certainty, Luke's words cause me to believe that large meteorites and possibly asteroids may well be among the judgments God

allows to come on the world during the season of calamity." (Crisis of the End Time, 82, 83)

#### What the Bible says

- Luke 21:25,26 "And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken."
- Revelation 16:21 "And there fell upon men a great hail out heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great."

As a Seventh-day Adventist Christian, I am concerned about what we can see in our church life today. We seem to be shutting our eyes and ears from this very crucial fact of preparing ourselves for the sealing that is mentioned in Revelation chapter 7. And the cares of this world have taken hold inside our minds as if we're here on this earth to stay forever.

We need to get out from the assumption that we are safe by our superficial praying. I pray that the facts and evidences I arranged in this book will awaken

us from our relax kind of faith. In the following chapters we will discover more of the realities of our time and the nearness of Jesus Christ's coming. May God bless you as you continue to re

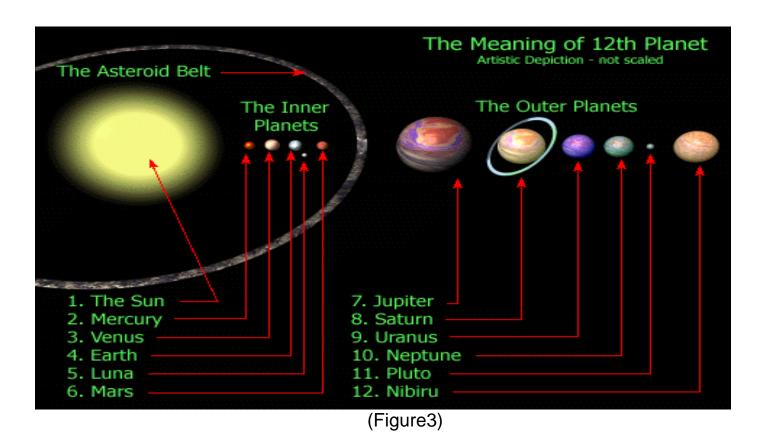
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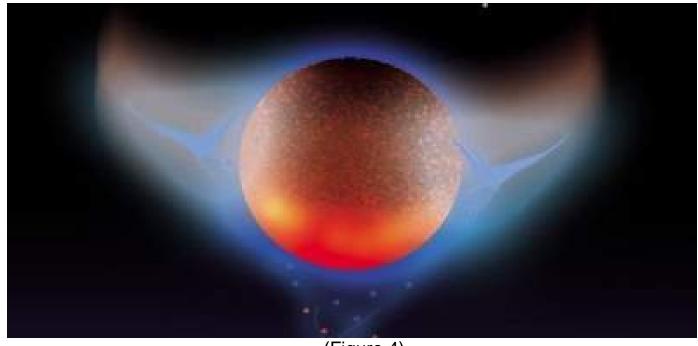
#### **The Nibiru Commotion**

The internet today is swarmed by this Nibiru or Planet X phenomenon. If you try to search Nibiru or Planet X, you will see so many web sites pertaining this planet. In my search about this fact, I found out that there is really a planet that the astronomers have discovered. "Astronomers have found a new planet in the outer reaches of the solar system. The planets temporary name is 2003 UB313" (http://science.nasa.gov./headlines/y2005/29jul planet x.htm).

So why is it that Nibiru or Planet X is included in this book? Science tells us that there is really a tenth planet in our solar system. And because of this, there is an alarming deception going on which deceives some people here on this earth. Then what is the message of deception here?

According to some people who study ancient writings of the Sumerians in Babylon and Mayans in Mexico, these ancient people did mention the tenth planet of our solar system that will orbit our sun sometime in the year 2012 (<a href="https://www.youtube.com/planetx/2012">www.youtube.com/planetx/2012</a>). This revelation creates commotion in the internet world. So many theories formulate the destruction of our earth. According to these "doomsayers", when Nibiru or Planet X comes in our solar system sometime in the year 2012 there will be a terrorizing change in our world. These are pole shifting, tsunamis, cyclones, asteroids impact, earthquake, fires, and 2/3 of





(Figure 4)

the world's population would be wiped out. To them this thing is serious. They are really convinced that the earth awaits its final destination of almost annihilation.

#### Where did Nibiru come from?

This idea of interpretation was widely circulated by an archeologist Zecharia Sitchin in the 1970s when he published his book entitled "The Twelfth Planet" (Figure 3). In his discovery in the ancient Sumerian cuneiform, it revealed that an alien race known as the Annunaki will travel to earth on a planet called Nibiru (Figure 4) by the year 2012

(http://www.universetoday.com/2008/06/19/2012-planet-x-is-not-nibiru/). So when the discovery of the tenth planet in 2003 made public, the Nibiru theory came into reality as a truth that is to the eyes of the deceived people.

But remember this is another "modus operandi" of satan to deceive the people. The Bible keeps on reminding us never to be deceived because even the very elect, Satan is trying to lure them to this kind of deception. If we do, then there are heaps of books today that support the idea of this theory. And we will be consciously accepting the theories of satan's tactics. All of these books create a false preparation of the impending cataclysms. If we are not aware of this, then we too would be under satan's spell of deception.

## What do other people say about this?

Malachi Martin a former Jesuit priest mentions about an interesting prediction of the Roman Catholic Church, he wrote:

He [ Pope John Paul ] is writing . . .for an events that will fission [ divide ] human history, splitting the immediate past from the oncoming future. It will be an event on public view in the skies, I the oceans, and on the continental land masses of this planet. It will particularly involve our human sun, which everyday lights up and shines upon the valleys, the

mountains, and the plains of this earth for our eyes" (Malachi Martin, The Keys of This Blood:New York: Simon and Schuster, 1990, 639).

"Nostradamus, the sixteenth-century prophet whose enigmatic riddles describing future events have long challenged translators and interpreters, wrote of a massive earth catastrophe to be followed by a great peace among the peoples of earth while the devil is confined to the bottom of the abyss" (Quoted in "The Antichrist and the New World Order", p. 8). article in the internet confirms this fact scientifically.

#### **Astronomers Study Asteroid Nearing Earth**

PASADENA, Calif., Jan. 24 (UPI) -- An asteroid believed about 500 feet to 2,000 feet in size is being closely monitored by the U.S. space agency as it approaches Earth for a Tuesday fly-by.

Asteroid 2007 TU24 is expected to be about 334,000 miles from Earth at 3:33 a.m. Jan. 29 and should be observable by amateur astronomers with modest-sized telescopes, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration said.

The asteroid was discovered by the NASA-sponsored Catalina Sky Survey Oct. 11. Scientists at NASA's Near-Earth Object Program Office at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif., have determined there is no possibility of an impact with Earth in the foreseeable future.

"This will be the closest approach by a known asteroid of this size or larger until 2027," said Don Yeomans, manager of the Near Earth Object Program Office. "As its closest approach is about one-and-a-half times the distance of Earth to the moon, there is no reason for concern. On the contrary, Mother Nature is providing us an excellent

opportunity to perform scientific observations" (<a href="http://www.fair-society.org/articlesnews/AnotherShotAcrossOurBows.html">http://www.fair-society.org/articlesnews/AnotherShotAcrossOurBows.html</a>).

