

The Judgement of the Living

*Those who had accepted the light concerning the mediation of Christ and the perpetuity of the law of God found that these were the truths presented in Revelation 14. The messages of this chapter constitute a threefold warning (see Appendix) which is to prepare the inhabitants of the earth for the Lord's second coming. The announcement, "The hour of His judgment is come," points to the closing work of Christ's ministration for the salvation of men. It heralds a truth which must be proclaimed until the Saviour's intercession shall cease and He shall return to the earth to take His people to Himself. **The work of judgment which began in 1844 must continue until the cases of all are decided, both of the living and the dead; hence it will extend to the close of human probation.** That men may be prepared to stand in the judgment, the message commands them to "fear God, and give glory to Him," "and worship Him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters." The result of an acceptance of these messages is given in the word: "Here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." In order to be prepared for the judgment, it is necessary that men should keep the law of God. That law will be the standard of character in the judgment. The apostle Paul declares: "As many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law, ... in the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ." And he says that "the doers of the law shall be justified." Romans 2:12-16. Faith is essential in order to the keeping of the law of God; for "without faith it is impossible to please Him." And "whatsoever is not of faith is sin." Hebrews 11:6; Romans 14:23. {GC 435.2}*

- The judgement began in 1844 and extends to the close of human probation.

I saw angels hurrying to and fro in heaven. An angel with a writer's inkhorn by his side returned from the earth and reported to Jesus that his work was done, and the saints were numbered and sealed. Then I saw Jesus, who had been ministering before the ark containing the ten commandments, throw down the censer. He raised His hands, and with a loud voice said, "It is done." And all the angelic host laid off their crowns as Jesus made the solemn declaration, "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still." {EW 279.2}

Every case had been decided for life or death. **While Jesus had been ministering in the sanctuary, the judgment had been going on for the righteous dead, and then for the righteous living.** Christ had received His kingdom, **having made the atonement for His people and blotted out their sins.** The subjects of the kingdom were made up. The marriage of the Lamb was consummated. And the kingdom, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, was given to Jesus and the heirs of salvation, and Jesus was to reign as King of kings and Lord of lords. {EW 280.1}

- This judgement which began in 1844 at some point passes from righteous dead to the righteous living.

The Commencement of the Judgement of the Living:

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of the Lord, and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones, 2 And caused me to pass by them round about: and, behold, there were very many in the open valley; and, lo, they were very dry. 3 And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord God, thou knowest. 4 Again he said unto me, Prophecy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. 5 Thus saith the Lord God unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live: 6 And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I am the Lord. 7 **So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone.** 8 And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: **but there was no breath in them.** 9 Then said he unto me, **Prophecy unto the wind, prophecy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord God; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.** 10 **So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army.** 11 Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts. 12 Therefore prophecy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. 13 **And ye shall know that I am the Lord, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves,** 14 **And shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the Lord have spoken it, and performed it,** saith the Lord.

- This vision of Ezekiel is marking a history in which God is judging His people and entering into a covenant with them.
 - This is seen in the prophetic significance of the phrase “And ye shall know that I am the Lord.”

Ezekiel 23:45-49

And the righteous men, **they shall judge them after the manner of adulteresses**, and after the manner of women that shed blood; because they are adulteresses, and blood is in their hands. 46 For thus saith the Lord God; I will bring up a company upon them, and will give them to be removed and spoiled. 47 And the company shall stone them with stones, and dispatch them with their swords; they shall slay their sons and their daughters, and burn up their houses with fire. 48 Thus will I cause lewdness to cease out of the land, that all women may be taught not to do after your lewdness. 49 And they shall recompense your lewdness upon you, and ye shall bear the sins of your idols: **and ye shall know that I am the Lord God.**

Ezekiel 11:7-10

Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Your slain whom ye have laid in the midst of it, they are the flesh, and this city is the caldron: but I will bring you forth out of the midst of it. 8 Ye have feared the sword; and I will bring a sword upon you, saith the Lord God. 9 And I will bring you out of the midst thereof, and deliver you into the hands of strangers, and will execute judgments among you. 10 Ye shall fall by the sword; **I will judge you in the border of Israel; and ye shall know that I am the Lord.**

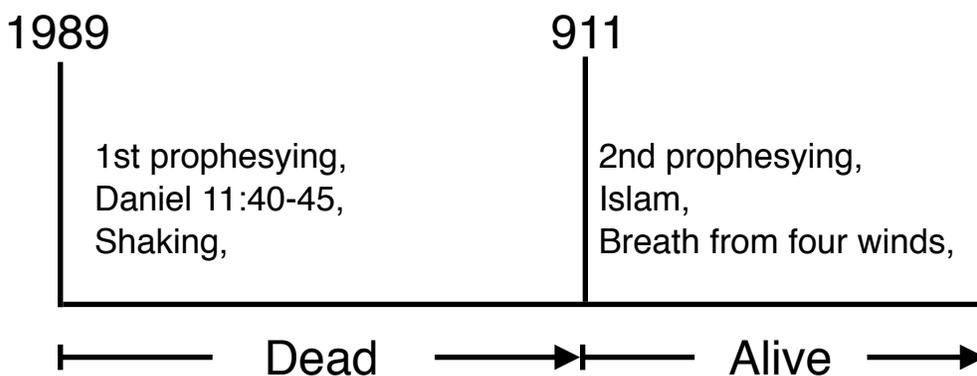
Exodus 31:13

Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that **ye may know that I am the Lord** that doth sanctify you.

