

Turn of the Twentieth Century  
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Hints of changes at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century (all bolding supplied).

**1889**

I believe there will be a decided advance among our people, a more earnest endeavor to **keep pace** with the third angel's message. We may expect at any time new and startling claims from Satan through his agents, and shall not the people of God be wide awake, shall they not become strong in the strength of the mighty one? Wise in the wisdom of God? **A crisis has arrived in the government of God in which something great and decisive must be done. The delay will not be prolonged long.** The wrath of God will not be long withheld, justice is only to speak the word and in a moment what confusion there will be. Voices and thunderings, and lightnings and earthquakes, and universal desolation. Now is our time to be good and to do good, while with wide awake senses we watch every movement in the government of God, with apprehension. But if our life and character is after the divine model we shall be hid with Christ in God. {1888 447.5} The Excellence of Christ. Ms 10, 1889

**1892**

All heaven is represented to me as watching the unfolding of events. **A crisis is to be revealed in the great and prolonged controversy in the government of God on earth. Something great and decisive is to take place, and that right early. If any delay, the character of God and his throne will be compromised.** The armory of heaven is open; all the universe of God and its equipments are ready. One word has justice to speak, and there will be terrific representations upon the earth, of the wrath of God. There will be voices and thunderings and lightnings and earthquakes and universal desolation. Every movement in the universe of heaven is to prepare the world for the great crisis. {SpTA01b 38.3} [from "The Crisis Imminent," Manuscript 27, 1892, February 18]

Since 1845 the dangers of the people of God have from time to time been laid open before me, and I have been shown the perils that would thicken about the remnant in the last days. These perils have been revealed to me down to **the present time. Great scenes are soon to open before us.** The Lord is coming with power and great glory. And Satan knows that his usurped authority will soon be forever at an end. His **last opportunity to gain control of the world** is now before him, and he will make most decided efforts to accomplish the destruction of the inhabitants of the earth. Those who believe the truth must be as faithful sentinels on the watchtower, or Satan will suggest specious reasonings to them, and they will give utterance to opinions that will betray sacred, holy trusts. The enmity of Satan against good will be manifested more and more

as **he brings his forces into activity in his last work of rebellion**; and every soul that is not fully surrendered to God, and kept by divine power, will form an alliance with Satan against heaven, and join in battle against the Ruler of the universe. {TM 464.3} (also SpTA02b 114.2) [appears edited from 2 years before, as recorded thus:]

Again and again since 1845 the dangers of the people of God have been laid open before me, showing what would be the perils of the people of God in the last remnant of time. These perils have been shown me down to the present time, and on the night of November 3 there was spread out before me some things I could not comprehend. At the same time assurance was given me that the Lord would not allow His people to be enveloped in the fog of worldly skepticism and infidelity, for Christ would lead all who would follow His voice and be obedient to His commands up from the fog of worldly malaria to the summit above the fog of questioning unbelief, where they might breathe the atmosphere of security and might triumph, standing on the solid Rock, a foundation sure and steadfast.--Ms. 44, 1890, pp. 6-8 (Diary 16, pp. 450- 452). {MR1033 61.1}

The future is before us, and unforeseen events will surely take place, **changing the present aspect of things in the world**. Lust and greed are striving for the supremacy. Oppression and hatred will be exercised to destroy. Inspired by a power from beneath, Satan's instrumentalities will work with intensity to carry out his will. "The wicked shall do wickedly, and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand." Every truly converted soul will put on the whole armor of God, and will bravely face the unseen for God's servants will realize the necessity of partaking of the divine nature. {SpM 369.6}

**The days in which we live are eventful and full of peril. The signs of the coming of the end are thickening around us, and events are to come to pass that will be of a more terrible character than any the world has yet witnessed.** "For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them." But to those who have the light of truth, it has been written, "Ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober." "And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light." "Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cock-crowing, or in the morning: lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping." {RH, November 22, 1892 par. 5}

Without the enlightenment of the Spirit of God, we shall not be able to discern truth from error, and shall fall under the masterful temptations and deceptions that Satan will bring upon the world. We are **near the close of the controversy** between the Prince of light and the prince of darkness, and **soon the delusions of the enemy will try our faith, of what sort it is**. Satan will **work miracles** in the sight of the beast, and deceive "them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast." {RH, November 29, 1892 par. 1}

