

Spirit of Prophecy Statements Indicate Various Fulfillments of Prophecy.

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I. UNROLLING THE SCROLL

[Isaiah 58:6-9,13,14 quoted]

This is our work. The light that we have 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, and will not 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. A message that will arouse the churches is to be proclaimed. Every effort is to be made to give the light, not only to our people, but to the world. I have been instructed that the prophecies of Daniel and the Revelation should be printed in small books, with the necessary explanations, and should be sent all over the world. Our own people need to have the light placed before them in clearer lines. *Counsels on Health* p. 520-21. (see also 6T17.)

II. "PARTIAL FULFILLMENT" OF PROPHECY IN PAST

A. Outpouring of the Spirit.

In immediate connection with the scenes of the great day of God, the Lord by the prophet Joel has promised a special manifestation of His Spirit. Joel 2:28. This prophecy received a **partial fulfillment** in the outpouring of the Spirit on the day of Pentecost; but it will reach its full accomplishment in the manifestation of divine grace which will attend the closing work of the gospel. . . . *The Faith I Live By* p. 292.

B. Ruin.

The ruin of Jerusalem was a symbol of the final ruin that shall overwhelm the world. The prophecies that received a **partial fulfillment** in the overthrow of Jerusalem have a more direct application to the last days. We are now standing on the threshold of great and solemn events. A crisis is before us, such as the world has never witnessed. And sweetly to us, as to the first disciples, comes the assurance that God's kingdom ruleth over all. The program of coming events is in the hands of our Maker. The Majesty of heaven has the destiny of nations, as well as the concerns of His church, in His own charge. The divine Instructor is saying to every agent in the accomplishment of His plans, as He said to Cyrus, "I girded thee, though thou hast not known Me." Isaiah 45:5. *Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing* p. 120-121. (See also 5T753).

C. Fearful Judgments.

Here we see that the church--the Lord's sanctuary--was the first to feel the stroke of the wrath of God. The ancient men, those to whom God had given great light, and who had stood as guardians of the spiritual interests of the people, had betrayed their trust. This shows us that we must not look to men for example. We need to stay our faith upon God; for there is just before us a time that will try men's souls. Christ upon the Mount of Olives rehearsed the fearful judgments that were to precede his second 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. All these are the beginning of sorrows." While these prophecies received a

partial fulfillment at the destruction of Jerusalem, they have a more direct application in the last days. *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald* 01-11-87 paragraph 12.

III. PROPHECIES WILL "AGAIN BE FULFILLED", "BE REPEATED".

A. Persecution.

Thousands perished from famine and pestilence. Natural affection seemed to have been destroyed. Husbands robbed their wives, and wives their husbands. Children would be seen snatching the food from the mouths of their aged parents. The question of the prophet, "Can a woman forget her sucking child?" [ISA. 49:15.] received the answer within the walls of that doomed city, "The hands of the pitiful women have sodden their own children; they were their meat in the destruction of the daughter of my people." [LAM. 4:10.] **Again was fulfilled** the warning prophecy given fourteen centuries before: "The tender and delicate woman among you, which would not adventure to set the sole of her foot upon the ground for delicateness and tenderness, her eye shall be evil toward the husband of her bosom, and toward her son, and toward her daughter; . . . and toward her children which she shall bear; for she shall eat them for want of all things secretly in the siege and straitness, wherewith thine enemy shall distress thee in thy gates." [DEUT. 28:56, 57.] *The Great Controversy* p. 32.

Every indignity, reproach, and cruelty that Satan could instigate human hearts to devise, has been visited upon the followers of Jesus. And it will be **again fulfilled** in a marked manner; for the carnal heart is still at enmity with the law of God, and will not be subject to its commands. The world is no more in harmony with the principles of Christ today than it was in the days of the apostles. The same hatred that prompted the cry, "Crucify Him!

crucify Him!" the same hatred that led to the persecution of the disciples, still works in the children of disobedience. The same spirit which in the Dark Ages consigned men and women to prison, to exile, and to death, which conceived the exquisite torture of the Inquisition, which planned and executed the massacre of St. Bartholomew, and which kindled the fires of Smithfield, is still at work with malignant energy in unregenerate hearts. The history of truth has ever been the record of a struggle between right and wrong. The proclamation of the gospel has ever been carried forward in this world in the face of opposition, peril, loss, and suffering. *The Acts of the Apostles* pp. 84, 85. (*Christian Service* p. 156-7.)

B. Abounding Iniquity & Gospel Preaching.

In the prophecy of Jerusalem's destruction Christ said, "Because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." This prophecy will **again be fulfilled**. The abounding iniquity of that day finds its counterpart in this generation. So with the prediction in regard to the preaching of the gospel. Before the fall of Jerusalem, Paul, writing by the Holy Spirit, declared that the gospel was preached to "every creature which is under heaven." [COL. 1:23.] So now, before the coming of the Son of man, the everlasting gospel is to be preached "to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people." [REV. 14:6, 14.] *The Desire of Ages* p. 633. (See also *Maranatha* p.19).

