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The remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies; neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth: for they shall feed and lie down, and none shall make them afraid.

Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel; be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem. The Lord hath taken away thy judgments, he hath cast out thine enemy: the king of Israel, even the Lord, is in the midst of thee: thou shalt not see evil any more.

In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem, Fear thou not: and to Zion, Let not thine hands be slack. The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing.

I will gather them that are sorrowful for the solemn assembly, who are of thee, to whom the reproach of it was a burden.

Behold, at that time I will undo all that afflict thee: and I will save her that halteth, and gather her that was driven out; and I will get them praise and fame in every land where they have been put to shame. At that time will I bring you again, even in the time that I gather you: for I will make you a name and a praise among all people of the earth, when I turn back your captivity before your eyes, saith the Lord. Zephaniah 3:13–20.

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CONFLICT FLARES AGAIN OVER HOUSE CHAPLAIN

The Republican National Committee's [RNC] decision to host a Mass and reception for the new House chaplain yesterday sparked conflict yet again, prompting Democrats to accuse Republicans of politicizing the already sensitive religious post.

RNC officials decided to honor Coughlin, a conservative priest from Chicago, with a Mass and reception at St. Peters Church on Capitol Hill last night. The RNC, which launched a Catholic task force last September, has intensified it's outreach to Catholics since the disputes over the House chaplain choice and GOP presidential candidate George W. Bush's visit to Bob Jones University, a South Carolina school known for it's anti-Catholic teachings

"We are communicating the way we've been voting for the past five years," Paulitz said. (Paulitz is RNC spokesman) **"SINCE WE TOOK THE MAJORITY IN 1995, WE'VE HAD A 100% CATHOLIC VOTING RECORD AND [DEMOCRATS] HAVE BEEN ON THE WRONG SIDE OF THE ISSUE."**

Representative Timothy J. Roemer suggested that Republicans were trying to counter the negative publicity surrounding their initial decision to pick a Presbyterian instead of a Catholic.

"It's becoming more and more obvious they are admitting they made a mistake and they are over-reaching, **doing Catholic resolutions and Catholic Masses and Catholic legislation almost on a daily basis,**" Roemer said. But Thomas P. Melady, who chairs the RNC's Catholic task force and is hosting the Mass with RNC Chairman Jim Nicholson, said there were no political motives behind the event. "It's a very appropriate, traditional Catholic thing to do." Said Melady, who served as ambassador to the Vatican. *Washington Post*, April 12 & May 5, 2000.

DELAY PUSHES FOR RELIGION RIGHTS

House Majority Whip Tom DeLay predicted yesterday that once George W. Bush is elected president, Congressional majority, lawmakers would be able to launch "a very aggressive counter attack".

As part of that counterattack, DeLay proposed that Congress attach two anti-religious discrimination measures to spending bills. **One would allow religious groups and institutions to receive federal funds**, which he said would ease the way for Catholic schools to receive government money . . . The second would **prohibit states and school districts receiving public funds from debarring private voluntary prayer and religious activity.**"

[Editor's note: This is copied exactly as written in the article. It is safe to assume that the sanctions will be against those districts that oppose public prayer.]

QUOTE: "When religion is good I can see that it will support itself. And when it cannot support itself, and God does not take care to support it, so that it's professors are obliged to call for the help of the civil power, it is a sign, I apprehend, of it's being a bad one." Benjamin Franklin.

"But what is the 'image to the beast'? and how is it to be formed? . . . When the early church became corrupted by departing from the simplicity of the gospel, and accepting heathen rites and customs, she lost the Spirit and power of God; and in order to control the consciences of the people she sought the support of the secular power. The result was the papacy, a church that controlled the power of the State, and employed it to further her own ends, especially for the punishment of 'heresy.' In order for the United States to form an image of the beast, the religious power must so control the civil government that the authority of the State will also be employed by the church to accomplish her own ends." *The Great Controversy*, 443.

With the Republican Congress's five year, one hundred percent, voting for the Roman Catholic agenda; How long will it be before "the lamb like beast" (the Church Controlled Congress) will "speak as a dragon"? How long before Sunday legislation—that Pope John Paul II called for in July of 1998?

METHODIST MIA CULPA

In a message to Pope John Paul II, the United Methodist Church has asked forgiveness for "instances of misunderstanding, insensitivities and harm" against Catholics that were caused by Methodists. The action was adopted at the church's recent general conference. *National Catholic Register*, May 21, 2000.

"The papacy that Protestants are now so ready to honor is the same that ruled the world in the days of the Reformation, when men of God stood up, at the peril of their lives, to expose her iniquity. She possesses the same pride and arrogant assumption that lorded it over kings and princes, and claimed the prerogatives of God. Her spirit is no less cruel and despotic now than when she crushed out human liberty and slew the saints of the Most High. The papacy is just what prophecy declared that she would be, the apostasy of the latter times. 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4." *The Great Controversy*, .571.

POPE TO REVEAL THIRD FATIMA SECRET

FATIMA, Portugal—In a historic visit here for the beatification of the Fatima visionaries Francisco and Jacinta, Pope John Paul II announced his decision to reveal the famous "third secret" of Fatima.

In a statement read at the end of the Holy Father's Mass, Cardinal Angelo Sodano announced that the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith** would now publish the secret, along with a commentary.

No date was given for the official publication, however.

