

The Shaking

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Preface

We cannot stress enough how important it is to be living up to every ray of light that God sends our way; and the importance of allowing the Holy Spirit to expel sin from our hearts. In our past studies, we have seen that the conflict within the church is predicted in terms of Satan's original rebellion in heaven. We will continue to see that this is to be the case for the last generation as we look at the shaking.

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

The **New Covenant** promises and predicts that God will have a purified church. But it will not come without a price. Both the perfecting of the righteous and the removal of the wicked are required. Both of these processes are plainly brought to view in Zechariah.

Zech. 13:7-9 reads, “Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man that is my fellow, saith the Lord of hosts: smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered: and I will turn mine hand upon the little ones. **vs.8**, And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the Lord, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein....

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...**vs.9**, “And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The Lord is my God.”

These verses clearly indicate that the **New Covenant** is as much a prophecy of the removal of the wicked as it is a promise to perfect the righteous.

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Isa. 4:3,4: “And it shall come to pass, that he that is **left** in Zion, and he that **remaineth** in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, even every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem; **vs. 4,** “When the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning.”

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The Divider:

The **New Covenant** is the mighty divider. Seventh-day Adventists have long believed that the Sabbath would produce just such a division in the world. And in this we have been correct beyond our wildest imagination, for the Sabbath is the **New Covenant**. (See **Isa. 56:6** and **Eze. 20:12**). But what we have not recognized is that this Sabbath message is to accomplish the same for the church.

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The **New Covenant**, the **Sabbath**, and the **Day of Atonement** are all inseparable during the shaking among Seventh-day Adventists.

Consider:

Lev. 23:29, “For whatsoever soul it be that shall **not** be afflicted [the wicked]...shall be **cut off...vs.32**, It shall be unto you [the righteous] for a Sabbath of rest.”

Note: The importance of **affliction of soul** (examining our heart at the deepest level), looking to clean every sin from our being. This is the very affliction called for on the Day of Atonement. Those who do not thus afflict themselves are eventually cut off from the congregation.

Isa. 58:5-8 says, “Is it such a fast that I have chosen? a day for a man to afflict his soul?...”

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Christ cleansing the temple:

Jn. 2:13-16, “And the Jews’ Passover was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem, **vs. 14**, “And found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting: **vs. 15**, “And when He had made a scourge of small cords, He drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers’ money, and overthrew the tables; **vs.16**, “And said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence; make not my Father’s house a house of merchandise.”

This is one of two cleansings. This cleansing brought about a division in the temple. Discussion continues...

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Temple Cleansing: (cont)

...On both occasions of the cleansing of the sanctuary, there was, in fact, a dramatic shaking. The wicked were removed from among the just. The wicked departed and the just remained.

But as a decisive a separation as this was, it was still only a symbol. The Jews afterward asked Him saying, **vs.18**, ...“what sign shewest thou unto us, seeing that thou doest these things? **vs.19**, “Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.”

When Christ said, “Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up,” He was speaking of the restoration of the sanctuary to be wrought by the **New Covenant** of the seventieth week spoken of in **Dan. 9:24**. (first applying to His person, then to His believers.)

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Temple Cleansing: (cont)

We see this restoration taking place in the physical world when Christ drove from the temple not only priests but animals as well.

Jn. 2:15 says, “. . . He drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen;...”

Question: What is the significance of removing the animals from the temple?

Answer: Not only does one see the wicked being shaken out but also **the Daily** being removed.

In other words, what He had accomplished by cleansing the temple, He would later accomplish by His death.

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Temple Cleansing: (cont)

By His victory over sin, He ratified the **New Covenant**, the veil was removed and the two (the Father and the Son) became one. Hence, the veil was removed (no more **Daily**).

Eph. 2:14 says, “For He is our peace, who hath made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of partition between us;” In a physical sense, the **DAILY** was done away with as it related to the animal sacrifice, because of Christ’s death and victory for us. In a spiritual sense that service remains to this day, through Christ’s mediatorial work in the Heavenly Sanctuary.

Note: The rending of the veil was only applicable to Christ and His Father, not to us. Christ is that Veil.

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Temple Cleansing: (cont)

This physical cleansing of the temple was therefore symbolic of the cleansing that would take place in His life as well as ours, a cleansing that would take place in Israel at large, through the experience of the cross.

Both the followers and rejecters of Christ had been part of the same church, that church being of the Jewish religion centered in the temple at Jerusalem. But following His death, these rejecters of Christ were no longer found in God's true church....