C. Outpouring of the Rain.

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. *The Great Controversy* p. 611.

D. Conflict Between Truth and Error.

In history and prophecy the Word of God portrays the long continued conflict between truth and error. That conflict is yet in progress. Those things which have been, **will be repeated**. Old controversies will be revived, and new theories will be continually arising. But God's people, who in their belief and fulfillment of prophecy have acted a part in the proclamation of the first, second, and third angels' messages, know where they stand. They have an experience that is more precious than fine gold. They are to stand firm as a rock, holding the beginning of their confidence steadfast unto the end. *Selected Messages Book 2* p. 109

E. Sabbath Enmity.

These records of the past clearly reveal the enmity of Rome toward the true Sabbath and its defenders, and the means which she employs to honor the institution of her creating. The word of God teaches that these scenes **are to be repeated** as papists and Protestants shall unite for the exaltation of the Sunday. [REV.13:11,12.] For nearly forty years Sabbath reformers have presented this testimony to the world. In the events now taking place is seen a rapid advance toward the fulfillment of the prediction. There is the same claim of divine authority for Sunday-keeping, and the same lack of scriptural evidence, as in the days of papal supremacy. The assertion that God's judgments are visited upon

men for their violation of the Sunday-Sabbath, **will be repeated**. Already it is beginning to be urged. *The Spirit of Prophecy Volume Four* p. 396,7.

F. History in Fulfillment of Daniel 11 Repeated.

We have no time to lose. Troublous times are before us. The world is stirred with the spirit of war. Soon the scenes of trouble spoken of in the prophecies will take place. The prophecy in the eleventh of Daniel has nearly reached its complete fulfillment. Much of the history that has taken place in fulfillment of this prophecy **will be repeated**. In the thirtieth verse a power is spoken of that "shall be grieved, and return, and have indignation against the holy covenant: so shall he do; he shall even return, and have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant." [Verses 31-36, quoted.] *Manuscript Releases Volume Thirteen* p. 394.

IV. FUTURE "FINAL" OR "COMPLETE FULFILLMENT" OF PROPHECY.

A. Gospel Invitation.

We are living in a time when the last message of mercy, the last invitation, is sounding to the children of men. The command, "Go out into the highways and hedges," is reaching its **final fulfillment**. To every soul Christ's invitation will be given. The messengers are saying, "Come; for all things are now ready." Heavenly angels are still working in co-operation with human agencies. The Holy Spirit is presenting every inducement to constrain you to come. Christ is watching for some sign that will betoken the removing of the bolts and the opening of the door of your heart for His entrance. Angels are waiting to bear the tidings to heaven that another lost sinner has been found. The hosts of heaven are waiting, ready to strike their harps and to sing a

song of rejoicing that another soul has accepted the invitation to the gospel feast. *Christ's Object Lessons* p. 237.

B. Prophecies of Daniel 11.

The judgments of God are in the land. The wars and rumors of wars, the destruction by fire and flood, say clearly that the time of trouble, which is to increase until the end, is very near at hand. We have no time to lose. The world is stirred with the spirit of war. The prophecies of the eleventh of Daniel have almost reached their **final fulfillment**. *Maranatha* p. 25.
(See also MSR V13 p.394 opposite)

C. Second Coming.

We must cherish and cultivate the faith of which prophets and apostles have testified,--the faith that deliverance in his appointed time and way. The sure word of prophecy will meet its **final fulfillment** in the glorious advent of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, as King of kings and Lord of lords. The time of waiting may seem long; the soul may be oppressed by discouraging circumstances; many in whom confidence has been placed may fall by the way: but with the prophet who endeavored to encourage Judah in a time of unparalleled apostasy, let us confidently declare, "The Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him." Hab. 2:20. Let us ever hold in remembrance the cheering message, "The vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry. . . . The just shall live by his faith." Hab. 2:3, 4. *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald* 07-15-1915. (See also *Maranatha* p. 66).

D. Revelation 13:4-18.

In the last days Satan will appear as an angel of light, with great power and heavenly glory, and claim to be the Lord of the whole earth. He will declare that the Sabbath has been changed from the seventh to the first day of the week; and as lord of the first day of the week he will present this spurious sabbath as a test of loyalty to him. Then will take place the **final fulfillment** of the Revelator's prophecy. [Rev. 13:4-18, quoted.] *Manuscript Releases Volume Nineteen* p. 282.