In my own personal view, America is being deceived by this phenomenon. You may ask why? In America today there are many weird things that are now happening that the U. S. government doesn't give logical explanation of the truth. These things are:

- 1. There are over 600 concentration camps in all the states of America. Why are they building concentration camps for Americans? These camps are fully guarded ready for operation anytime. Maybe they expect something great would happen in their country (<a href="https://www.youtube.com/concentrationcampsinamerica">www.youtube.com/concentrationcampsinamerica</a>).
- 2. There are millions of plastic coffins in many concentration camps. They even built crematorium near these camps. What are these coffins for? Still U.S. government does not give a logical answer to these inquiries of the public.
- 3. They built underground bases. The director of FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) was asked about this secret underground bases, his reply is "no", he can't answer the question. This leads to the numerous questions of the American people, and the formulation of so many theories

that only create suspicion to the minds of the already deceived people (<a href="https://www.youtube.com/FEMAinterview">www.youtube.com/FEMAinterview</a>).

If I personally formulate answers for this, all I can say is, they are not informing the public for these reasons:

- 1. It will ignite fear for all mankind.
- 2. It will affect the economy of the world.
- 3. It will create a massive withdrawal of stocks in the market.
- 4. Business would be lost in some countries.
- 5. It will stop almost all the infrastructures of the world.
- 6. Parents stop sending their children to school because they will use the money for preparation.
- 7. This secret bases will be swarmed by the public in order to ensure a safety.

These are my own conjectures and speculations, but no doubt we can fully grasp that America now fulfills it role as the image of the beast in Revelation 13.

Based on my study and research to this phenomenon, America is being deceived again by the dragon in his one of the many deceptive strategies. And one more thing, this Nibiru or Planet X is strongly confirmed by the psychics, mediums, crop circle signs readers and the many Alien abductees. Therefore, it

is really a deception of satan. So beware! Information of these would soon swarm the earth. If we will not study our Bible earnestly and prayerfully, we might be led astray.

### What is really the truth?

Jesus clearly predicted that before His coming this phenomenon would come to our world. This fact is counterfeited by satan today because he knows that his time is short. I could not imagine what kind of deception that satan is planning when he knew well the facts in the Bible regarding the events that would warn God's people about Jesus Christ's coming. And what is this event?

 Daniel speaks of this coming tribulation that will come in the future such as never was in the world.

Daniel 12: 1 "And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, everyone that shall be found written in the book."

 Prophet Jeremiah predicted of the last day tribulation that would slay millions of people in the whole world.

Jeremiah 25:30-33 - "Therefore prophecy thou against them all these words, and say unto them, The Lord shall roar from on high, and utter his voice from his holy habitation; he shall mightily roar upon his habitation he shall give a shout, as they that tread the grapes, against all the inhabitants of the earth. A noise shall come to the ends of the earth; for the Lord hath a controversy with the nations, he will plead with all flesh; he will give them that are wicked to the sword, saith the Lord. Thus saith the Lord of hosts, behold evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and a great whirlwind shall be raised up upon the coasts of the earth. And the slain of the Lord shall be at that day from one end to the earth even unto the other end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground."

• Jeremiah 48:8 – "And the spoiler shall come upon every city, and no city shall escape: the valley also shall perish, and the plain shall be destroyed, as the LORD hath spoken."

- Luke describes what really will happen in the near future of our planet earth. Luke 21:25,26 "And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken."
- Peter also vividly portrays it.

2 Peter 3:10 – "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up."

It is no wonder that Satan would counterfeit this truth because if he will succeed on this, this will lead to many series of deceptions that even the elect would be deceived. I believe that very soon science will accept this fact and the information will be given to the media. And we know that if this information would gain access to the media, all the world would accept it as the truth. As of today, this is not of interest in the media world. Satan is just waiting for the right timing, as is approved by God, to encircle the world with his deception. I do believe that God does not permit this deception to control the world today because the Angels of God are still sealing His people in all corners of the world

today. But time will come that "Satan will then plunge the inhabitants of the earth into one great, final battle" (Great Controversy, 614). Why is it that Mrs. White describes it as the final battle? It is because the media world will be involved in it. And if this is so, the world accepts it as scientifically sound.

Now this makes sense. The Bible confirms it that indeed this global catastrophe is coming and it will come in a form of "sudden destruction cometh upon them (1 Thess. 5: 3) And this destruction will make "the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat" (2 Peter 3: 12. This will create fear in all the nations. People would panic, and the world would be plunged into distress and chaos. This is not Nibiru or Planet X that would come in our solar system bringing with it aliens to destroy the earth, but this is a fact that only God knows when He permits Satan to bring destruction to the earth. In the next chapter we will discover again another sign that indeed deceives the world: The UFO deception.

# Chapter 4

# **UFO Deception**

I have been researching in the internet about the coming events as a sing of Jesus Christ coming and I came across the issue of the Alien, UFO (Unidentified Flying Object) sightings, and Crop Circles phenomena. If you visit the <a href="https://www.youtube.com">www.youtube.com</a> and would search these three phenomena, you will discover that there are lots of documentary videos that reveal these subjects. Personally, if I am asked as to whether they are real or not, I would they are. They existed as you can even see the evidences in captured videos. Recently, the United Kingdom has announced that UFO's exist.

Let's talk about aliens. People who would open such topic would be laughed at and called Sci-Fi's. Are they real? Are they some extra terrestrial beings living from another galaxy and has visited our earth? These beings are the fallen angels mentioned in the bible. They are the demons deceiving the world long ago. The Bible says:

2 Thessalonians 2:7-11 "For the mystery of iniquity already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders. And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that

perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie."

The Bible says that this "mystery of iniquity" will deceive the world by their strong delusion. The Greek word for "lie" is "planys" which the English word "planet" comes. And planet can be translated as error or a lie, or a delusion. Thus the Bible tells us who these aliens are who claim that they are from another planet. And what is the reaction of the world? They accepted the lie.

The truth is, we are not alone in this world. Fallen angels are with us together with satan and they are deceiving the world with their doctrines since the beginning. Revelation 12 speaks of their fate when they were cast out from heaven onto this earth. Because of this fact, they are the ones who brought sin and destruction to this world. They tempted our first parents to commit sin. Now we suffer the result of sin. The devil has now authority to oppress the human beings since our first parents yielded to their deceptive power. Thus it becomes a spiritual conflict in this world.

Ephesians 6:11-12 – "Put on the whole armor of God that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against

flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

Did you notice that everywhere in the world there are mysterious beliefs, superstitious beliefs, and mystical creatures that have been terrorizing the people throughout the Ages? There are spiritualist, witches, vampires, werewolves, demons, quack doctors, necromancers, palm readers, aliens, etc. Out of these modes of deceptions, the bible predicts that there will be massive manifestations of this error in the last days. The bible and the spirit of prophecy speak of this alien or UFO sightings as the ultimate deception.

