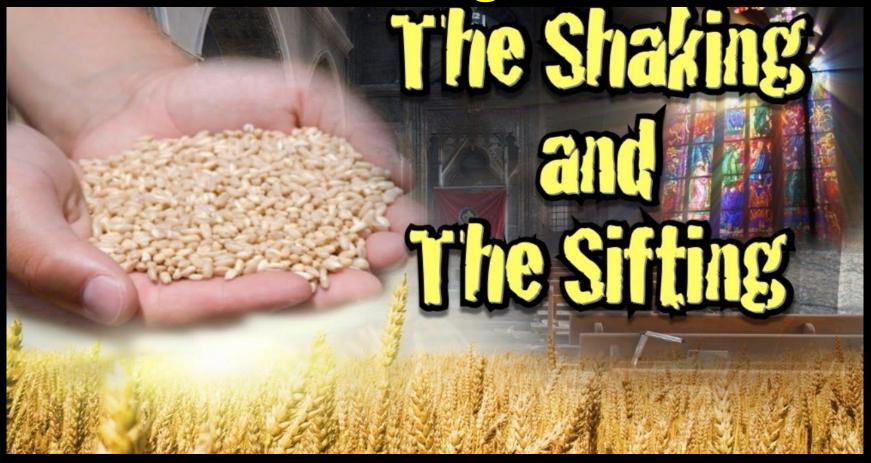
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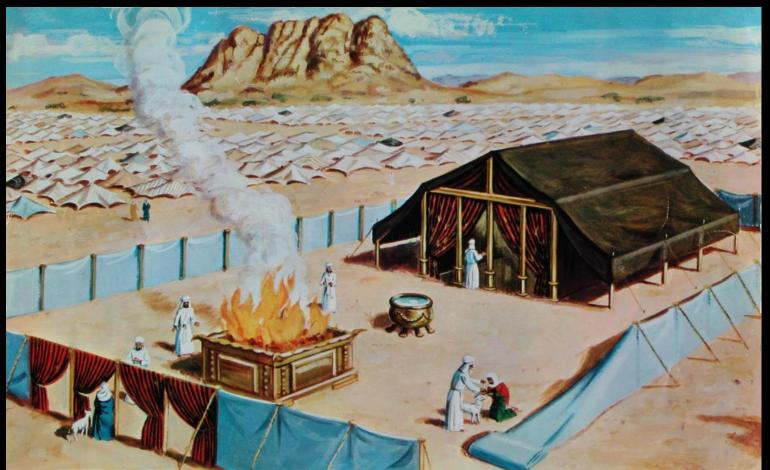
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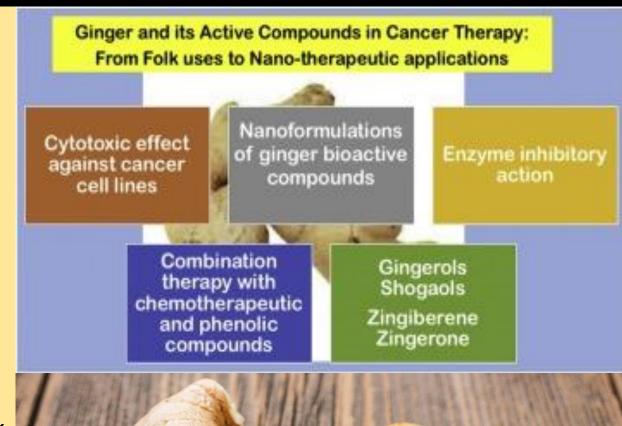
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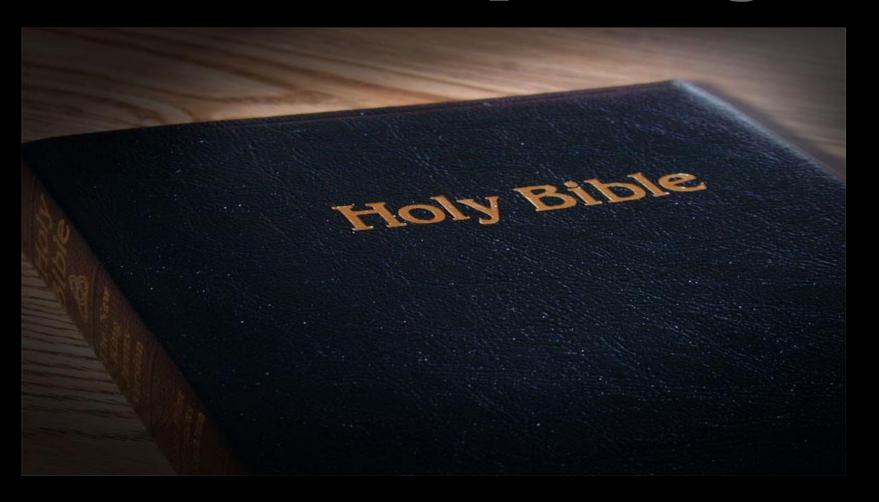
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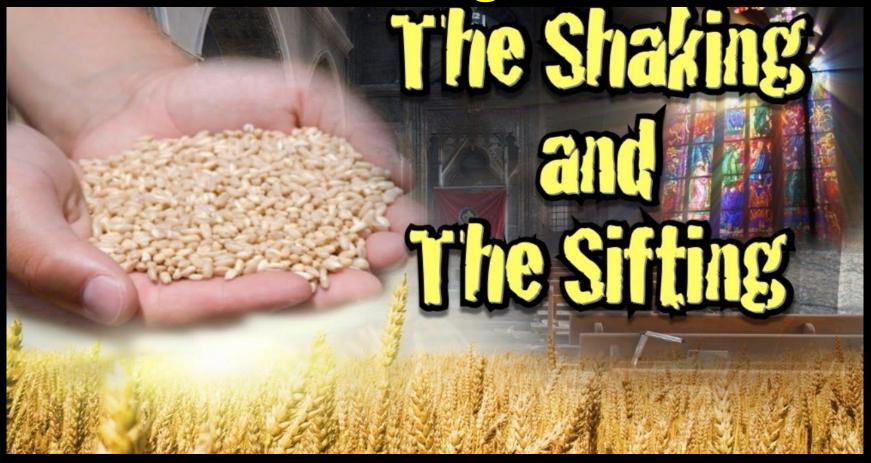
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falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit

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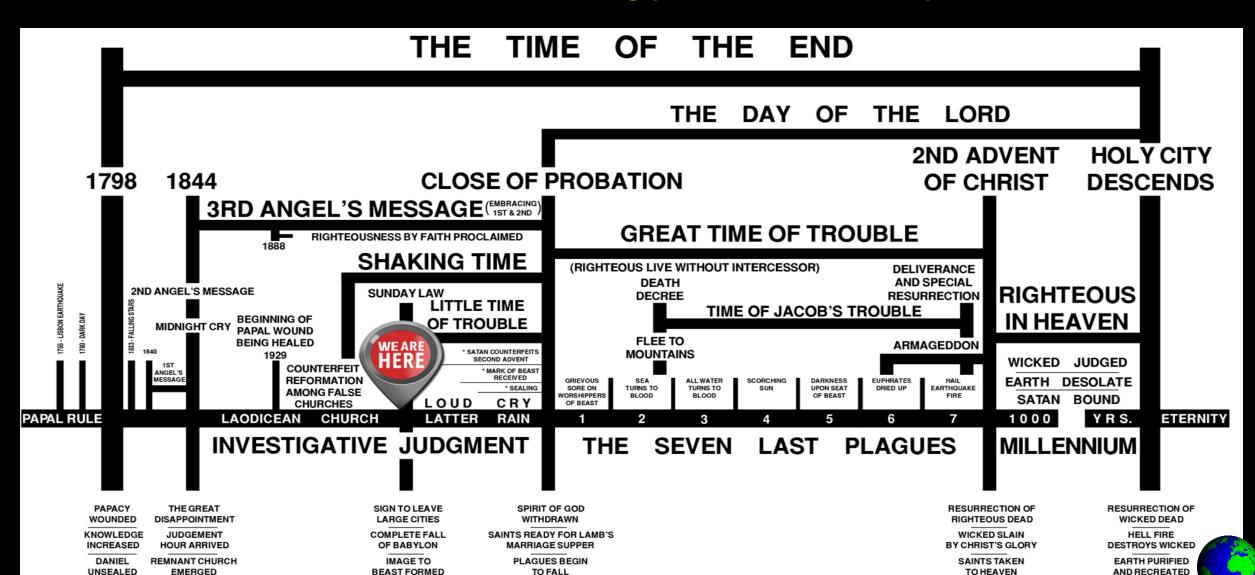


