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1858 "Loud Cry" Chapter in *Spiritual Gifts*, Volume 1, Compared to 1882 "Loud Cry" Chapter in *Early Writings*

The two columns below compare the two chapters of four paragraphs each (thus four rows) containing Ellen White's early descriptions of "The Loud Cry," the message of the angel in Revelation 18:1. This material was given her in her Great Controversy vision, and first published in 1858 in *Spiritual Gifts*, Volume 1 (see 1BIO 375.1). The second column is the version placed in the book *Early Writings* published in 1882. These two versions could be seen as how she addressed the themes in the first half of her ministry. The **bolded words show variations between the two**. The places where phrases "the midnight cry," "the loud cry," and "the latter rain" occur are located by **larger red type**. The row numbers in each reflect the paragraphs evaluated, which match in these two sources.

	1858, Chapter XXXIV. - The Loud Cry in <i>Spiritual Gifts</i> , Volume 1	1882, The Loud Cry in <i>Early Writings</i>
1	<p>I saw angels hurrying to and fro in heaven. They were descending to earth, and again ascending to heaven, preparing for the fulfillment of some important event. Then I saw another mighty angel commissioned to descend to earth, and unite his voice with the third angel, and give power and force to his message. Great power and glory were imparted to the angel, and as he descended, the earth was lightened with his glory. The light which went before and followed after this angel, penetrated every where, as he cried mightily, with a strong voice, saying,</p> <p>Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. The message of the fall of Babylon, as given by the second angel, is again given, with the addition of the corruptions which have been entering the churches since 1844.</p> <p>The work of this angel comes in at the right time, and joins in the last great work of the third angel's message, as it swells into a loud cry. And the people of God are fitted up every where to stand in the hour of temptation which they are soon to meet. I saw a great light resting upon them, and they united in the message, and fearlessly proclaimed with great power the third angel's message. {1SG 193.2}</p>	<p>I saw angels hurrying to and fro in heaven, descending to the earth, and again ascending to heaven, preparing for the fulfillment of some important event. Then I saw another mighty angel commissioned to descend to the earth, to unite his voice with the third angel, and give power and force to his message. Great power and glory were imparted to the angel, and as he descended, the earth was lightened with his glory. The light which attended this angel penetrated everywhere, as he cried mightily, with a strong voice,</p> <p>"Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird." The message of the fall of Babylon, as given by the second angel, is repeated, with the additional mention of the corruptions which have been entering the churches since 1844.</p> <p>The work of this angel comes in at the right time to join in the last great work of the third angel's message as it swells to a loud cry. And the people of God are thus prepared to stand in the hour of temptation, which they are soon to meet. I saw a great light resting upon them, and they united to fearlessly proclaim the third angel's message. {EW 277.1}</p>

2	<p>Angels were sent to aid the mighty angel from heaven, and I heard voices which seemed to sound every where, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues; for her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities. This message seemed to be an addition to the third message, and joined it, as the midnight cry joined the second angel's message in 1844.</p> <p>The glory of God rested upon the patient, waiting saints, and they fearlessly gave the last solemn warning, proclaiming the fall of Babylon, and calling upon God's people to come out of her; that they might escape her fearful doom. {1SG 194.1}</p>	<p>Angels were sent to aid the mighty angel from heaven, and I heard voices which seemed to sound everywhere, "Come out of her, My people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities." This message seemed to be an addition to the third message, joining it as the midnight cry joined the second angel's message in 1844.</p> <p>The glory of God rested upon the patient, waiting saints, and they fearlessly gave the last solemn warning, proclaiming the fall of Babylon and calling upon God's people to come out of her that they might escape her fearful doom. {EW 277.2}</p>
3	<p>The light that was shed upon the waiting ones penetrated every where, and those who had any light in the churches, who had not heard and rejected the three messages, answered to the call, and left the fallen churches.</p> <p>Many had come to years of accountability since these messages had been given, and the light shone upon them, and they were privileged to choose life or death. Some chose life, and took their stand with those looking for their Lord, and keeping all his commandments. The third message was to do its work; all were to be tested upon it, and the precious ones were to be called out from the religious bodies. A compelling power moves the honest, while the manifestation of the power of God holds in fear and restraint relatives and friends, and they dare not, neither have they power to, hinder those who feel the work of the Spirit of God upon them.</p> <p>The last call is carried even to the poor slaves, and the pious among them, with humble expressions, pour forth their songs of extravagant joy at the prospect of their happy deliverance, and their masters cannot check them; for a fear and astonishment keep them silent. Mighty miracles are wrought, the sick are healed, and signs and wonders follow the believers.</p> <p>God is in the work, and every saint, fearless of consequences, follows the convictions of his own conscience, and unites with those who are keeping all the commandments of God; and they sound abroad the third message with power.</p> <p>I saw that the third message would close with power and strength far exceeding the midnight cry. {1SG 195.1}</p>	<p>The light that was shed upon the waiting ones penetrated everywhere, and those in the churches who had any light, who had not heard and rejected the three messages, obeyed the call and left the fallen churches.</p> <p>Many had come to years of accountability since these messages had been given, and the light shone upon them, and they were privileged to choose life or death. Some chose life and took their stand with those who were looking for their Lord and keeping all His commandments. The third message was to do its work; all were to be tested upon it, and the precious ones were to be called out from the religious bodies. A compelling power moved the honest, while the manifestation of the power of God brought a fear and restraint upon their unbelieving relatives and friends so that they dared not, neither had they the power to, hinder those who felt the work of the Spirit of God upon them.</p> <p>The last call was carried even to the poor slaves, and the pious among them poured forth their songs of rapturous joy at the prospect of their happy deliverance. Their masters could not check them; fear and astonishment kept them silent. Mighty miracles were wrought, the sick were healed, and signs and wonders followed the believers.</p> <p>God was in the work, and every saint, fearless of consequences, followed the convictions of his own conscience and united with those who were keeping all the commandments of God; and with power they sounded abroad the third message.</p> <p>I saw that this message will close with power and strength far exceeding the midnight cry. {EW 278.1}</p>