**It is time for the message of God's forbearance** to be proclaimed to win men to repentance; and it is **just as verily time for men to be warned that there are limits to God's forbearance**. Men may advance, **as did Belshazzar**, in presumption and defiance, until they pass the boundary. Blasphemy may be so developed as to exhaust the patience of the longsuffering God. {1SAT 223.1}

We are living in a **time when there are multitudes who have no fear of God**. The **age is marked with a depravity extremely offensive to God**. Ministers and church members engage zealously in the work of making void the law of God. They have reduced the holy precepts to a dead letter. The **time is coming when God must vindicate His glory before the transgressors of His law**. {1SAT 223.2}

**Christ gave His life** to establish forever before the heavenly universe, before the unfallen worlds and before a fallen world, the **immutability of the law** of God. But the religious world has put the Lord of heaven to open shame. They refuse to receive His law as the rule of this life, and because of this disregard, the world is becoming as it was before the flood. Then, as now, the people were eating and drinking, planting and building, marrying and giving in marriage, in utter forgetfulness of God. The flood came and destroyed them all. Thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed. {1SAT 223.3}

In the midst of mirth, feasting, and forgetfulness of God, the command will go forth for the sword of the Lord to be unsheathed, that an end may be put to the insolence and disobedience of men. The prayers of God's people have ascended, "It is time, O Lord, for Thee to work; for they have made void Thy law." These prayers will **erelong be answered**. When men pass **the limit of grace**, God must let the world see that He is God. {1SAT 223.4}

The time has nearly come when transgression will no longer be tolerated, when God will interfere to repress the overflowing tide of iniquity. {1SAT 224.1}

At this time what will be the course of those who claim to fear God and respect His commandments? Will they be carried away by the apparently overwhelming power of the tide of evil? Will they allow themselves to be tempted by the scorn thrown upon God's law, to think that it makes no difference what day they keep? Shall they not give heed to God's word: "Ye shall keep the Sabbath therefore; for it is holy unto you: every one that defileth it shall surely be put to death: for whosoever doeth any work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people. Six days may work be done; but the seventh is the Sabbath of rest, holy to the Lord: whosoever doeth any work in the Sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death. Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant. It is a sign between me and the children of Israel forever: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and on the seventh He rested, and was refreshed" [Exodus 31:14-17]. {1SAT 224.2}

Will not all say that the Lord's word is positive and must be obeyed? The law of God will become more and more precious to us as we see the result of transgression upon the characters of the disobedient. If we are led by the Spirit of Christ, our estimation of

the value and sacredness of the law of Jehovah will increase in proportion as we see it despised and trampled on by unholy, profligate feet. Our language will be, "They have made void Thy law: therefore I love Thy commandments above gold; yea, above fine gold." {1SAT 224.3}

This is the sanctification to which those attain whose love of God's law increases as the contempt of transgressors increases. There is need for this increased confidence in the law, for **fraud, violence, and crime are rapidly increasing**. Men show their hatred of God by fighting against His law which He has pronounced "holy and just and good." Liquor **saloons** are established in every city. These are death traps, and those who establish them, seeking to accumulate gain at the cost of poverty, misery, and woe, **provoke the Lord of hosts to their destruction**. {1SAT 225.1}

God gives to all a period of probation but men can reach a point where they can expect from God nothing but indignation and punishment. This time is not just now, but it is fast approaching. The nations will advance from one degree of sinfulness to another. The children, educated and trained in transgression, will add to the evil entailed on them by parents who have no fear of God in their hearts. {1SAT 225.2}

**Already the judgments of God have begun to fall** upon the world in various calamities, that men may repent and be converted to truth and righteousness. But the candle of those who harden their hearts in iniquity will be put out by the Lord. They have **lived only for themselves, and death must come to them**. {1SAT 225.3}

When **the limit of grace is reached**, God will give His **command for the destruction** of the transgressor. He will arise in His Almighty character as a God above all gods, and those who have worked against Him in league with the great rebel, will be treated in accordance with their works. {1SAT 225.4}

In his vision of the last days Daniel inquired, "O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things? And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end. Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand. . . . Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days. But go thou thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, and **stand in thy lot at the end of the days**" [Daniel 12:8-13]. Daniel has been standing in his lot since the **seal was removed** and the **light of truth has been shining upon his visions**. He stands in his lot, bearing the testimony which was to be understood at the end of the days. {1SAT 225.5}

"And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever. But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased" [Daniel 12:1-4].--Manuscript 50, 1893, September, 1893. (MR 900.33) {1SAT 226.1}