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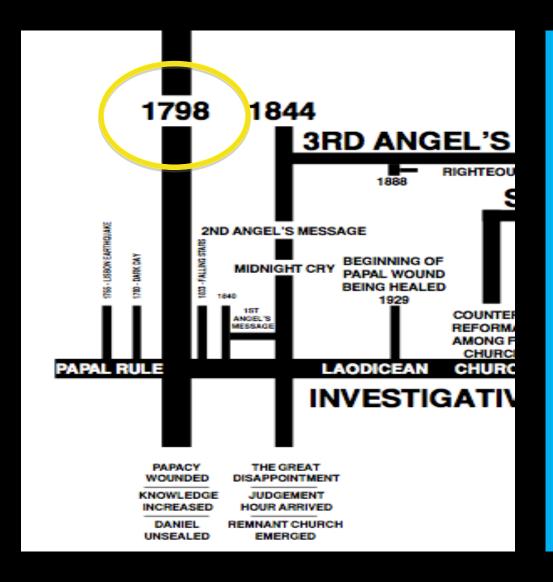




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#### Event # 1 - 1798

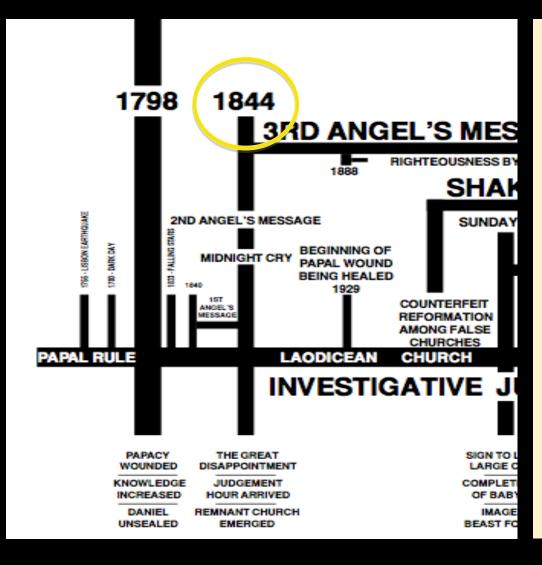


#### 1798 "Time of the End":

- Deadly Wound Received
- Papacy thrown out of power
- The Book of Daniel will be "unsealed"
- Knowledge will increase Daniel 12:4,8 10

But since 1798 the book of Daniel has been unsealed, knowledge of the prophecies has increased, and many have proclaimed the solemn message of the judgment near. (GC 356)

#### Event # 2 - 1844

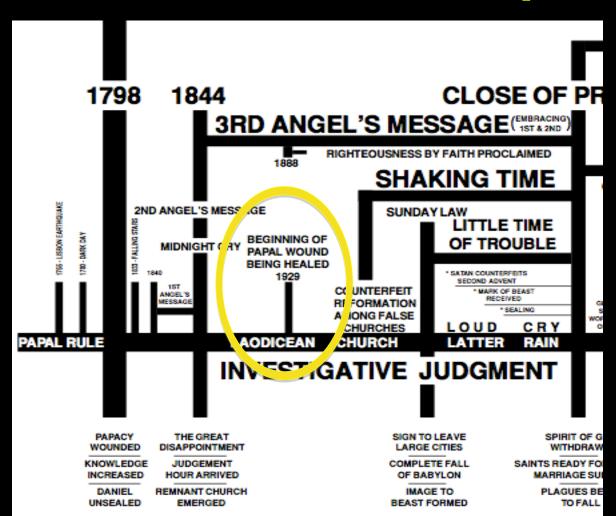


#### **The Great Disappointment:**

- Jesus moved from the Holy to Most Holy
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vision Hiram Edson the Sanctuary Message 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct 1844
- Beginning of the Investigative Judgment
- End of the 2,300 year prophecy
- Start of the remnant church 21st May 1863
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vision to Ellen White Health Reform: 5<sup>th</sup> June 1863
- E J wagoner & A T Jones at GC in 1888:
   Righteousness by Faith rejected
- Sunday Law 1889 AT Jones US Congress: "Breckinridge Bill"



#### Event # 3 - 1929: Revelation 13:3 Last part begins



Beginning of the Healing of the Wound:

Benito **Mussolini** premier of Italy, representing King Victor Emmanuel III, and Pietro Cardinal Gasparri, papal secretary of state, representing Pope Pius XI, signed The Lateran **Treaty** on 11 February 1929.



### Now: The time we are living in today – WE ARE HERE!

PLAGUES BE TO FALL



IMAGE TO

BEAST FORMED

DANIEL

UNSEALED

REMNANT CHURCH

#### **Shaking Time or Shifting:**

- Wheat & Tares identified
- Proclaim the 3<sup>rd</sup> Angel's message
- Counterfeit reformation
- Preach the gospel to every nation
- Replicate God's character in our life
- Study God's word to prepare for the final crisis
- Moving out of cities/Country living by the leading of God



#### Introduction

We have experienced many earthquakes recently. Some so strong and unexpected, so much so that they kept shaking and reeling buildings, in fact some to the ground.

Over the past few years, it feels like we have been shaken to the core... by a pandemic that has impacted the whole world. We have learned we can't trust things in this world; we have learned we can't rely on our plans; we have even given up making plans because it seems so futile.

Who could have ever expected we would need to wear masks to leave home, have curfews, or be limited to traveling only 5km from our house? Who could have ever predicted we couldn't visit each other in our own homes or enjoy simple pleasures like sitting with our friends together on a picnic rug, laughing and talking? Who would have ever thought these things could happen in Australia, the safe country?





#### Our Whole World Feels Unstable

Hebrews 12:18-29 For ye are not come unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest, And the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words; which voice they that heard intreated that the word should not be spoken to them any more: (For they could not endure that which was commanded, And if so much as a beast touch the mountain, it shall be stoned, or thrust through with a dart: And so terrible was the sight, that Moses said, I exceedingly fear and quake:) But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel. See that ye refuse not him that speaketh.



#### Our Whole World Feels Unstable (cont'd)

For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven: Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven. And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: For our God is a consuming fire. (Hebrews 12:18-29)

In this text, God promises He will shake the heavens and earth so only unshakable things remain. The heavens and earth will be removed and replaced with something new—something eternal that can never be shaken. We know this is one thing on which we can rely. This is one thing on which we can set our hopes and in which we can put our faith. It is solid, dependable, trustworthy, and true.



#### Our Whole World Feels Unstable (cont'd)

While it is horrible seeing our world shaking and unstable, maybe it is a good thing for us to learn we can't pin our hopes on this world. We can focus our eyes on God's kingdom. It is made up of His people, His living stones—we are already citizens of this eternal kingdom. We have the things that remain: faith, hope, and love. And while it is only appropriate that we grieve and mourn for this world—its sickness, death, atrocities, and loss of freedom—we can live in the midst of all this in the joy God gives us and the knowledge that we have already inherited His kingdom.

What should our response be? Hebrews 12:28-29 tell us to "be thankful and please God by worshipping him with holy fear and awe". While we look around at earthquakes, war, protests, death, and disease, it pleases God that we are thankful and worship Him with holy fear and awe. He has opened our eyes to something bigger and grander: our rock-solid future—a kingdom that can never be shaken. He promises to be with us through it all and will give us the courage and strength to face whatever we need to face.