4	<p>Servants of God, endowed with power from on high, with their faces lighted up, and shining with holy consecration, went forth fulfilling their work, and proclaiming the message from heaven.</p> <p>Souls that were scattered all through the religious bodies answered to the call, and the precious were hurried out of the doomed churches, as Lot was hurried out of Sodom before her destruction. God's people were fitted up and strengthened by the excellent glory which fell upon them in rich abundance, preparing them to endure the hour of temptation. A multitude of voices I heard every where, saying, Here is the patience of the saints; here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. {1SG 196.1}</p>	<p>Servants of God, endowed with power from on high with their faces lighted up, and shining with holy consecration, went forth to proclaim the message from heaven.</p> <p>Souls that were scattered all through the religious bodies answered to the call, and the precious were hurried out of the doomed churches, as Lot was hurried out of Sodom before her destruction. God's people were strengthened by the excellent glory which rested upon them in rich abundance and prepared them to endure the hour of temptation. I heard everywhere a multitude of voices saying, "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." {EW 278.2}</p>
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Notes:

1. The variations were minor editing.
2. The descriptions of the Revelation 18:1 angel / message, especially in relation to the previous angels / messages, are as follows:
 - a. cumulative: "unite his voice with the third angel"; "joins in the last great work of the third angel's message, as it swell into a loud cry"; "seemed to be an addition to the third message, and joined it, as the midnight cry joined the second angel's message in 1844"
 - b. empower: "give power and force to his message [third angel]"; "great power and glory"; "great light"; "fearlessly proclaimed with great power the third angel's message"; "glory of God rested upon the patient waiting saints, and they fearlessly gave the last solemn warning"; "a compelling power"; "manifestation of the power of God"; "the work of the Spirit of God"; "sound abroad the third message with power"; "third message would close with power and strength far exceeding the midnight cry"; "endowed with power from on high"
 - c. global: "penetrated every where" (x2); "seemed to sound every where"
 - d. preparatory: "the people of God are fitted up every where to stand"; "God's people were fitted up and strengthened by the excellent glory which fell upon them in rich abundance, preparing them to endure"
 - e. unifying: "united in the message"
3. There is no explicit mention of the Latter Rain in these passages. (See 1SG 186.2 that connects the Latter Rain to the Loud Cry, in note 3 in the next section.) Allusions can be seen to this outpouring of the Spirit in the second paragraphs (row 2) which speak of "the glory of God" that was upon the saints giving the message, and "the power of God" along with "power and strength" in the third paragraphs (row 3). The latter are explicitly contrasted with the Midnight Cry in the observation that they were "far exceeding" what had happened in 1844. There is an important connection with this "far exceeding" observation, in a brief testimony preserved from four years before the first description above. All that we have of it are these two sentences: "You are getting the coming of the Lord too far off. I saw the latter rain was coming as [suddenly as] the midnight cry, and with ten times the power." {SpM 4.3} [Brackets in the published electronic version.] The phrase "ten times the power" appears to be the equivalent of this later phrase "far exceeding" and also an echo of William Miller's dream imagery. (For this dream, see EW 83.8. This dream and its implications for the late 1840's and early 1850's, as well as its prophetic picture of the end of the Advent Movement, is analyzed in a paper that reproduces James White's booklet *Brother Miller's Dream, with Notes* that can be found at the FredBischoff.com website under 1850 on the SDA Timeline.)

