

ARMAGEDDON

THE FINAL WAR!

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Jesus promises us – “Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it” (Revelation 1:3) And the most translated American author that ever lived, E.G. White writes, “The book of Revelation opens with an injunction to us to understand the instruction that it contains. When we understand what this book means to us, there will be seen among us a *GREAT REVIVAL.*” She further writes, “*Thinking men and women of all classes, have their attention fixed upon the events taking place about us. They are watching the relations that exist among the nations. They observe the intensity that is taking possession of every earthly element, and they recognize that something great and decisive is about to take place—that the world is on the verge of a stupendous crisis.*” *‘The Bible, and the Bible only, gives a correct view of these things.’* {Prophets and Kings, page 537.1}.

Just Ten verses in the Bible separate the First War from Armageddon, The Final War.

God’s Word describes the first war. It was fought in heaven by Lucifer a leader of the angels who rebelled against the leadership of the Son of God and convinced 1/3 of the angels to rebel with him – His name was changed to “Satan” or “Devil” God’s Word tells us that “War broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.” (Revelation 12:7-9) – For more information on this first war, read “Star Wars” (from my eBook, Prophecy Made Easy) at <http://www.prophecymadeeasy.com/ReadOnline.html#page=51>

The war between Christ and Satan is being fought in the hearts of every living person on Planet Earth today. Every man, woman, and child will be involved in Armageddon, The Final War.

God’s Word tells us that the world is on the verge of its FINAL WAR. This War is described in two parts.

THE FIRST PART OF THIS FINAL WAR - “Then the *dragon was angry with the woman, and went off to make WAR on the rest of her children, those who keep the commandments of God and the testimony of Jesus.*” (Revelation 12:17 RSV) The word woman in Bible prophecy is a symbol for a church –a good woman represents a good church and a bad or “fallen” woman represents a bad or “fallen” church. God explains this symbol saying “I have likened the daughter of Zion to a comely and delicate woman.” (Jeremiah 6:2). Just before Jesus comes back Satan seeks to achieve total control of every person upon Planet Earth and thus blot out everyone who “keep the commandments of God and the testimony of Jesus.”

THE SECOND PART IN THIS FINAL WAR - God responds to this WAR against His end-time people, His end-time church and fights for them using the weapons of nature! “And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon . . . And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. And there fell upon men a *great hail* out of heaven, *every stone about the weight of a talent*: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great” (Revelation 16:16-21). “*The talent* was the heaviest or largest biblical unit of measurement for weight, *equal to about 75 pounds.*”

GOD WILL WIN – Jesus says “But as the days of Noah *were*, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.” (Matthew 24:37-39). The coming destruction will be world-wide with no place to hide for those who do not prepare. There were only two classes in Noah’s day – the few inside the ark who lived and the many outside the ark that died. There will only be two classes in this FINAL WAR – those sealed with “the seal of the living God” and those who receive “the mark of the beast.”

Those who receive the seal of God and do not “worship the beast” or receive “the mark of the beast” *are* those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.” (Revelation 7:1-3: 16:2; 14:9-12)

The book, The Great Controversy share the details from God’s Word of Armageddon; the Final War and how you and I can be victorious in this great world-wide Final War which ends with the coming of Jesus Christ to take His children home with Him.

The following quotations from the book, “The Great Controversy” describe the events leading up to Armageddon, the Final War, and the battles that will take place in this Final War! We will analyse these events one by one.

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Before you read ask God for the gift of His Holy Spirit that you will understand what God has revealed about what will next happen on Planet Earth!

CHAPTER 34 – CAN OUR DEAD SPEAK TO US

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(1) WHAT WILL SATAN COUNTERFEIT PERFECTLY?

ANSWER - “He has power to bring before men the appearance of their departed friends. **The counterfeit is perfect.**” {The Great Controversy, page 552.1} (310.1)

CHAPTER 35 LIBERTY OF CONSCIENCE THREATENED

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(2) WHAT DOOR ARE THE PROTESTANT CHURCHES OPENING?

ANSWER - “Protestants are opening the door for **the papacy** to regain in Protestant America the **supremacy** which she has lost in the Old World.” {The Great Controversy, page 573.1} (322.1)

(3) WHAT IS ROME PREPARING TO DO? What will happen within the **secret recesses of Rome’s Cathedrals**?

ANSWER -” Rome is aiming to re-establish her power, to **recover her lost supremacy**. {The Great Controversy, page 581.1} (326.2-4)

Stealthily and unsuspectedly she is strengthening her forces to further her own ends when **THE TIME SHALL COME FOR HER TO STRIKE**. Whoever shall believe and obey the word of God will thereby incur reproach and persecution. {The Great Controversy, page 581.2}

CHAPTER 36 - THE IMPENDING CONFLICT

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(4) WHAT IS THE LORD GOING TO DO?