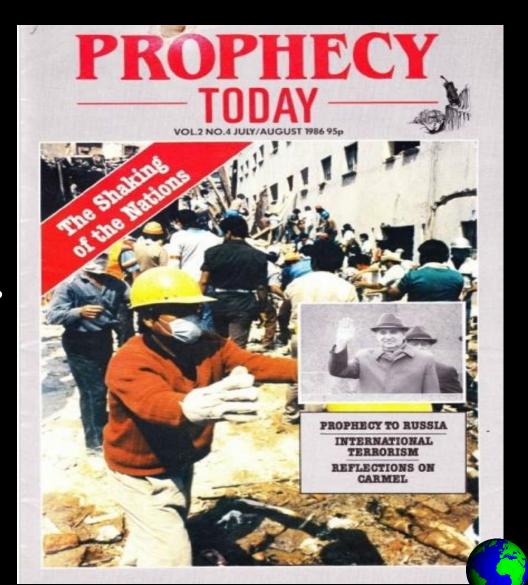


#### The Prophecy of the Coming Shaking

Isaiah 17:4 And in that day it shall come to pass, that the glory of Jacob shall be made thin, and the fatness of his flesh shall wax lean.

- 5 And it shall be as when the harvestman gathereth the corn, and reapeth the ears with his arm; and it shall be as he that gathereth ears in the valley of Rephaim.
- 6 Yet gleaning grapes shall be left in it, as the shaking of an olive tree, two or three berries in the top of the uppermost bough, four or five in the outmost fruitful branches thereof, saith the LORD God of Israel.
- 7 At that day shall a man look to his Maker, and his eyes shall have respect to the Holy One of Israel.

This scripture gives a picture of an experience to come to the people of God in the last days:



#### Experience in the Last Days

- 1. Glory made thin, fatness wax lean: a time when the church is not meeting with favour in the world; apparent progress slow.
- 2. As when the harvestman gathereth the corn: It will be the time of the harvest; that which remains will be gathered into the garner.
- 3. As the shaking of an olive tree: When a tree is shaken by a mighty wind, only the sound fruit clings to the branches; the defective fruit falls to the ground. Defective fruit cannot endure the shaking. The trials and tests of the last days bring the shaking process; it is then that the church passes through the time of Jacob's trouble.
- 4. Two or three berries in the top of the uppermost bough, four or five in the outmost fruitful branches: There is to be a remnant that will stand the shaking, and cling firmly to the tree, which is the body of Christ, the church.



#### Shaking at the Time of Christ's 1st Coming

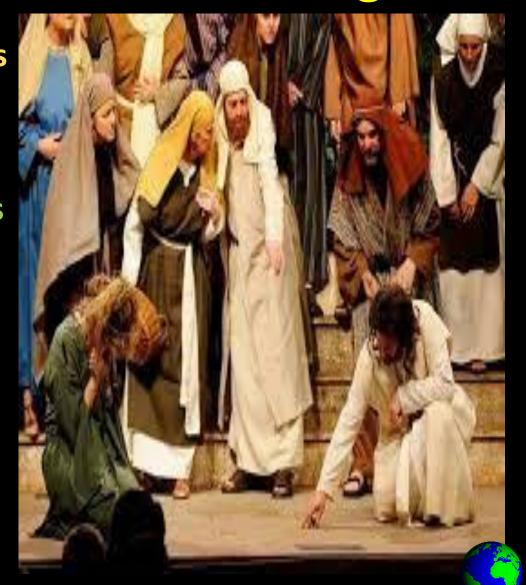
**General**: Came at the climax of His ministry.

1. John 6:2, 14, 15: There had been large additions to the groups of followers of Christ; people were impressed by the truth which He preached; they were attracted by His power.

2. John 6:60, 66: A great exodus occurred when the truths which Christ taught began to cut across temporal hopes and desires; disillusionment came when He refused to be their temporal king.

"For in my jealousy and in the fire of my wrath have I spoken, Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel; {Ezekiel 38:19}

"The mighty shaking has commenced and will go on, and all will be shaken out who are not willing to take a bold and unyielding stand for the truth and to sacrifice for God and His cause. The angel said, "Think ye that any will be compelled to sacrifice? No, no. It must be a freewill offering."



#### Shaking at the Time of Christ's 1st Coming (cont'd)

Personal: Each disciple to meet the test.

- 1. John 6:67: The pointed question, "Will ye also go away?" brought the test to each heart.
- 2. Matthew 26:58, 69-75: Peter's test. Luke 22:31-34: Christ forewarned Peter of the shaking test.
- 3. Matthew 26:47, 56: All the disciples failed to endure the shaking—they "forsook Him, and fled."
- 4. Mark 15:34; Psalms 22:1, 2: Christ passed through the time of test, when His Father's face was hidden from Him, but remained unshaken because of His faith and confidence in the promises of God. Luke 23:46.
- 5. Although the disciples failed in the time of severe trial, they were enabled to renew their faith and confidence, and in later tests to endure to the end.



#### Things that caused the Shaking in Christ's Time

- 1. What caused a shaking in Capernaum during the time of Christ? John 6:28-33
- 2. What word of truth ("present truth") was Jesus teaching? John 6:35
- 3. What was the condition of the people at that time? John 6:36
- 4. What was the reason for the "present truth"
- Jesus taught then? John 6:39, 40
  5. Because of the "pointed" truth Jesus taught, how did His own people discredit Him? John 6:42
  6. Did Jesus continue teaching truth? John 6:47-51
- 7. What was the condition of the people after hearing these solemn truths? John 6:52
- 8. Did Jesus back down from teaching "present truth"? John 6:53-58
- 9. What was the condition of the people as a result of His message? How did they respond to Him? John 6:59, 60



#### Are we now in the shaking time in this Church?

Hebrews 3:12 Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.

13 But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

14 For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end;

15 While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation.

"I saw that we are now in the shaking time. Satan is working with all his power to wrest souls from the hand of Christ and cause them to trample underfoot the Son of God . . . . Character is being developed. Angels of God are weighing moral worth. God is testing and proving His people." 1T 429



#### What is the purpose of this shaking/sifting?

See 1 Kings 18:17-21

"Sins exist in the church that God hates, but they are scarcely touched for fear of making enemies. Opposition has risen in the church to the plain testimony. Some will not bear it . . . I saw that individuals would rise up against the plain testimonies. It does not suit their natural feelings. They would choose to have smooth things spoken unto them, and have peace cried in their ears. I view the church in a more dangerous condition than they ever have been. Experimental religion is known but by a few. The shaking must soon take place to purify the church." 2SG 284

Throughout the history of our church, many superficial believers have been shaken out. (Our problem today is that the church is so lukewarm, that the superficial feel very much at home—and those faithful to our historic beliefs are instead being crowded out: a reverse shaking!) But the shaking/sifting process in our church will climax in the crisis brought on by the enactment of the national Sunday law.



## Things That Cause The Shaking Today: 1. False theories produce a shaking

"When the shaking comes, by the introduction of false theories, these surface readers, anchored nowhere, are like shifting sand. They slide into any position to suit the tenor of their feelings of bitterness. . . . Daniel and Revelation must be studied, as well as the other prophecies of the Old and New Testaments. Let there be light, yes, light, in your dwellings. For this we need to pray. The Holy Spirit, shining upon the sacred page, will open our understanding, that we may know what is truth. . . ." TM 112

"The enemy will bring in false theories, such as the doctrine that there is no sanctuary. This is one of the points on which there will be a departing from the faith. Where shall we find safety unless it be in the truths that the Lord has been giving for the last fifty years?" Ev 224



## 2. The shaking occurs when the truth is refused!

"There is to be a shaking among God's people; but this is not the present truth to carry to the churches. It will be the result of refusing the truth presented." 2SM 13

"There must be a refining, winnowing process in every church, for there are among us wicked men who do not love the truth or honor God. We are in the shaking time, the time when everything that can be shaken will be shaken." LDE 173

"Not having received the love of the truth, they will be taken in the delusions of the enemy; they will give heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils, and will depart from the faith." 6T 401

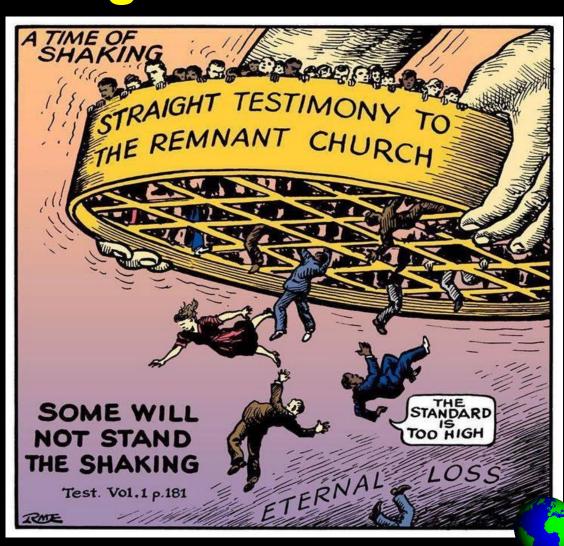


When the observance of Sunday be mandatory, each person must decide whether to accept the sign of authority of God (Sabbath) or the authority of men (Sunday)

# 3. The rejection of the straight testimony brings the shaking!

"I asked the meaning of the shaking I had seen and was shown that it would be caused by the straight testimony called forth by the counsel of the True Witness to the Laodiceans. This will have its effect upon the heart of the receiver, and will lead him to exalt the standard and pour forth the straight truth. Some will not bear this straight testimony. They will rise up against it, and this is what will cause a shaking among God's people."