4. The reference to "poor slaves" is evidence that the Loud Cry could have gone prior to the emancipation of the American slaves in 1863. This is consistent with the 1868 statement of "so long delay" (2T193.3). (See more on the issue of delay in the document "Brother Miller's Dream," the section entitled "'Ten Times Their Former Glory' Delayed")

1884 "Loud Cry" Chapter in *Spirit of Prophecy*, Volume 4, Compared to 1888 and 1911 "The Final Warning" Chapters in *The Great Controversy*

The first accounts above underwent a major revision and expansion in the 1884 *Spirit of Prophecy*, Volume 4, while retaining the same title for the chapter. The last two versions of 1888 and 1911 in the book *The Great Controversy* changed the title to "The Final Warning." This time-based title fits better the story line for the popular reader than the previous one which had historical roots in early Seventh-day Adventism. Three times in the earlier descriptions the idea of "final" was conveyed with the word "last"--"the last great work of the third angel's message," "the last solemn warning," and "the last call." The following table compares, in its three center columns, these three parallel versions of the expanded account of the message of Revelation 18:1, from the last half of Ellen White's ministry. The five rows reflect the five paragraphs in the description in the final edition of 1911. **The bolded words are variations between the 1884, 1888, and 1911 versions of these statements.** In the first column on the left are connections from the four paragraphs above in the earlier 1858 and 1882 descriptions of the Loud Cry. In the fifth column on the right the four sentences of the highly significant 1896 Minneapolis Statement are listed; this paragraph is a negative one regarding both the Latter Rain and the Loud Cry, portending an even longer delay than the 1868 statement noted above. These sentences are listed beside the complimentary statements in the previous columns, *with the key words and phrases italicized*, with location connections to other rows if not immediately adjacent. (The four sentences from this 1896 paragraph are not in the original order, as indicated in the brackets after the reference in each.)

	Connections from the 1858 and 1882 descriptions above	1884 " The Loud Cry " in <i>Spirit of Prophecy</i> , Volume 4	1888 "The Final Warning" in <i>The Great Controversy</i>	1911 "The Final Warning" in <i>The Great Controversy</i>	1896 Minneapolis Statement
1	"unites his voice with the third angel" (row 1 above); also "joined it" (row 2 above) "power and force" (row 1 above; see also row 3 below)	The angel who unites in the proclamation of the third message is to lighten the whole earth with his glory. A work of world-wide extent and unwonted power is here brought to view . The Advent movement of 1840-44 was a glorious manifestation of the power of God; the first message was carried to every missionary station in the world, and in this country there was the greatest religious interest which has been witnessed in any land since the Reformation of the sixteenth century;	The angel who unites in the proclamation of the third angel's message is to lighten the whole earth with his glory. A work of world-wide extent and unwonted power is here foretold . The Advent movement of 1840-44 was a glorious manifestation of the power of God; the first angel's message was carried to every missionary station in the world, and in some countries there was the greatest religious interest which has been witnessed in any land since the Reformation of the sixteenth century;	The angel who unites in the proclamation of the third angel's message is to lighten the whole earth with his glory. A work of world-wide extent and unwonted power is here foretold . The advent movement of 1840-44 was a glorious manifestation of the power of God; the first angel's message was carried to every missionary station in the world, and in some countries there was the greatest religious interest which has been witnessed in any land since the Reformation of the sixteenth century;	The light that is <i>to lighten the whole earth with its glory</i> was resisted, and by the action of our own brethren has been in a great degree kept away from <i>the world</i> . {1888 1575.2} [sentence #4 of this paragraph]