ANSWER - (A) “He will withdraw His blessings from the earth and (B) remove his protecting care from those who are rebelling against his law and teaching and forcing others to do the same.” {The Great Controversy, page 589.2} (331.4)

(5) HOW WILL SATAN DISGUISE HIS CHARACTER BEFORE JESUS RETURNS?

What will he do to large cities on Planet Earth?

ANSWER - “While appearing to the children of men as a great physician who can heal all their maladies, **he will bring disease and disaster, until populous cities are reduced to ruin and desolation.**” {The Great Controversy, page 589.3} (331.5)

(6) WHOM WILL SATAN BLAME FOR CAUSING THE WORLD’S DISASTERS?

ANSWER - “And then the great deceiver will persuade men that those who serve God are causing these evils . . . it will be declared that (1) men are offending God by the violation of the Sunday Sabbath; (2) that this sin has brought calamities which will not cease until Sunday observance shall be strictly enforced; and (3) that those who present the claims of the fourth commandment, thus destroying reverence for Sunday, are troublers of the people, preventing their restoration to divine favor and temporal prosperity.” (332.1)

(7) WHAT WILL RELIGIOUS TEACHERS CLAIM IS THE CAUSE OF THE MORAL DECAY?

ANSWER - “The spirits will declare that god has sent them to convince the rejecters of **Sunday of their error**, affirming that the laws of the land should be obeyed as the law of God. They will lament the great wickedness in the world and second the testimony of religious teachers that the degraded state of morals is caused by the desecration of Sunday. Great will be the indignation excited against all who refuse to accept their testimony.” {The Great Controversy, page 590.2} (332.2)

(8) WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN TO THOSE WHO HONOR THE BIBLE SABBATH?

ANSWER - “Those who honor the Bible Sabbath will be denounced as enemies of law and order, as breaking down the moral restraints of society, causing anarchy and corruption, and calling down the judgments of God upon the earth. They will be accused of disaffection toward the government. In legislative halls and courts of justice, commandment keepers will be misrepresented and condemned. A false coloring will be given to their words; the worst construction will be put upon their motives.” {The Great Controversy, page 592.1} (333.2)

(9) WHAT THREE METHODS WILL CHURCH AND GOVERNMENT LEADERS USE TO GET EVERYONE TO HONOR SUNDAY?

ANSWER - “The dignitaries of church and state will unite to (1) **Bribe**, (2) **Persuade**, or (3) **Compel all classes to honor the Sunday**. ‘The dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.’ Revelation 12:17.” {The Great Controversy, page 592.3} (333.3)

CHAPTER 37 - THE SCRIPTURES A SAFEGUARD

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(10) WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE HALF-HEARTED AND THE HYPOCRITES IN GOD'S CHURCH WHEN PERSECUTION STRIKES GOD'S PEOPLE?

ANSWER - "When the testing time shall come, those who have made God's word their rule of life will be revealed. Let opposition arise, let bigotry and intolerance again bear sway, let persecution be kindled, and The **Halfhearted and Hypocritical Will Waver and Yield the Faith; but the true Christian will stand firm as a rock, his faith stronger, his hope brighter, than in days of prosperity.**" {The Great Controversy, page 602.1} (339.3)

CHAPTER 38 - THE FINAL WARNING

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(11) WHAT TYPE OF PEOPLE WILL GOD USE TO DECLARE HIS LAST WARNING MESSAGE? WHAT FOUR THINGS WILL THEY 'UNMASK'?

ANSWER - "Thus the message of the third angel will be proclaimed. As the time comes for it to be given with greatest power, the Lord will work through humble instruments. The laborers will be qualified rather by the unction of His Spirit than by the training of literary institutions. **Men of faith and prayer will go forth with holy zeal - (1) The sins of Babylon will be laid open. (2) The fearful results of enforcing the observances of the church by civil authority, (3) the inroads of spiritualism, (4) the stealthy but rapid progress of the papal power--all will be unmasked.** By these solemn warnings the people will be stirred. Thousands upon thousands will listen who have never heard words like these. In amazement, they hear the testimony that Babylon is the church, fallen because of her errors and sins, because of her rejection of the truth sent to her from heaven. As the people go to their former teachers with the eager inquiry, are these things so? The ministers present fables, prophesy smooth things, to soothe their fears and quiet the awakened conscience." {The Great Controversy, page 606.2} (342.3)

(12) HOW WILL THE 'POPULAR MINISTRY' REACT?