"I saw that the testimony of the True Witness has not been half heeded. The solemn testimony upon which the destiny of the church hangs has been lightly esteemed, if not entirely disregarded. This testimony must work deep repentance; all who truly receive it will obey it and be purified." EW 270

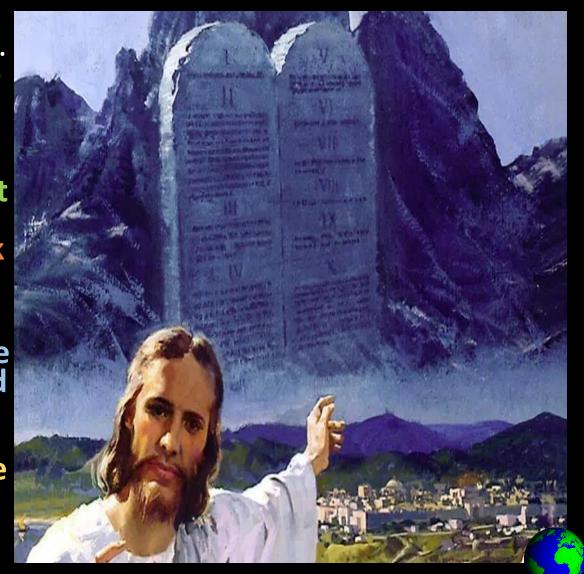


#### 4. Disobedience brings the shaking!

"We are in the shaking time, the time when everything that can be shaken will be shaken. The Lord will not excuse those who know the truth if they do not in word and deed obey His commands. If we make no effort to win souls to Christ we shall be held responsible for the work we might have done, but did not do because of our spiritual indolence. Those who belong to the Lord's kingdom must work earnestly for the saving of souls." CM p. 12

#### 5. Persecution produces a shaking:

"In the absence of the persecution there have drifted into our ranks men who appear sound and their Christianity unquestionable, but who, if persecution should arise, would go out from us. In the crisis they would see force in specious reasons that have had an influence on their minds. Satan has prepared various snares to meet varied minds." Ev 360



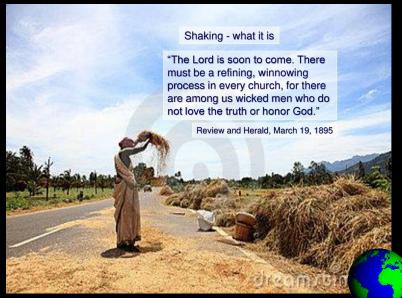
#### What The Shaking And Sifting Are!

"Pray that you will not fall into temptation" (Luke 22:40). The Greek word for "temptation" means "trial" or "test." If Peter had been more attentive to Christ's counsel to pray, he would have been given the strength to acknowledge his Saviour. Much of the shaking and sifting we undergo comes because we are too self-confident and complacent. What did Christ do for Peter that He will also do for us? Luke 22:32 (compare Romans 8:34; Hebrews 7:25). How does Christ's interest in our welfare enable us to respond? Hebrews 4:14-16.

"I have prayed for you" (Luke 22:32)." What a comfort to know that the Master takes so personal an interest in the problems and temptations of us as individuals!" - SDA Bible Commentary, vol. 5, p. 868.

If we value Christ's intercessory prayers for us and also pray in harmony with His will, Satan's temptations will only bring us closer to our Saviour until we are beyond Satan's reach. "From grateful hearts, from lips touched with holy fire, let the glad song ring out, Christ is risen! He lives to make intercession for us. Grasp this hope, and it will hold the soul like a sure, tried anchor. Believe, and thou shalt see the glory of God.".- The Desire of Ages, p. 794.



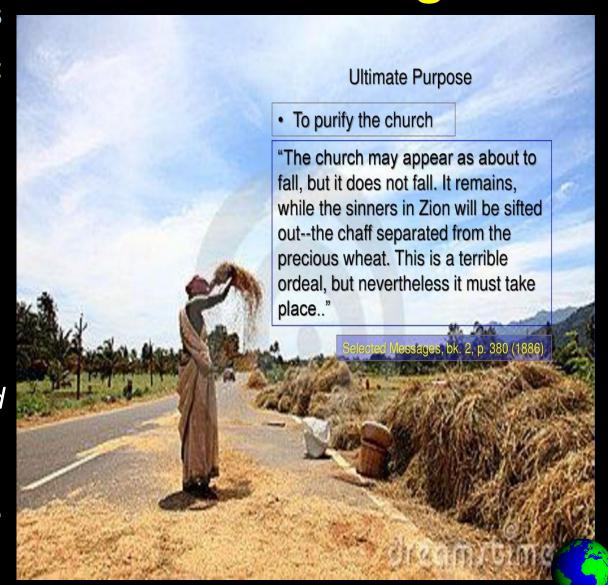


#### What is one basic reason for the shaking?

The shaking is not an arbitrary decree on God's part. The Bible and Spirit of Prophecy give distinct reasons for it. It is especially important to understand this matter so we will not be among the people sifted out.

Revelation 3:14 And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; 15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. 16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

- 17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:
- Frequently associated with this spiritual Luke warmness is an obsession with worldly gain.
   Compare Matthew 25:1-14.

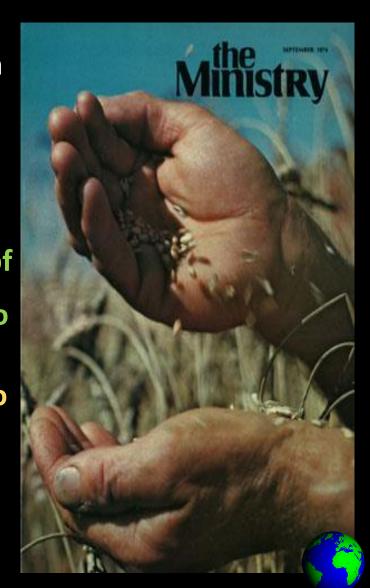


## What is one basic reason for the shaking? (cont'd)

Self-satisfaction and a presumptuous sense of security, which breed indifference, cause many to be shaken out, especially when they or the church receive trials that they have no inner strength to bear. Such people have few spiritual struggles, because they have no idea what it means to "press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called" them (Philippians 3:14). When sacrifice and trial are called for, they depart from the faith, offended and dismayed.

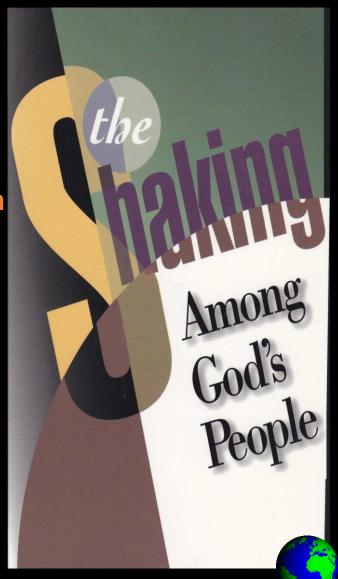
"Lukewarm Christianity preserves enough of the form, and even of the content of the gospel, to dull the perceptive powers of the spirit and renders men oblivious to the earnest effort necessary to the attainment of the high ideal of a victorious life in Christ. The typical Laodicean Christian is content with things as they are and proud of the little progress he has made. It is almost impossible to convince him of his great need and of how far he is from the goal of perfection." - SDA Bible Commentary, vol. 7, p. 761.