	<p>"far exceeding" (see row 3 above, compared to Midnight Cry)</p> <p>"last solemn warning" (see row 2 above)</p>	<p>but these are to be far exceeded by the mighty movement under the loud cry of the third message.</p>	<p>but these are to be far exceeded by the mighty movement under the last warning of the third angel. {GC88 610.3}</p>	<p>but these are to be exceeded by the mighty movement under the last warning of the third angel. {GC 611.1}</p>	
2		<p>The work will be similar to that of the day of Pentecost.</p>	<p>The work will be similar to that of the day of Pentecost. As the "former rain" was given, in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at the opening of the gospel, to cause the upspringing of the precious seed, so the "latter rain" will be given at its close, for the ripening of the harvest. "Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord; his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth." [Hosea 6:3.] "Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain." [Joel 2:23.] "In the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh."</p>	<p>The work will be similar to that of the Day of Pentecost. As the "former rain" was given, in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at the opening of the gospel, to cause the upspringing of the precious seed, so the "latter rain" will be given at its close for the ripening of the harvest. "Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord: His going forth is prepared as the morning; and He shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth." Hosea 6:3. "Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God: for He hath given you the former rain moderately, and He will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain." Joel 2:23. "In the last days, saith God, I will pour out of My Spirit</p>	<p>The enemy prevented them from obtaining that efficiency which might have been theirs in carrying <i>the truth</i> to <i>the world</i>, as the apostles proclaimed it after <i>the day of Pentecost</i>. {1888 1575.2} [sentence #3 of paragraph] ["<i>the truth</i>": see 3 occurrences in row 5; "<i>the world</i>": see row 1]</p>

			"And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved." [Acts 2:17, 21.]	upon all flesh." "And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved." Acts 2:17, 21. {GC 611.2}	
3			The great work of the gospel is not to close with less manifestation of the power of God than marked its opening. The prophecies which were fulfilled in the outpouring of the former rain at the opening of the gospel, are again to be fulfilled in the latter rain at its close. Here are "the times of refreshing" to which the apostle Peter looked forward when he said, "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out [in the investigative Judgment], when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; and he shall send Jesus." [Acts 3:19, 20.] {GC88 611.1}	The great work of the gospel is not to close with less manifestation of the power of God than marked its opening. The prophecies which were fulfilled in the outpouring of the former rain at the opening of the gospel are again to be fulfilled in the latter rain at its close. Here are "the times of refreshing" to which the apostle Peter looked forward when he said: "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; and He shall send Jesus." Acts 3:19, 20. {GC 611.3}	By exciting that opposition, Satan succeeded in shutting away from our people, in a great measure, the special <i>power of the Holy Spirit</i> that God longed to impart to them. {1888 1575.2} [sentence #2 of paragraph] [" <i>power</i> ": see row 1 as well as this row, for "power of God"] [" <i>Holy Spirit</i> ": see row 2 for "Spirit," as well as each reference to "latter rain"]
4	"Servants of God ... with their faces lighted up" (row 4 above) "multitude of voices ever where" (row 4 above)	Servants of God, with their faces lighted up and shining with holy consecration, hasten from place to place to proclaim the warning from Heaven. By thousands of voices, all over the earth, the message will be given.	Servants of God, with their faces lighted up and shining with holy consecration, will hasten from place to place to proclaim the message from Heaven. By thousands of voices, all over the earth, the warning will be given.	Servants of God, with their faces lighted up and shining with holy consecration, will hasten from place to place to proclaim the message from heaven. By thousands of voices, all over the earth, the warning will be given.	An unwillingness to yield up preconceived opinions, and to accept this truth, lay at the foundation of a large share of the opposition manifested at Minneapolis against the Lord's <i>message</i> through Brethren

	"miracles are wrought, the sick are healed, and signs and wonders follow the believers" (row 3 above)	Miracles are wrought, the sick are healed, and signs and wonders follow the believers. Satan also works with lying wonders, even bringing down fire from heaven in the sight of men. Thus the inhabitants of the earth are brought to take their stand. {4SP 429.2}	Miracles will be wrought, the sick will be healed, and signs and wonders will follow the believers. Satan also works with lying wonders, even bringing down fire from heaven in the sight of men. [Revelation 13:13.] Thus the inhabitants of the earth will be brought to take their stand. {GC88 612.1}	Miracles will be wrought, the sick will be healed, and signs and wonders will follow the believers. Satan also works, with lying wonders, even bringing down fire from heaven in the sight of men. Revelation 13:13. Thus the inhabitants of the earth will be brought to take their stand. {GC 612.1}	Waggoner and Jones. {1888 1575.2} [sentence #1 of paragraph] ["message": see row 2 & 5 as well as this row; for connecting the Minneapolis message to the "third angel's message" see RH, April 1, 1890 par. 8, and to the Loud Cry, see RH, November 22, 1892 par. 7] ¹
5	"as the midnight cry" (see row 2 above) "work of the Spirit of God" (row 3 above) "the light ... penetrated everywhere" (rows 1 and 3 above)	The message will be carried, as was the midnight cry of 1844, not so much by argument as by the deep conviction of the Spirit of God. The arguments have been presented. The seed has been sown, and now it will spring up and bear fruit. The publications distributed by missionary workers have exerted their influence; yet many whose minds have been impressed have been prevented from fully comprehending the truth or from yielding obedience. Now the rays of light penetrate everywhere, the truth is seen in its clearness, and the honest	The message will be carried not so much by argument as by the deep conviction of the Spirit of God. The arguments have been presented. The seed has been sown, and now it will spring up and bear fruit. The publications distributed by missionary workers have exerted their influence, yet many whose minds were impressed have been prevented from fully comprehending the truth or from yielding obedience. Now the rays of light penetrate everywhere, the truth is seen in its clearness, and the honest	The message will be carried not so much by argument as by the deep conviction of the Spirit of God. The arguments have been presented. The seed has been sown, and now it will spring up and bear fruit. The publications distributed by missionary workers have exerted their influence, yet many whose minds were impressed have been prevented from fully comprehending the truth or from yielding obedience. Now the rays of light penetrate everywhere, the truth is seen in its clearness, and the honest	[See references to the Spirit in rows 2 & 3 above.]