- Revelation 16:14 "For they are the spirit of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty."
- 2 Thessalonians 2:9 "Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders."
- Mrs. Ellen G. White said, "Fearful sights of a supernatural character will soon be revealed in the heavens, in token of miracles-working demons.

  The spirit of the devils will go forth to the kings of the earth and to the whole world, to fasten them with Satan in his last struggle against the government

of heaven. By these agencies, rulers, and subjects will be alike deceived' (The Great Controversy, 624).

So "fearful sights would in a form of a supernatural character will soon be revealed in the heavens." I am pretty sure that Mrs. White does not mean human inventions that would appear because she said of a supernatural- these demons would deceive the world. This was in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Now what is happening in this 21<sup>st</sup> century?

Marvin Moore says in the 1990's. "By this time in history Satan and his angels may have introduced themselves personally to the world as Extraterrestrials from another part of the universe" (The Antichrist and the New World Order, 118).

So, they will really appear in our planet. Another Adventist writer said in his book, "Newspapers of late 1989 carried reports of a UFO landing in the Soviet Union – will a UFO be the vehicle by which a modern pretender to the throne, will, return?" (Roland R. Hegstad, Pretenders to the Throne, 119).

This UFOs have been appearing making themselves exposed as cameras and videos have documented their appearing all over the world. And what is their purpose? They will save the human race from the coming catastrophe of Nibiru or Planet X (www.blossomgoodchild.com).

However back in the 1990's Marvin Moore anticipated in his conclusion found his book, he says: "I think it is reasonable, therefore, to suppose that if not Satan himself, then certainly some of his subordinates will appear, probably introducing themselves as Extraterrestrials interested in helping the human race to save itself from annihilation" (Crisis of the End Time, 184). He further says, "I am convinced that before the end of time, scientists will establish that contact, and when Satan and his Angels appear on this earth, they present themselves as beings from another galaxy" (Ibid, 241)

Notice their timing in our present day in relation to the havoc of planet Nibiru or Planet X. They appeared in the sky in many sightings all over the world. They communicated through psychics and mediums. They've given signs through crop circles phenomenon all over the world as a warning of a coming destruction. Science could not discredit the claims of this truth today. There are now many people who accepted that aliens have been visiting the earth frequently. They accepted that aliens have been giving us warning of an impending cataclysmic event. Through the seeds of many deceptions planted years before, the people today believe these delusions as truths.

The plain truth of the Bible regarding the last days' events does not mention of any specific time or date, so that we will always be prepared when Jesus comes. However the deceiver also has a strategy of telling its time and date, and that is, December 21, 2012 (<a href="www.youtube.com/december212012">www.youtube.com/december212012</a>).

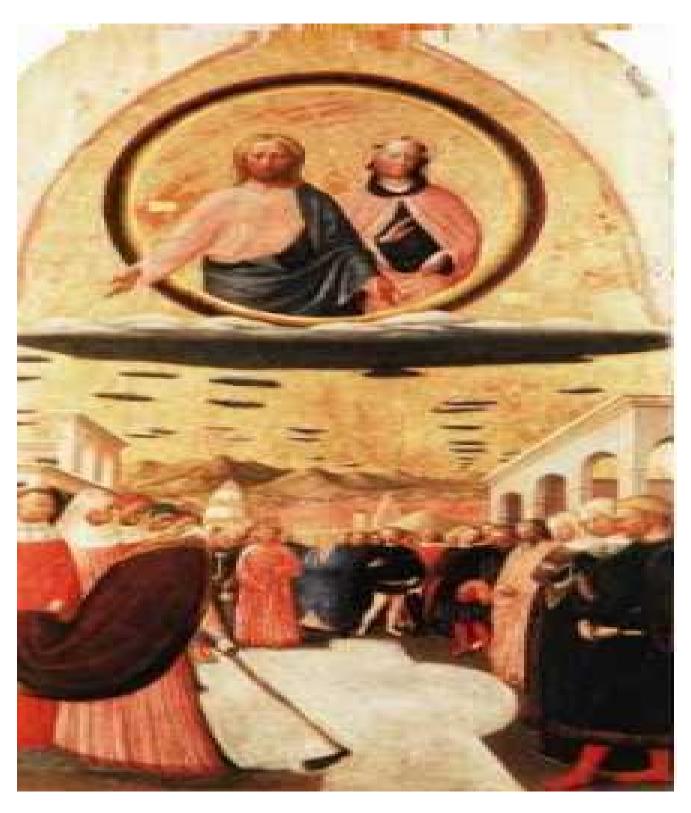
Now notice their urgent deception regarding this thing today. They are very active these days for satan knows that he has only a short time. In fact when I am writing this book, the rumors of lies of Blossom Goodchild's message that the Aliens will be manifesting themselves on October 14, 2008 was very popular on the internet. If you look at websites on aliens you can see that there are hundreds of thousands who are disappointed by the prediction. That only shows that there are millions of people who are deceived by this idea. And satan is happy with this, for he knows that one of these days he could use this manner to deceive the world. I am not saying that all of these manifestations of the Aliens or UFO's, psychics, mediums, and ancient writing interpreters are true and correct. In the first place, they are the authors of deception. But what I am stressing here is the fulfillment of the prophecy that the nearness of Jesus Christ's coming is very significant now due to this signs that are now before our very own eyes.

#### **UFO in Christian Paintings**

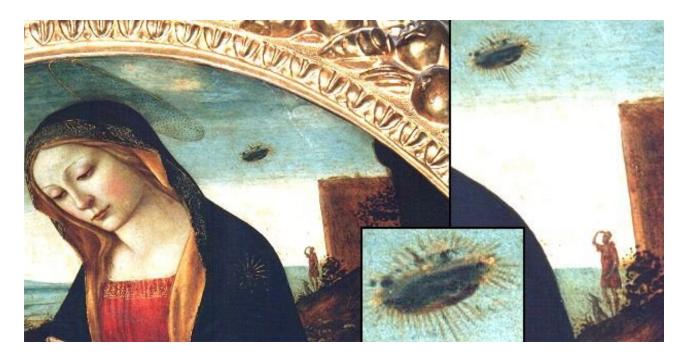
As I devote my time and research on this subject, I found astonishing facts in some pictures taken form the medieval Christian paintings that portrayed

Jesus Christ riding on a UFO or Unidentified Flying Object. My conclusion, therefore, is satan will use this phenomenon to deceive the world as if he is the Saviour of the world. E. J. Waggoner concluded that before Jesus will come, this deception will be seen in this world. He said, "But before that time comes, Satan will appear as an angel of light, claiming to be Christ, and will