Nevertheless, Cardinal Sodano's statement revealed that the fabled secret does not refer to some apocalyptic calamity, as many had feared, but includes a prophetic vision of the 1981 assassination attempt on John Paul in St. Peter's Square. *National Catholic Register*, May 21, 2000.

****[The office called Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, was formerly called—the office of the Inquisition.]**

QUESTIONS ON THE SEALING MESSAGE

By J. N. LOUGHBOROUGH

PREFACE

The presentation of the following pages to our people, I deem to be in harmony with what is stated in *Testimonies for the Church*, volume 7, page 288: "As those who have spent their lives in the service of God draw near the close of their earthly history, they will be impressed by the Holy Spirit to recount the experience they have had in connection with His work. The record of His wonderful dealings with His people," etc.

Of the benefit to be derived from the bringing of such things to the attention of our people, we

read from the pen of Sister E. G. White, in the *South African Missionary* of February 20, 1911, "We have nothing to fear from the future, except we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teachings in our past history."

In reference to the subject matter of this book—the sealed 144,000—I have been greatly moved by the Spirit of God to write and publish the facts as to how the sealing message was obtained—not only from the Bible, but by direct instruction in visions of Sister E. G. White; also as to how the message was received and taught by our ministers and people

down to the year 1894, when the “new light” theory found its advocate in one who afterwards apostatized from the faith, and died without seeing the fulfillment of his expectation that he would live to the end of time, and hence be one of the 144,000. **His claim was that later testimonies of Sister White taught that all the 144,000 would be made up of those who had never died.**

When I found that some were teaching that “all of the 144,000 who will be sealed are now living,” I thought it time that someone should speak, and show that **it is not the manner of God’s prophets to make positive statements at one time, and afterwards teach entirely contrary to them.** Such surely was not the course of Bible prophets. The whole of this “new light” is produced by taking words out of their connection, and away from the things of which they are spoken, and giving them a general application, as you will see when we come to the analysis of the matter.

I presented the substance of this tract in two discourses on the Stockton camp ground. Those who heard the discourses, requested that it might be published, so that they could have the reading of it. As the subject is one on which there is some controversy, I thought our publishers would not wish to print the matter in their papers, or take the responsibility of publishing it in any form. So I have decided to bring it out as a small book, to be obtained through the mail, from the author. I first thought I might get it into a five-cent pamphlet; but since revising for print, and enlarging, I find that five cents would not pay the expense of printing and postage. So I have placed the price at ten cents, with the promise to the Lord that all that may accrue from sales, after tithing, shall be divided between Eastern city work and foreign missions. May the Lord make the reading of the book a blessing, even as the searching out the copy for the same, in the past few months, has been to the author, J. N. Loughborough. Lodi, California, July 1, 1916.

“The time is not far distant when the test will come to every soul. The mark of the beast will be urged upon us. . . . Many a star that we have admired for its brilliancy, will then go out in darkness. Chaff like a cloud will

be borne away on the wind, even from places where we see only floors of rich wheat.” *Testimonies*, volume 5, page 81.

THE SEALING MESSAGE

Before me are three questions which I am requested to answer:

First: When did the Adventists obtain light on the sealing message?

Second: When did the sealing work begin?

Third: Will any of the people of God who have died since 1848, in the message, be reckoned with the 144,000?

AS TO the first question, we note that in 1845, some of the Adventists began the study of the third angel’s message of Revelation..14:9–12. They saw clearly that the observance of the seventh-day Sabbath was included in the keeping of all the commandments, as set forth in that message. Of the study of the message, we read in a statement from Sister E. G. White, in *Testimonies for the Church*, volume 1, pages 78, 79. The statement relates to the situation in 1846, and onward, and reads: “When we began to present the light on the Sabbath question, we had no clearly defined idea of the third angel’s message of Revelation 14:9–12.

“The burden of our testimony as we came before the people was, that the great second advent movement was of God, that the first and second messages had gone forth, and that the third was to be given. We saw that the third message closed with the words: ‘Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.’ And we as clearly saw as we now see (the now was 1868, when volume 1 was first published), that these prophetic words suggested a Sabbath reform; but as to what the worship of the beast mentioned in the message was, or what the image and the mark of the beast were, we had no defined position.

“God by His Holy Spirit let light shine forth upon His servants, and the subject gradually opened to their minds. It required much study and anxious care to search it out, link after link. By care, anxiety, and incessant labor has the work moved on until the great truths of our message, a clear, connected, perfect whole, have been given to the world.”

Although, down to the year 1848, our people had clear light on the different features of the third angel’s

message, their attention had not been especially called to the sealing message.

They did not believe that, according to Revelation 14:1–5, there would be 144,000 to stand redeemed on Mount Zion. This company was also mentioned by Sister White in her first vision, recorded in *Experience and Views*, old edition, page 12. But they had not as yet studied the light on the sealing of the 144,000.

As we shall see, **it was the time of the conflict of the nations of Europe**, in the early months of 1848, that light came to this people respecting the sealing message. In a brief consideration of that conflict, its cause and development, we shall see how the light on the message was obtained. In the *Library of Universal Knowledge*, page 536, we read of that conflict in 1848: “That revolution was caused by the French people demanding a republican form of government from under Louis Philippe; and for a time, there was republican form, the revolution contagion spreading temporarily over most of the continent of Europe.”

From the time of the Reign of Terror in France, the desire of the masses was, to secure for the people a greater control of the government, and to satisfy the craving of the people for national life—in fact, to have a true government of the people, for the people, and by the people. Through the working of the papacy, a Bourbon, Louis Philippe, had been placed upon the throne, and it seemed to be an impossibility to induce the pope to submit to any government but that of his own devising. See Robinson’s *Western Europe*.