ANSWER - "But since many refuse to be satisfied with the mere authority of men and demand a plain 'Thus saith the Lord,' the popular ministry, like the Pharisees of old, filled with anger as their authority is questioned, will **denounce the message as of Satan and stir up the sin-loving multitudes to revile and persecute those who proclaim it.**" {The Great Controversy, page 606.2} (342.3)

(13) WHAT TYPES OF FORCE AND WHAT TYPES OF ADVANTAGES WILL THE FALLEN CHURCHES AND THE GOVERNMENTS USE TO GET GOD’S OBEDIENT CHILDREN TO RENOUNCE THEIR FAITH?

ANSWER - “As the controversy extends into new fields and the minds of the people are called to God's downtrodden law, Satan is astir. **The power attending the message will only madden those who oppose it.** The clergy will put forth almost superhuman efforts to shut away the light lest it should shine upon their flocks. Commandment keepers will be **threatened with fines and imprisonment, and some will be offered positions of influence, and other rewards and advantages**, as inducements to renounce their faith. But their steadfast answer is: ‘Show us from the word of God our error. Those who are arraigned before the courts make a strong vindication of the truth, and some who hear them are led to take their stand to keep all the commandments of God. Thus, light will be brought before thousands who otherwise would know nothing of these truths.’ {The Great Controversy, page 607.1} (342.4 – 343.0)

(14) WHAT ARE THREE TYPES OF PERSECUTION THAT THEY WILL USE AGAINST THOSE WHO REFUSE TO HONOR THE SUNDAY-SABBATH?

ANSWER - “All that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.’ 2 Timothy 3:12. Some of them will be thrust into **PRISON**, some will be **EXILED**, some will be treated as **SLAVES**.” (The Great Controversy page 608.1) (343.1)

(15) WHAT DO MANY SABBATH-KEEPERS CHOOSE TO DO WHEN THE TEST, THE PERSECUTION COMES AGAINST SABBATH-KEEPERS?

ANSWER - “As the storm approaches, **a large class** who have professed faith in the third angel's message, but have not been sanctified through obedience to the truth, **abandon** their position and **join** the ranks of the **opposition**. When the **test** is brought, they are prepared to choose the easy, popular side.” {The Great Controversy, page 608.2} (343.2)

(16) WHOM DOES SATAN USE THE MOST EFFECTIVELY TO MISREPRESENT SABBATH-KEEPERS IN COURTROOMS ACROSS PLANET EARTH?

ANSWER - “**Men of talent** and pleasing address, who once rejoiced in the truth, employ their powers to deceive and mislead souls. They **become the most bitter enemies of their former brethren.**” {The Great Controversy, page 608.2} (343.2)

(17) WHAT HAPPENS TO THOSE SABBATH-KEEPERS WHO REMAIN FAITHFUL WHEN THE STORM OF OPPOSITION BURSTS UPON GOD’S PEOPLE?

ANSWER - “When the storm of opposition and reproach bursts upon them, some, overwhelmed with consternation, will be ready to exclaim: ‘Had we foreseen the consequences of our words,

we would have held our peace.’ They are threatened with destruction. The enthusiasm which animated them is gone; yet they cannot turn back. Then, feeling their utter helplessness, they flee to the Mighty One for strength. **They cannot remain silent**, except at the peril of their souls. Christ's ambassadors have nothing to do with consequences. They must perform their duty **and leave results with God.**” {The Great Controversy, page 608.3} (342.3-344.0)

(18) WHAT DOES GOD DO FOR HIS CHILDREN AS THE TRIALS CONTINUE?

ANSWER - “The trials continue, they are **strengthened to bear them**. The Lord whom we serve is able to deliver us. Christ has conquered the powers of earth; and shall we be afraid of a world already conquered.” {The Great Controversy, page 610.1} (344.2)

(19) HOW WILL GOD USE THOSE POLITICIANS WHO FEAR THE LORD IN THIS TIME? WHAT DECISION WILL SOME OF THEM MAKE?

ANSWER - “**Statesmen** who fear the lord are influenced by holy angels to oppose such propositions with unanswerable arguments. Thus a few men will **hold in check a powerful current of evil**. When the final warning shall be given, it will arrest the attention of these leading men through whom the lord is now working, and some of them will accept it, **and will stand with the people of God through the time of trouble.**” {The Great Controversy, page 610.3} (344.4)

(20) WHAT DO GOD’S PEOPLE NEED TO DO IN ORDER TO SURVIVE WHEN ‘THE SEVEN LAST PLAGUES SHALL BE Poured OUT?’