Joel 3:16-17

The Lord also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the Lord will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel. 17 **So shall ye know that I am the Lord** your God dwelling in Zion, my holy mountain: then shall Jerusalem be holy, and there shall no strangers pass through her any more.

- The first prophesying is identifying the message of Daniel 11:40-45 that was unsealed in 1989 and caused a shaking.
 - Note that the Bones came together and flesh came upon them but they were still dead.
- The second prophesying is marking the message of Islam at 911. This message brings the army to life.



- The third prophesying is at Midnight/Midnight Cry where God brings His people into their own land which is Jerusalem according to Ezra 7:9.
- 1989-SL is the history of the judgement of God's people and at 911 His people are identified as being alive in response to the breath that is the Holy Spirit.

- They are thus being judged while alive - judgement of the living.

Acts 3:19-20 (KJV)

Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; 20 And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you:

- This verse was used to establish the judgement of the living.
 - The understanding was that it is saying to repent (and therefore have your sins blotted out) when the times of refreshing come. The times of refreshing are the latter rain at 911. Sins are blotted out in the judgement and one has to be living to repent. Therefore what is being illustrated in this verse is the judgement of the living.
- However the blotting out or pardon of sin is justification.

Pardon and justification are one and the same thing. *Through faith, the believer passes from the position of a rebel, a child of sin and Satan, to the position of a loyal subject of Christ Jesus, not because of an inherent goodness, but because Christ receives him as His child by adoption. **The sinner receives the forgiveness of his sins, because these sins are borne by his Substitute and Surety.** The Lord speaks to His heavenly Father, saying: “This is My child, I relieve him from the condemnation of death, giving him My life insurance policy—eternal life—because I have taken his place and have suffered for his sins. He is even My beloved son.” Thus man, pardoned, and clothed with the beautiful garments of Christ’s righteousness, stands faultless before God. { FW 103.2}*

- Justification is the first of three steps illustrated in the sanctuary (justification, sanctification and glorification) and is marked at 911.
 - Repentance and conversion come before justification and therefore before 911.
 - Hence the verse is teaching to repent and be converted (when the warning message comes at the time of the end) in order to be justified (911) and thereby qualify to receive the latter rain. The latter rain does not fall upon people defiled with sin.

“And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.” This is the company with whom we desire to stand. Then let us show it by our works, and remove from our hearts everything that will shut out Jesus. **The latter rain is to fall upon the people of God. A mighty angel is to come down from heaven, and the whole earth is to be lighted with his glory.** Are we ready to take part in the glorious work of the third angel? Are our

vessels ready to receive the heavenly dew? Have we defilement and sin in the heart? If so, let us cleanse the soul temple, and prepare for the showers of the latter rain. **The refreshing from the presence of the Lord will never come to hearts filled with impurity.** May God help us to die to self, that Christ, the hope of glory, may be formed within! I must have the Spirit of God in my heart. I can never go forward to do the great work of God, unless the Holy Spirit rests upon my soul. "As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God." The day of judgment is upon us. O that we may wash our robes of character, and make them white in the blood of the Lamb! { RH April 21, 1891, par. 11 }

The Structure of the Judgement of the Living:

- The judgement of the living is illustrated throughout God's Word. In these illustrations the following structure can be seen.
1. A warning message is given.
 2. An investigation takes place (investigative judgement) to see whether the warning message has been accepted.
 - A divine symbol is often seen coming down to mark the beginning of this investigative process.
 - This investigation takes place within probationary time.
 3. A "divine pronouncement" or sentence follows identifying that the message has been rejected.
 - The fate of the rejectors of truth is determined and separation is often seen.
 - The judgement determined is only executed in the following step.
 4. Judgement is executed (executive judgement) upon those whose sentence was earlier pronounced.
 - Judgement as the third step of the everlasting gospel marks the end of probationary time.

Illustrations

Revelation 18:1-3 (KJV)

*And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. 2 And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, **Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. 3 For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.***

- "Babylon is fallen" x2 is identifying the two falls of Babylon.
 - Babylon fell in the time of Babel and also in the time of Belshazzar. These two falls illustrate the fall that takes place in the history of the angel of Rev 18.

Babel:

- Shem, Ham and Japheth are symbols of the first, second and third angels messages.

Noah, speaking by divine inspiration, foretold the history of the three great races to spring from these fathers of mankind. Tracing the descendants of **Ham**, through the son rather than the father, he declared, “**Cursed be Canaan**; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren.” **The unnatural crime of Ham declared that filial reverence had long before been cast from his soul, and it revealed the impiety and vileness of his character. These evil characteristics were perpetuated in Canaan and his posterity, whose continued guilt called upon them the judgments of God.** { PP 117.2}

On the other hand, **the reverence manifested by Shem and Japheth for their father, and thus for the divine statutes**, promised a brighter future for their descendants. Concerning these sons it was declared: “Blessed be Jehovah, God of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant. God shall enlarge Japheth, and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant.” **The line of Shem was to be that of the chosen people, of God’s covenant, of the promised Redeemer.** Jehovah was the God of Shem. From him would descend Abraham, and the people of Israel, through whom Christ was to come. “Happy is that people, whose God is the Lord.” Psalm 144:15. And Japheth “shall dwell in the tents of Shem.” **In the blessings of the gospel** the descendants of Japheth were especially to share. { PP 117.3}

- Shem was the firstborn and his was the line through which the gospel was proclaimed. The first angel has the everlasting gospel/warning message.
- Ham is identified with a moral fall resulting from a rejection of God’s law. He is thus a symbol of the second angel which marks a resulting from the rejection of a message.
- Japheth means “opened.” The Most Holy Place (MHP) is opened at the third step/ third angel.