The situation caused animosity not only against Louis Philippe, but also against the pope, who was upholding the Bourbon ruler. At last, the pent up feelings burst forth in a conflict, as sudden in its developments as the bursting forth of a volcano. From facts stated in the public prints of the time, it would seem that Louis was not aware of the intensity of the feeling against his rule; for on the twenty-first of February, 1848, he said to his cabinet, “I was never more firmly seated in the empire of France than I am to-night.” The next day, he had a review of his soldiers. After the parade, the soldiers, with guns stacked, were resting on the ground, when a little lad with a tricolored flag in his hand climbed upon a cannon. He waved the flag in the air, shouting: “Down with the pope! DOWN WITH THE POPE!” Probably this was what he had heard talked at home. The soldiers caught up the same, which, with increasing vigor, was passed up and down the line, and finally with the addition, “and down with the king.”

Concerning the sudden outbreak of that rebellion,

we read in Robinson’s *Western Europe*, chapter forty:

“The gathering discontent, and demand for reform, suddenly showed their full strength and extent. It seemed for a time as if all western Europe was about to undergo as complete a revolution as France had experienced in 1789. With one accord, and as by obeying a preconcerted signal, the liberal parties in France, Italy, Germany, and Austria, during the earlier months of 1848, overthrew or gained control of the government, and proceeded to carry out their program of reform in the same thoroughgoing way in which the National Assembly in France had done its work in 1789. The general movement affected almost every state in central Europe.

“On February 24, 1848, a mob attacked the Tuileries. The king abdicated in favor of his grandson. But it was too late. He and his whole family were forced to leave the country. The mob invaded the assembly, as in the Reign of Terror, crying: ‘Down with the Bourbons, old and new! Long live the republic!’”

Of this revolution of 1848, and its sudden checking up, Horace Greeley said, in the *New York Tribune*, “It was a great wonder to us politicians what started so suddenly that great confusion in Europe; but a greater wonder still, what so suddenly stopped it.”

I have a copy of a testimony given to Sister White in 1852, in which reference is made to the war of 1848. This was found among Brother Bates’s papers, after his death. In it are these words: “That desire was, to dethrone kings; but that could not be, for kings must reign until Christ begins His reign. I saw in Europe, just as things were moving to accomplish their designs, there would be **a slacking up once or twice. Thus the hearts of the wicked would be hardened.** But the work will not settle down (only seem to), for the minds of their kings and rulers were intent on overthrowing each other, and the minds of the people to get the ascendancy. I saw all minds intently looking and stretching their thoughts on the impending crisis before them.”

There was one slacking up after the revolution of 1848. In the present war, beginning in 1914, is manifest on a still larger scale the determination to overthrow kings and rulers, and a still greater intensity in watching, than in that revolution of 1848. **The testimony seems to indicate a second slacking up before the final conflict of the nations shall come.**

Of that outbreak in Paris, we have read already that Louis Philippe and his entire family fled from France. The fury of the mob was such that he feared for their lives, and accomplished their escape by placing his fam-

ily in a coach, while he disguised himself in the driver's clothes, and in the twilight passed unrecognized through the gates of Paris, thus effecting his flight to England.

From a pamphlet entitled *The Seal of the Living God*, published by Elder Joseph Bates, dated January 1, 1849, we gain some facts as to that 1848 revolution, and the reception of the light on the sealing message. On page 45 we read, "The public journals have stated that on the twenty-second of February last, France became disorganized, deposed their king, and burned up his throne, and himself and family fled to England for safety." On page 49, we read of the fury of that conflict: "See what a rushing and struggling has been and is going on among the people to overthrow the potentates of Europe; namely, Prussia, Hanover, Sicily, Naples, Venice, Lombardy, Tuscany, Rome, etc. See the account from the *Boston Times* of October 28, 1848, of the flight of the emperor of Austria from Vienna, the capital of his vast dominions, and of the insurrection and siege of that city for eight days, from the ninth of October; how they, in their work of slaughter, when they became victorious, tore up the railways, and demolished bridges, to stop all further intercourse. See also a similar state of things in Berlin under the king of Prussia." This gives us some idea of the revolt which broke out on the continent of Europe on February 22, 1848.

In the month of March of the same year, in Hydesville, Wayne County, New York, spirit rappings began in the home of the Fox and Fish family, which was moved to Rochester, New York, for more public investigation. For a time, these rappings were called "the Rochester knockings." The first-day Adventists then said, with great zeal: "This conflict in Europe will culminate in the battle of Armageddon, and the Lord is about to come. These spirit rappings are the spirits of devils, going forth to gather the nations to the battle of the great day of God Almighty." As our people had the light of the third angel's message and the Sabbath, and were confident that this truth must be proclaimed to the world, **they could not accept the faith made by the first-day Adventists, that the Lord was about to come.** Those people would say to the Sabbath keepers: "You had better give up your Sabbath message. You are too late with it. Join us in warning the world to get ready for the immediate coming of Christ."

Such was the situation in the summer of 1848. This led the Seventh-day Adventists to earnest, prayerful study for light. The Lord led their minds to the holding of the winds (wars) and the sealing work, with a determination to find the meaning of the situation. They found, in

their study of the Scriptures, that the Seventh-day Sabbath was the sign of the living God, and the seal of His law. This newly received light from the word of God gave still greater force to the Sabbath message, and doubly assured them that this, as the sealing message, must be proclaimed to the world before the actual coming of Christ.