ANSWER - ‘The nations will be angry, yet held in check so as not to prevent the work of the third angel.

Early Writings, page 85.

(21) WHEN DOES GOD POUR OUT THE LARGEST PORTION OF HIS HOLY SPIRIT? DOES GOD POUR OUT THE LARGEST PORTION OF HIS SPIRIT BEFORE HIS CHURCH IS PERSECUTED OR AFTER ALL THE HALF-HEARTED AND HYPOCRITES HAVE BEEN SHAKEN OUT?

ANSWER - (Compare this with question #10) “The angel who unites in the proclamation of the third angel's message is to lighten the whole earth with his glory. A work of world-wide extent and unwonted power is here foretold. The advent movement of 1840-44 was a glorious manifestation of the power of God; the first angel's message was carried to every missionary station in the world, and in some countries, there was the greatest religious interest which has been witnessed in any land since the Reformation of the sixteenth century; but these are to be exceeded by the mighty movement under the last warning of the third angel.” {The Great Controversy, page 611.1-3} (345.1)

“The work will be similar to that of the Day of Pentecost. As the ‘former rain’ was given, in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at the opening of the gospel, to cause the upspringing of the

precious seed, so **The ‘Latter Rain’** will be given at its close **for the ripening of the harvest.** ‘Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord: His going forth is prepared as the morning; and He shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth.’ Hosea 6:3. ‘Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God: for He hath given you the former rain moderately, and He will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain.’ Joel 2:23. ‘In the last days, saith God, I will pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh.’ ‘And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ Acts 2:17, 21.” {The Great Controversy, page 611.2} (345.2)

“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, page 611.3} (345.3)

(22) WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THOUSANDS OF SICK PEOPLE FOR WHOM THOSE WHOM GOD FILLS WITH HIS SPIRIT PRAY?

ANSWER - “Servants of God, with their faces lighted up and shining with holy consecration, will hasten from place to place to proclaim the message from heaven. By thousands of voices, all over the earth, the warning will be given. **Miracles will be wrought, the sick will be healed, and signs and wonders will follow the believers.** Satan also works, with lying wonders, even bringing down fire from heaven in the sight of men. Revelation 13:13. Thus the inhabitants of the earth will be brought to take their stand.” {The Great Controversy, page 612.1} (345.4)

“The message will be carried not so much by argument as by the deep conviction of the Spirit of God. The arguments have been presented. The seed has been sown, and now it will spring up and bear fruit. The publications distributed by missionary workers have exerted their influence, yet many whose minds were impressed have been prevented from fully comprehending the truth or from yielding obedience. Now the rays of light penetrate everywhere, the truth is seen in its clearness, and the honest children of God sever the bands which have held them. Family connections, church relations, are powerless to stay them now. Truth is more precious than all besides. Notwithstanding the agencies combined against the truth, **a large number take their stand upon the Lord's side.**” {The Great Controversy, page 612.2} (345.5)

CHAPTER 39 - THE TIME OF TROUBLE

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(23) WHAT DOES DANIEL, THE PROPHET, CALL THIS FUTURE CRISIS AND WHO WILL BE DELIVERED?

ANSWER - “At that time shall Michael stand up, the great Prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time; and at that time thy people shall be delivered, everyone that shall be found written in the book.’ Daniel 12:1.” {The Great Controversy, page 613.1} (346.1)

(24) WHY IS THE ‘LATTER RAIN’ NECESSARY? FOR WHAT DOES IT PREPARE GOD’S PEOPLE?

ANSWER - “When the third angel's message closes, mercy no longer pleads for the guilty inhabitants of the earth. The people of God have accomplished their work. They have received ‘The Latter Rain,’ ‘the refreshing from the presence of the Lord,’ and they are prepared for the trying hour before them. Angels are hastening to and fro in heaven.” {The Great Controversy, page 613.2} (347.1)

(25) WHAT DO THOSE WHO PASS THE FINAL TEST, THOSE WHO PROVE THEMSELVES LOYAL TO GOD AND TO GOD’S LAW RECEIVE AT THIS TIME?

ANSWER - “An angel returning from the earth announces that his work is done; the final test has been brought upon the world, and all who have proved themselves loyal to the divine precepts have received ‘the seal of the living God.’ then Jesus ceases his intercession in the sanctuary above. He lifts his hands and with a loud voice says, ‘it is done;’ and all the angelic host lay off their crowns as He makes the solemn announcement: ‘He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.’ Revelation 22:11.” {The Great Controversy, page 613.2} (347.1)

(26) JESUS WILL NOW SAY, ‘IT IS DONE!’ WHAT DECISION HAS GOD MADE THAT IS FOREVER FINAL?