¹ The phrase "this truth" refers to the previous paragraph (1888 1575.1) which quotes Gal. 3:24 and explains it as speaking "especially of the moral law," with implications regarding sin, repentance, faith, with pardon and peace from Jesus. This phrase should also be connected to the third sentence that speaks of "the truth," noted in row 2.

		children of God sever the bands which have held them. Family connections, church relations, are powerless to stay them now. Truth is more precious than all besides. Notwithstanding the agencies combined against the truth, a large number take their stand upon the Lord's side. {4SP 430.1}	children of God sever the bands which have held them. Family connections, church relations, are powerless to stay them now. Truth is more precious than all besides. Notwithstanding the agencies combined against the truth, a large number take their stand upon the Lord's side. {GC88 612.2}	children of God sever the bands which have held them. Family connections, church relations, are powerless to stay them now. Truth is more precious than all besides. Notwithstanding the agencies combined against the truth, a large number take their stand upon the Lord's side. {GC 612.2}	
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Notes:

1. The 1888 and 1911 accounts (third and fourth columns) added, following the mention of "the day of Pentecost," material (in rows 2 & 3) which covered explicitly the subject of the Latter Rain, with pertinent Scripture texts. Thus the term "Latter Rain" itself was added to these descriptions of the final message.
2. The phrase "the deep conviction of the Spirit of God" in row 5 reflects as well the impact of the Latter Rain. This empowering of the message, which is inherent in the message itself (see the next note), impacts both messengers and hearers, as reflected in Note #2 (sections b, d, e) in the previous section.
3. The comments on "family connections" and "truth is more precious than all besides" in row 5 appear to be an echo of what was written two chapters (and 7 pages) earlier than "The Loud Cry" chapter in our first table. In *Spiritual Gifts*, Volume 1, in the chapter entitled "The Shaking" the following quote occurs. Note the cause of the change is described in three phrases starting with the definite article "the," and all appearing grammatically as subject complements of "It is...." Thus these all three appear to be equivalent, else the angel would have said, "They are...". Echoed words, and the three phrases are bolded.

"I heard those clothed with the armor speak forth **the truth** in **great power**. It had effect. I saw those who had been bound; some wives had been bound by their husbands, and some children had been bound by their parents. The honest who had been held or prevented from hearing **the truth**, now eagerly laid hold of **the truth** spoken. All fear of **their relatives** was gone. **The truth** alone was exalted to them. It was dearer and **more precious** than life. They had been hungering and thirsting for **truth**. I asked what had made this great change. An angel answered, It is **the latter rain; the refreshing** from the presence of the Lord; **the loud cry** of the third angel." {1SG 186.2} [This quote appears in 1T182.2 under the date 1857.]