In Brother Bates's book, he refers to a meeting held in the home of Brother Otis Nichols, at Dorchester, near Boston, Massachusetts, on November 18, 1848, and says: "A small company of brethren and sisters were assembled in a meeting near Boston, Massachusetts. . . . We had made it (the manner of publishing the message) the subject of the prayer at the Topsham conference meeting a little previous, and the way to publish not appearing clear, we (now) therefore resolved unitedly to refer all to God. After some time spent in prayer for light and instruction, God gave Sister White a vision."

Then he gives words which she spoke in the vision, which he copied down as she spoke them. From these words we quote the following: "He (God) was well pleased when His law began to come up in strength. That truth [the Sabbath truth] arises, and is on the increase, stronger and stronger. It's the seal! It's coming up! It arises, coming from the rising of the sun, like the sun, first cold, grows warmer, and sends its rays. When that truth arose, there was but little light in it; but it has been increasing. Oh, the power of these rays!"

Next came words that spoiled the claims of the first-day Adventists that "the angels were no longer holding the winds of war and strife, but were letting them blow." The words spoken in vision were: "The angels are holding the winds. It is God that restrains the powers. The angels have not let go, for the saints are not all sealed. The time of trouble has commenced. It has begun. The reason why the four winds are not let go, is because the saints are not sealed. It (the trouble) is on the increase more and more: **that trouble will never end until the earth is rid of the wicked.** Why, they (the winds) are just ready to blow. There is a check put on because the saints are not all sealed. Yes, publish the things thou hast seen and heard, and the blessing of God will attend."

After coming out of this vision, Sister White said to her husband: "James, I have a message for you. Begin to print a little paper, small at first. Send it out free. The readers will send you money to print it. It will be a success from the first. I saw from this small beginning it was like streams of light that went clear around the world."

In a vision given to Sister White at Rocky Hill, Connecticut, January 5, 1859, she had another view of the sealing work. This view, written by herself, is in *Early Writings*, old edition, pages 29–31, and reads as follows: “I saw four angels who had a work to do on the earth, and were on their way to accomplish it. Jesus was clothed with priestly garments. He gazed in pity on the remnant, then raised His hands upward, and with a voice of deep pity cried, ‘My blood, Father, My blood, My blood, My blood.’ Then I saw an exceeding bright light come from God, who sat upon the great white throne, and was shed all about Jesus. Then I saw an angel with a commission from Jesus, swiftly flying to the four angels who had a work to do on the earth, and waving something up and down in his hand, and crying with a loud voice, ‘Hold! Hold! Hold! Hold! until the servants of God are sealed in their foreheads.’”

The explanation made to her by her attending angel was “that the four angels had power from God to hold the four winds, and that they were about to let them go, but while their hands were loosening, and the four winds were about to blow, the merciful eye of Jesus gazed on the remnant that were not sealed, and He raised His hands to the Father, and pleaded with Him that He had spilled His blood for them. Then another angel was commissioned to fly swiftly to the four angels, and bid them hold, until the servants of God were sealed with the seal of the living God.”

Being thus fortified with light from the Scriptures, **and the testimony of the Spirit of God**, those having the light of the third angel’s message were shielded from these claims of the first-day Adventists, with their “new time message,” and were filled with new energy to press forward with the third angel’s message, being confident that the God whom they trusted would clear the way for this, the last message to the world, to accomplish its purpose.

SECOND QUESTION

When Did the Sealing Work Begin?

THE testimonies already quoted as to the reception of the sealing message by the Seventh-day Adventists is also good proof as to the time when the sealing began. The four winds of war were about to blow when that commotion among the nations of Europe broke out. The four angels had their commission to hold those winds of war, that the work of sealing be not hindered. “A check was put on,” so that the sealing might advance.

We will note other *Testimonies* showing that the sealing work was going on at that time. In *Experience and Views, Early Writings*, old edition, page 35, speaking of what was then occurring, we read: “Satan is now using ever device in this sealing time to keep the minds of God’s people from the present truth, and cause them to waver. I saw a covering that God was drawing over His people to protect them in the time of trouble; and every soul that was decided on the truth, and was pure in heart, was to be covered with the covering of the Almighty.”

From the same testimony, page 36, we read: “I saw that Satan was at work in these ways to distract, deceive, and draw away God’s people, just now in this sealing time. . . . Satan was trying his every art to hold them where they were, until the sealing was past, until the covering was drawn over God’s people, and they left without a shelter from the burning wrath of God, in the seven last plagues. God has begun to draw this covering over His people, and it will soon be drawn over all who are to have a shelter in the day of slaughter.”

I will quote from a tract published in 1852, a vision given to Sister White, at the home of Brother Harris, at Centerport, New York, August 24, 1850: “I saw that Satan will work now more powerfully than ever before, for he knows that his time is short, and that the sealing will soon be over. And he will now work in every insinuation to get the saints off their guard, and get them to sleep upon present truth, and doubting it, so as to prevent their being sealed with the seal of the living God.” We read in *Early Writings*, “*Experience and Views*, page 49, old edition: “The sealing time is very short, and soon will be over. Now is the time, while the four angels are holding the four winds, to make our calling and election sure.”