ANSWER - “Every case has been decided for life or death. Christ has made the atonement for His people and blotted out their sins. The number of His subjects is made up; ‘the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven,’ is about to be given to the heirs of salvation, and Jesus is to reign as King of kings and Lord of lords.” {The Great Controversy, page 613.2} (347.1)

(27) JESUS WILL NOW SAY, ‘IT IS DONE!’ HOW MUCH PROTECTION WILL THOSE WHO HAVE REJECTED GOD’S LAW HAVE FROM SATAN AND HIS EVIL ANGELS?

ANSWER - “When He leaves the sanctuary, darkness covers the inhabitants of the earth. In that fearful time the righteous must live in the sight of a holy God without an intercessor. The restraint which has been upon the wicked is removed, and Satan has entire control of the finally impenitent. God's long-suffering has ended. The world has rejected His mercy, despised His love, and trampled upon His law. **The wicked** have passed the boundary of their probation; the spirit of god, persistently resisted, has been at last withdrawn. **Unsheltered by divine grace, they have no protection** from the wicked one.” {The Great Controversy, page 614.1} (347.2)

(28) WHAT WILL SATAN DO TO THE PEOPLE OF PLANET EARTH AT THIS TIME? {The Great Controversy, page 614.1} **WHAT WILL SATAN SPREAD EVERYWHERE?**

ANSWER - “Satan will then plunge the inhabitants of the earth into **one great, final trouble**. As the angels of god cease to hold in check the fierce winds of human passion, all the elements of strife will be let loose. The **whole world will be involved in ruin** more terrible than that which came upon Jerusalem of old. {The Great Controversy, page 614.1} (347.2)

ANSWER - “A single angel destroyed all the first-born of the Egyptians and filled the land with mourning. When David offended against God by numbering the people, one angel caused that terrible destruction by which his sin was punished. The same destructive power exercised by holy angels when God commands, will be exercised by evil angels when He permits. There are forces now ready, and only waiting the divine permission, to **spread desolation everywhere**. {The Great Controversy, page 614.2} (347.3)

(29) HOW WILL THE WICKED MAJORITY REACT TO THE POWER THAT GOD GIVES HIS LOYAL PEOPLE TO PROCLAIM HIS MESSAGE?

ANSWER - “Those who honor the law of God have been accused of bringing judgments upon the world, and they will be regarded as the cause of the fearful convulsions of nature and the strife and bloodshed among men that are filling the earth with woe. The power attending the last warning has **enraged the wicked**; their anger is kindled against all who have received the message, and **Satan will excite to still greater intensity the spirit of hatred and persecution**.” {The Great Controversy, page 614.3} (347.4)

(30) WHEN GOD FINISHES HIS JUDGMENT, HOW MANY PEOPLE WILL KNOW THAT THEIR DESTINY HAS ALREADY BEEN FOREVER DECIDED IN GOD'S COURT ROOM IN HEAVEN?

ANSWER - “When God's presence was finally withdrawn from the Jewish nation, priests and people knew it not. Though under the control of Satan, and swayed by the most horrible and malignant passions, they still regarded themselves as the chosen of God. The ministration in the temple continued; sacrifices were offered upon its polluted altars, and daily the divine blessing was invoked upon a people guilty of the blood of God's dear Son and seeking to slay His ministers and apostles. So, when the irrevocable decision of the sanctuary has been pronounced

and the destiny of the world has been forever fixed, **the inhabitants of the earth will know it not.** The forms of religion will be continued by a people from whom the Spirit of God has been finally withdrawn; and the satanic zeal with which the prince of evil will inspire them for the accomplishment of his malignant designs, will bear the semblance of zeal for God. {The Great Controversy, page 615.1} (347.5)

(31) WHAT KIND OF A LAW WILL THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE WORLD AND THE FALLEN CHURCHES PASS AGAINST THOSE WHO OBEY AND SERVE GOD?

ANSWER - “As the Sabbath has become the special point of controversy throughout Christendom, and religious and secular authorities have combined to enforce the observance of the Sunday, the persistent refusal of a small minority to yield to the popular demand will make them objects of universal execration. It will be urged that the few who stand in opposition to an institution of the church and a law of the state ought not to be tolerated; that it is better for them to suffer than for whole nations to be thrown into confusion and lawlessness. The same argument many centuries ago was brought against Christ by the ‘rulers of the people.’ ‘It is expedient for us,’ said the wily Caiaphas, ‘that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not.’ John 11:50. This argument will appear conclusive; and **a decree will finally be issued against those who hallow the Sabbath of the fourth commandment, denouncing them** as deserving of the severest punishment and giving the people liberty, after a certain time, **to put them to death.** Romanism in the old world and apostate Protestantism in the new will pursue a similar course toward those who honor all the divine precepts.” {The Great Controversy, page 615.2} (348.1)

(32) WHAT DOES GOD CALL THIS TIME FOLLOWING THE PASSAGE OF THIS DEATH DECREE?