1. The Warning Message:

But at what a loss to those who had set themselves against God! It was His purpose that as men should go forth to found nations in different parts of the earth they should carry with them a knowledge of His will, that the light of truth might shine undimmed to succeeding generations. **Noah, the faithful preacher of righteousness, lived for three hundred and fifty years after the Flood, Shem for five hundred years, and thus their descendants had an opportunity to become acquainted with the requirements of God and the history of His dealings with their fathers.** But they were unwilling to listen to these unpalatable truths; they had no desire to retain God in their knowledge; and by the confusion of tongues they were, in a great measure, shut out from intercourse with those who might have given them light. { PP 120.2}

- Shem gave the warning message after the flood. The flood is a symbol of the 1260 years of papal persecution that ended in 1798 (time of the end).
 - The first angel is the warning message unsealed at the time of the end. Thus Shem is a symbol of the First Angel.
 - Shem’s warning message is empowered when the Lord comes down to investigate.
2. The warning message is empowered, a divine symbol descends and an investigation begins:

The **time of God’s investigation** is at hand. The Most High will ***come down to see that which the children of men have builded***. His sovereign power will be revealed; the works of human pride will be laid low. “The Lord **looketh from heaven; He beholdeth all the sons of men**. From the place of His habitation **He looketh** upon all the inhabitants of the earth.” “The Lord bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought: He maketh the devices of the people of none effect. The counsel of the Lord standeth forever, the thoughts of His heart to all generations.” Psalm 33:13, 14, 10, 11.” – {PP 124.3}

Those that feared the Lord cried unto Him to interpose. “And **the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded.**” In mercy to the world He defeated the purpose of the tower builders and overthrew the memorial of their daring. In mercy He confounded their speech, thus putting a check on their purposes of rebellion. God bears long with the perversity of men, giving them ample opportunity for repentance; **but He marks all their devices to resist the authority of His just and holy law**. From time to time **the unseen hand** that holds the scepter of government is stretched out to restrain iniquity. Unmistakable evidence is given that the Creator of the universe, the One infinite in wisdom and love and truth, is the Supreme Ruler of heaven and earth, and that none can with impunity defy His power.” – {PP 123.2}_

- This is an illustration of the judgement of the living as the tower builders were alive when the Lord came down to investigate.

3. Divine pronouncement that the warning message has been rejected.

Genesis 11:6 (KJV)

And the Lord said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and **now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.**

- The Lord gives a pronouncement that nothing will be restrained from the rebels.
- This means they have totally rejected the warning message and have fallen.

4. Executive judgement/punishment:

Genesis 11:7-9 (KJV)

Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. 8 **So the Lord scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth:** and they left off to build the city. 9 Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the Lord did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the Lord scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.

- The judgement executed against the rebels is the scattering (2520).

Babylon (Nebuchadnezzar):

1. The Warning Message:

Daniel 4:20-27 (KJV)

The tree that thou sawest, which grew, and was strong, whose height reached unto the heaven, and the sight thereof to all the earth; 21 Whose leaves were fair, and the fruit thereof much, and in it was meat for all; under which the beasts of the field dwelt, and upon whose branches the fowls of the heaven had their habitation: 22 It is thou, O king, that art grown and become strong: for thy greatness is grown, and reacheth unto heaven, and thy dominion to the end of the earth. 23 And whereas the king saw a watcher and an holy one coming down from heaven, and saying, Hew the tree down, and destroy it; yet leave the stump of the roots thereof in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and let his portion be with the beasts of the field, till seven times pass over him; 24 This is the interpretation, O king, and this is the decree of the most High, which is come upon my lord the king: 25 That they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and they shall wet thee with the dew of heaven, and seven times shall pass over thee, till thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will. 26 And whereas they commanded to leave the stump of the tree roots; thy kingdom shall be sure unto thee, after that thou shalt have known that the heavens do rule. 27 Wherefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable unto thee, and **break off thy sins by righteousness**, and thine iniquities by shewing mercy to the poor; if it may be a lengthening of thy tranquillity.

- The warning message came to Nebuchadnezzar through his dream and Daniel's interpretation of it.
- The counsel of break off his sins typifies the first angel.
- The warning message here is located at 911 is this is where the troubling dream is located (see Gen 41 and Dan 2).

2. The warning message is empowered, a divine symbol descends and an investigation begins:

Daniel 4:28-30 (KJV)

All this came upon the king Nebuchadnezzar. 29 At the end of twelve months he walked in the palace of the kingdom of Babylon. 30 The king spake, and said, Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honour of my majesty?

- Nebuchadnezzar demonstrated through his self exaltation that he had rejected the warning message.

When Nebuchadnezzar glorified himself, and did not give praise to God, he was made an example before the world of how God regards this spirit of self-exaltation. As he walked in the palace of his kingdom, he said, “Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honor of my majesty?” **But there was an unseen watcher that marked his spirit and recorded his words**, and a voice fell from heaven, saying, “O king Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken: The kingdom is departed from thee. And they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field. They shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and seven times shall pass over thee, until thou know that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.” {RH June 18, 1889, par. 16}

- Nebuchadnezzar was being investigated before the divine pronouncement.