It was because of these plain statements, that **our people and ministers, down to 1894, believed and taught that the sealing work had been going on since 1848**, and that the 144,000 were being sealed. I do not see how we could draw any other idea, from the testimonies we have quoted, than that the sealing work had begun in 1848-1850.

THIRD QUESTION

Will any who have died in the faith since 1848, when that message was received, be reckoned with the 144,000?

SOME persons, more especially since 1894, have claimed that none will be reckoned among the 144,000 but those who lived until the second coming of Christ;

and that this must be so, for according to Revelation 14:3-4, they are "redeemed from among men," and "from the earth." According to Daniel 12, there is a partial resurrection in the "time of trouble," just before Christ's second coming. We read: "At that time shall Michael stand up, . . . And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt."

Surely those who awake to everlasting life will be alive and "among men," when Christ comes.

If, in 1848-1850, persons were being sealed, we would naturally expect they would be of those awakened to everlasting life, and so be with the 144,000. Of this resurrection we read in *Early Writings, Spiritual Gifts*, old edition, page 145: "There was one clear place of settled glory, whence came the voice of God like many waters, shaking the heavens and the earth. There was a mighty earthquake. The graves were opened, and those who had died in faith under the third angel's message, keeping the Sabbath, came forth from their dusty beds, glorified, to hear the covenant of peace that God was to make with those who had kept His law."

In *Spiritual Gifts*, pages 145-146, we read: "As God spoke the day and the hour of Jesus' coming, and delivered the everlasting covenant to His people, He spoke one sentence, and then paused, while the words were rolling through the earth. The Israel of God stood with their eyes fixed upwards, listening to the words as they came from the mouth of Jehovah and rolled through the earth like peals of loudest thunder. It was awfully solemn. At the end of every sentence the saints shouted, Glory! Hallelujah! Their countenances were lighted up with the glory of God, and they shone with glory as did the face of Moses when he came down from Sinai (glorified). The wicked could not look upon them for the glory. And when the never-ending blessing was pronounced on those who had honored God, in keeping His Sabbath holy, there was a mighty shout of victory over the beast and over his image."

Of the same we read in *Testimonies for the Church*, volume 1, page 59: "Soon we heard the voice of God like many waters, which gave us the day and hour of Jesus' coming. The living saints, 144,000 in number (**remember that the resurrected Sabbath keepers are then among the living saints**), knew and understood the voice, while the wicked thought it was thunder and an earthquake. When God spake the time, He poured upon us the Holy Spirit, and our faces began to light up and shine with the glory of God, as Moses' did when he came down from Mount Sinai.

"The 144,000 were all sealed and perfectly united. On their foreheads were the words 'God.' 'New Jerusalem,' and a glorious star containing Jesus' new name. At our happy, holy state the wicked were enraged, and would rush violently up to lay hands on us to thrust us into prison, when we would stretch forth the hand in the name of the Lord, and they would fall helpless to the ground."

If it be claimed that none will be numbered among the 144,000 but those who live until Christ's second coming, without tasting death, what about those Sabbath keepers who in 1848 to 1850 were being sealed? There are not a half dozen of those now alive who were then keeping the Sabbath. If they were then sealed, they will be among those resurrected to eternal life at the voice of God.

There are some things connected with the case of Sister White that have a bearing on the matter of the 144,000. She is now at rest. But as reported in her first vision, *Experience and Views*, is an account of what is to take place in the kingdom: "Zion was just before us, and on the mount was a glorious temple, and about it were seven other mountains, on which grew roses and lilies. . . . As we were about to enter the holy temple, Jesus raised His lovely voice and said, '**Only the 144,000 enter this place**,' and we shouted, "Alleluia." It seems, however, that in this view of things to occur in the new earth, she entered that temple; for she said: "This temple was supported by seven pillars, all of transparent gold, set with pearls most glorious. The wonderful things I there saw, I cannot describe. . . . I saw there tables of stone in which the names of the 144,000 were engraved in letters of gold. After we beheld the glory of the temple we went out, and Jesus left us, and went to the city." From this we would surely conclude that in the new earth, Sister White would be one of the 144,000.* [*The use of "we," "us," and "our" includes Sister White.]

On page 33 of *Experience and Views*, old edition, she speaks of what the angel told her while she was viewing Saturn: "I begged of my attending angel to let me remain in that place. I could not bear the thought of coming back to this dark world again. Then the angel said, 'You must go back, and if you are faithful, you, with the 144,000, shall have the privilege of visiting all the worlds and viewing the handiwork of God.'" **That surely looks like some of the 144,000 being of those who will have been raised from the dead.**

Notwithstanding these facts in the testimonies presented, it is still urged by some, that what is said in *Great Controversy*, page 649, shows that the 144,000 will be

composed wholly of those who have never died. Let us see what is said, and the condition under which the said statement occurs. Here it is: "These having been translated from the earth, from among the living, are counted as 'the first fruits unto God and to the Lamb.' (The Sabbath keepers resurrected to eternal life will surely be among the living at Christ's second coming.) 'These are they which came out of great tribulation;' they have passed through the time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation." That trouble of the nations will be under the sixth plague; and it is at that time, according to Daniel 12:1, that the partial resurrection will take place, bringing up the sealed Sabbath keepers. This will be when the seventh plague is yet to come. Of the situation at that time, we read in *Experience and Views*, page 29: "These plagues enrage the wicked against the righteous; they thought that we had brought the judgments of God upon them, and that if they could rid the earth of us, the plagues would then be stayed. A decree went forth to slay the saints, which caused them to cry day and night for deliverance. This was the time of Jacob's trouble. Then all the saints cried out with anguish of spirit, and were delivered by the voice of God. The 144,000 triumphed. Their faces were lighted up with the glory of God." We have already seen that this glorification takes place with the resurrected Sabbath keepers, as well as those who had not died, when God delivers the everlasting covenant on those who had honored Him by keeping His Sabbath.