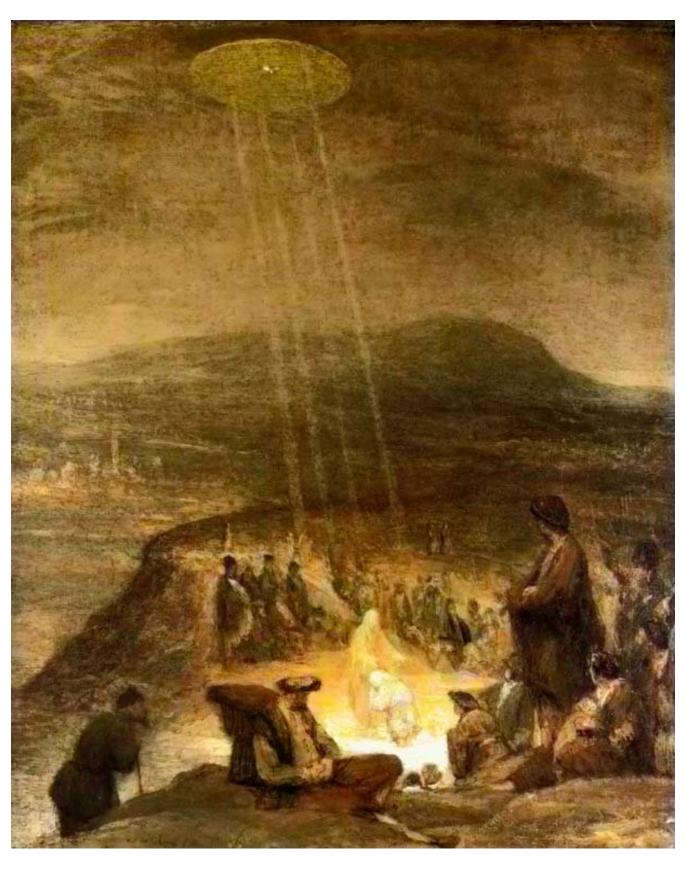




(Figure 5)



(Figure 6)



(Figure 7) receive the allegiance of all who have rejected the word of the Lord as

to the manner of the coming of Christ' (The Everlasting Covenant, 273)

Reasons to be aware of in this manner of deception:

- First, he will appear as Christ himself on board on a UFO as what the medieval Christian paintings projected (Figures 5, 6, 7). "As the crowning act in the great drama of deception, Satan himself will personate Christ" (The Great Controversy, 624).
- Second, he is not permitted to copy Christ's manner of coming. "And, furthermore, Satan is not permitted to counterfeit the manner of Christ's advent. The Saviour has warned His people against deception upon this point" (Ibid, 625).
- Third, he is predicted in the Buddhist Scripture on board a UFO. "In the Buddhist Scriptures of Cambodia, there is a prophecy from approximately 500 B.C. of the "Holy One" who would come. One who lead the people away form the old way, and introduce a new way. The Buddha described the "Holy One" by saying, "In the palm of his hands and in the flat of his feet will be the design of a disk, in his side will be a stab wound; and his forehead will have many marks like scars" (http://bibleprobe.com/300great. htm).

By these discoveries, I am pretty convinced that satan will use this manner to deceive the whole world. And he is conditioning the mind of the people through the movies, books, and UFO sightings so that when that great day of his deception comes, people would be deceived. As I have mentioned earlier about the October 14, 2008 deception of the UFO's massive sightings that hundreds of thousands really expected the alien manifestations in the sky during this date. In my own conviction, satan will really use this method because he is not permitted to copy or counterfeit the manner of Jesus Christ's coming. Besides, there are only few among the billions of people around the globe who truly know the truth.

Ellen G. White says: "Those who exercise but little faith now, are in the greatest danger of falling under the power of Satanic delusions and the decree to compel the conscience" (Ibid, 622).

This is an alarming statement of Mrs. White. We have to be careful now not to be distracted by the deceptions of satan. Truly the Scripture and the Spirit of Prophecy come to a reality in its fulfillment. It has given us how to detect the deceptions of satan in the last days. Our faith should be rooted and grounded now by showing our sincerity in church activities and Christian lifestyle. There is no other time to be like Jesus Christ but now not in the future. If we do this we will not fall under the satanic power and delusions.

In the next chapter we will discover an inescapable truth portrayed in the Roman Catholic Church.

## **Chapter 5**

# The 112<sup>th</sup> Popes

Another sign of the nearness of Jesus Christ's coming is the solid basis seen not in the Bible or in the Spirit of Prophecy, but through the heart of Roman Catholic theology and prophecy. If we Adventists have a prophetess they also have St. Malachy (1094 – 1148) who predicted the incoming popes who would rule the Catholic Church until the end of time. According to the Catholic Church, the prophecy of St. Malachy is too precise to be the result of chance. With all their hearts they accepted the revelation as the truth.

Based on the account, when St. Malachy visited the Vatican City he was given a vision of the incoming popes of the Roman Catholic Church. He wrote the successive order of the popes beginning his time. And it became a landmark in choosing the coming pontiffs.

You may ask why I included this fact in this book. The significance of mentioning it here is that they too believe that we are now in the last days. Now these are the last 10 Popes of the 112 predicted:

- 1. The Burning Fire. Pius X. 1903 1914.
- 2. Religion Laid Waste (Religio Deopopulata). BENEDICT XV. 1914 1922.
- Unshaken Faith. PIUS XI. 1922 1939.
- 4. An Angelic Shepherd. PIUS XII. 1939 1958.
- 5. Pastor and Mariner. JOHN XXIII. 1958 1963.
- 6. Flower of Flowers. "Flos Florum." PAUL VI. 1963 1978.
- 7. Of the Half Moon. "De Medietate Lanae" or "from the half moon". JOHN PAUL I. 1978 -1978.
- 8. The Labor of the Sun. "De Medietate Lunae." JOHN PAUL II. 1978 2005
- 9. The Glory of the Olive. BENEDICT XVI. 2005 present. (The Glory of the Olive. This Pope will reign during the beginning of the tribulation Jesus spoke of. He is the 111<sup>th</sup> Pope.
- 10. PETER THE ROMAN. The 112<sup>th</sup> prophecy states: "In the final persecution of the Holy Roman Church there will reign Petrus Romanus, who will feed his flock amid many tribulations; after which the seven-hilled city will be destroyed and the dreadful Judge will judge the people. The end." (www.bibleprobe.com/thelasttenpopes).

You may wonder how come that their prophecy of the incoming popes is too precise? Let me tell you some truths regarding the controversy that has been going on throughout the ages. When you say battle or controversy, the two opposing sides would counteract any strategy, counter intelligence, and form or organize strength, if possible, stronger than the enemy. Notice now the reality of the battle between Christ and Satan: If Jesus has his angels as messengers and protectors of His people; Satan also has evil angels who are deceiving the whole world. Jesus promised His people and eternal life; Satan also has his purgatory and the doctrine of immortality of the soul. Jesus has His Sabbath day; Satan his Sunday. Christ died on the cross; Satan venerated the cross instead of Jesus; Jesus chose 12 disciples, Satan brought the pagan image gods into the belief as the 12 Disciples of Christ. Jesus says I am the way; Satan introduces the priest, immaculate Mary, and the pope before anyone can have access to Jesus. Jesus sends His Holy Spirit to us; Satan also introduces psychics, mediums, and spiritualist; Jesus has His prophets, so was Satan and his false prophets; Jesus has His end-time prophecy, so was Satan. And the lists go on and on.