**A crisis has arrived in the government of God on earth.** Divine compassion has been flowing to the people, notwithstanding that the heavenly current has been beaten back by stubborn hearts. But **the time has come when a vast number are passing the boundaries**, and a **terrible alternative is to be realized**; for Omnipotence keepeth a reckoning of the sum of guiltiness of every nation upon the globe. "The Lord is slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked. The Lord hath His way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of His feet." {6MR 391.4}

The forbearance of the Lord is wonderful; He putteth constraint upon His own attributes. Omnipotence exerted over Omnipotence. Why hath God kept silence? Why hath He forborne so long in looking **for centuries** upon a people who despised His goodness and forbearance and patience. He sees His holy law prostrated, broken, trampled under foot, by **a rebellious confederate people**, who give themselves to work evil, **cooperating with evil angels**. **The whole apostasy of evil angels has conspired with evil men**, and gathered in strong armies to destroy the champions of God and the truth. The Lord will come out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity, and the earth shall disclose her blood, and no more cover her slain. {6MR 392.1}

The **hostility to heaven will go on to still greater lengths**. War, bloodshed, rebellion against God's law, **will reach an aggravating pass that many do not think possible**. So deep and increasingly strong is the infernal enmity and hatred to God, which has struck deep its roots into human depraved hearts throughout the mass of humanity, that anyone who shall show **any inclination to return to God and keep His commandments, will be denounced as treacherous to the governments of earth**. {6MR 392.2}

The first turning away from this impious, rebellious warfare against the law of Jehovah, will be detected by a sharp, wakeful, intense impiety. The accused will be dealt with **as a traitor in the camp**. Vice will be concentrated in all its forms. Men have turned away from God, and accepted **satanic attributes**. The **only tie** which will keep man in union and harmony with his fellow-men is **the trampling down of the law of God**. This is the principle--hatred to God, and it is the **only bond of affinity** in the great mass of transgressors. The hearts of the sons of men are fully set in them to do evil, exactly as was revealed in the inhabitants of the old world. {6MR 392.3}

What can we say to make the wicked, the transgressors of the law of God, understand that they are at enmity to the forbearance of God? How shall we make them hear that they are surely presuming on His mercy, and that to exhaust it. The Psalmist marks the time in which he lived as that of great depravity, but what has it reached now? **Centuries have been ripening up the harvest of the world for the sickle**. "They have made void Thy law." They refuse to respect God's law, while they make human laws supreme. A more than common contempt is placed upon the holy law of Jehovah. {6MR 393.1}

Men are fast exceeding the bounds prescribed by God. His interference must come, when He will vindicate His honor. Men are rushing on, to outrun the limits of His grace. God will not long delay. The swellings of unrighteousness **have come to such a**

**fearful pass that all the plagues that are prepared as revealed in Revelation**, will come upon a godless world. . . . {6MR 393.2}

Let all who love and fear God **call upon Him** in sincerity of soul that He will work in behalf of His people, and He will not be solicited in vain. Ways and means will certainly be provided whereby His people shall have a place where they can worship Him. Let not Satan depress any of you. Watch unto prayer. Oh, has not our Lord made us the repository of sacred truth? Will He not open the way that it shall come to the people? -Letter 52, 1895, pp. 3-5. (To Elder S. McCullagh, December 6, 1895.)

## 1896

**A crisis has arrived in the government of God on earth.** The enmity to God has struck its roots deep in human hearts. It has become widespread, both in the world and in the professed churches of Christ. {18MR 57.1} [edited into article RH November 27, 1900]

The world and the professed people of God are united by the all-pervading principle of aversion to God's government. Their opposition to the law of God is sufficient to bind them together, to bear together the burden of their accumulated guilt. Any indication of returning to loyalty and obedience to God is denounced as treachery against the confederacy of disloyalty. A wakeful impiety is quickened into an instinctive vigilance, and rouses to demonstration of hatred against the testing truth for this time. Whenever the truth shall be proclaimed, it will be opposed in a decided manner, for men possess the attributes which Jesus charged upon the Jews when He said, "Ye are of your father the devil," and "ye do the deeds of your father." {18MR 57.2}

Everything has been moving on just as the Lord has revealed in prophecy that it would. **Something great and decisive is soon to take place, else no flesh would be saved. The character of God will not be compromised.** Under the wrath of God universal desolation will soon reach all parts of the known world. There have been lightnings and earthquakes, fires and floods, calamities by sea and by land; but who reads these warnings? What impression is made upon the world? What change in their attitude is seen? {18MR 57.3}

