

SUBJECT: Revelation 18:1

AIM: To show from the Spirit of Prophecy that Rev. 18:1 is a message that unites with the Third Angel to finish the work.

GEM THOUGHT: "When the books of Daniel and Revelation are better understood, believers will have an **entirely different** religious experience." T.M. 114

A. "We are to throw aside our narrow, selfish plans, remembering that we have a work of the **largest magnitude** and **highest importance**. In doing this work, we are sounding the first, second, and third angel's messages, **and are thus being prepared for the coming of that other angel from heaven who is to lighten the earth with his glory.**"_ 6T406

Inspiration here declares:

1. Seventh-Day Adventists have a very important work
2. This work is the proclamation of the Three Angel's Messages.
3. The Third Angel's Message prepares for "**that other angel**"--- Rev. 18:1

B. Yes, the 3rd Angel prepares the world for the repetition of the 2nd Angel's Message of Rev. 14:8 by the Angel of Rev. 18:1 --

"The second angel's message was to go to Babylon (the churches) proclaiming her downfall, and calling the people to come out of her, **This same message is to be proclaimed the second time**, 'And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power and the earth was lightened with his glory," T.M. 59

Plain facts are these:

1. Rev. 14:8 is to be repeated the **second** time
2. It is to be repeated by the Angel of Rev. 18:1—"...another angel ..." (message)

C. "But God still has a people in Babylon; and before the visitation of His judgments, these faithful ones must be called out, that they 'partake not of her sins, and receive not of her plagues.' Hence the movement symbolized by the angel coming down from heaven lightening the earth with his glory ... In connection with his message the call is heard 'Come out of her, My people.' These announcements, uniting with the third angel's message constitute the final warning..." G.C. 604

God's servant, E.G. White makes clear that:

1. The Angel of Rev. 18:1 symbolizes a movement: "**Hence the movement...**"
2. He has a message: "**...his message...**" "**...unites with the third...**"

D. "...when the work goes forward **under the direction of the angel who joins the third angel** in the message to be given to the worldThe **workers** will be surprised by the **simple means**, that Lord will use to bring about and perfect His work..." T.M. 300

The True Witness speaks:

1. Rev. 18:1 **directs** the last work of the Third Angel.
2. The workers will be **surprised** at the "...**simple means**..."

In short, Brethren:

"Furthermore, in the eighteenth chapter of the Revelation in a **message which is yet future**, the people of God are called upon to come out of Babylon." Greet Controversy, p, 383, 1889 Edition (underlined now omitted)

(NOTE: The S.D.A. Church is not Babylon as some teach)

Part II.

AIM : To identify the Angel of Revelation 18:1

GEM THOUGHT: "And the earth shall be lightened with His glory," C.O.L. 79:3

A. "...the one hundred and forty-four thousand ... they feel most deeply the wrongs of God's professed people." 3T266

"Those who receive the pure mark of truth, wrought in them by the ...man in linen, are those that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done **in the church**... Read the ninth chapter of Ezekiel." Id. 267

Pointed facts we must face:

1. 144,000 receive "pure mark of truth" because they lament sins in **the church**
2. Those who do not 'sigh and cry' are unmarked--lost, shut out to "wail".

Of what does the "pure mark of truth" constitute?

"The 144,000 were all sealed and perfectly united. On their foreheads was written, God, New Jerusalem, and a glorious star containing Jesus' new name." E.W. 15

144,000 marked (sealed) UNITED by 3 truths, 3 messages:

1. GOD --- represents Third Angel's message, the Sabbath: -----SEAL #1
"The seal of God's law is found in the 4th commandment," G.C. 452:1
2. NEW JERUSALEM --.represents message of Rev. 7:1-8, the Kingdom: ---SEAL #2
3. JESUS' NEW NAME -- represents the message of Rev. 18:1: -----SEAL #3

Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God ...and I will write 'upon him the **name of my God**, and the **name of the city of my God** ...and I will write upon him my **new name**." Rev. 3:12

1. 144,000 -- overcomers receive **new name**. EW15
2. "Only those who have withstood temptation (overcome) in the strength of the Mighty One will be permitted to act a part in proclaiming it when it shall have swelled into the Loud Cry." Review & Herald, Nov. 11, 1908.

then:

"Clad in the armor of Christ's righteousness, the church (overcomers, 144,000 united by 3 seals, 3 messages) is to enter upon her final conflict. 'Fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners,' she is to go forth into all the world, conquering and to conquer." P.K. 725

"And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a **new name**, which the mouth of the Lord shall name." Isa. 62:2 (also Isa. 65:15)

C. 'What is this NEW NAME the identity of the He--angel, of Rev. 18:1?

" Then speak to him (Joshua) saying, Thus speaketh the Lord of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is The BRANCH , ..**and he shall build the temple** (144,000) of the **Lord**:" Zechariah 6:12

Note: "Zechariah's vision of Joshua and the Angel applies with peculiar force to the experience of God's people in the **closing-up** of the great Day of Atonement." 5T472.