Of this scene we read in *Spiritual Gifts*, page 143: "I saw a writing, copies of which were scattered in different parts of the land, giving orders that unless the saints should yield their peculiar faith, give up the Sabbath and observe the first day of the week, the people were at liberty, after a certain time, to put them to death. . . . Satan wished to have the privilege of destroying the saints of the Most High; but Jesus bade His angels watch over them. God would be honored by making a covenant with those who had kept His law, in the sight of the heathen round about them; and Jesus would be honored by translating, without their seeing death, the faithful, waiting ones who had so long expected Him." Keeping the law "in the sight of the heathen" was in the sight of these inquisitors who had the decree to put them to death, and not to death in an ordinary sense, under calm conditions.

It is from this testimony, "translating, without seeing death," that the claim has been made that none will be among the sealed 144,000 but those who live until Christ's actual second coming. **We see that the death they**

are saved from is the death permitted by the "papers circulated." Bear in mind that the resurrected Sabbath keepers are included among the covenantees. So they are to be translated at Christ's coming, without suffering the threatened death. By this decree, they are brought into "the time of Jacob's trouble." His trouble was the news that Esau was coming with four hundred armed men. Unless the Lord should aid him, it looked like death to him and his whole family.

There is another testimony from *Great Controversy*, page 649, used by those who claim that none who have died in the message will be among the 144,000: "They have stood without an intercessor through the final outpouring of God's judgments. But they have been delivered, for they have 'washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.' . . . They have seen the earth wasted with famine and pestilence, the sun having power to scorch men with great heat, and they themselves have endured suffering, hunger, and thirst." This is what is said of the whole of 144,000, and in part will be true of the resurrected Sabbath keepers; for they endure the time of Jacob's trouble. They are raised under the sixth plague, and see the final outpouring of God's judgments under the seventh plague, and are among those delivered from this decree of death.

In *Spiritual Gifts*, pages 146, 147, we read still further of what will take place with the living resurrected and living Sabbath keepers, after the voice of God declaring the everlasting covenant, when the wicked were enraged against them: "Soon appeared the great white cloud, upon which sat the Son of man. When it first appeared in the distance, this cloud looked very small. The angel said that it was the sign of the Son of man. As it drew nearer the earth, we could behold the excellent glory and majesty of Jesus as He rode forth to conquer. . . . His countenance was as bright as the noonday sun, His eyes were as a flame of fire, and His feet had the appearance of fine brass. His voice sounded like many musical instruments. The earth trembled before Him, the heavens departed as a scroll when it is rolled together, and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. . . . Those who a short time before would have destroyed God's faithful children from the earth, now witness the glory of God which rested upon them. And amid all their terror they heard the voices of the saints in joyful strains, saying, 'Lo, this is our God, we have waited for Him, and He will save us.' The earth mightily shook as the voice of the Son of God called forth the sleeping saints. They responded to the call, and came forth clothed with glorious immortality, crying, Vic-

tory, victory, over death and the grave! O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? Then the living saints and the resurrected ones raised their voices in a long, transporting shout of victory. Those bodies that had gone down into the grave bearing the marks of disease and death, came up in immortal health and vigor. The living saints are changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, and caught up with the resurrected ones, and together they meet their Lord in the air. Oh, what a glorious meeting! Friends whom death had separated, were united, never more to part."

If there is still a doubt of the resurrected Sabbath keepers' being numbered with the 144,000, consider the following from Sister White's words in 1909. At the general Conference in 1909, Elder Irwin had a stenographer accompany him in a call upon Sister White. He wished to ask her some questions, and have an exact copy of the words of the questions, and the exact words of the replies. Among other questions was this one: "Will those who have died in the message be among the 144,000?" In reply, Sister White said: "**Oh, yes, those who have died in the faith will be among the 144,000. I am clear on that matter.**" These were the exact words of question and answer, as Brother Irwin permitted me to copy from his stenographer's report.

THE NUMBER OF THE SEALED

THE query may now arise: "If the sealing message is to go to all the world with a Pentecostal power, and the earth to be lighted with its glory, and if, as recently stated by Brother Blank, it is to result in 'millions' being prepared for Christ's second coming, is not 144,000 a small number to be sealed? It is only a fraction of one million." In His word the Lord has spoken of those to be saved at His coming as a "little flock." Luke 12:32. They are also a people who have been subject to a very rigid test. The prophet Daniel speaks of them: "Many shall be purified, and made white and tried." Daniel 12:10. Some translate this "thoroughly tested." It may be true in this case, "Many are called, but few are chosen." Matthew 22:14. In *Testimonies*, volume 5, page 136, published in 1881, we read, "The great proportion of those who now appear to be genuine and true will prove to be base metal." On pages 213-214, we read: "Not all who profess to keep the Sabbath will be sealed. There are many even among those who teach the truth to others who will not receive the seal of God in their foreheads. They had the light of truth, they knew their

Master's will, they understood every point of our faith, but they had not corresponding works. . . . By their lack of devotion and piety, and their failure to reach a high religious standard, they make other souls contented with their position. . . . Not one of us will ever receive the seal of God while our characters have one spot or stain upon them. It is left with us to remedy the defects in our characters, to cleanse the soul temple of every defilement. Then the latter rain will fall upon us as the early rain fell upon the disciples on the day of Pentecost." On page 136 of the same volume we read: "Soon God's people will be tested by fiery trials, and the great proportion of those who now appear to be genuine and true will prove to be base metal. Instead of being strengthened and confirmed by opposition, threats, and abuse, they will cowardly take the side of the opposers."