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Temple Cleansing: (cont)

...The true church remained. But to all outward appearances, the very opposite seemed to have happened. This would be the equivalent of probation closing for the apostates within our church at mid week. Refer to the lecture **Last Day Events Chart** (**Explanation**) *slides 27-34*

Christ's cleansing the temple is an enacted prophecy. The very fact that He cleansed the temple, is proof that the **New Covenant** of that day is indeed prophetic of a **New Covenant** of the last days. (Cleansing of the Sanctuary began in 1844).

Remember that the cleansing of the earthly temple was...

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...symbolic of our cleansing. **OUR BODY TEMPLE!** Read **1 Cor. 3:16,17, 1 Cor. 6:19.**

Two Cleansings:

It is important to note that Christ cleansed the temple twice. Meaning that two cleansings are necessary. The one by **Baptism** (water) and the other by the experience of the **Cross** (fire). By the second cleansing, the shaking had been complete.

Matt. 23:38 says, “Behold your house is left unto you desolate.”

The temple that then was left desolate, is prophetic of another that will also be left desolate, though yet occupied with business as usual.

This shaking is further seen in **Revelation.**

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Two Cleansings: (cont)

Rev. 3:15, Speaking of the Laodiceans, “I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. **vs. 16**, “So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of my mouth. **vs. 17**, “Because thou sayest, I am rich and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:” **Rev. 3:15 The Clear Word paraphrase** says, “I know what you have done for me, but I also know that you’re half-hearted, neither totally for me or totally against me. I wish you were one or the other. The way you are only confuses people.”

These verses reveal the wicked being shaken out because of their comfortable ignorance._

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Hos. 4:6 says, “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge:”

Some argue that saving faith, the faith that will bring them through at the end, will require no more intellectual discernment than that of undeveloped minds of small children.

While it is true that small children can possess saving faith, avoidable ignorance on the part of those who are older will prove to be a fatal liability.

The simplicity of children is a poor excuse for intellectual sloth.

Disaster is the sure fate of all who sanctimoniously shun opportunities to become learned in spiritual things.

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From this we see that the wicked feel absolutely no need for sinless perfection promised by the **New Covenant**. Plentifully and easily supplied with substitute righteousness, they are rich enough already.

EW 271: “I was shown those whom I had before seen weeping and praying in agony of spirit. The company of guardian angels around them had doubled, and they were clothed with an armor from their head to their feet....Their countenance expressed the severe conflict which they had endured, the agonizing struggle they had passed through. Yet their features, marked with severe internal anguish, now shown with the light and glory of heaven....

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... “The careless and indifferent who did not join with those who prized victory and salvation enough to perseveringly plead and agonize for it, did not obtain it, and they were left behind in darkness, and their places were immediately filled by others taking hold of the truth and coming into the ranks.”

No longer encumbered by the apostates within the church, the remnant go on to give the loud cry.

EW 271: “I heard those clothed with the armor speak forth the truth with great power. It had effect. . . I asked what 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.’”

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It is clear that the saints will undergo the experience of the cross, the experience of the horror of great darkness for their own purification. **As at the cross, inner torment is mingled with outward persecution.**

It was at the cross that the great division came between the **Old Covenant** and the **New**, and between the people of the old and the people of the new. From then on, the two were deadly enemies between which there could be no harmony. The one was ruled by Satan, and the other by God. The one refused to advance with the light and thus lost what light they once had. The other, with unveiled face, passed from glory to glory. 19

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The fact that this shaking occurred at the cross says much about how the shaking takes place. The cross teaches us that the shaking takes place by no arbitrary act of God. It is rather brought about first, by a rejection of truth (the rejection of the complete **New Covenant** experience), and second, by a highly organized enforcement of that rejection by the wicked themselves. *Refer to Isa. 28:14,15; Joel 1.*

Some say that it is time to flee our church, in fact they go so far as to say the church is Babylon! **This church is not Babylon.**

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The Israel that now is will not cease to be Israel until it, itself, takes the initiative in forcing the issue by excluding the followers of the **New Covenant** from its ranks. Until then – until that very day – Israel will not have exceeded its bounds of its probation. Until that very day – and not one day before – Israel will remain Israel, God's anointed. Therefore, calling Israel Babylon and urging members to come out of her before that day will be sin against God and defiance of His word. To depart from Israel before that time will be to depart from the very people who will at last compose the remnant.

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Only strictest adherence to the leading of our great General will assure safety and salvation. We cannot afford to run ahead of Him, not so much as a single day. Our moves must be strictly governed by the pillars of fire and cloud of prophecy. Let me repeat, the church itself will take the initiative in what we will later see to be the **Abomination of Desolation**. It is at that time, and that time only, that apostate Israel ceases to be Israel, that the woman flees from the dragon, and the saints flee from apostate Jerusalem. The **Abomination of Desolation** is the **one signal** that legitimately marks the day of departure. Our Lord has specified no other.