No more than was seen in the inhabitants of the Noachic world. The people are just as ardent today in their games, in the horse racing, in their love of amusement, as were the antediluvians, who "knew not until the flood came, and took them all away." They had heaven-sent warnings, but refused to listen. By their attitude they declared, "We want not Thy way, O God; we want our own way, our own will." {18MR 58.1}

Today the world is mad; an insanity is upon them, which is hurrying them on to eternal ruin. Every species of indulgence prevails, and men become so infatuated with vice that they will not listen to warnings or appeals. The Lord declares to the people of the earth, "Choose you this day whom ye will serve. All are now deciding their eternal destiny. Men need to be aroused to realize the solemnity of the time and the nearness of the day when human probation shall be ended. {18MR 58.2}

God gives no man a message that it will be **ten years or twenty years** before this earth's history shall close. If it were **forty or one hundred years**, the Lord would not authorize men to proclaim it. He would not give any living being an excuse for **delaying the preparation for His appearing**. He would have no one say, as did the unfaithful

servant, "My Lord delayeth His coming," for this leads to reckless neglect of opportunities and privileges to prepare for that great day. Every soul who claims to be a servant of God is called to do his service **as if every day might be the last**. {18MR 58.3}

Let all who would cooperate with God unite in proclaiming the present truth, the message of the third angel: "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; and the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever, and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name." Then the eyes of John rest upon God's people, and he exclaims, "Here is the patience of the saints; here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." {18MR 58.4}

## 1898

So it will be again. But it is over the seventh-day Sabbath that the battle will be fought. The authorities of this world will rise up in their pride and power to make laws to restrict religious liberty. They will assume a right that is God's alone, and, like Nebuchadnezzar, will think that they can force the conscience, which only God can control. **Even now they are making a beginning**, and this they will carry forward till they reach a boundary over which they can not step. Then God will interpose in behalf of his loyal, commandment-keeping people. {RH, December 20, 1898 par. 3}

Remember the warning, "As the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." It was because of the wickedness of the inhabitants of the old world, that they were destroyed; and today the world is following in the same way. **No flattering signs of millennial glory are to be seen. Human lawmakers** open their law-books, and pronounce sentence against those who do not keep their laws. But those who frame and enforce these laws are themselves **transgressors of God's law**, and their transgression is filling the earth with wickedness. Betting, horse-racing, gambling, dissipation, lustful practises, untamable passions, are fast filling the earth with violence and moral pollution. **Bank failures** ruin thousands of families. Widows and orphans are left to starve. Every species of indulgence prevails. Men have become so infatuated with vice that they will not listen to warnings or appeals. {RH, December 27, 1898 par. 12}

## 1899

[Consider Percy Magan's 1899 book, "The Peril of the Republic" and the Spanish American War. See also A. T. Jones' December 12, 1899 article "History Repeating Itself", *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, page 806.1ff regarding "new world power." "The two republics, or Rome and the United States, is a subject of greatest importance, and is a most interesting study just now." 806.8]

There are only **two parties** in our world, those who are **loyal to God**, and those who stand **under the banner of the prince of darkness**. **Satan and his angels** will come down with **power and signs and lying wonders** to deceive those who dwell on the earth, and if possible the very elect. **The crisis is right upon us**. Is this to **paralyze the energies of those who have a knowledge of the truth**? Is the influence of the powers of deception so far reaching that **the influence of the truth will be overpowered**? {7BC 982.4}

The **battle of Armageddon** is soon to be fought. He on whose vesture is written the name, King of kings and Lord of lords, leads forth the armies of heaven on **white horses**, clothed in fine linen, clean and white. (MS 172, 1899). {7BC 982.5}

## 1900

I feel a **deep sense of the solemnity of the time** in which we are **now living**. The signs of the times testify that the end is nearer than when we first believed. Yet there is not shown by many a faith that works by love and purifies the soul. Oh, this is a solemn time, especially for those who know the truth. {18MR 22.2}