3. Divine pronouncement that the warning message has been rejected.

Daniel 4:31-32 (KJV)

While the word was in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, saying, O king Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken; The kingdom is departed from thee. 32 And they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field: they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and seven times shall pass over thee, until thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.

- The divine pronouncement is that Nebuchadnezzar shall suffer the curse of the 2520.

4. Executive judgement/punishment:

Daniel 4:33 (KJV)

The same hour was the thing fulfilled upon Nebuchadnezzar: and he was driven from men, and did eat grass as oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till his hairs were grown like eagles' feathers, and his nails like birds' claws.

Babylon (Belshazzar):

1. The Warning Message:

Daniel 5:17-22 (KJV)

Then Daniel answered and said before the king, Let thy gifts be to thyself, and give thy rewards to another; yet I will read the writing unto the king, and make known to him the interpretation. 18 O thou king, **the most high God gave Nebuchadnezzar thy father a kingdom**, and majesty, and glory, and honour: 19 And for the majesty that he gave him, all people, nations, and languages, trembled and feared before him: whom he would he slew; and whom he would he kept alive; and whom he would he set up; and whom he would he put down. 20 **But when his heart was lifted up, and his mind hardened in pride, he was deposed from his kingly throne**, and they took his glory from him: 21 And he was driven from the sons of men; and his heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling was with the wild asses: they fed him with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven; till he knew that the most high God ruled in the kingdom of men, and that he appointeth over it whomsoever he will. 22 **And thou his son, O Belshazzar, hast not humbled thine heart, though thou knewest all this;**

- Belshazzar's warning message was the history of Nebuchadnezzar (2520).
- He thus represents Adventism whose rejection of the 2520 is marked at 911 (Jer 6:16-17).
 - Dan 11:40-45 and the 2520 are inseparable.

Belshazzar, awed by this representation of God's power, showing that they had a witness, though they knew it not, had had great opportunities of knowing the works of the living God, and His power, and of doing His will. **He had been privileged with much light**. His grandfather, Nebuchadnezzar, had been warned of his danger in forgetting God and glorifying himself. **Belshazzar had a knowledge of his banishment from the society of men, and his association with the beasts of the field**; and these facts, which ought to have been a lesson to him, **he disregarded, as if they had never occurred; and he went on repeating the sins of his grandfather**. He dared to commit the crimes which brought God's judgments upon Nebuchadnezzar. He was condemned, not alone that he himself was doing wickedly, but that he had not availed himself of opportunities and capabilities, if cultivated, of being right. { TM 436.1 }

2. Investigation/recording:

Little did Belshazzar think that there was ***a heavenly Witness to his idolatrous revelry; that a divine Watcher, unrecognized***, looked upon the scene of *profanation, heard the sacrilegious* mirth, beheld the idolatry. - PK 524.1

_ *An unseen Watcher is writing their words in the books of heaven* - Te 79.1 _

- God was investigating/recording Belshazzar's deeds.
 - God's people are baptized into new life at 911. The record of previous sins are done away with (Col 2:11-13, Acts 2:38). What is recorded are their prophetic sins following 911.
 - Justification also marked at 911. Justification is a complete pardon leaving one as if they had never sinned.

Pardon and justification are one and the same thing*. Through faith, the believer passes from the position of a rebel, a child of sin and Satan, to the position of a loyal subject of Christ Jesus, not because of an inherent goodness, but because Christ receives him as His child by adoption. ***The sinner receives the forgiveness of his sins***, because these sins are borne by his Substitute and Surety. The Lord speaks to His heavenly Father, saying: "This is My child, I relieve him from the condemnation of death, giving him My life insurance policy - eternal life - because I have taken his place and have suffered for his sins. He is even My beloved son." **Thus man, pardoned, and *clothed with the beautiful garments of Christ's righteousness**, stands faultless before God*. FW 103.2

- Hence what is being recorded is the course pursued in the time of investigation which begins at 911.

3. Divine pronouncement that the warning message has been rejected.

Daniel 5:25-28 (KJV)

And this is the writing that was written, mene, mene, tekel, upharsin. 26 This is the interpretation of the thing: mene; God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it. 27 tekel; Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting. 28 peres; Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians.

Just as surely as **there was a Witness at the feast of Belshazzar**, there is also a Witness in every scene of sacrilegious mirth, and just as surely is ***the recording angel writing, "Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting"** - CTBH 21.2

- Mene mene tekel upharsin (MMTU) is 126 shekels and 2520 gerahs.
 - The divine pronouncement is the 2520.

In the balances of the sanctuary the Seventh-day Adventist church is to be weighed. She will be judged by the privileges and advantages that she has had. If her spiritual experience does not correspond to the advantages that Christ, at infinite cost, has bestowed on her, **if the blessings conferred have not qualified her to do the work entrusted to her, on her will be pronounced the sentence: "Found wanting."** By the light bestowed, the opportunities given, will she be judged. { 8T 247.2}

- Two classes are seen at the divine pronouncement - Daniel and Belshazzar.

4. Executive judgement/punishment:

Daniel 5:30-31 (KJV)

In that night was Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans slain. 31 And Darius the Median took the kingdom, being about threescore and two years old.

- Belshazzar was killed by Cyrus. Cyrus is a type of Christ.
 - Christ "kills" the foolish virgins by closing their probation at Midnight.