E. Second Angel's Message.

The second angel's message of Revelation 14 was first preached in the summer of 1844, and it then had a more direct application to the churches of the United States, where the warning of the judgment had been most widely proclaimed and most generally rejected, and where the declension in the churches had been most rapid. But the message of the second angel did not reach its **complete fulfillment** in 1844. The churches then experienced a moral fall, in consequence of their refusal of the light of the Advent message; but that fall was not complete. As they have continued to reject the special truths for this time, they have fallen lower and lower. Not yet, however, can it be said that "Babylon is fallen, . . . because she made *all nations* drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication." She has not yet made all nations do this. . . . The work of apostasy has not yet reached its culmination. *The Faith I Live By* p. 285.

F. Purposes of Yahweh in Malachi 1:11.

Not by any temporary failure of Israel, however, was the plan of the ages for the redemption of mankind to be frustrated. Those to whom the prophet was speaking might not heed the message

given, but the purposes of Jehovah were nevertheless to move steadily forward to their **complete fulfillment**. "From the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same," the Lord declared through His messenger, "My name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered unto My name, and a pure offering: for My name shall be great among the heathen." Malachi 1:11. *Prophets and Kings* p. 705,6.

G. Prophecies of Revelation.

The Lord Himself revealed to His servant John the mysteries of the book of Revelation, and He designs that they shall be open to the study of all. In this book are depicted scenes that are now in the past, and some of eternal interest that are taking place around us; other of its prophecies will not receive their **complete fulfillment** until the close of time, when the last great conflict between the powers of darkness and the Prince of heaven will take place (RH Aug. 31, 1897). *S.D.A. Bible Commentary Vol. 7* p. 954.

H. Amos and Hosea.

This prophecy [Hosea 3:4,5] is to reach its **complete fulfillment** in the gathering out from all nations of a people prepared for the second coming of Christ. The remnant of Israel is symbolized by a woman, representing the Lord's chosen church on the earth. "Behold," he says, "I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak comfortably unto her. And I will give her her vineyards from thence, and the valley of Achor for a door of hope; and she shall sing there, as in the days of her youth, and as in the day when she came up out of the land of Egypt. And it shall be at that day, saith the Lord, that thou shalt call me Ishi ["My husband," margin]; and shalt call me no more Baali ["My lord," margin]. For I will take away the names of Baalim out of her mouth, and they shall no more

be remembered by their name." (Hos.2:14-17) *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald* 02-26-1914.

V. CHRIST IS THE "COMPLETE FULFILLMENT" OF PROPHECY.

A. First Coming.

Christ's coming at the time and in the manner which he did was a direct and **complete fulfillment** of prophecy. The evidence of this, given to the world through the testimony of the apostles and that of their contemporaries, is among the strongest proofs of the Christian faith. We were not eye-witnesses of the miracles of Jesus, which attest his divinity; but we have the statements of his disciples who were eye-witnesses of them, and we see by faith through their eyes, and hear through their ears; and our faith with theirs grasps the evidence given. *The Spirit of Prophecy Volume Three* p. 182.

B. Second Coming.

Now is reached the **complete fulfillment** of those words of the Angel: "Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee: for they are men wondered at: for, behold, I will bring forth My servant the Branch." (Zech.3:8) Christ is revealed as the Redeemer and Deliverer of His people. Now indeed are the remnant "men wondered at," as the tears and humiliation of their pilgrimage give place to joy and honor in the presence of God and the Lamb. "In that day shall the branch of the Lord be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel. And it shall come to pass, that he that is left in Zion, and he that remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, even everyone that is written among the living in Jerusalem." (Is.4:2,3) *Testimonies for the Church Volume Five* p. 476. (see also *Prophets and Kings* p. 592.

VI. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS.

1. The understanding and teachings of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in its early years is correct concerning the prophecies about the mark of the beast and the third angel's message. (6T17).

2. Prophetic fulfillment is progressive and repetitive as is history. Specific prophecies that are fulfilled in this way are:

- a) Gift of the Holy Spirit in special measure.
- b) Wars, famine, and pestilence.
- c) Religious persecution.

3. Specific Prophecies that may be expected to be finally and completely fulfilled in the future are:

- a) Gospel preached to all the world.
- b) Pure, united, glorious remnant church in a setting of "all nations drinking of the wine of Babylon" and "wondering after the beast".
- c) Second coming of Jesus Christ as King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.

4. Incomplete or partial fulfillment of prophecy in the past, and complete or final fulfillment of the same prophecies in the future is part of the progressive, continuous nature of truth and the revelation of truth.

5. While truth is progressive and the understanding of truth increases more and more, truth is always consistent with itself and does not change in the sense of new truth showing old truth to be false or obsolete.

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.
Rom.13:11.

Now I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I am [he].
John 13:19.

And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe.
John 14:29.

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