ANSWER - “The people of God will then be plunged into those scenes of affliction and distress described by the prophet as the time of Jacob's trouble. ‘Thus saith the Lord: We have heard a voice of **trembling, of fear**, and not of peace. . . . All faces are turned into paleness. Alas! For that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of **Jacob's trouble**; but he shall be saved out of it.’ Jeremiah 30:5-7.” {The Great Controversy, page 616.1} (348.2)

(33) HOW WAS JACOB SUCCESSFUL THAT NIGHT AND WHAT DOES THAT TEACH US ABOUT HOW WE CAN BE SUCCESSFUL?

ANSWER - “Jacob's night of anguish, when he wrestled in prayer for deliverance from the hand of Esau (Genesis 32:24-30), represents the experience of God's people in the time of trouble. Because of the deception practiced to secure his father's blessing, intended for Esau, Jacob had fled for his life, alarmed by his brother's deadly threats. After remaining for many years an exile, he had set out, at God's command, to return with his wives and children, his flocks and herds, to his native country. On reaching the borders of the land, **he was filled with terror** by the tidings of Esau's approach at the head of a band of warriors, doubtless bent upon revenge. Jacob's company, unarmed and defenseless, seemed about to fall helpless victims of violence and slaughter. And to the burden of anxiety and fear was added the crushing weight of self-reproach,

for it was his own sin that had brought this danger. His only hope was in the mercy of god; **his only defense must be prayer**. Yet he leaves nothing undone on his own part to atone for the wrong to his brother and to avert the threatened danger. So, should the followers of Christ, as they approach the time of trouble, make every exertion to place themselves in a proper light before the people, to disarm prejudice, and to avert the danger which threatens liberty of conscience.” {The Great Controversy, page 616.2} (348.3)

(34) SATAN HOPES TO RULE SUPREME OVER EVERYONE ON PLANET EARTH. WHAT DOES HE ATTEMPT TO DO AGAINST THOSE WHO KEEP GOD’S COMMANDMENTS AND THUS RESIST HIS SUPREMACY?

ANSWER - “As Satan influenced Esau to march against Jacob, so he will stir up the wicked to destroy God's people in the time of trouble. And as he accused Jacob, he will urge his accusations against the people of God. He numbers the world as his subjects; but the little company who keep the commandments of God are resisting his supremacy. If he could **blot them from the earth**, his triumph would be complete. He sees that holy angels are guarding them, and he infers that their sins have been pardoned; but he does not know that their cases have been decided in the sanctuary above. He has an accurate knowledge of the sins which he has tempted them to commit, and he presents these before God in the most exaggerated light, representing this people to be just as deserving as himself of exclusion from the favor of God. He declares that the Lord cannot in justice forgive their sins and yet destroy him and his angels. He claims them as his prey and demands that they be given into his hands to destroy.” {The Great Controversy, page 618.2} (349.3)

(35) HOW HOPEFUL ARE GOD’S CHILDREN AT THIS TIME?

ANSWER - “As Satan accuses the people of God on account of their sins, the Lord permits him to try them to the uttermost. Their confidence in God, their faith and firmness, will be **severely tested**. As they review the past, their hopes sink; for in their whole lives they can see little good. They are **fully conscious of their weakness and unworthiness**. Satan endeavors to terrify them with the thought that their cases are hopeless, that the stain of their defilement will never be washed away. **He hopes so to destroy their faith** that they will yield to his temptations and turn from their allegiance to God.” {The Great Controversy, page 618.3} (349.3)

(36) OF WHAT ARE GOD’S PEOPLE AFRAID OF AT THIS TIME?

ANSWER - “Though God's people will be surrounded by enemies who are bent upon their destruction, yet the anguish which they suffer is not a dread of persecution for the truth's sake; **they fear that** every sin has not been repented of, and that **through some fault in themselves they will fail** to realize the fulfillment of the Saviour's promise: I ‘will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world.’ revelation 3:10. If they could have the assurance of pardon they would not shrink from torture or death; but should **they prove**

unworthy, and lose their lives because of their own defects of character, then God's holy name would be reproached.” {The Great Controversy, page 619.1} (350.2)

“On every hand they hear the plottings of treason and see the active working of rebellion; and there is aroused within them an intense desire, an earnest yearning of soul, that this great apostasy may be terminated and the wickedness of the wicked may come to an end. But **while they plead with God** to stay the work of rebellion, it is **with a keen sense of self-reproach** that they themselves have no more power to resist and urge back the mighty tide of evil. They feel that had they always employed all their ability in the service of Christ, going forward from strength to strength, Satan's forces would have less power to prevail against them.” {The Great Controversy, page 619.2} (350.3)

(37) WHAT THREE THINGS DO GOD’S FAITHFUL SUFFER?