False teachings that undermine the power of truth have been introduced into the church since its inception (Acts 20:29, 30). Opinions that question God's Word will continue to enchant unstable believers until Christ returns. - Early Writings, p. 50.



#### Questions on the Shaking

- 1. Who else does a sifting work and why? Luke 22:31, 33, 34.
- 2. What is Christ's counsel regarding this sifting? Luke 22:40.
- 3. Read 1 Corinthians 11:19 and Ephesians 4:14. How do "every wind of teaching" and "deceitful scheming" cause the shaking?
- 4. How will the manifestation of Christ's righteousness among us affect those who love the truth? Isaiah 52:7-9.
- 5. How will this same revelation affect the rebellious in the church and the world? Luke 3:16, 17 (compare Isaiah 17:4-6, 12, 13).
- 6. Study Luke 3:16, 17 in relationship to verses 7-14. What do verses 7-14 tell us about the nature of Christ's righteousness? How do verses 7-14 inform us regarding the basis of the sifting referred to in verse 17?
- **7.** How will the shaking ultimately affect the church? Amos 9: 9-11.
- 8. What strength will God's people have during even the most advanced stages of the shaking? Psalms 46:1-5; Hebrews 12:26-28.
- 9. See Ezekiel 37:1-14 how the Holy Spirit can give you victory during the shaking.



How to Survive the Shaking/Sifting

The shaking, the separating of the wheat and the tares, is part of the third angel's message and of its work. As we explore the third angel's message in Revelation 14:9,10, and then 12 and 13, what the third angel is actually doing in his preaching.

Revelation 14:9-10 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

The angel is addressing a certain company of people, those who worship the beast and his image and who receive the mark in their forehead. They will receive the wrath of God.

Revelation 14:12-13 Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.



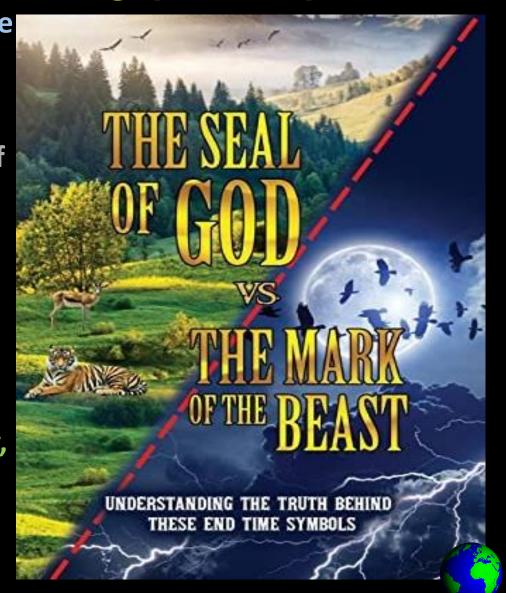


#### How to Survive the Shaking/Sifting (cont'd)

Here you see another class, a class that has the patience of the saints and that keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. The third angel is actually qualifying two companies. He is identifying opposite companies in his presentation. He is actually exercising a selective influence in this message. The inhabitants of the earth are being segregated by his preaching —
1. Those are receiving the mark of the beast and
2. Those who are keeping the commandments of God.

Revelation 14:14 And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud [one] sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle.

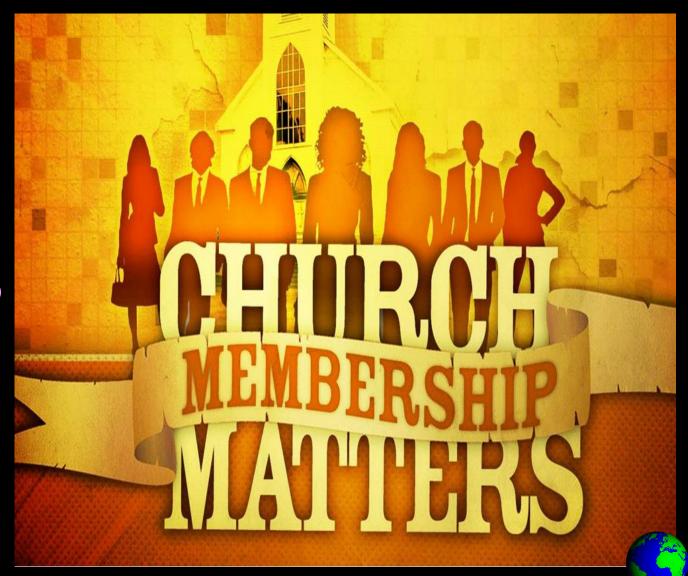
Immediately before the second advent, this is the work that the third angel is doing. He is segregating by his message a people. It is interesting to hear someone say, "The people who keep the commandments of God versus the people who receive the mark of the beast." It indicates straight away a splitting of companies. What is declared in this message just prior to the coming of Jesus?



#### Church Membership No Guarantee of Salvation

It is a solemn statement that I make to the church, that not one in twenty whose names are registered upon the church books are prepared to close their earthly history, and would be as verily without God and without hope in the world as the common sinner.—ChS 41 (1893).

Those who have had opportunities to hear and receive of the truth and who have united with the Seventh-day Adventist church, calling themselves the commandment-keeping people of God, and yet possess no more vitality and consecration to God than do the nominal churches, will receive the plagues of God just as verily as the churches who oppose the law of God.--19MR 176 (1898).



#### The Chaff Separated From the Wheat

Divisions will come in the church. Two parties will be developed. The wheat and tares grow up together for the harvest.--2SM 114 (1896).

There will be a shaking of the sieve. The chaff must in time be separated from the wheat. Because iniquity abounds, the love of many waxes cold. It is the very time when the genuine will be the strongest.--Letter 46, 1887.

The history of the rebellion of Dathan and Abiram is being repeated, and will be repeated till the close of time. Who will be on the Lord's side? Who will be deceived, and in their turn become deceivers?--Letter 15, 1892.

The Lord is soon to come. There must be a refining, winnowing process in every church, for there are among us wicked men who do not love the truth or honour God.--RH March 19, 1895.

We are in the shaking time, the time when everything that can be shaken will be shaken. The Lord will not excuse those who know the truth if they do not in word and deed obey His commands.--6T 332 (1900).



#### The Church is Shaken and Sifted

#### **TOSSED AND STAGGERING:**

The ancient method of separating grain from its encasing chaff involved shaking and sifting it in a sieve. As the grain kernels were tossed upward, the wind would blow the chaff away, and the kernels, which were heavier than chaff, would fall back into the sieve. The sieve also would be shaken repeatedly and the grains sifted by hand. Dirt, pebbles, and smaller particles of chaff would fall through the sieve, leaving only the grain.

The phrase I will sift in our memory text literally means "I will toss about," or "I will cause to stagger." Amos is prophesying that God would cause Israel to be scattered among the nations and "there tossed about, as it were, in the 'sieve' of affliction and persecution that it might be determined through this trial who will remain loyal followers of God." - SDA Bible Commentary, vol. 4, p. 983.

This purifying process finds its spiritual counterpart today in the trials, temptations, and tests of life. As you study this week's lesson, consider how a knowledge of the shaking can draw you closer to Christ, thereby increasing your strength to overcome.



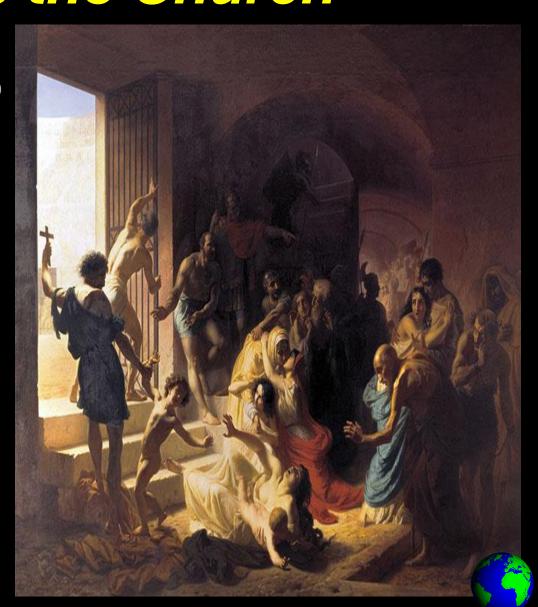
#### Persecution Cleanses the Church

Prosperity multiplies a mass of professors. Adversity purges them out of the church.--4T 89 (1876).