Sodom and Gomorroah:

Genesis 18:16-22

And the men rose up from thence, and looked toward Sodom: and Abraham went with them to bring them on the way. 17 And the Lord said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do; 18 Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? 19 For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment; that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him. 20 **And the Lord said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous; 21 I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know.** 22 And the men turned their faces from thence, and went toward Sodom: but Abraham stood yet before the Lord.

Genesis 19:1

And there came two angels to Sodom at even; and **Lot sat in the gate** of Sodom: and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground;

- Sodom and Gomorrah are types of Jerusalem in a time of apostasy (Isa 1:9-10, Eze 16:48-50, Judges 19).
- Two angels typifying the second angel descended upon Sodom. The second angel arrived at 911 in our line.
- These two angels engaged in a work of investigation before destroying the city (Gen 19:13).
- Lot sat in the gate. A gate represents a change of dispensation.
 - Rev 3:7 is October 22, 1844.
 - Acts 3:2-10 represents the change of dispensation from the church militant to the church triumphant as the “beautiful gate.”
- A change of dispensation is marked at 911 when the judgement moved from the dead to the living.

Genesis 19:12-13 (KJV)

And the men said unto Lot, Hast thou here any besides? son in law, and thy sons, and thy daughters, and whatsoever thou hast in the city, bring them out of this place: 13 **For we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the Lord;** and the Lord hath sent us to destroy it.

- The divine pronouncement is the declaration that Sodom will be destroyed because of its wickedness.
 - Lot separated from the inhabitants of Sodom following this pronouncement.

Genesis 19:22-25 (KJV) Haste thee, escape thither; for I cannot do any thing till thou be come thither. Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar. **23 The sun was risen upon the earth when Lot entered into Zoar. 24 Then the Lord rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the Lord out of heaven;** 25 And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground.

- This judgement was executed when the “sun was risen.”
 - The pioneers identified Apr 19, 1844 - Oct 22, 1844 as a night of tarrying.

“While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.” **By the tarrying of the bridegroom is represented the passing of the time when the Lord was expected, the disappointment, and the seeming delay.** In this time of uncertainty, the interest of the superficial and halfhearted soon began to waver, and their efforts to relax; but those whose faith was based on a personal knowledge of the Bible had a rock beneath their feet, which the waves of disappointment could not wash away. “They all slumbered and slept;” one class in unconcern and abandonment of their faith, the other class patiently waiting till clearer light should be given. Yet in **the night of trial** the latter seemed to lose, to some extent, their zeal and devotion. The halfhearted and superficial could no longer lean upon the faith of their brethren. Each must stand or fall for himself.
{ GC 394.1 }

- Thus sunrise would mark the end of the night on Oct 22, 1844. Oct 22, 1844 was the arrival of the third angel and typifies the third step of the everlasting gospel which is Midnight for the priests.
- The fire that comes down at Midnight is the full manifestation of strong delusion upon foolish priests.

Millerite History:

- This structure is seen in Millerite history.
 - At the macro level the warning message is empowered on Aug 11, 1840 when the divine symbol descends.
- This is the beginning of the investigation (God comes down to investigate).

I was shown the interest which all heaven had taken in the work going on upon the earth. Jesus commissioned a mighty angel to descend and warn the inhabitants of the earth to prepare for His second appearing. **As the angel left the presence of Jesus in heaven, an exceedingly bright and glorious light went before him. I was told that his mission was to lighten the earth with his glory and warn man of the coming wrath of God.** Multitudes received the light. Some of these seemed to be very solemn, while others were joyful and enraptured. All who received the light turned their faces toward heaven and glorified God. Though it was shed upon all, some merely came under its influence, but did not heartily receive it. Many were filled with great wrath.

Ministers and people united with the vile and stoutly resisted the light shed by the mighty angel. But all who received it withdrew from the world and were closely united with one another. { EW 245.2}

Satan and his angels were busily engaged in seeking to attract the minds of as many as possible from the light. The company who rejected it were left in darkness. **I saw the angel of God watching with the deepest interest His professed people, to record the character which they developed as the message of heavenly origin was presented to them.** And as very many who professed love for Jesus turned from the heavenly message with scorn, derision, and hatred, an angel with a parchment in his hand made the shameful record. All heaven was filled with indignation that Jesus should be thus slighted by His professed followers. { EW 246.1}

- The warning message was rejected by the Protestants beginning in June 1842.

In **June, 1842**, Mr. Miller gave his **second course of lectures** at the Casco Street church in Portland. I felt it a great privilege to attend these lectures; for I had fallen under discouragements, and did not feel prepared to meet my Saviour. This second course created much more excitement in the city than the first. **With few exceptions, the different denominations closed the doors of their churches against Mr. Miller.** Many discourses from the various pulpits sought to expose the alleged fanatical errors of the lecturer; but crowds of anxious listeners attended his meetings, and many were unable to enter the house. The congregations were unusually quiet and attentive. { CET 21.3 }

- The divine pronouncement came on Apr 19, 1844 when the second angel arrives proclaiming that the warning message had been rejected.
- The executive judgement is marked on Oct 22.

Protestant Fractal:

- In the Protestant fractal Aug 11, 1840 marks the restraint of Islam.
 - An angel (divine symbol) came down and lightened the earth with its glory.
 - EGW marks a process of record taking (investigation) at this time.