Therefore it is no wonder that the accuracy of St. Malachy's prophecy is a very reliable source according to their theology. Let us not be deceived by this

because Satan himself will clothe as an Angel of light. This is his method of deception. And many have been deceived by this. The Bible says:

2 Corinthians 11: 14, 15 – "And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their work."

So we understand now how active these forces in getting the allegiance of the inhabitants of the world. History tells us what the Catholic Church did to the faithful Christians who stood firm on their faith on the Bible. Some were burned at the stake, some were fed to the Lions, some were dragged to the horses, many were imprisoned, and millions have met their untimely death because of the power of the Roman Church - the same church that according to them received an oracle from God.

I'm pretty sure that Satan has no worries about those countries that are obviously pagan in nature and worship, but to the pagan Christians he has given them ample provision of prophecy, miracles, power, influence, and wealth in order to strengthen their false religion. And this is what happens to the reality of St. Malachi's prophecy of the 112<sup>th</sup> popes.

Revelation tells us about the coalition that would rule the earth shortly before the coming of Jesus Christ. It says that these are the three spirits that would prepare the earth for that great battle known as Armageddon.

Revelation 16: 13,14 "And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty."

- Ranko Stefanovic says, "The three frog-like demons of the sixth plague are Satan's last attempt to counterfeit the work of God, for they appear to be the evil counterpart of the three Angels of Revelation 14" (The Revelation of Jesus Christ, p.492).
- George Vandeman observes, "The dragon and the beast and the false prophet here are used to represent a threefold coalition of God's enemies-the dragon denoting paganism. The Beast denoting a religious and political power that challenges God's law, and the false prophet denoting churches once loyal to God that have fallen away from that loyalty" (Showdown in the Middle East, p.45).

• Robert J. Wieland also says, "During this time only those who have watched and kept their 'garment', that is, who have felt the need of Christ to 'cover' them, will be secure against the threefold deceptions that come from the 'Beast' or Romanism, from the 'false prophets', or apostate Protestantism which will join with Romanism, and from the 'Dragon', the symbol of paganism, or the popular religion of evil spirits. All will have tried to unite in one great world religion' (The Gospel in Revelation, p.125).

These three are the counterfeits that are now gaining access of the kings of the world. All we can say now is that these three are already doing all they can to deceive the kings of the earth. As we can see what is happening now in our world, we could conclude that these three evil spirits are indeed actively fulfilling their roles in the book of Revelation.

It is very clear who are these three coalitions that would try to make war with the Lord. But what is the most important thing here in our discovery is that we will keep watch of our garment-that is the robe of righteousness of Jesus Christ. No matter how knowledgeable we are in identifying these deceptions, or expert we are in the last day's events, if we don't have Christ within us, then it is

all in vain. That is, therefore, this knowledge only brings us more closely to Jesus than ever before.

So the Bible and some Adventist writers tell us that in these last days these "three fold coalition of God's enemies", "threefold deception", and these evil counterparts would soon be revealed right before Jesus comes. Now we have in our eyes the fulfillment of the 111th Pope (Benedict XVI "The Glory of the Olive") that is to reign beginning the tribulation according to Daniel, Matthew, Mark, and Luke. It seems that their prophecy is also right because beginning the reign of Pope Benedict XVI the world experienced terrible things I have mentioned earlier in these book; the tsunamis in 2004, the hurricane Katrina in 2005, the cyclone Nargis in 2008, and the Sichuan earthquake in 2008. As of September of 2008 the world was shocked when the economy of the United States of America collapsed, and followed by the Global meltdown of some stocks in the market. These things begin to happen as we approach the last pope that would reign in the Catholic Church. All we have to do right now is to interpret things that have been given in the Bible and seen very clearly in our present day.

### **Unity of the Churches**

The Bible prophecy comes to undeniable fulfillment. If a person would still doubt the reality of what is happening today, then it is his personal account to the Lord. And if we ignore these facts because we thought that the coming of Jesus is still very far, and that we are so relax, I am pretty sure that one day we would wake up already too late.

As I tracked down the activities of the present pope, I discovered that the three coalitions are now gathering their forces in trying to unite all the churches. I have quoted here the original articles posted in the internet with undeniable pictures regarding the unity of the Christian churches with the Roman Catholic Church.



Pope meets with leader of Orthodox Christians, renews calls for Christian unity

Pope Benedict XVI has renewed his call for Christian unity during a meeting at the Vatican with the leader of the world's Orthodox Christians, Patriarch Bartholomew I.The pope says visits with

Orthodox leaders provide the chance for "brotherly conversations and moments of common prayer."

The pope has also called for increased joint activities "in our path toward the communion of all Christ's disciples." The Vatican under Benedict has been reaching out to the world's 250 million Orthodox Christians to try to heal the nearly 1,000-year-old schism between the two main branches of Christianity. Bartholomew's visit also includes a ceremony later Saturday with the pope in memory of St. Paul (<a href="https://www.theorthodoxchurch.info">www.theorthodoxchurch.info</a>).



Pope Benedict XVI with Muslims

ISTANBUL, Nov. 30 — <u>Pope Benedict XVI</u>, who spurred waves of anger among Muslims just two months ago, stood Thursday in silent prayer, facing Mecca, beside a Muslim prelate in one of the world's most important mosques.

The image of two men in white — the 79-year-old pope and Mustafa Cagrici, the chief of religious affairs for Istanbul — under the ornate domes of the Blue Mosque sealed a trip in which Pope Benedict repeatedly underscored his desire to reconcile Christians and Muslims.

How much of that goal he achieved here is unclear, after the deep anger over a speech criticized as equating Islam with violence. But Mr. Cagrici proclaimed the start good, with Benedict becoming only the second pope in 2,000 years known to have visited a mosque (<a href="http://www.nytimes.com/2006/12/01/world/europe/01pope.html?r=1&oref=slogin">http://www.nytimes.com/2006/12/01/world/europe/01pope.html?r=1&oref=slogin</a>).



Pope Benedict XVI with King Abdullah

ROME, Nov. 6 — <u>Pope Benedict XVI</u> and King Abdullah of <u>Saudi Arabia</u> clasped hands at the <u>Vatican</u> on Tuesday in the first meeting ever between a pope and the Saudi monarch, who is entrusted to protect Mecca, the birthplace of Mohammad and the center of the Islamic world (<a href="http://www.nytimes.com/2007/11/06/world/07vatican.html">http://www.nytimes.com/2007/11/06/world/07vatican.html</a>).



Pope Benedict XVI with Archbishop of Canterbury

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams has described his private meeting with Pope Benedict XVI yesterday in the Vatican as 'friendly and informal'. They spent almost half an hour in the Pope's study discussing matters of common interest.

Afterwards Dr Williams said he had valued the encounter:

"It was a friendly and informal meeting in which we discussed a number of ecumenical issues, some of the Pope's impressions from his American visit and common issues in Christian Muslim dialogue."