In the past teachers have declared Daniel and the Revelation to be sealed books, and the people have turned from them. The veil whose apparent mystery has kept many from lifting it, God's own hand has withdrawn from these portions of His Word. The very name "Revelation" contradicts the statement that it is a sealed book. Revelation means that something of importance is revealed. The truths of this book are addressed to those living in these last days. We are standing with the veil removed in the holy place of sacred things. We are not to stand without, we are to enter; not with careless, irreverent thoughts, not with impetuous footsteps, but with reverence and godly fear. We are **nearing the time when the prophecies of the book of Revelation are to be fulfilled**. {18MR 22.3}

This book opens with the words, "The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto Him, to show unto His servants things which must shortly come to pass; and He sent and signified it by His angel unto His servant John; who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw. Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein; for **the time** is at hand." {18MR 22.4}

We have the commandments of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ, which is the Spirit of prophecy. Priceless gems are to be found in the Word of God. Those who search this Word should keep the mind clear. Never should they indulge perverted appetite in eating and drinking. If they do this, the brain will be confused; they will be unable to bear the strain of digging deep to find out the meaning of those things which relate to the **closing scenes of this earth's history**. {18MR 24.1} [January 27, 1900; Letter 16; to F. E. Belden]

**A crisis is right upon us**. We must now by the Holy Spirit's power proclaim the great truths for these last days. It will not be long before everyone will have heard the

warning and made his decision. Then shall the end come. {6T 24.2} [written during years in Australia; published end of 1900; she wrote, "The crisis is right upon us" five times, February 1, 1890 (Manuscript 1); December 14, 1896 (Letter 23); December 9, 1897 (Manuscript 147); 1899 (Manuscript 172); February 19, 1906 (Letter 72)]

## 1901

We are standing upon **the threshold of great and solemn events**. Prophecies are fulfilling. **Strange, eventful history** is being recorded in the books of heaven. Everything in our world is in **agitation**. There are wars and rumors of wars. The nations are angry, and the time of the dead has come, that they should be judged. **Events are changing to bring about the day of God**, which hasteth greatly. Only a moment of time, as it were, yet remains. But while already nation is rising against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, there is **not now a general engagement**. As yet the four winds are held until the servants of God shall be sealed in their foreheads. Then the powers of earth will marshal their forces for the last great battle. {6T 14.1}

**Satan is busily laying his plans** for the last mighty conflict, when all will take sides. After the gospel has been proclaimed in the world for nearly two thousand years, Satan still presents to men and women the same scene that he presented to Christ. In a wonderful manner he causes the **kingdoms of the world in their glory** to pass before them. These he promises to all who will fall down and **worship him**. Thus he seeks to bring men under **his dominion**. {6T 14.2}

Satan is working to the utmost to **make himself as God** and to destroy all who oppose his power. And today the world is bowing before him. His power is received as the power of God. The prophecy of the Revelation is being fulfilled, that "all the world wondered **after the beast**." Revelation 13:3. {6T 14.3}

Men in their blindness **boast of wonderful progress and enlightenment**; but to the eye of Omniscience are revealed the **inward guilt and depravity**. The heavenly watchers see the earth filled with **violence and crime**. Wealth is obtained by every species of **robbery**, not robbery of men only, but of God. Men are using His means to gratify their **selfishness**. Everything they can grasp is made to minister to their **greed**. **Avarice and sensuality** prevail. Men cherish the **attributes of the first great deceiver**. They have accepted **him as God**, and have become imbued with his spirit. {6T 14.4}

But the **cloud of judicial wrath** hangs over them, containing the **elements that destroyed Sodom**. In his visions of things to come the prophet John beheld this scene. This **demon worship** was revealed to him, and it seemed to him as if the whole world were standing on the brink of perdition. But as he looked with **intense interest** he beheld the company of God's commandment-keeping people. They had upon their foreheads the seal of the living God, and he said: "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 labors; and their works do follow them. 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. And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to Him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in

Thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for Thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe. And He that sat on the cloud thrust in His sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped. And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe. And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God." Revelation 14:12-19. {6T 15.1}

When the storm of **God's wrath** breaks upon the world, it will be a terrible revelation for souls to find that their house is being swept away because it is **built upon the sand**. Let the warning be given them before it is too late. We should now feel the responsibility of laboring with intense earnestness to impart to others the truths that God has given for this time. We cannot be too much in earnest. {6T 16.1}

The **heart of God is moved**. Souls are very precious in His sight. It was for this world that Christ wept in agony; for this world He was crucified. God gave His only-begotten Son to save sinners, and He desires us to love others as He has loved us. He desires to see those who have a **knowledge of the truth** imparting this knowledge to their fellow men. {6T 16.2}