The singularity of the subject in the words of the angel can be noted this way:

Latter Rain	Loud Cry
Singularity: "It is"	
I heard those clothed with the armor speak forth the truth with great power.... I asked what had made this great change. An angel answered, "It is	
the latter rain, the refreshing from the presence of the Lord,	the loud cry of the third angel." {EW 271.2}

Another parallel connects the Latter Rain with the Loud Cry, in observing these two statements side by side:

Compare "Give Power"	
Latter Rain	Loud Cry
At that time the " latter rain ," or refreshing from the presence of the Lord, will come, to give power to the loud voice of the third angel , and prepare the saints to stand in the period when the seven last plagues shall be poured out. {EW 85.3}	Then I saw another mighty angel commissioned to descend to the earth, to unite his voice with the third angel , and give power and force to his message . Great power and glory were imparted to the angel, and as he descended, the earth was lightened with his glory. {EW 277.1} (Chapter "The Loud Cry", first paragraph)

4. The "Midnight Cry" with its "deep conviction of the Spirit" that was said to "penetrate everywhere" (from row 5 above) also was described with equivalent words in the quotes below from the 1911 book *The Great Controversy*. (Note that the 1888 and 1911 descriptions dropped the term "Midnight Cry" from row 5, as "Loud Cry" was dropped from the title and from row 1.) Observe this amazing description of the Midnight Cry that will be "far exceeded" (row 1) by at least "ten times" (see Note 3 in the first section) in the Loud Cry, thus far exceeding "the Reformation" (row 1), and connecting clear back to the time of the "former rain" (row 2) in "the days of the apostles" (bolding supplied)--

In the parable of Matthew 25 the time of waiting and slumber is followed by the coming of the bridegroom. This was in accordance with the arguments just presented, both from prophecy and from the types. They carried strong conviction of their truthfulness; and **the "midnight cry"** was heralded by thousands of believers. {GC 400.1}

Like a tidal wave the movement swept over the land. **From city to city, from village to village, and into remote country places** it went, until the waiting people of God were fully aroused. Fanaticism disappeared before this proclamation like early frost before the rising sun. Believers saw their doubt and perplexity removed, and hope and courage animated their hearts. The work was free from those extremes which are ever manifested when there is human excitement without the controlling influence of the word and Spirit of God. It was similar in character to those seasons of humiliation and returning unto the Lord which among ancient Israel followed messages of reproof from His servants. It bore the characteristics that mark the work of God in every age. There was little ecstatic joy, but rather deep searching of heart, confession of sin, and forsaking of the world. A preparation to meet the Lord was the burden of agonizing spirits. There was persevering prayer and unreserved consecration to God. {GC 400.2}

Said Miller in describing that work: "There is no great expression of joy: that is, as it were, suppressed for a future occasion, when all heaven and earth will rejoice together with joy unspeakable and full of glory. There is no shouting: that, too, is reserved for the shout from heaven. The singers are silent: they are waiting to join the angelic hosts, the choir from heaven. . . . There is no clashing of sentiments: all are of one heart and of one mind."--Bliss, pages 270, 271. {GC 401.1}

Another who participated in the movement testified: "It produced everywhere the most deep searching of heart and humiliation of soul before the God of high heaven. It caused a weaning of affections from the things of this world, a healing of controversies and animosities, a confession of wrongs, a breaking down before God, and penitent, brokenhearted supplications to Him for pardon and acceptance. It caused self-abasement and prostration of soul, such as we never before witnessed. As God by Joel commanded, when the great day of God should be at hand, it produced a rending of hearts and not of garments, and a turning unto the Lord with fasting, and weeping, and mourning. As God said by Zechariah, a spirit of grace and supplication was poured out upon His children; they looked to Him whom they had pierced, there was a great mourning in the land, . . . and those who were looking for the Lord afflicted their souls before Him."--Bliss, in *Advent Shield and Review*, vol. I, p. 271 (January, 1845). {GC 401.2}

Of all the great religious movements **since the days of the apostles**, none have been more free from human imperfection and the wiles of Satan than was that of the autumn of 1844. Even now, after the lapse of many years, all who shared in that movement and who have stood firm upon the platform of truth still feel the holy influence of that blessed work and bear witness that it was of God. {GC 401.3}

These statements should begin to lift the fog that has settled over whether Seventh-day Adventism had been merely a recovery of Reformation truth, rather than an advancement of truth beyond the Reformation (standing, as it were, on the shoulders of the earlier Reformers). This important comparison is also clarified by the observation that neither Paul nor Luther proclaimed the first angel's message.