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with a parchment in his hand made the shameful record*. All heaven was filled with indignation that Jesus should be thus slighted by His professed followers. EW 246.1

- This angel is the first angel because he lightens the earth with his glory (Rev 14:6).
 - In the history of this angel there is a recording of sins/investigation that takes place.
 - This angel is marked at 911 in our line.
- The divine pronouncement is the 1843 chart.
 - This chart gives the 2520 which parallels "mene mene tekel upharsin" (126) in Daniel 5.
 - Mene mene tekel upharsin was the divine pronouncement against Belshazzar which was followed by the execution of judgement upon him through Cyrus.
 - The 1843 chart was written by God's hand. God's hand wrote the divine pronouncement at Belshazzar's feast.
 - April 19, 1844 marks the execution and final separation from the wicked in the line of the protestants.

But the beloved of God, who were oppressed, accepted the message, "Babylon is fallen," and left the churches. EW 237.2

Millerite Fractal:

1. April 19, 1844 marks the descent of the second angel.
2. An angel recorded (investigated) how the message was received.

Another mighty angel was commissioned ***to descend to earth***. Jesus placed in his hand a writing, and as he came to the earth, he cried, ***"Babylon is fallen, is fallen."*** Then I saw the disappointed ones again raise their eyes to heaven, looking with faith and hope for their Lord's appearing. But many seemed to remain in a stupid state, as if asleep; yet I could see the trace of deep sorrow upon their countenances. The disappointed ones saw from the Scriptures that they were in the tarrying time, and that they must patiently wait the fulfillment of the vision. The same evidence which led them to look for their Lord in 1843, led them to expect Him in 1844. Yet I saw that the majority did not possess that energy which marked their faith in 1843. Their disappointment had dampened their faith. EW 247.1

As the people of God ***united in the cry of the second angel,*** the heavenly host marked with the deepest interest the effect of the message. They saw many who bore the name of Christians turn with scorn and derision upon those who had been disappointed. **As the words fell from mocking lips, *"You have not gone up yet!"*** ***an angel wrote them*** EW 247.2

3. The Midnight Cry which followed is the divine pronouncement.

- The MC message was based on Ezra 7:9 hence the divine pronouncement in our line will come in connection with the same verse.
4. October 22, 1844 marks the execution of judgement with the shut door on the foolish virgins.

Present Truth Application:

- At 911 the angel of Revelation 18 descended. He is the first angel as he lightens the earth with his glory (Rev14:6). But he repeats the message of the second angel. So 911 is both Aug 11, 1840 and Apr 19 1844 combined.
 - This means that at 911 the recording of sins began. The divine pronouncement will come after 911.
- The divine pronouncement is the MC which determines the destiny of SDAs.

“O consistency, thou art a jewel!” I repeat the same with decided force to you. You say that Anna’s visions place the forming of the image of the beast after probation closes. This is not so. You claim to believe the testimonies; let them set you right on this point. **The Lord has shown me clearly that the image of the beast will be formed before probation closes; for it is to be the great test for the people of God, by which their eternal destiny will be decided.** { 2SM 80.4}

- It is the “126” or handwriting on the wall for Adventism and has been typified by May 1842 and the Midnight Cry in the history of the Millerites.
 - The divine pronouncement is the PBM in the line of the priests.
- The divine pronouncement is followed by the execution of the judgement at Midnight which is typified by April 19, 1844 and Oct 22,1844.

The Divine Pronouncement and the Prediction Before Midnight:

- In Gen 40 Joseph gives a divine pronouncement at PBM three days before M.
- Num 14:22-24 - PBM is divine pronouncement.

Numbers 14:22-24 KJV

[22] Because all those men which have seen my glory, and my miracles, which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have tempted me now these **ten times**, and have not hearkened to my voice; [23] Surely they shall not see the land which I swear unto their fathers, neither shall any of them that provoked me see it: [24] But my servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and hath followed me fully, him will I bring into the land whereinto he went; and his seed shall possess it.

- In this line The giving of the law at Sinai marks 911 and the entry into Canaan at the of of 40 years marks Midnight.
- Two classes are seen at this divine pronouncement identifying that two classes will be seen at the PBM.
- Belshazzar's feast typifies 911.
- This was followed by the divine pronouncement of MMTU.
 - This was not only a pronouncement but a prediction regarding the fate of Belshazzar which was executed at Midnight prophetically. It is the PBM.
- This pronouncement was written with the finger of God.

Exodus 8:19,21-23 KJV

[19] Then the magicians said unto Pharaoh, **This is the finger of God**: and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he hearkened not unto them; as the Lord had said. [21] Else, if thou wilt not let my people go, behold, I will send swarms of flies upon thee, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people, and into thy houses: and the houses of the Egyptians shall be full of swarms of flies, and also the ground whereon they are. [22] And I will sever in that day the land of Goshen, in which my people dwell, that no swarms of flies shall be there; to the end thou mayest know that I am the Lord in the midst of the earth. [23] And **I will put a division between my people and thy people**: to morrow shall this sign be.

- The third plague was the finger of God and after it came seven more plagues. Hence the seven times (2520) is a symbol of the divine pronouncement.
 - In the plague of lice the magicians are also clearly seen from the God of Moses. Thus a separation of classes is seen at the PBM.
 - The 2520 is the curse for breaking the covenant and the punishment is destruction at the hands of the Babylonians (SL).

Exodus 31:16-18 KJV

[16] Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant. [17] It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed. [18] And he 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.