In *Spirit of Prophecy*, volume 4, page 426, we read: "As the storm approaches, a large class who have professed faith in the third message, but have not been sanctified through it, abandon their position, and take refuge under the banner of the powers of darkness. By uniting with the world and partaking of its spirit, they come to view matters in nearly the same light; and when the test is brought, they are prepared to choose the easy, popular side. Men of talent and pleasing address, who once rejoiced in the truth, employ their powers to deceive and mislead souls." The same is in *Great Controversy*, page 609.

In *Testimonies*, volume 5, page 216, we read: "The seal of God will never be placed upon the forehead of . . . the ambitious, world-loving man or woman. It will never be placed upon the forehead of men or women of false tongues or deceitful hearts. All who receive the seal must be without spot before God—candidates for heaven." On page 81 we read: "Many a star that we have admired for its brilliancy, will then go out in darkness. Chaff like a cloud will be borne away on the wind, even from places where we see only floors of rich wheat."

In volume 6, pages 400-401, we read: "As trials thicken around us, both separation and unity will be seen in our ranks. Some who are now ready to take up weapons of warfare, will in times of real peril make it manifest that they have not built upon the solid rock; they will yield to temptation. Those who have had great light and precious privileges, but have not improve them, will, under one pretext or another, go out from us. Not having received the love of the truth, they will be taken in the delusions of the enemy; they will give heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils, and will depart from the faith."

Whatever may be true of the millions that will hear the third angel's message, the 144,000 seem to be a peculiar group, with peculiar characteristics, gathered in groups of 12,000 each, bearing the names of the twelve tribes of spiritual Israel, "without guile in their mouths," "without fault before the throne of God." They are not all Americans, nor all users of the English language; but they are "without spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing."

If, as lately expressed by Elder Blank, the preaching of the message "prepares millions to be saved at the coming of Christ," and the Lord in compassion pardons the sins of ignorance in converted heathen who have not had the opportunities of those more enlightened, praise to His name. That does not excuse us who have had greater light, and might attain to one of the twelve groups of the sealed 144,000.

In the *Review* of May 22, 1889, Sister White said: "In a little while, every one who is a child of God will have His seal placed upon him. O that it may be placed upon our foreheads! Who can bear the thought of being forever passed by when the angel goes forth to seal the servants of God in their foreheads?"

"Elder Loughborough has stood firmly for the testimonies. . . . The influence of Elder Loughborough is valuable in our churches. Just such a man is needed, one who has stood unwaveringly for the light that God has given to His people, while many have been changing their attitude toward this work of God." *Manuscript Releases*, volume 2, 55.

"I have been instructed that we should make prominent the testimony of some of the old workers who are now dead. Let them continue to speak through their articles as found in the early numbers of our papers. These articles should now be reprinted, that there may be a living voice from the Lord's witnesses." *Publishing Ministry*, 32.

"God has given me light regarding our periodicals. What is it?—He has said that the dead are to speak. How?—Their works shall follow them. We are to repeat the words of the pioneers in our work, who knew what it cost to search for the truth as for hidden treasure, and who labored to lay the foundation of our work. They moved forward step by step under the influence of the Spirit of God. One by one these pioneers are passing away. The word given me is, Let that which these men have written in the past be reproduced." *Counsels to Writers and Editors*, 28.

CYBERWAR! RUSSIANS HACK INTO PENTAGON COMPUTERS

Its being called "Moonlight Maze", an appropriately cryptic name for one of the most potentially damaging breaches of American computer security ever—serious enough for the Department of Defense to order all of its civilian and military employees to change their computer passwords. This is the first time this precaution has ever been taken en masse.

The Suspects:

Crack cyberspooks from the Russian Academy of Sciences, a government-supported organization that interacts with Russia's top military labs.

The Targets:

Computer systems at the Departments of Defense and Energy, military contractors and leading civilian universities.

The Haul:

Vast quantities of data that could include classified naval codes and information on missile-guidance systems. Pentagon officials say flatly, "This was a state-sponsored Russian intelligence effort to get US

technology.” Deputy Secretary of Defense John Hamre, has told colleagues: “We’re in the middle of a cyberwar.”

In a cyberwar, the offensive force picks the battlefield, and the other side may not even realize when its under attack. Defense Department officials believe the intrusions, which they describe as “sophisticated, patient and persistent,” began at a low level of access. Security sleuths spotted them almost immediately and “back-hacked” the source to computers in Russia. Soon, though, the attackers developed new tools that allowed them to enter undetected (although they sometimes left electronic traces that could be reconstructed later). Intelligence sources say the perpetrators even gained “root level” access to some systems, a depth usually restricted to a few administrators. After that, “we’re not certain where they went,” says Representative Curt Weldon, who has held classified hearings on Moonlight Maze.