No such message ["of Christ's second coming" at "the opening of the judgment"] has ever been given in past ages. Paul, as we have seen, did not preach it; he pointed his brethren into the then far-distant future for the coming of the Lord. The Reformers did not proclaim it. Martin Luther placed the judgment about three hundred years in the future from his day. 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 356.2} [Chapter "A Great Religious Awakening"]

As the message of the Loud Cry will exceed not only the Midnight Cry of the early Advent Movement but also the Reformation of the sixteenth century, so the Latter Rain will not be "with less manifestation of the power of God" (row 3) than the Early Rain at the opening of "the great work of the gospel" after Pentecost. The following statement about halfway between the 1888 and 1911 editions indicates moreover that the Latter Rain will exceed the Former Rain (bolding supplied)--

Great truths that have lain unheeded and unseen since the day of Pentecost, are to shine from God's word in their native purity. To those who truly love God the Holy Spirit will reveal truths that have faded from the mind, and will also reveal **truths that are entirely new**. Those who eat the flesh and drink the blood of the Son of God will bring **from the books of Daniel and Revelation truth that is inspired by the Holy Spirit**. They will start into action forces that cannot be repressed. The lips of children will be opened to proclaim the **mysteries that have been hidden from the minds of men**. The Lord has chosen the foolish things of this world to confound the wise, and the weak things of the world to confound the mighty. {RH, August 17, 1897 par. 19} [Article "The Bible in Our Schools"]

5. The 1896 Minneapolis Statement, being a statement to Seventh-day Adventists about their relation to the final message, appears to have the same relationship to these above descriptions of the prophecy of the Loud Cry, written for the public, as the statements to Seventh-day Adventists that they were repeating the history of the Jews (see for example 17MR 13.1), have to the descriptions of that history in her writings covering their history, also written for the public, particularly *The Desire of Ages*. This book, having been published in 1898, can be seen in many ways as an implicit commentary on how the Seventh-day Adventists were repeating aspects of Jewish history. For example, "All the universe of heaven witnessed the disgraceful treatment of Jesus Christ, represented by the Holy Spirit. Had Christ been before them, they would have treated him in a manner similar to that in which the Jews treated Christ." {1888 1478.2}

6. The 1896 Minneapolis Statement, of Satan's success (rows 2 & 3) in regard to the Loud Cry (row 1) and the Latter Rain (row 3), takes on new meaning when we realize that four years earlier, the following statement was made, showing that the Loud Cry had already begun (bolding supplied)--

Let every one who claims to believe that the Lord is soon coming, search the Scriptures as never before; for **Satan is determined** to try every device possible to keep souls in darkness, and **blind** the mind to the perils of the times in which we are living. Let every believer take up his Bible with earnest prayer, that he may be **enlightened by the holy Spirit** as to what is **truth**, that he may **know more of God and of Jesus Christ** whom he has sent. Search for **the truth** as for hidden treasures, and disappoint the enemy. The time of test is just upon us, for **the loud cry of the third angel has already begun** in the **revelation of the righteousness of Christ**, the sin-pardoning Redeemer. This is the **beginning of the light of the angel whose glory shall fill the whole earth**. For it is the work of every one to whom the message of warning has come, to **lift up Jesus**, to present him to the world as revealed in types, as shadowed in symbols, as manifested in the revelations of the prophets, as unveiled in the lessons given to his disciples and in the wonderful miracles wrought for the sons of men. Search the Scriptures; for they are they that **testify of him**. {RH, November 22, 1892 par. 7} [Article "The Perils and Privileges of the Last Days"]

Other Significant Statements with Some Notes, 1854-1896

1854: At that time, while the work of salvation is closing, trouble will be coming on the earth, and the nations will be angry, yet held in check so as not to prevent the work of the third angel. At that time the "latter rain," or refreshing from the presence of the Lord, will come, to give power to the loud voice of the third angel, and prepare the saints to stand in the period when the seven last plagues shall be poured out. {EW 85.3} ["Supplement" dated by comment in second paragraph of Preface to book.]

Note: We have in this earlier statement the same three equivalents as in note 3 above: (1) "the 'latter rain'", (2) the "refreshing", and (3) "power to the loud voice of the third angel".

1862: At the transfiguration Jesus was glorified by his Father. We hear him say, "Now is the Son of man glorified, and God is glorified in him." Thus before his betrayal and crucifixion he was strengthened for his last dreadful sufferings. {RH, May 27, 1862 par. 1} [Article "The Future"]

As the members of the body of Christ approach the period of their last conflict, "the time of Jacob's trouble," they will grow up into Christ, and will partake largely of his Spirit. As the third message swells to a loud cry, and as great power and glory attends the closing work, the faithful people of God will partake of that glory. It is the latter rain which revives and strengthens them to pass through the time of trouble. Their faces will shine with the glory of that light which attends the third angel. {RH, May 27, 1862 par. 2}

Note: This statement appears to make these equivalents: (1) "partake largely of his Spirit"; "the 'latter rain'", (2) "the third message swells to a loud cry", and (3) "great power and glory"; "the glory of that light which attends the third angel." Note that the messengers themselves "partake" of the message--of "that glory" that "attends" the "the closing work" and "the third angel."