- Tables of the covenant written with the finger of God identifying the history when God is confirming the covenant with his people from PBM-M.
- Samuel Snow's article confirming the covenant three days before Aug 15.
- Sabbath cited. The Sabbath is the seventh day and the number 7 is a symbol of PBM-M.
- Two tables - the number two is a symbol of PBM-M (PBM is passover and there two days from passover to the feast of first-fruits which is M).

Luke 11:20 KJV

But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you.

- Devils cast out at PBM. Identifying that those coming under strong delusion are coming under the control of demons.
- Judas falls away at PBM and is possessed by a demon.
- Matt 12:28 identifies the Watcher with the bloodless hand/finger of God as the Spirit.

Matthew 12:28 (KJV)

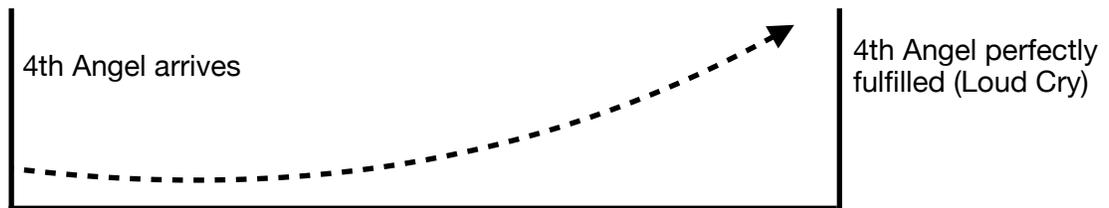
28 But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.

2014 and PBM - A Progressive Development:

The second angel's message of Revelation 14 was first preached in the summer of 1844, and it then had a more direct application to the churches of the United States, where the warning of the judgment had been most widely proclaimed and most generally rejected, and where the declension in the churches had been most rapid. But the message of the second angel did not reach its complete fulfillment in 1844. The churches then experienced a moral fall, in consequence of their refusal of the light of the advent message; but that fall was not complete. As they have continued to reject the special truths for this time they have fallen lower and lower. Not yet, however, can it be said that "Babylon is fallen,... because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication." She has not yet made all nations do this. The spirit of world conforming and indifference to the testing truths for our time exists and has been gaining ground in churches of the Protestant faith in all the countries of Christendom; and these churches are included in the solemn and terrible denunciation of the second angel. But the work of apostasy has not yet reached its culmination. { GC 389.2} The Bible declares that before the coming of the Lord, Satan will work "with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness;" and they that "received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved," will be left to receive "strong delusion, that they should believe a lie." 2 Thessalonians 2:9-11. Not until this condition shall be reached, and the union of the church with the world shall be fully accomplished throughout Christendom, will the fall of Babylon be complete. The change is a progressive one, and the perfect fulfillment of Revelation 14:8 is yet future. { GC 389.3}

911

SL



- The is a progressive development from the arrival of a message to its full development.
 - This is seen in the history of the second angel and the fourth angel.
- PBM's perfect or full development is yet future.
 - But many of the developments identified at PBM began to take place in 2014.
 - Two classes, rebellion, organization.
 - Hence the PBM is a progressive development. We are in the history of the PBM.
- The beginning of the 1260 years parallels its end. In 538 a horn was removed (Visigoths) and the 1260 began. At its end in 1798 a horn was removed (Papacy).
 - Thus the beginning of 126 parallels its end.
- Chiastic structure within the 2520 (742 BC - 1863 AD) allows for the identification of truths at the beginning of the prophecy as marking what takes place at its end.
 - Prophecy unsealed - prophecy sealed; civil war with North vs. South - Civil War with North vs. South; North a confederacy - South a confederacy.
- Mene, Mene, Tekel, Upharsin (MMTU) in Dan 5 makes 126 shekels (20 gerahs in a shekel - Exo 30:13, Lev 27:25). 126 shekels gives 2520 gerahs.
 - Thus 126 is a symbol of the 2520.
 - The 2520 ends in 1844 where the sign of the covenant (Sabbath) is brought to view.
 - 1844 typifies the SL where the latter rain is poured out.
 - 126 years from 1888 (latter rain message of Jones and Waggoner) comes to 2014.
 - Rebellion, 2 classes identified, jealousy (Korah Dathan and Abiram) marked in 1888 and in 2014 also.

When I purposed to leave **Minneapolis [1888]**, the angel of the Lord stood by me and said: "Not so; God has a work for you to do in this place. **The people are acting over the rebellion of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram [jealousy, rejection of God's appointed agencies]**. I have placed you in your proper position, which those who are not in the light will not acknowledge; they will not heed your testimony; but I will be with you; My grace and power shall sustain you. It is not you they are despising, but the messengers and the message I send to My people. They have shown contempt for the word of the Lord. Satan has blinded their eyes and perverted their judgment; and unless every soul shall repent of this their sin, this **unsanctified independence that is doing insult to the Spirit of God [rejection of organization]**, they will walk in darkness. I will remove the candlestick out of his place except they repent and be converted, that I should heal them. **They have obscured their spiritual eyesight. They would not that God should manifest His Spirit and His power [rejection of the Holy Spirit];**

for they have a spirit of mockery and disgust at My word. Lightness, trifling, jesting and joking are daily practiced. They have not set their hearts to seek Me. They walk in the sparks of their own kindling, and unless they repent, they shall lie down in sorrow. Thus saith the Lord: "Stand at your post of duty; for I am with thee, and will not leave thee nor forsake thee." These words from God I have not dared to disregard.—Letter 2a, 1892, pp. 4, 5. (To "Dear Nephew and Niece, Frank (F.E.) and Hattie," November 5, 1892.) { 3MR 191.2 }