ANSWER - “They afflict their souls before God, pointing to their past repentance of their many sins, and pleading the Saviour's promise: ‘Let him take hold of My strength, that he may make peace with Me; and he shall make peace with me.’ Isaiah 27:5. Their faith does not fail because their prayers are not immediately answered. **Though suffering the keenest anxiety, terror, and distress, they do not cease their intercessions.** They lay hold of the strength of god as Jacob laid hold of the Angel; and the language of their souls is: ‘I will not let Thee go, except Thou bless me.’ {The Great Controversy, page 619.3} (350.4)

(38) WHY DOES SATAN WANT US TO DELAY PREPARING FOR THE TROUBLE AHEAD?

ANSWER - “Satan leads many to believe that God will overlook their unfaithfulness in the minor affairs of life; but the Lord shows in His dealings with Jacob that He will in no wise sanction or tolerate evil. All who endeavor to excuse or conceal their sins, and permit them to remain upon the books of heaven, unconfessed and unforgiven, will be overcome by Satan. The more exalted their profession and the more honorable the position which they hold, the more grievous is their course in the sight of God and the more sure the triumph of their great adversary. **Those who delay a preparation for the day of God cannot obtain it in the time of trouble or at any subsequent time. The case of all such is hopeless.**” {The Great Controversy, page 620.2} (350.6)

(39) WHAT WILL THOSE PROFESSED CHRISTIANS DO, WHO COME UP TO THAT LAST FEARFUL CONFLICT UNPREPARED?

ANSWER - “Those professed Christians who come up to that last fearful conflict unprepared will, in their despair, **confess their sins in words of burning anguish**, while the wicked exult over their distress. These confessions are of the same character as was that of Esau or of Judas. Those who make them, lament the result of transgression, but not its guilt. They feel no true contrition, no abhorrence of evil. **They acknowledge their sin, through fear of punishment;** but, like pharaoh of old, **they would return to their defiance** of Heaven should the judgments be removed.” {The Great Controversy, page 620.3} (351.1)

(40) WHY DOES GOD PERMIT THIS AFFLICTION TO HIS PEOPLE?

ANSWER - “Jacob's history is also an assurance that God will not cast off those who have been deceived and tempted and betrayed into sin, but who have returned unto Him with true repentance. While Satan seeks to destroy this class, God will send His angels to comfort and protect them in the time of peril. The assaults of Satan are fierce and determined, his delusions are terrible; but the Lord's eye is upon His people, and His ear listens to their cries. Their affliction is great, the flames of the furnace seem about to consume them; but the Refiner will bring them forth as gold tried in the fire. God's love for His children during the period of their severest trial is as strong and tender as in the days of their sunniest prosperity; but **it is needful for them to be placed in the furnace of fire; their earthliness must be consumed, that the image of Christ may be perfectly reflected.**” {The Great Controversy, page 621.1} (351.2)

(41) WHAT KIND OF FAITH WILL THIS TIME OF DISTRESS AND ANGUISH REQUIRE?

ANSWER - “**The season of distress and anguish before us will require a faith that can endure weariness, delay, and hunger--a faith that will not faint though severely tried.** The period of probation is granted to all to prepare for that time. Jacob prevailed because he was persevering and determined. His victory is an evidence of the power of importunate = **(persistent) prayer.** All who will **lay hold of God's promises, as he did, and be as earnest and persevering as he was, will succeed as he succeeded.** Those who are unwilling to deny self, to **agonize before god, to pray long and earnestly** for His blessing, will not obtain it. Wrestling with God--how few know what it is! How few have ever had their souls drawn out after God with intensity of desire until every power is on the stretch. When waves of despair which no language can express sweep over the suppliant, how few cling with unyielding faith to the **promises** of God.” {The Great Controversy, page 621.2} (351.3). The word ‘persistent’ added for clarity).