Now is the time for the **last warning** to be given. There is a **special power in the presentation of the truth at the present time**; but how long will it continue? Only a little while. If there was ever a crisis, it is now. {6T 16.3}

All are now deciding their eternal destiny. Men need to be aroused to realize the solemnity of the time, the nearness of the day when human probation shall be ended. Decided efforts should be made to bring the message for this time prominently before the people. The **third angel** is to go forth with **great power**. Let none ignore this work or treat it as of little importance. {6T 16.4}

The light we have received upon the third angel's message is **the true light**. The **mark of the beast** is exactly what it has been proclaimed to be. **Not all in regard to this matter is yet understood**, nor will it be understood until the unrolling of the scroll; but a most solemn work is to be accomplished in our world. The Lord's command to His servants is: "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show My people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins." Isaiah 58:1. {6T 17.1}

There is to be **no change in the general features of our work**. It is to stand as clear and distinct as prophecy has made it. We are to enter into no confederacy with the world, supposing that by so doing we could accomplish more. If any stand in the way, to hinder the advancement of the work in the lines that God has appointed, they will displease God. No line of truth that has made the **Seventh-day Adventist people what they are** is to be weakened. We have the **old landmarks** of truth, experience, and duty, and we are to stand firmly in defense of our principles, in full view of the world. {6T 17.2}

## 1902

The work in Battle Creek is after the same order. The leaders in the sanitarium have mingled with unbelievers, admitting them to their councils, more or less, but it is

like going to work with their eyes shut. They lack the discernment to see what is going to break upon us at any time. **There is a spirit of desperation, of war and bloodshed, and that spirit will increase until the very close of time.** Just as soon as the people of God are sealed in their foreheads--it is not any seal or mark that can be seen, but a settling into the truth, both intellectually and spiritually, so they cannot be moved--just as soon as God's people are sealed and prepared for the shaking, it will come. Indeed, it has begun already. **The judgments of God are now upon the land, to give us warning, that we may know what is coming.**--Ms. 173, 1902, pp. 1-6. ("Medical Missionary Work in Southern California," Interview held in Los Angeles, California, September 15, 1902.) {10MR 252.1}

We have been given a message exceeding in importance any other message ever entrusted to mortals. This message Christ came in person to the Isle of Patmos to present to John. He told him to write down what he saw and heard during his vision, that the churches might know **what was to come upon the earth.** Do our medical workers realize the importance of the message of Revelation? . . . {MM 37.4}

The word, "Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love," is applicable to many living in this time. God calls for immediate repentance and reformation. It is time for a great change to take place among the people who are looking for the second appearing of their Lord. **Soon strange things will take place.** God will hold us responsible for the way in which we treat the truth. Our purity of faith and action will decide our future. {MM 37.5} [Ms. 136, 1902, 10/22c]

## 1903

Cast out of heaven, Satan set up his kingdom in this world, and ever since, he has been untiringly striving to seduce human beings from their allegiance to God. He uses the same power that he used in heaven--the influence of mind on mind. Men become tempters of their fellow-men. The strong, corrupting sentiments of Satan are cherished, and they exert a masterly, compelling power. Under the influence of these sentiments, men **bind up with one another in confederacies, in trades-unions, and in secret societies. There are at work in the world agencies that God will not much longer tolerate.** In a milder form the **same evil** and the **same spirit** has been introduced into **our institutions.** The Lord opened the matter to me, showing me that the wrong was of the same character as that introduced into heaven. It was Satan who was working to bring in certain influences to bind different interests under one control. This was not in harmony with God's will, and He declared that He would not sanction anything of the kind. {7MR 63.3}

We are church members, believers in the Bible, and we are not to make the Lord Jesus ashamed to call us brethren, because we have **no confidence in one another.** We are to be afraid of those who have little confidence in their fellow-workers, and who demand that they should be **bound about by agreements and restrictions,** which can be misinterpreted and used to do harm. Should they in the future be turned from their integrity, they would take advantage of some wording that those who signed the

documents did not at the time comprehend. {7MR 65.3} [Letter 114, May 23, 1903; also marking failure to humble self after fires in Battle Creek; referencing Dan. 4]

The crown removed from Israel passed successively to the kingdoms of Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome. God says, "It shall be no more, until He come whose right it is; and I will give it Him." {Ed 179.3}