1. Closing-up of atonement--Judgment for Living.

"The bottles of God's wrath (plagues) cannot be poured out to destroy the wicked ...until all the people of God have been judged...living as well as the dead. T.M. 446.

2. Closing work: ---sealing time of 144,000.

"...closing work for church --- sealing time of 144,000....." 3T266

3. "The **work** of Christ as man's intercessor is presented in that beautiful prophecy of Zechariah concerning Him whose name is The BRANCH. GC415

THUS WE SEE ZECHARIAH'S VISION OF JOSHUA THE ANGEL (".... Christ Himself.. " 57469), The Branch (Isa.11:1) ALLIES (?) TO THE CHURCH NOW, **CLOSING TIME**

Yes, brethren, **THE BRANCH** builds ("work of Christ" G.C. 415) the temple of the Lord: 144,000.

The BRANCH is the Lord, the Angel of Rev. 18:1 Whose glory shall fill the whole earth, and Who has now come to join the 3rd Angel to direct the work and surprise the workers by the simple means that He will use to bring about and perfect His work of righteousness. (T.M. 300).

Yes, dear Brothers and Sisters and young people, "When the books of Daniel (Dan. 2:44) and the Revelation (Rev. 18:1) are **better understood**, believers will have an **entirely different religious experience.**" T.M. 114.

SUMMARY: Mark these points with care unto your salvation:

Rev. 18:1 lightens the earth with His glory 6T406; EW277
Rev. 18:1 re-proclaims 2nd angel's message of Rev. 14:8.....TM59
Rev. 18:1 is a message and a movementGC604
Rev. 18:1 directs the last work of the 3rd angelTM300
Rev. 18:1 is a message future from Sr. WhiteGC383 89'Ed.
Rev. 18:1 Angel is He – Jesus COL79
Rev. 18:1 The BRANCH "FINISHES THE WORK"..... Zech. 6:12
5T472; TM300

Rev. 18:1 is Jesus, The BRANCH – (His New Name)

"Some have asked me if I thought there was any more light for the people of God. Our minds have become so narrow that we do not seem to understand that the Lord has a **mighty work to do FOR US**; for "the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth **more and more** unto the perfect day," Counsels to Writers and Editors, p. 34—35.

"Jesus (The BRANCH) is coming in to give the individual members of the church the richest blessing (His New Name, Rev. 3 :12), if they will open the door to Him." Remnant Church, p. 52.

"BEHOLD, I (The Branch) STAND AT THE DOOR, AND KNOCK:..." Revelation 3:20,

Yours to "open the door",

Ben L. Roden

A WARNING REJECTED.

“The truth and the approval of God, in order to form an unlawful alliance with the world. The message of Revelation 14 announcing the fall of Babylon, must apply to religious bodies that were once pure and have become corrupt. Since this message follows the warning of the Judgment, it must be given in the last days, therefore it cannot refer to the Romish Church, for that church has been in a fallen condition for many centuries. Furthermore, in the eighth chapter of the Revelation, **in a message which is yet future**, the people of God are called upon, to come out of Babylon. According, to this scripture, many of (God's people must still be in Babylon. And in what religious bodies are the greater part of the followers of Christ now to be found? Without doubt, in the various churches professing the Protestant faith. At the time of their rise, these churches took a noble stand for God and the truth, and his blessing was with them. Even the unbelieving world was constrained to acknowledge the beneficent results that followed an acceptance of the principles of the gospel. In the words of the prophet to Israel, "Thy renown went forth among the heathen for thy beauty; for it was perfect through my comeliness, which I had put upon thee, saith the Lord God." But they fell by the same desire which was the curse and ruin of Israel, -- the desire of imitating the practices and courting the friendship of the ungodly. "Thou didst trust in thine own beauty, and playedst the harlot because of thy renown."

Many of the Protestant churches are following Rome's example of iniquitous connection with "the kings of the earth;" the State churches, by their relation to secular governments, and other denominations by seeking the favor of the world. And the term Babylon-confusion-may be appropriately applied to these bodies, all professing to derive their doctrines from the Bible, yet divided into almost innumerable sects, with widely conflicting creeds and theories.

Besides a sinful union with the world, the churches that separated from Rome present other of her characteristics.