This latest meeting was the second private encounter between the two leaders; during Dr Williams visit to the Vatican in 2006 His Holiness hosted a private lunch for the Archbishop, following a formal audience and worship (www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/910587.html).



POPE BENEDICT XVI WITH WORLD ALLIANCE OF REFORMED CHURCHES

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Your Holiness, in this Season of Epiphany we greet you in the name of Jesus Christ, who is revealed as Lord and Savior of the world. We extend a special word of congratulations to you in this first year of your papal ministry and assure you of the prayers of Reformed Christians all over the world that God will richly bless your ministry.

We come representing the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, the global fellowship of 215 churches of Reformed, Congregational, Waldensian, and Presbyterian traditions composed of some 75 million Christians from all parts of our world. We are churches shaped by the Protestant Reformation and its values but also deeply committed to the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church of which both of our communities are a part

(warc.jalb.de/warcajsp/side.jsp?news\_id=626...).



#### **Pope Benedict XVI with United Methodist Church**

For decades, United Methodists have engaged in dialogue with Catholic colleagues through the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, while an international dialogue has continued between the World Methodist Council and the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity.

"Our dialogues have taught United Methodists and Catholics to realize that by baptism and faith in Christ, United Methodists enjoy a communion, although imperfect, with the Catholic Church," the commission's statement declared.

"Our dialogues have also taught us that there is a positive appreciation that is felt between our two communions and serves as a foundation for addressing other church-dividing issues that face both of our churches."

Representatives of the Commission on Christian Unity visited the Vatican and the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity in April 2006. "During that time we shared our mutual concern that the

national and international dialogues involving the United Methodist Church and the Catholic Church should continue," the statement said (www.umc.org/site/apps/nlnet/content3.aspx?c=l...).

These are the articles that I have found that speak to us Adventists that our time now is not a joke-that we need now to examine ourselves whether our faith is genuine. I cannot overemphasize the articles above because these are clear evidences of what is going on in the world today. So what are we going to do with all these facts being fulfilled right before our eyes? Let us take the advice of Mrs. Ellen G. White when she said:

"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 hand 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,... 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" (Testimonies, vol. 5, p. 451).



This warning is now fulfilled right before our eyes. Protestant Churches are stretching their hands to grasp the Roman Catholic Church. The pictures on this chapter are undeniable. A true child of God would not ignore these facts by denying what is happening in this world because he or she still has great plans for the future. We have been given a warning during the time of Jesus so that we can prepare ourselves for His coming. When Jesus gave the sign recorded in the Book of Matthew 24, the Christians heeded the warning and according to

history not one Christian was killed during the siege or destruction of Jerusalem on 70 A.D.

What we are now expecting is the last pope of the Roman Catholic Church, because if this will happen then the culmination of the Book of Revelation comes to an end. Sometimes we Adventists do not take this truth because of our prejudice and overconfidence that we have solely the truth of the Spirit of Prophecy. But this I tell you, what they claimed as truths in their prophecy and theology, are the exact fulfillment of the Bible prophecy-that they have been deceived by satan. And their prophecy should not be taken lightly by the children of God by weighing their lies and falsehood, instead we should take it seriously because the book of Revelation is now about to finish.

#### The Last Pope

According to the prophecy of the Catholic Church, the last pope is Peter the Roman. We do not know who this person is, but let us examine it clearly for us to understand and draw conclusion for ourselves. I believe that the last pope is just around the corner because the present pope is now 79 years old. So let us borrow their prophecy and bring it to the light of the Bible the sole reference of our faith.

It says in the prophecy that during the reign of Peter the Roman he "will feed his flock amid many tribulations; after which the seven-hilled city will be destroyed". It is interesting to note that Revelation 18 says of the worldwide revival of the True Church of God calling upon the people to come out from Babylon-the false religion of this world. And so the last pope is the counterfeit of the Angel in Revelation 18 which is the fourth Angel following the three Angel's in chapter 14. Now at this present time when the Global meltdown is in upheaval and in crisis, Vatican plays a major role in helping America and the rest of the (http://www.willthomasonline.net/willthomasonline/Vatican\_Mortgage\_Part\_1.html).

No wonder that amid tribulation Catholics are the one who will help support his flock because she is the richest organization in the whole world. Today's global financial crisis is a light to understand their prophecy.

Another interesting thing here is the destruction of the seven-hilled city during the reign of the last pope. There can be no doubt that this seven-hilled city is the Vatican City. Both the Bible and history confirm this fact. So there will come a time in the near future that Vatican City would be destroyed. Is this Biblical? Yes it is. In Revelation 16 during the seven last plagues it clearly foretold of its destruction. Ellen G. White saw it as the "balls of fire" coming from

the heavens. I have mentioned this in the previous chapter. So we can now see clearly what will happen soon in our earth's history. What next?

The prophecy says, "and the dreadful judge will judge the people." This is now what every Adventist expects "the terrible persecution of death decree", the judgment of the people who will not worship the beast and its image (Revelation 13:16, 17). How long as of today? That depends upon the health of Pope Benedict XVI today.

What is the alarming thing here for us Adventists? We know already that when the seven last plagues is poured out, the close of probation among the Adventist Church is already finished. That is, therefore, I am speaking of our condition today whether we are truly in the faith of Jesus Christ or still our minds and hearts are destructed by the things of this world. If we are not sure, then there is still time to repent and to reform with our relationship with Jesus by studying prayerfully the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy. This is truly the message of this book. The facts that we have just discovered are just tools to bring us closer to Jesus Christ. Remember this:

Revelation 14:12 "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus."

## **Chapter 6**

## Prepare to meet our God

The signs are now right before our eyes. The deceptions that satan used now are deceiving the world. We are indeed in the last days. The Lord admonishes us to prepare for His coming. According to Ernie knoll, "The message is no longer He is coming soon, but He is coming!" there is urgency today to prepare?

Mrs. Ellen G. White says, "The end of all things is near at hand. The signs are rapidly fulfilling, yet it would seem that but few realize that the day of the lord is coming, swiftly, silently, as a thief in the night" (Selected Message, 408).

Now notice the word that Mrs. White said, "yet it would seem that few realize that the day of the Lord is coming." This means that if we will not heed the signs and does not prepare, then truly there will be few who will be prepared when Jesus Christ comes in the clouds of heaven. As a matter of fact this is obviously seen in the church today.

You may ask why? Do you have some proof of this?

Yes of course! There is a fact that if we are blinded by this world and our own affairs, sooner or later we will be last in our preparation on fixing our eyes to Jesus. This is what happened during the days of the first advent of Jesus Christ. The Israelites were so engrossed by their present dilemma upon the oppression of the Roman Empire that they missed the greatest event of all history and the birth of the messiah.

They have all the knowledge of the coming of the messiah. They knew where he would be born; they knew about the prophecy of the star of Jacob; they knew that He will be born through a virgin. They knew all the prophecies concerning of the coming Savior. Probably every Sabbath they heard about this topic, however when the fullness of time come "God sent His son." Galatians 4:9. Jesus was born in Bethlehem. The truth is there are only the shepherds and the wise men from the east who received the glad tidings of the messiah's birth.