1892: The third angel's message is swelling into a loud cry, and you must not feel at liberty to neglect the present duty, and still entertain the idea that at some future time you will be the recipients of great blessing, when without any effort on your part a wonderful revival will take place. Today you are to give yourselves to God, that he may make of you vessels unto honor, and meet for his service. Today you are to give yourself to God, that you may be emptied of self, emptied of envy, jealousy, evil-surmising, strife, everything that shall be dishonoring to God. Today you are to have your vessel purified that it may be ready for the heavenly dew, ready for the showers of the latter rain; for the latter rain will come, and the blessing of God will fill every soul that is purified from every defilement. It is our work today to yield our souls to Christ, that we may be fitted for the time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord--fitted for the baptism of the Holy Spirit. {RH, March 22, 1892 par. 13} [Article "It Is Not for You to Know the Times and the Seasons."]

Note: The Loud Cry in this 1892 statement was described in a present tense process--"The third angel's message is swelling into a loud cry...." There is no claim that the fullness had come. And this fact is alluded to in the comment about the Latter Rain in the future tense in its fullness--"the latter rain will come, and the blessing of God will fill every soul that is purified...." Note the next statement from later in 1892 (already quoted more completely in note 5 in the previous section), and the 1896 one, which provide more evidence of what was happening, and what was yet to happen.

Search for the truth as for hidden treasures, and disappoint the enemy. The time of test is just upon us, for the loud cry of the third angel has already begun in the revelation of the righteousness of Christ, the sin-pardoning Redeemer. This is the beginning of the light of the angel whose glory shall fill the whole earth. {RH, November 22, 1892 par. 7}

Note: If the Loud Cry had already begun by 1892 "in the revelation of the righteousness of Christ" it would make sense to ask if the Latter Rain had also begun. There is no evidence that either were ever described as present in their fullness, but having begun has earth-shaking implications, both for what was happening then, and for why we are still here with the work of both the Loud Cry and Latter Rain unfinished over 120 years later.

1896: Now, just now is our day of mercy and salvation. The Lord God who dwelleth in the holy place, sees every soul that shows contempt for the manifestations of his Holy

Spirit. God has revealed himself again and again in a most marked manner in Battle Creek. He has given a large measure of his Holy Spirit to the believers there. It has come unexpectedly at times, and there have been deep movings upon hearts and minds; a letting go of selfish purposes, and a bringing into the treasury many things that you were convicted God had forbidden you to have. This blessing extended to large numbers, but why was not this sweet, holy working continued upon hearts and minds? Some felt annoyed at this outpouring, and their own natural dispositions were manifested. They said, This is only excitement; it is not the Holy Spirit, not showers from heaven of the latter rain. There were hearts full of unbelief, who did not drink in of the Spirit, but who had bitterness in their souls. {1888 1478.1}

On many occasions the Holy Spirit did work, but those who resisted the Spirit of God at Minneapolis were waiting for a chance to travel over the same ground again, because their spirit was the same. Afterward, when they had evidence heaped upon evidence, some were convicted, but those who were not softened and subdued by the Holy Spirit's working, put their own interpretation upon every manifestation of the grace of God, and they have lost much. They pronounced in their heart and soul and words that this manifestation of the Holy Spirit was fanaticism and delusion. They stood like a rock, the waves of mercy flowing upon and around them, but beaten back by their hard and wicked hearts, which resisted the Holy Spirit's working. Had this been received, it would have made them wise unto salvation; holier men, prepared to do the work of God with sanctified ability. But all the universe of heaven witnessed the disgraceful treatment of Jesus Christ, represented by the Holy Spirit. Had Christ been before them, they would have treated him in a manner similar to that in which the Jews treated Christ. {1888 1478.2} [Letter 6, 1896, January 16, To Brethren Who Occupy Responsible Positions in the Work]

Note: Here is unmistakable evidence that the beginning of the Loud Cry, in the message of the righteousness of Christ, was accompanied, in fact mediated by "showers from heaven of the latter rain." The reaction described of being "annoyed," of "hearts full of unbelief," and of "hard and wicked hearts, which resisted the Holy Spirit's working" must be connected to what was called the "1896 Minneapolis Statement" in the last table above. Further evidences of the delay caused by these elements are considered in the paper "Brother Miller's Dream" (section entitled "'Ten Times Their Former Glory' Delayed") posted under 1850 on the SDA Timeline on FredBischoff.com. Can we by partaking of the message help bring the delay to an end?