The time is not far distant when the test will come to every soul. The mark of the beast will be urged upon us. Those who have step by step yielded to worldly demands and conformed to worldly customs will not find it a hard matter to yield to the powers that be, rather than subject themselves to derision, insult, threatened imprisonment, and death. The contest is between the commandments of God and the commandments of men. In this time the gold will be separated from the dross in the church.--5T 81 (1882).

In the absence of the persecution there have drifted into our ranks men who appear sound and their Christianity unquestionable, but who, if persecution should arise, would go out from us.--Ev 360 (1890).

When the law of God is made void the church will be sifted by fiery trials, and a larger proportion than we now anticipate will give heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils.—2SM 368 (1891)



#### Superficial Believers Will Renounce the Faith

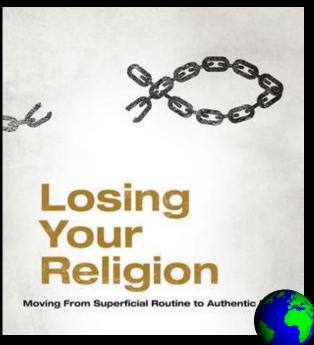
The work which the church has failed to do in a time of peace and prosperity she will have to do in a terrible crisis under most discouraging, forbidding circumstances. The warnings that worldly conformity has silenced or withheld must be given under the fiercest opposition from enemies of the faith. And at that time the superficial, conservative class, whose influence has steadily retarded the progress of the work, will renounce the faith.—5T 463 (1885).

If Satan sees that the Lord is blessing His people and preparing them to discern his delusions, he will work with his master power to bring in fanaticism on the one hand and cold formalism on the other, that he may gather in a harvest of souls.--2SM 19 (1890).

Those who have had privileges and opportunities to become intelligent in regard to the truth and yet who continue to counterwork the work God would have accomplished will be purged out, for God accepts the service of no man whose interest is divided.--Ms 64, 1898.

As trials thicken around us, both separation and unity will be seen in our ranks. Some who are now ready to take up weapons of warfare will in times of real peril make it manifest that they have not built upon the solid rock; they will yield to temptation. Those who have had great light and precious privileges but have not improved them will, under one pretext or another, go out from us.--6T 400 (1900).



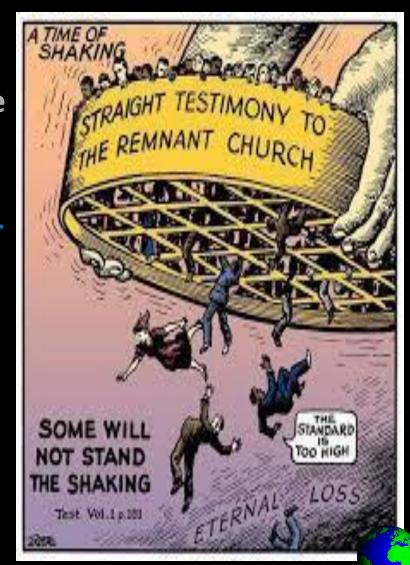


#### The Straight Testimony Produces a Shaking

I asked the meaning of the shaking I had seen, and was shown that it would be caused by the straight testimony called forth by the counsel of the True Witness to the Laodiceans. This will have its effect upon the heart of the receiver, and will lead him to exalt the standard and pour forth the straight truth. Some will not bear this straight testimony. They will rise up against it, and this will cause a shaking among God's people.—1T 181 (1857).

There are those among us who will make confessions, as did Achan, too late to save themselves. . . . They are not in harmony with right. They despise the straight testimony that reaches the heart, and would rejoice to see everyone silenced who gives reproof.—3T 272 (1873).

The Lord calls for a renewal of the straight testimony borne in years past. He calls for a renewal of spiritual life. The spiritual energies of His people have long been torpid, but there is to be a resurrection from apparent death. By prayer and confession of sin we must clear the King's highway.--8T 297 (1904).



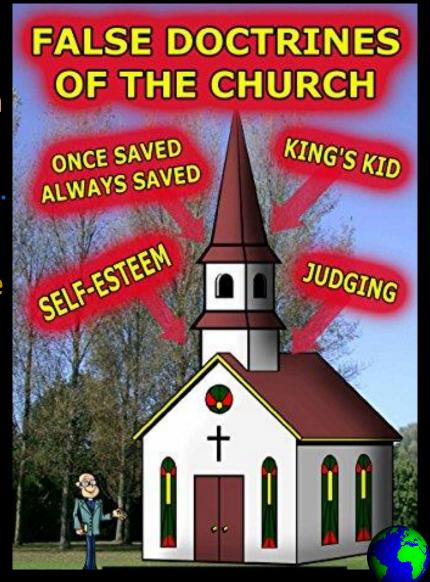
## False Doctrines Draw Some Away

Science, so-called, and religion will be placed in opposition to each other because finite men do not comprehend the power and greatness of God. These words of Holy Writ were presented to me, "Of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them" [Acts 20:30]. This will surely be seen among the people of God.--Ev 593 (1890).

When the shaking comes, by the introduction of false theories, these surface readers, anchored nowhere, are like shifting sand. They slide into any position to suit the tenor of their feelings of bitterness.—TM 112 (1897).

Not having received the love of the truth, they will be taken in the delusions of the enemy; they will give heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils and will depart from the faith.--6T 401 (1900).

The enemy will bring in false theories, such as the doctrine that there is no sanctuary. This is one of the points on which there will be a departing from the faith.--Ev 224 (1905).



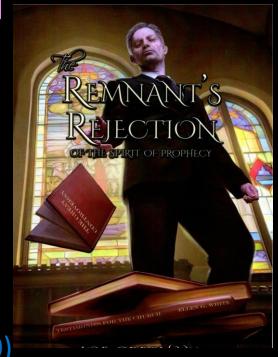
#### Rejection of the Testimonies Results in Apostasy

One thing is certain: Those Seventh-day Adventists who take their stand under Satan's banner will first give up their faith in the warnings and reproofs contained in the Testimonies of God's Spirit.--3SM 84 (1903).

The very last deception of Satan will be to make of none effect the testimony of the Spirit of God. "Where there is no vision, the people perish" (Proverbs 29:18). Satan will work ingeniously, in different ways and through different agencies, to unsettle the confidence of God's remnant people in the true testimony.—1SM 48 (1890).

The enemy has made his masterly efforts to unsettle the faith of our own people in the Testimonies... This is just as Satan designed it should be, and those who have been preparing the way for the people to pay no heed to the warnings and reproofs of the Testimonies of the Spirit of God will see that a tide of errors of all kinds will spring into life.--3SM 83 (1890)

It is Satan's plan to weaken the faith of God's people in the Testimonies. Next follows scepticism in regard to the vital points of our faith, the pillars of our position, then doubt as to the Holy Scriptures, and then the downward march to perdition. When the Testimonies , which were once believed, are doubted and given up, Satan knows the deceived ones will not stop at this; and he redoubles his efforts till he launches them into open rebellion, which becomes incurable and ends in destruction.--4T 211



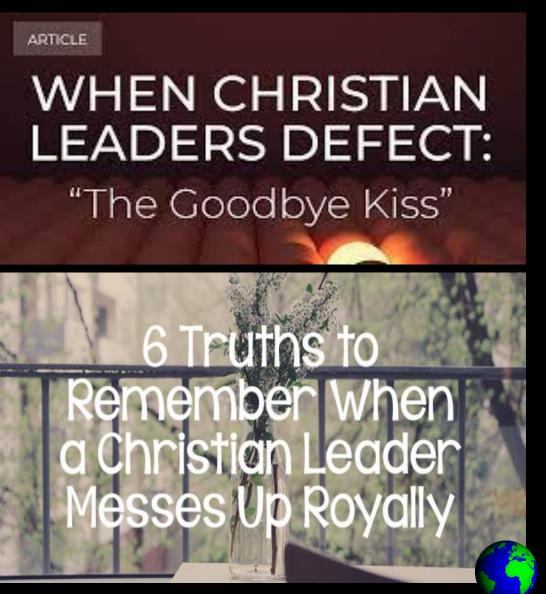


### Defections Among Church Leaders

Many a star that we have admired for its brilliance will then go out in darkness.—PK 188 (c. 1914).