Is there some truth parallel to His second advent in this last day? Of course there is. Satan succeeded during the first advent in diverting and deceiving God's people by believing a different kind of messiah-a messiah that suited the selfish desire of the people of Israel. They wanted a messiah who was powerful, wise, brave, and one who could restore them the glory of the Israelite people. As I have said they all have the knowledge of this prophecy but what they lacked during their days was the spiritual understanding

In this present time, what could be the "modus operandi" of satan? In the first place, satan is deceiving the whole world-we know that we have discussed it that the world has been deceived by Him. But what about in Israel-the Seventh-Day Adventist Church? What is now his strategy or deception so that the church of God would commit a grave mistake just like the old times?

Joe Crews have observed, "The world today is in an incredible state of flux and change. Traditional views and values have been altered and almost reversed within a relatively short time. Under the mumbling influence of the television and the highly mobile electronic media, minds have been manipulated, thoughts patterns set up, and decisions dictated. And the most of the millions so influenced are almost oblivious to the powerful artificial agencies which were used to change their minds and morals" (Joe Crows, Creeping Compromise, p. 8).

It is no wonder that Paul, James and John admonish us to be alert of this weapon or "modus operandi" that satan would use in the last days. We have been warned by the Holy men of God through the Bible to focus our attention towards heaven and not on this world.

James 4:4 "Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God."

John 15:19 "If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you."

2 Corinthians 6:17 "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you."

1 John 2:15 "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him."

Obviously the Bible warns us that there is a tantalizing temptation that satan is going to use against the people of God in the last days. These direct and clear cut messages are given for us today. We all know that the first Christians or during the Apostolic church, they all have receive and baptized by

the Holy Spirit in order to preach the Gospel wherever the promptings of the Holy Spirit led them. In fact, during those times, they sold their possessions and gave their money to support "the work of God" Acts 4:34. In short, worldliness was out of context when Paul, James, and John wrote those texts. That is, therefore, their message is very significant and relevant in the last days because it is the method that Satan would use to deceive God's people.

Remember the "Dark Ages"? Satan used the persecution method, but to his surprise, the Christians have stood firmly on their faith. He could destroy their body but not their soul. And so he changes strategy. Now he is using again the strategy that he channeled to Balaam – the sin of covetousness. I know that there are so many approaches of satan to lure God's people today. However I would like to focus this matter because even the Adventists take lightly upon this grievous sin in the eyes of God. Mrs. Ellen G. White says:

"The sin of covetousness, which God declares to be idolatry, had made him time server, and through this one fault Satan gained entire control of him. It was this that caused his ruin. The tempter is ever presenting the worldly gain and honor to entice men from the service of God. He tells them it is their over – conscientiousness that keeps them from prosperity. Thus many are induced to venture out of the

path of strict integrity. One wrong step makes the next easier, and they become more and more presumptuous. They will do and dare most terrible things when once they have given themselves to the control of avarice and a desire for power. Many flatter themselves that they can depart from strict integrity for a time, for the sake of some worldly advantage, and that having gained their object; they can change their course when they please. Such are entangling themselves in the snare of Satan, and it is seldom that they escape" (Patriarchs and Prophets, 440,441).

This is really seen and practiced to some Advent believers. They sacrificed a little bit of their faith; the Sabbath, Idolatry, Tithes, and Christ like character. These they do because of a temporal comfort whether in the nature of their work or in the requirements of their school. Some are under pressure of their peers, their superiors, or in their business. But the reality of this is because deep inside is the spirit of covetousness.

According to the Bible this method was successful. Therefore by all means, satan would again use this in the last days. Notice the warning of Mrs. Ellen G. White, "As we approach upon the borders of the heavenly Canaan,

Satan will, as of old redouble his efforts to prevent them from entering the goodly land. He lays his snares for every soul' (Ibid, 457).

What is this snare? This is the sin of covetousness. satan knows that covetousness will yield fruits that would lead God's people away from Him. Mrs. Ellen G. White further says, "It was when the Israelites were in a condition of outward ease and security that they were led into sin. They failed to keep God ever before them, they neglected prayer and cherished a spirit of self-confidence. Ease and self-indulgence left the citadel of the soul unguarded, and debasing thoughts found entrance" (Ibid, 459).

Can you see the truth here? If we love the world and the things of this world we tend to covet them. And, if covetousness will creep in our hearts and minds, then we are inviting the temptations of Satan. Satan knows this. He could read us if covetousness is already inside us because he has been a master if this for almost 6,000 years a go. He knows psychology. He could read gestures and physical reactions whenever an interest of things comes into us.

Now don't misinterpret me. The message from the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy give us a warning to be alert of this deception of Satan inside the Adventist Church. I am not saying that we should separate ourselves from the activities of this world and group ourselves as Adventists into some secluded wilderness. We will come to that point when the time of persecution will be very

severe to God's people. But what I am saying is we should not adopt the customs, ideas, practices, norms, and influences which would lead us away from Christ. The Bible says:

Luke 16:15 - "for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God."

What are these highly esteemed among men? Let me enumerate some: money, wealth, honor, fame, prestige, education, possessions, fashion, popularity, material things, beautiful houses, cars, clothes, jewelries, beauty, lands, business, influence, etc. Now don't get me wrong. These things are good as long as we devote it or use it for the glory of God and for the blessing of our fellowmen. However if these things become our idols to the extent that they are our priorities instead of God, then we must get back to our first love to God. If we love all these stuffs then it becomes idolatry. When it becomes an idol, we covet these stuffs as possibly as we can. If we have some of these stuffs, then let us not forget that these are not ours, but it's God's belongings handed to us as faithful stewards.

If these are the standards of the world then let us be aware of. Why?

There is a standard that God wants us to live. This is the standard of Godliness;

a standard that makes us His children of obedience; a life that is fully in tune in

the harmony of God's plan. A Christlike character is needed to be seen in us in these last days.

1 Peter 1:3 "According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue."

Ellen G. White also added, "When we reach the standard that the Lord would have us reach, worldlings will regard Seventh-day Adventists as odd, singular, straight-laced extremist" (Fundamentals of Christian Education, 289). So this standard is really attainable to God's children and He is expecting us to come up to this standard. This is the two allegories of Jesus between the sheep and the goat, between the people who have been sealed by God and who have the mark of the beast, between the good and evil, between the righteous and the unrighteous, between the saved and the unsaved, and between God's people and the people of Satan. The time of knowing where we are in our allegiance and faith is today.

Satan doesn't care if we have a double standard. That means we go to church, show a form of godliness, supported God's work, yet deep inside of us a worldly desire is creeping. I hope our minds will be opened that we are just

pilgrims of this world. This is not our final home. Our lives today are in preparation to meet our God and be with Him for the rest of our lives. Our only safety now is to ask God's Holy Spirit for He will show us the whole truth. He will open our eyes for us to see the deceptions of Satan that are very active today. There will be no more time in the future for us to repent. Now is the best time to come to Jesus and ask His salvation sincerely.