- 2001-2014 is 13 years. The number 13 is a symbol of Rebellion (Gen 14:4).
- Matt 13 was fulfilled in 2014 as the servants begin to see the tares in the field.
- A mene can also be 60 gerahs (Eze 45:12) making MMTU 151 shekels.
 - Thus 151 is also a symbol of the 2520.
 - 1863 (2520/wilderness scattering of Miller's dream) plus 151 years comes to 2014.
 - In 1863 foundational truth was rejected (Rebellion) using greek hermeneutics (mystery of iniquity).
 - In 2014 truths that are foundational to the movement were rejected and false methods of interpretation were used (conflated moral and prophetic model).
 - In 1863 the SDA organization was established and after 2014 the light of organization was understood to be present truth.

Christ:

Daniel 9:24, 27

Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy. 27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

- 27 - 34 AD was the time of the Jews visitation (Luk 19:41-44).

The Jews misinterpreted and misapplied the word of God, and **they knew not the time of their visitation. The years of the ministry of Christ and His apostles,—the precious last years of grace to the chosen people,**—they spent in plotting the destruction of the Lord's messengers. Earthly ambitions absorbed them, and the offer of the spiritual kingdom came to them in vain. So today the kingdom of this world absorbs men's thoughts, and they take no note of the rapidly fulfilling prophecies and the tokens of the swift-coming kingdom of God. { DA 235.2 }

- The word visitation means to "investigate" in the greek.

G1984

Original: ἐπισκοπή

Transliteration: episkopē

Phonetic: ep-is-kop-ay'**Thayer Definition:**

- 1 investigation, inspection, visitation
 - a that act by which God looks into and searches out the ways, deeds character, of men, in order to adjudge them their lot accordingly, whether joyous or sad
 - b oversight
 - i overseership, office, charge, the office of an elder
 - ii the overseer or presiding officers of a Christian church

Origin: from G1980

TDNT entry: 12:06,2

Part(s) of speech: Noun Feminine

- The Jews were being investigated as to whether they would fulfil the requirements of the prophecy outlined in Dan 9:24-27.
- They were being investigated while they were alive and had opportunity to respond to God's requirements before closing their probation.
- This time of investigation began in 27AD with the descent of the divine symbol (the Holy Spirit) at Christ's baptism.
- 27AD typifies 911. Hence the investigative judgement of the living (and the time of Adventism's visitation) began at 911.
- In 27 AD the warning message borne by John the Baptist was empowered.
- In 31 AD the divine pronouncement was given when Christ told the Jews their house is left unto them desolate.

Matthew 23:36-39 (KJV)

Verily I say unto you, All these things shall come upon this generation. 37 O **Jerusalem, Jerusalem**, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! 38 **Behold, your house is left unto you desolate.** 39 For I say unto you, **Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

Every time you refuse to listen to the message of mercy, you strengthen yourself in unbelief. Every time you fail to open the door of your heart to Christ, you become more and more unwilling to listen to the voice of Him that speaketh. You diminish your chance of responding to the last appeal of mercy. **Let it not be written of you, as of ancient Israel, "Ephraim is joined to idols; let him alone." Hosea 4:17.** Let not Christ weep over you as He wept over Jerusalem, saying, "How often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, and ye would not! **Behold, your house is left unto you desolate.**" Luke 13:34, 35. { COL 237.1 }

- “Jerusalem, Jerusalem” - the second angel which is a divine pronouncement that the warning message has been rejected.
- “Ye shall not see me henceforth” - a reference to the executive judgement.

At the close of the thousand years, Christ again returns to the earth. He is accompanied by the host of the redeemed and attended by a retinue of angels. As He descends in terrific majesty **He bids the wicked dead arise to receive their doom.** They come forth, a mighty host, numberless as the sands of the sea. What a contrast to those who were raised at the first resurrection! The righteous were clothed with immortal youth and beauty. The wicked bear the traces of disease and death. { GC 662.1 }

Every eye in that vast multitude is turned to behold the glory of the Son of God. With one voice the wicked hosts exclaim: “Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord!” It is not love to Jesus that inspires this utterance. The force of truth urges the words from unwilling lips. As the wicked went into their graves, so they come forth with the same enmity to Christ and the same spirit of rebellion. They are to have no new probation in which to remedy the defects of their past lives. Nothing would be gained by this. A lifetime of transgression has not softened their hearts. A second probation, were it given them, would be occupied as was the first in evading the requirements of God and exciting rebellion against Him. { GC 662.2 }

Jude 1:14-15 (KJV)

And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, **Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, 15 To execute judgment upon all,** and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.

- 34 AD judgement was executed upon the Jews when their probation was closed.
- Hand of God seen in 31 AD at the rending of the veil.

It was not the hand of the priest that rent from top to bottom the gorgeous veil that divided the holy from the most holy place. **It was the hand of God.** When Christ cried out, “It is finished,” **the Holy Watcher that was an unseen guest at Belshazzar’s feast pronounced the Jewish nation to be a nation unchurched. The same hand that traced on the wall the characters that recorded Belshazzar’s doom and the end of the Babylonian kingdom, rent the veil of the temple from top to bottom,** opening a new and living way for all, high and low, rich and poor, Jew and Gentile. From henceforth people might come to God without priest or ruler (Manuscript 101, 1897). { 5BC 1109.3 }