Men whom He has greatly honoured will, in the closing scenes of this earth's history, pattern after ancient Israel. . . . A departure from the great principles Christ has laid down in His teachings, a working out of human projects, using the Scriptures to justify a wrong course of action under the perverse working of Lucifer, will confirm men in misunderstanding, and the truth that they need to keep them from wrong practices will leak out of the soul like water from a leaky vessel.—13MR 379, 381 (1904).

Many will show that they are not one with Christ, that they are not dead to the world, that they may live with Him; and frequent will be the apostasies of men who have occupied responsible positions.--RH Sept. 11, 1888.



#### Unsanctified Ministers Will Be Weeded Out

The great issue so near at hand [enforcement of Sunday laws] will weed out those whom God has not appointed and He will have a pure, true, sanctified ministry prepared for the latter rain.—3SM 385 (1886).

Many will stand in our pulpits with the torch of false prophecy in their hands, kindled from the hellish torch of Satan...

Some will go out from among us who will bear the ark no longer. But these can not make walls to obstruct the truth; for it will go onward and upward to the end.—TM 409, 411 (1898).

Ministers and doctors may depart from the faith, as the Word declares they will, and as the messages that God has given His servant declare they will.--7MR 192 (1906).



#### The Church May Appear as About to Fall

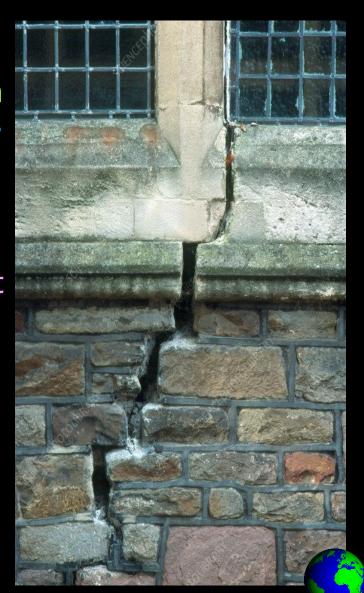
The shaking of God blows away multitudes like dry leaves.--4T 89 (1876).

Chaff like a cloud will be borne away on the wind, even from places where we see only floors of rich wheat.—5T 81 (1882).

Soon God's people will be tested by fiery trials, and the great proportion of those who now appear to be genuine and true will prove to be base metal...

When the religion of Christ is most held in contempt, when His law is most despised, then should our zeal be the warmest and our courage and firmness the most unflinching. To stand in defence of truth and righteousness when the majority forsake us, to fight the battles of the Lord when champions are few--this will be our test. At this time we must gather warmth from the coldness of others, courage from their cowardice, and loyalty from their treason.--5T 136 (1882).

As the storm approaches, a large class who have professed faith in the third angel's message, but have not been sanctified through obedience to the truth, abandon their position and join the ranks of the opposition.--GC 608.



#### God's Faithful Will Be Revealed

The Lord has faithful servants who in the shaking, testing time will be disclosed to view. There are precious ones now hidden who have not bowed the knee to Baal. They have not had the light which has been shining in a concentrated blaze upon you. But it may be under a rough and uninviting exterior the pure brightness of a genuine Christian character will be revealed. In the daytime we look toward heaven but do not see the stars. They are there, fixed in the firmament, but the eye cannot distinguish them. In the night we behold their genuine luster.—5T 80, 81 (1882).

On every occasion that persecution takes place, the witnesses make decisions, either for Christ or against Him. Those who show sympathy for the men wrongly condemned, who are not bitter against them, show their attachment for Christ.--ST Feb. 20, 1901.

Let opposition arise, let bigotry and intolerance again bear sway, let persecution be kindled, and the half-hearted and hypocritical will waver and yield the faith; but the true Christian will stand firm as a rock, his faith stronger, his hope brighter than in days of prosperity.--GC 602 (1911).

Then I will gather the remnant of My flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their pasture; and they will be fruitful and multiply. And I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they will no longer fear or be dismayed, nor will any be missing, declares Jehovah. Jer. 23:3-4

# New Converts Will Take the Places of Those Who Leave

Some had been shaken out and left by the way. The careless and indifferent, who did not join with those who prized victory and salvation enough to perseveringly plead and agonise for it, did not obtain it, and they were left behind in darkness, and their places were immediately filled by others taking hold of the truth and coming into the ranks.—EW 271 (1858).

The broken ranks will be filled up by those represented by Christ as coming in at the eleventh hour. There are many with whom the Spirit of God is striving. The time of God's destructive judgements is the time of mercy for those who [now] have no opportunity to learn what is truth. Tenderly will the Lord look upon them. His heart of mercy is touched, His hand is still stretched out to save, while the door is closed to those who would not enter. Large numbers will be admitted who in these last days hear the truth for the first time.—Letter 103, 1903.

Standard after standard was left to trail in the dust as company after company from the Lord's army joined the foe and tribe after tribe from the ranks of the enemy united with the commandment-keeping people of God.--8T 41 (1904).





## Shaking at the Time of Christ's 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming

**General**: Great trouble in all the world. Daniel 12:1.

- 1. Matthew 24:7: Increase and become universal.
- 2. Matthew 24:24, 28:
  Confusion of religious
  thought will tend to deceive
  "the very elect." Falling away
  to be very great.
- 3. 2 Peter 3:17: God's people warned of this shaking time.
- 4. Revelation 16: Culmination in the seven last plagues.



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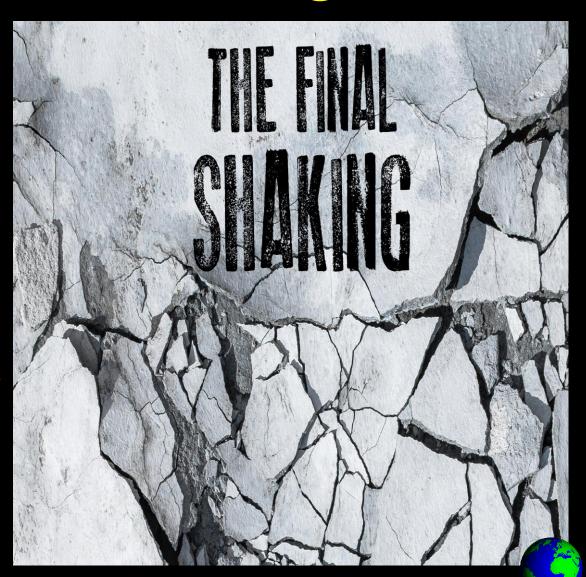
Personal: Every man in anguish; all faces turned into paleness. Jeremiah 30:6.

- 1. It is the time of Jacob's trouble. (Compare Jeremiah 30:7 with Genesis 32:24, 26, 30.) Each person to learn how to prevail with God. When all is forbidding, and it looks as if everything would be shaken to pieces, each soul must stand alone on his personal experience in knowing Christ.
- 2. In a small measure, each person is being tested now, in these times of trial, deception, and temptation. This is the time to learn how to prevail in prayer, and thus be strengthened for the final trial which awaits the church of God.
- 3. In the final shaking, man must stand without a Mediator; the work in the heavenly sanctuary will be closed, the wrath of God will be witnessed (Revelation 8:3-5; 15:5-8), and it will seem that the Father's face is hidden from His children. The tests and trials of the present time are designed to prepare the soul to be strong in faith and confidence in such a time.



## Fortified for the Final Shaking

- 1. Daniel 12:1: Those whose names are in the book of life will be delivered. This assurance will give calmness and peace, even in a time when the face of God is hidden. We may have this assurance through faith in the efficacy of Christ's atonement as it has been worked out in our life.
- 2. Revelation 3:10, 11: "Kept the word of My patience." A diligent study of God's word now will build up within us the very bulwark that will withstand the flood of ruin which overwhelms the world. The promises of God stored within the heart will be the preserving influence in the lives of God's people.
- 3. Philippians 4:6, 7: For the times in which we live, and for the future hour of trial, we need to learn the secret of prevailing prayer, and obtain the strength derived from a close study of the word of God.