As a federal interagency task force begins its damage assessment, a key question is whether the Russians managed to jump from the unclassified (although non-public) systems where they made their initial penetration, into the classified Defense Department network that contains the most sensitive data. Administration officials insist the “firewalls” between the networks would have prevented any such intrusion, but other sources aren’t so sure. Besides, one intelligence official admitted, classified data often lurks in unclassified databases. With enough time and computer power, the Russians could sift through their mountains of pilfered information and deduce those secrets they didn’t directly steal. That’s one more thing to worry about, although security officials admit that they have a more pressing concern. The intruders haven’t been spotted on the network since May 14 [1999]. **Have they given up their efforts—or burrowed so deeply into the network that they can no longer even be traced?** *Newsweek*, September 20, 1999.

YOUNG PEOPLE FINISHING THE WORK

Dear Mr. Pippenger:

First I must say that I deeply appreciate your newsletter, tapes, and ministry. I too am in ministry for the Lord. I am a teacher at Heritage Academy, a conservative self-supporting school. The reason that I’m writing to you is because of my belief in the Lord’s plan to use young people in the finishing of the work.

I think that this plan is plainly stated by Mrs. White. Further I know that Satan can read as well as we can. I conclude that the reason that we see such an incredible decline in the spirituality of Adventist young people beyond that of other young people is because Satan is warring against this plan.

However, it is our focus here at Heritage Academy to follow carefully the plan of education that Mrs. White has put forth in her writings. In doing this we are not without opposition. Many people want us to change our standards to conform to those of the world.

On the contrary, we are constantly evaluating our program to find ways to bring it more into line with her intents for education. Our cafeteria is VEGAN, and I believe that our program reflects the meaning of the statement that true education “is the harmonious development of the physical, the mental, and the spiritual powers.”

We actively seek the salvation and spiritual development of each of our students. We spend much time in prayer with them and for them. We balance the time spent in academics, vocational and spiritual activities. We integrate the Bible into our English classes. We integrate worship into our Bible and many other classes.

One of the first points made in the book *Education* is that the school should be on a farm. Students learn of God through nature and through working with plants and crops. Our school is located on 1200 acres of farmland and woodlands on the Cumberland Plateau in Tennessee. Our students spend four hours on academics, then four hours on vocation training. They learn organic gardening, farming, construction, etc.

The point is made in *Steps to Christ* that, “The only way to grow in grace is to be disinterestedly doing the very work which Christ has enjoined upon us—to engage, to the extent of our ability, in helping and

blessing those who need the help we can give them.”

And without it there degeneration and decay. Our students have an outreach each week where they spend time in literature evangelism or useful work in some ministry or public service. This year our students have distributed over 3000 books (including *Steps to Christ*, and *The Great Controversy*) through our literature evangelism program. We take our students on mission trips and minister to people. This is the kind of work that is necessary to develop the Christian character.

Yet we have only a few students. I'm sure that there are parents who also believe in this kind of education, and are looking for a school like ours. If you are aware of any parents who are looking for this kind of education for their children, I would appreciate greatly any recommendations that you could make for us. Thank you for taking the time to read this. May the Lord richly bless you. Sincerely, Doug Baker, Outreach Coordinator & Teacher

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Dear Pat,

I have enjoyed your articles on *names*. I have had a thing with names for a long time. I especially dwell upon Revelation 14: 1, where it says we will be sealed with the Father's name on our foreheads. Revelation. 7:1-4.

Jesus called his Father *Abba* in Mark. 14:36, which is equal to "daddy". In Romans 8:15 and Galatians 4:6 it is used by Paul. "Abba" is in the word Sabbath. In Revelation 1:8 Jesus is described as the "Almighty". When I looked up this word I found that in Hosea 12:5, the word "Almighty" is translated "Omnipotent". See Exodus 3:14-15 and Psalm 135:13. God's name is His memorial to us.

Now we go to **omnipotent** in *Strong's* Concordance. #226 this is translated -Seba -oth Oth= A signal, as a flag, beacon, monument, omen, prodigy, evidence, mark, miracle, sign, token.

See Romans 9:29 and James 5:4 where Lord of the Sabbath is used or Lord of Hosts. Who is the captain of the Host of the Lord? We know it is Jesus. Joshua 5:14; and Exodus 3:5-6, Jesus is the creator of the Sabbath. The Father and son share these timeless attributes. John 10:20.

The Seventh-day Bible Commentary, volume 6, 173, on Lord of Hosts states: "One of the most majestic and awe inspiring of all the titles of the Deity."

Now back to Sabbath or Saba Oth- God's name His memorial. *Testimonies*, volume 7, 104-105, states that the: "Sabbath is the sign of our order." In *The Great Controversy*, 438, it is called a "memorial", and on page 452: "The creators memorial and sign of His authority."

God's Sabbath is His memorial, His name is memorial. The Sabbath is a seal. We keep the Sabbath—we are sealed with God's names on our foreheads, because we are convinced that the Sabbath is God's memorial.

There are *two Fathers*. The father of lies, John 8:44, and the father of truth, John 15:26 and 16:13. *Each has a mark*. Sunday is the mark of the apostasy, changed by the Pope, or father: "Papa" This mark will be placed on hand and forehead. Please read *Selected Messages*, book 2, 384-386.

Of course the Father's name means that we have His attribute,s or character, or early rain, fruits of the spirit, including godliness. I could go on and on. I just thought that you would be interested since you like to study on "names". Keep writing and I will keep reading. May God bless your ministry to others. Your Sister in Christ, MG, BELIZE

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