That time is **at hand**. Today the signs of the times declare that we are standing on the **threshold of great and solemn events**. Everything in our world is in **agitation**. Before our eyes is fulfilling the Saviour's prophecy of the events to precede His coming: "Ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars. . . . Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places." Matthew 24:6, 7. {Ed 179.4}

The **present is a time of overwhelming interest to all living**. Rulers and statesmen, men who occupy positions of trust and authority, thinking men and women of all classes, have their attention fixed upon the events taking place about us. They are watching the strained, restless relations that exist among the nations. They observe the intensity that is taking possession of every earthly element, and they recognize that something great and decisive is about to take place--that the world is **on the verge of a stupendous crisis**. {Ed 179.5}

Angels are now restraining the winds of strife, that they may not blow until the world shall be warned of its coming doom; but a storm is gathering, ready to burst upon the earth; and when God shall bid His angels loose the winds, there will be such a scene of strife as no pen can picture. {Ed 179.6}

The Bible, and the Bible only, gives a correct view of these things. Here are revealed the great final scenes in the history of our world, events that **already are casting their shadows before**, the sound of their approach causing the earth to tremble and men's hearts to fail them for fear. {Ed 180.1}

As the youth go out into the world to encounter its allurements to sin,--the passion for money getting, for amusement and indulgence, for display, luxury, and extravagance, the overreaching, fraud, robbery, and ruin,--what are **the teachings there to be met?** {Ed 227.5}

**Spiritualism asserts** that men are unfallen demigods; that "each mind will judge itself;" that "true knowledge places men above all law;" that "all sins committed are innocent;" for "**whatever is, is right**," and "**God doth not condemn**." The basest of human beings it represents as in heaven, and highly exalted there. Thus it declares to all men, "It matters not what you do; live as you please, heaven is your home." Multitudes are thus led to believe that **desire is the highest law, that license is liberty, and that man is accountable only to himself**. {Ed 227.6}

With such teaching given at the very outset of life, when impulse is strongest, and the demand for self-restraint and purity is most urgent, where are the safeguards of virtue? what is to prevent the world from becoming a **second Sodom**? {Ed 228.1}

At the same time **anarchy** is seeking to sweep away **all law, not only divine, but human**. The **centralizing of wealth and power**; the **vast combinations for the enriching of the few at the expense of the many**; the **combinations of the poorer**

**classes for the defense of their interests and claims; the spirit of unrest, of riot and bloodshed; the world-wide dissemination of the same teachings that led to the French Revolution--all are tending to involve the whole world in a struggle similar to that which convulsed France. {Ed 228.2}**

Such are the influences to be met by the youth of today. To stand amidst such **upheavals** they are now to lay the foundations of character. {Ed 228.3}

## 1904

We need not say: The **perils of the last days** are soon to come upon us. **Already they have come.** We need now the sword of the Lord to cut to the very soul and marrow of fleshly lusts, appetites, and passions. {8T 315.3}

We are living in the time of the end. **Thrones and churches have united to oppose God's purposes.** The association of man with man, which God designed should be a means of strengthening goodness and happiness, is used as a means of strengthening evil and of developing tendencies to rebellion. **Men have assumed despotic power,** and human laws have been put in the place of the law of God. {RH, December 15, 1904 par. 1} [initially in Manuscript 166, 1902, written c1902/12/17]

It is **the reign of Antichrist.** God's law is set aside. The Scriptures are exchanged for the traditions of men. **Satan has become the ruler of the world;** and in his hands **temptation has become a science.** He rules over a **vast, well-organized empire.** Sin has stimulated his followers into **fearful activity.** Men have **combined to perpetuate evil.** The sale of intoxicating **liquor,** destructive alike to soul and body, is **legalized** by Christian governments. {RH, December 15, 1904 par. 2}

Influences are to be set in motion that will proclaim to the world the **first, second, and third angels' messages.** The world is to be warned, and I beseech those who know the truth to do **all in their power to sound the message, "Prepare to meet thy God."** {RH, December 15, 1904 par. 3}

"It is time for thee, Lord, to work," David said; "for they have made void thy law." David lived many hundreds of years ago, and he thought then that the time had come for God to interfere to vindicate his honor and repress the swelling unrighteousness. Today men have **almost filled the cup of their iniquity.** But the Lord does not execute the death penalty on the transgressors of his law until they have heard the warning, and have been given an opportunity to **see the result of rebellion** against him. How **wonderful is his forbearance and patience!** He is putting a constraint on his own attributes. **Omnipotence is exerted over Omnipotence.** {RH, December 15, 1904 par. 4}

## 1905

We may well be alarmed at **the crisis that is upon us.** God's law has been transgressed, and the result is seen in the **misrule and lawlessness which flood the world.** Human lives are regarded as of little value. The spirit of disaffection is running riot.