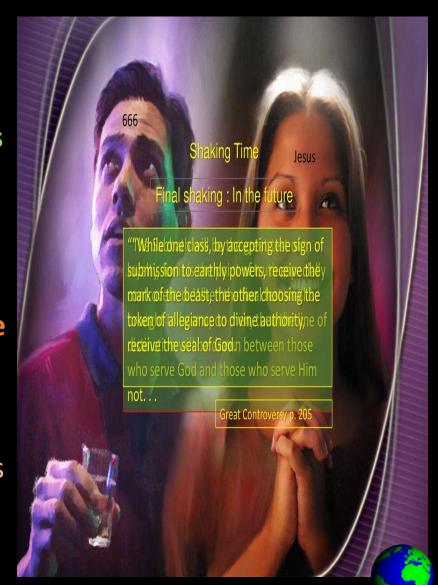


## The Shaking Consummated

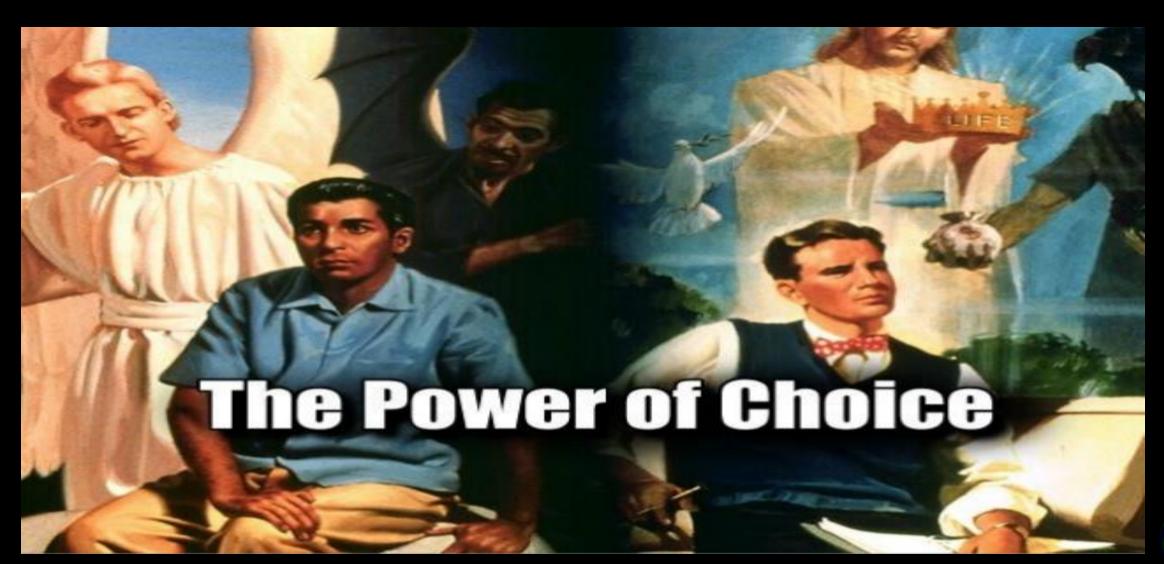
The church is not destroyed by the shaking; those members who remain do so because of their relationship with Christ. Thus the way is paved for the church militant to become the church triumphant.

Appearances do not mean much. "The church may appear as about to fall, but it does not fall. It remains, while the sinners in Zion will be sifted out-the chaff separated from the precious wheat. This is a terrible ordeal, but nevertheless it must take place. None but those who have been overcoming by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony will be found with the loyal and true, without spot or stain of sin, without guile in their mouths. We must be divested of our self-righteousness and arrayed in the righteousness of Christ." - Selected Messages, book 2, p. 380.

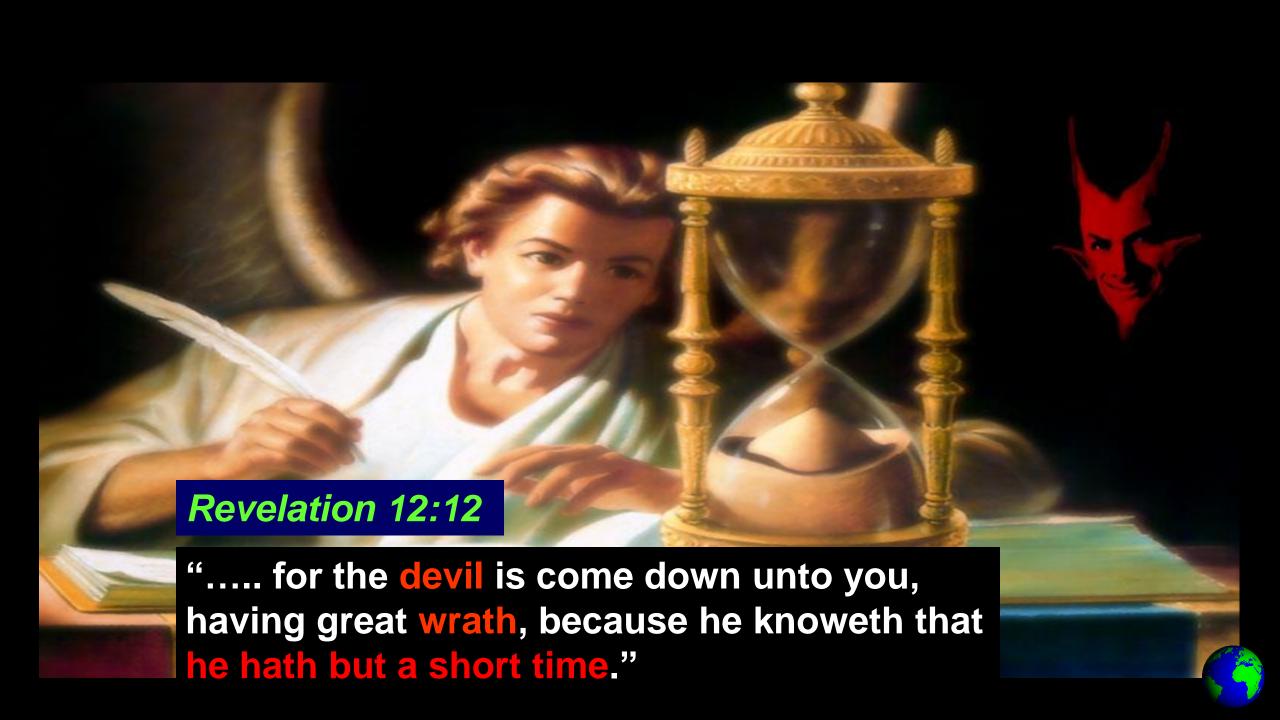
Understanding that the sifting is necessary shields us from a false concept of the shaking, a concept that Satan very much wants us to believe: "You will take passages in the Testimonies that speak of the close of probation, of the shaking among God's people, and you will talk of a coming out from this people of a purer, holier people that will arise. **Now all this pleases the enemy."** - Selected Messages, book 1, p. 179.



## God has given all:







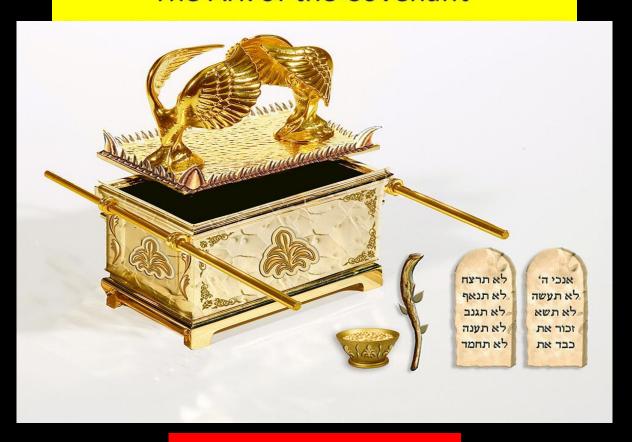
#### Enter The Ark of Hope

And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

- John 10:16



#### The Ark of the Covenant



**Psalms 77:13** 

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. -Revelation 3:20