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Our example is that of Christ and His disciples in their labors for the Jews during the seventieth week. Throughout that week it was always the Jewish nation that initiated the separation. And that **seventieth week**, we have begun to see, **is the one most comprehensive prophecy of our day, and the one most explicit guide of our action.**

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The wicked control the levers of institutional power, and are therefore in a position to enforce their dictates. **In forcibly removing the righteous from their midst, the wicked, by that act,** exclude themselves from God's eternal church. By their own sieve, held in their own powerful hand, they themselves are sifted out.

Ponder these references:

7 ABC 326, “The world is the instrument that sifts the church and tests the genuineness of its members.”

2 SM 380, “The church may appear as about to fall, but it does not fall. It remains, while the sinners in Zion will be sifted out...”

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Note: When Christ came to present the New Covenant Message to Israel, the rejecters of Christ in His day refused to receive the new light shining from the Most Holy Place.

The Veil that God Himself has placed does not extend so high that all light from the Most Holy Place is cut off from us.

But, unfortunately, we treasure the Veil of God more than the Glory of God. We wrap ourselves more in His Veil than in His truth. What has been hidden we thus deny.

Isa. 29:10,11, “For the Lord has poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your eyes: the prophets and your rulers, the seers hath He covered. And the vision of all is become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed,…”

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Through it all, we are perfectly poised to repeat the history of the Jews. We, like them, do not understand the **future significance of our present covenant.**

From this it is evident that the last deception in its most deadly form, will not come as some radical new doctrine. **Rather, it will come in the form of the rejection of the New Covenant,** a rejection assuming the guise of a defense of the old covenant, a defense of what God Himself once established. **In other words, they would rather have substitutionary atonement be the end means of salvation.**

Question: Why do they try to defend the old?

Answer: Because they are not willing to be instructed by any but themselves.

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2 Thess. 2:11,12 says, “And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: that they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.”

Note: When the New Covenant did appear, it grew not out of nothing, but rather from the Old Covenant itself. The New Covenant was the Old Covenant unveiled and the Old was veiled New Covenant.

Lk. 5:39 (The Clear Word paraphrase) says, “It’s also true that people accustomed to drinking their old wine don’t suddenly turn to new wine. At first they’re skeptical and insist that their old wine tastes better, but afterward they change their minds.”

Ps. 34:8 says, “O taste and see that the Lord²⁷ is good:...”

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EW 270 tells us this shaking is brought about by the **straight testimony** to the Laodiceans. “This testimony must work deep repentance; all who truly receive it will obey it, and be purified.” (The straight testimony will give the **lie** to every deception without the possibility of a rebuttal).

Therefore, it is not the world that first removes the sinners from Zion, but rather the church’s own powerful rejection of the Laodicean Message which, ultimately, is brought about because of their involvement with the world.

2 SM 114: “But divisions will come in the church. Two parties will be developed. The wheat and tares grow up together for the harvest.”

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Closing:

There can be no question that within the shaking wrought by the **New Covenant**, the Seventh-day Adventist church, is unmistakably implicated, and that in the severest of terms. We know of no other viable interpretation of **Eze. 9** and **Zech.13:7-9**, nor, for that matter, of the entire **New Covenant**, as seen in the history of the Jews. The overwhelming evidence is that within this church, the apostate Seventh-day Adventists, will be shaken out of God's true tabernacle, just as were the Jews of old. Here we see that history is repeating itself. May we seek the Lord before it is too late!

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Closing: (cont)

NOTE: Consider the prophecy of **Zech. 5:5-11**.

The account of Satan's expulsion from heaven in **Rev.12** is strikingly parallel to a vision in **Zech. 5:5-11**, which I now quote from the New American Standard Bible: "Then the angel who was speaking with me went out, and said to me, "Lift up now your eyes, and see what this is, going forth." And I said, "What is it?" And he said, "This is the ephah [basket] going forth." Again he said, "This is their appearance in all the land (and behold, a lead cover was lifted up); and this is a woman sitting inside the ephah." Then he said, "This is wickedness!" And he threw her down into the middle of the ephah and cast the lead weight on its opening. Then I lifted up my eyes and looked, and there two women were coming out with the wind in their wings; and...

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“...they had wings like the wings of a stork, and they lifted up the ephah between the earth and the heavens. And I said to the angel who was speaking with me, “Where are they taking the ephah?” Then he said to me, “To build a temple for her in the land Shinar [Babylon]; and when it is prepared, she will be set there on her own pedestal.”

During this time of final atonement, wickedness is removed from Israel. This wickedness is here symbolized by a woman forcibly confined in a basket, and held there by a heavy lead cover. She attempts to escape, but is again thrown into the basket.