## Chapter 7

# **Timely Warning**

This great event today is very solemn and too serious for us to ignore for if we neglect today the opportunity to prepare to meet our Lord Jesus Christ, then woe unto us. The Lord has given us ample provisions of truth, so much time to prepare, and constant promptings of the Holy Spirit so that we would enjoy what God has promised in the Scriptures. If we pay attention to this warning and make efforts of preparation spiritually, then the Holy Spirit that God promised will be upon us today. This means our closer relationship with Jesus must be serious one. The earnest pleading of the Holy Spirit is constant, because there are no important things today than this. Ellen G. White says:

"The baptism of the Holy Spirit as on the day of Pentecost will lead to a revival of true religion and to the performance of many wonderful works. Heavenly intelligences will come among us and men will speak as they are moved by the Holy Spirit of God. But should the Lord work upon men as He did on and after the day of Pentecost, many who now claim to believe the truth would know so very little of the operation of the Holy Spirit that they would cry, "beware of fanaticism! They would say of those who were filled with the Spirit, 'These men are full of new wine.'

The time is not off now when men will want a much closer relation to Christ, a much closer union with His Holy Spirit, than they have ever had, or will have, unless they give up their will and their way, and submit to God's will and God's way. The great sin of those who profess to be Christians is that they do not open the heart to receive the Holy Spirit. When souls long after Christ and seek to become one with Him, then those who are content with the form of godliness, exclaim 'be careful, do not go to extremes! When the angels of heaven come among us, and work through human agents, there will be solid and substantial conversions after the order of the

conversions after the day of Pentecost' (Selected Messages, vol. 2, pp.l 56-57).

The baptism of the Holy Spirit is needed today in our lives. The Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy teach us that this is a must in these last days that every believer who is serious enough in his/her preparation must undergo this kind of Christian experience. We must understand according to Dennis Smith that, "water baptism and Spirit baptism are two separate experiences" (Dennis Smith, The Baptism of the Holy Spirit, 21). He further said, "The Spirit leads and individual to accept Christ and be baptized in water. This is a different work than the baptism of the Spirit which must be sought separately when one becomes aware of it" (Ibid).

Two of the Christian experiences support this idea:

- 1. The Gentiles received the Holy Spirit before water baptism. Acts 10:45, 47 "And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost...Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?"
- 2. Gentiles received baptism and Paul laid his hands to them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. Acts 19:5, 6 "When they heard this, they were

baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they sake with tongues, and prophesied."

Thus whatever may be our personal experienced related to the two phenomena, the fact is we should or we must be baptized by the Holy Spirit in order to perfect our walk with Jesus Christ. This is an inevitable Christian experience. If we still did not experience this, then this book is your timely warning to seek earnestly today for the Holy Spirit.

Let us not be deceived by Satan in our self-sufficient condition being a Seventh-day Adventist alone. The book of Revelation counseled us to buy gold, raiment, and an anointment for our eyes. This speaks of the reality of the baptism of the Holy Spirit today as the church tends to be relaxed and lukewarm in its condition. Let me explain it briefly:

Revelation 3:18 "I counsel thee to buy me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see."

This three are very important today namely;

- 1. Gold a symbol of our genuine faith tried in the fire.
- 2. White raiment the robe of righteousness of Jesus Christ.
- 3. Eyesalve the Holy Spirit's anointing.

As we face the end time events today we need the genuine faith of Jesus Christ so that we may not stumble into the many deceptions of Satan. We have to be clothed with the robe of righteousness of Jesus, because that is our only security that we can enter into the joy of heaven and be at the supper of the Lamb. We also needed the anointing of the Holy Spirit that we may show the Christlike character within us as we face the impending conflict today. If we have this three in our life, then the assurance is ours not to be afraid of what is ahead.

Mrs. Ellen G. White says, "When we submit ourselves to Christ, the heart is united with his heart, the will is merged in His will, the mind becomes one with His mind, the thoughts are brought into captivity to Him; we live His life. This is what it means to be clothed with the garment of His righteousness. Then as the Lord looks upon us He sees, not the fig- leaf garment, not the nakedness and deformity of

sin, but His won robe of righteousness, which is perfect obedience to the law of Jehovah" (Christ Object Lessons, 312).

In all of our Christian experience the Holy Spirit is at work. Truly Jesus works come true when He said.

John 14:26 "But the comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."

The Holy Spirit give us the genuine faith that is being tried in the fire, He provided us the robe of righteousness of Jesus Christ so we can obey all His laws. He anoints us with His power so that our eyes will be opened that we are indeed miserable and in need of His presence. All of this needed experience is the workings of the Holy Spirit today.

If we are baptize with the Holy Spirit, the same term used as the "Latter Rain", and then the fruits of the Holy Spirit will be visible in our lives. This is the ultimate test of Christian discipleship, and the highest goal to be achieved by everyone as we prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ. We need to bear the

fruit of the Holy Spirit. If we can have these fruits, then we are ready anytime for the coming of Jesus.

Galatians 6:22,23 "But the fruit of the Holy Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law."

This is what happens when the Holy Spirit takes possession in our lives. The fruit of Jesus character will be seen in us-the Christlike character. Oh! What a wonderful experience that be when the church shows the true nature of Jesus Christ and the members are manifesting the Christlike character. Ellen G. White stated that a change is seen in one's life:

"When the Spirit of God takes possession of the heart, it transforms the life. Sinful thoughts are put away, evil deeds are renounced; love, humility, and peace take the place of anger, envy, and strife. Joy takes the place of sadness, and the countenance reflects the light of heaven." (Desire of Ages, 173).

My fellow believers this is now the ripe time to do away any unchristlike nature in our lives. If we really long to be with Jesus then let us heed His counsels. There are still many character treats that put a gulf between us and the Holy Spirit. Our only hope is to humble ourselves and pray seriously that we need the Holy Spirit today.

## The Parable of the Ten Virgins

The parable of the Ten Virgins should not be taken lightly today. There is a real truth in this matter that we have to focus our attention. This is the true condition now inside the Adventist church. And it is very important where do we take our side among these two classes of the Ten Virgins. Mrs. Ellen G. White says,

"In the parable, all the ten virgins went out to meet the bridegroom. All had lamps and vessels for oil. For a time there was seen no difference between them. So with the church that lives just before Christ's second coming. All have a knowledge of the Scriptures. All have heard the message of Christ's near approach, and confidently expect His appearing. But as in the parable, so it is now" (Christ Object Lessons, 408,409).

Jesus Christ's coming is very soon my brethren. Hence this is the truth; my earnest prayer is that we must be spiritually awake for our time now is not a joke. The 21st century according to secular world is the most enlightened era, but to us it is the darkest hour of history. The warnings are given. The signs are here. The deceptions of Satan are very obvious today. The Holy Spirit is bidding us to let Him control over us. We need to study more of the Scriptures. In this time of great changes of our world the Holy Bible should be our highest priority.

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