The inhabitants of the Noachic world were destroyed because, after being granted a period of one hundred and twenty years in which to choose between the evil and the good, they deliberately chose to follow their own wicked ways. Because they did not avail themselves of the opportunity God gave them to repent and turn to him, they were destroyed by the flood.

Once again, before the great destruction of the world by fire, there is granted a period of test and trial. Men are given an opportunity to show whether or not they will be loyal to God. **Satan is seeking to lead men in positions of trust to seek the regeneration of the world by plans of their own devising. These men desire to be reformers, but they fail because they do not work in Christ's lines. Self is intermingled with their work. Can they reform others when they can not reform themselves?**

Men are to-day being tested to see if they will obey the law of God. In the beginning Satan promised eve that if she would only follow his suggestion, she would be greatly increased in knowledge. **And to-day he leads men to look for great blessings to come as a result of following their own unsanctified plans. Men choose to believe the words of a fallen angel rather than the words of God.** Man's only hope is in repentance and conversion.

The word of God came to Isaiah: "Life up thy voice like a trumpet and show my people their transgressions, and the house of Jacob their sins." As God's witnesses, we have a message to bear to all the world. The Lord has many children who have never heard the truth for this time. God's servants must give them the final warning.

**Soon the Lord will demonstrate to the universe of heaven the utter inability of man to reform the world, while they themselves are living in transgression of the law of God.** He is about to set aside the transgressors of his law, as he would cast away a despised and polluted vessel. The years of man's probation are soon to close. The great men of earth, the kings, the princes, and the statesmen will soon perish. Wickedness will come to an end. The little moment of time remaining is most precious to those, who, while making a profession of Christianity, have disregarded the laws of God. Will they not turn to him, before it is too late? Keep in the strait and narrow path. Said Christ, "He that will come after me, let him deny himself and follow me." Obey and this makes Christ's disciples.

[Letter 121, 1905, to Edson White, March 15, 1905. Most of the above is in UL88. The two paragraphs previous speak of the problem (certainly referring to Kellogg and such) of some who "undermine the foundation of the truth that has been firmly established, point by point, and sealed by the power of the Holy Spirit. The old truth are to be revived and repeated in your assemblies, in order that the false theories that have been brought in by the enemy may be intelligently met.... His truth must be vindicated decidedly, that the evil, seductive theories that are coming in specified as tares may be uprooted. Many minds have been taken captive because for years they have placed too much confidence in some one who has prepared a dish of scientific fables, to suit their appetite."]

A **great crisis is just before us**. Men boast of the wonderful progress and enlightenment of the age, but God sees the guilt and depravity of the world. The heavenly Watcher sees the earth filled with violence and crime. Wealth is obtained by every species of iniquity. By robbery of God and of their fellows, men are **amassing fortunes**. Everything that they can grasp is made to minister to their greed. **Avarice** and **sensuality** bear sway. Men revenge themselves on those who, they suppose, have hindered the success of their ambitious projects. They have **accepted the enemy of all good as their leader**, and have become imbued with his spirit. {ST, November 21, 1906 par. 1}

## 1909

The **agencies of evil are combining their forces and consolidating**. They are strengthening for the **last great crisis**. **Great changes are soon to take place in our world**, and the final movements will be rapid ones. {9T 11.2}

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Non EGW connections:

[from <http://www.fightingbob.com/aboutbob.cfm>, accessed 2/18/11]

Edward Ryan, a fiery Irish radical who rose to the position of chief justice of the Wisconsin Supreme Court during the great populist upsurge of the 1870s.

When Ryan spoke to University of Wisconsin students in 1873--

"There is looming up a dark new power. . . . The enterprises of the country are aggregating vast corporate combinations of unexampled capital, boldly marking, not for economic conquest only, but for political power. For the first time in our politics, money is taking the field of organized power. The question will arise, and arise in your day though perhaps not fully in mine: 'Which shall rule--wealth or man? Which shall lead--money or intellect? Who shall fill public stations--educated and patriotic free men, or the feudal serfs of corporate wealth?'" [Compare the Ed228.2 paragraph under 1903 above.]