Then two more women appear, who doubtless symbolize the very wickedness represented by the woman in...

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...the ephah. These, having the wings of a stork, greatly honored the confined woman by lifting the basket in which she sits between earth and heaven. They then bear her to Babylon, where they build a temple for her, where she is at last set up as an idol on a pedestal.

This can only mean that the very errors and doctrines of the dragon within the church will later be seen to be the errors and doctrines of the masses of Babylon outside the church. What is cast out of the true tabernacle as evil will be worshipped by Babylon as their god. That which threatened the saints from within, will now assail them from without. The ensuing mark of the beast will be nothing but a repetition of the error previously...

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...enforced from within. In this way, the woman in the ephah, cast out of the church, becomes the god and prostitute of Babylon. She rides upon a beast in every way resembling the dragon earlier in heaven.

The woman in the ephah of **Zech. 5** and the dragon of **Rev.12** are in certain respects represented by the scapegoat of **Lev.16**. When the battle within the church is over, Satan cast down, the scapegoat led away, and the woman thrown in the ephah, then the hitherto restrained powers of Babylon will be unleashed as was the goat in the wilderness. The dragon will resume his struggle, now from a much wider sphere, but with the same doctrines and methods as before.

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Like the woman and the dragon, the scapegoat is forcibly removed from the camp and then taken to the wilderness, where, significantly, it is turned loose. **Lev. 16:22.**

The whole of **Revelation**, like **Rev.12**, is largely a portrayal of two great conflicts, the one immediately following the other, the one within the church, and the other outside the church. This means that the deadly beast is much nearer than we think. Well before we are threatened from without, we will be subverted from within, by means of the very deception that will later constitute the mark of the beast. **Our church's stand against the New Covenant will be that of Babylon's stand against the Sabbath.**

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Closing: (cont)

A dreadful conflict is to occur within our church. But let it not be brought before its time. Let not prejudice be needlessly aroused. The very courtesy shown to Esau by Jacob must be shown to Esau today. May tact and kindness characterize all who repeat these truths. No worse fate could befall the truth than for it to be used as a weapon in the hands of misguided zealots to berate fellow members and church leaders. Who knows but that many of these, though now in error, will see their mistake if with proper tact the truth is presented to them? The blood of these will certainly be on those who run without being sent, and who speak the truth from unsanctified hearts.

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This is no time to depart from the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Our example must be that of Christ, Who did not come to form a breakaway movement.

It is a solemn thing to take the doctrine of the New Covenant upon one's lips. Had we a full comprehension of the righteousness therein required, we would without exception so loathe ourselves that any word of admonition to others would be given in deepest humility. We would restore the erring in the spirit of meekness, considering ourselves, lest we also be tempted.

Question: How long was Christ in the church?

Answer: Until the very end when they crucified Him.

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Note: Significantly, the former rain, at Pentecost, fell after the shaking wrought by the Cross, after the internal battle. By this account, the shaking and purification of the church come well before a National Sunday Law or other such persecution from the world.

The New Covenant The Day of Atonement

Promises and predicts that God will have a purified church

The Righteous

1. **Day of Atonement:**
 - Their sins are atoned for.
1. **Afflict your souls:**
 - What must I do to be saved? MLT-271
 - They subject themselves to the refining process and come out from the world. MS-69, 1912, 5T-535
1. **Sabbath Rest:**
 - By faith, Christ's life has become theirs.
 - The Sabbath has become a reality *in their life*.
 - Sabbath is a symbol of their gospel.

Christ's Ministry

My hour has come:

- Jn. 17:1, Jn. 16:21. Christ gives birth to the New Covenant.

Our "Hour" has come:

Jer. 30:6-10.

The Travail

vs. 6 – the travail, vs. 8 – they break the yoke (of sin),
vs. 10 – shall be at rest.

The firstfruits – born again – 1 Jn. 3:9 RSV.

They give birth to a character that is forever fixed.

IT IS DONE!

The Wicked

1. **They rejected the New Covenant** and their sins are not atoned for.
2. **Not willing to afflict their souls** – they abused the grace of God.
3. **Righteousness by works.**
 - Sunday a symbol of their gospel.
 - Psalm 95:11 “. . . I swear in my wrath that they should not enter into my rest.”
1. **Cut off:**
 - They are shaken out – sins are given back.
 - They were not willing to die to self. 5T 535 – by their unwillingness to come out from the world.

The Little Horn

They war against the Holy Covenant.

- Ps. 95:10-11 – History repeats itself. “They shall never enter into my rest.”

The Travail

Ps. 7:14-16 – They travail with iniquity.

They give birth to a character that is forever fixed.

IT IS DONE!