“Those who exercise but little faith now, are in the greatest danger of falling under the power of satanic delusions and the decree to compel the conscience. And even if they endure the test they will be plunged into deeper distress and anguish in the time of trouble, because they have never made it a habit to trust in God. **The lessons of faith** which they have neglected they will be forced to **learn** under a terrible pressure of discouragement.” {The Great Controversy, page 622.1} (351.4)

“We should now acquaint ourselves with God by **proving his promises.** Angels record every **prayer that is earnest and sincere.** We should rather dispense with selfish gratifications than neglect **communion with God.** **The deepest poverty,** the greatest self-denial, with his approval, **is better than riches, honors, ease, and friendship without it.** We must take time to pray. If we allow our minds to be absorbed by worldly interests, the Lord may give us time by removing from us our idols of gold, of houses, or of fertile lands.” {The Great Controversy, page 622.2} (351.5)

(42) WHAT DOES BIBLE PROPHECY TELL US IS COMING SOON? HOW BAD WILL IT BE?

ANSWER - “The ‘time of trouble, such as never was,’ is soon to open upon us; and we shall need an experience which we do not now possess and which many are too indolent to obtain. It is often the case that trouble is greater in anticipation than in reality; but this is not true of the crisis before us. **The most vivid presentation cannot reach the magnitude of the ordeal.** In that time of trial, every soul must stand for himself before God. ‘Though Noah, Daniel, and Job’ were in the land, ‘as I live, saith the Lord God, they shall deliver neither son nor daughter; they shall but deliver their own souls by their righteousness.’ Ezekiel 14:20.” {The Great Controversy, page 622.4} (352.1)

“Now, while our great High Priest is making the atonement for us, we should seek to become perfect in Christ. He had kept His Father's commandments, and there was no sin in Him that Satan could use to his advantage. This is the condition in which those must be found who shall stand in the time of trouble.” {The Great Controversy, page 623.1} (352.2)

(43) SINCE WE ARE WEAK WHAT DOES OUR SAVIOUR INVITE US TO DO? +

ANSWER - “It is in this life that we are to separate sin from us, through faith in the atoning blood of Christ. Our precious Saviour invites us to join ourselves to him, to **unite our weakness to His strength, our ignorance to His wisdom, our unworthiness to His merits.** God's providence is the school in which we are to **learn the meekness and lowliness of Jesus.** The Lord is ever setting before us, not the way we would choose, which seems easier and pleasanter to us, but the true aims of life. It rests with us to co-operate with the agencies which Heaven employs in the work of conforming our characters to the divine model. None can neglect or defer this work but at the most fearful peril to their souls.” {The Great Controversy, page 623.2} (352.3)

(44) WHAT STRANGE ‘SUPERNATURAL’ UFO SIGHTS WILL WE SOON SEE IN THE SKIES OVERHEAD?

ANSWER - “**fearful sights of a supernatural character will soon be revealed in the heavens, in token of the power of miracle-working demons.** The spirits of devils will go forth to the kings of the earth and to the whole world, to fasten them in deception, and urge them on to unite with Satan in his last struggle against the government of heaven. By these agencies, rulers and subjects will be alike deceived. Persons will arise pretending to be Christ Himself, and claiming the title and worship which belong to the world's Redeemer. **They will perform wonderful miracles of healing and will profess to have revelations from heaven contradicting the testimony of the scriptures.**” {The Great Controversy, page 624.1} (352.5)

(45) WHAT IS SATAN’S GREATEST ACT OF DECEPTION THAT HE WILL SOON USE TO UNITE THE PEOPLE OF PLANET EARTH IN REBELLION AGAINST GOD?

ANSWER - **“As the crowning act in the great drama of deception, Satan himself will personate Christ.** The church has long professed to look to the Saviour's advent as the consummation of her hopes. Now the great deceiver will make it appear that Christ has come. In different parts of the earth, Satan will manifest himself among men as a majestic being of dazzling brightness, resembling the description of the Son of God given by John in the Revelation. Revelation 1:13-15. The glory that surrounds him is unsurpassed by anything that mortal eyes have yet beheld. **The shout of triumph rings out upon the air: ‘Christ has come! Christ has come!’** The people prostrate themselves in adoration before him, while he lifts up his hands and pronounces a blessing upon them, as Christ blessed His disciples when He was upon the earth. His voice is soft and subdued, yet full of melody. **in gentle, compassionate tones he presents some of the same gracious, heavenly truths which the Saviour uttered; he heals the diseases of the people, and then, in his assumed character of Christ, he claims to have changed the Sabbath to Sunday, and commands all to hallow the day which he has blessed.** He declares that those who persist in keeping holy the seventh day are blaspheming his name by refusing to listen to his angels sent to them with light and truth. This is the strong, almost overmastering delusion. Like the Samaritans who were deceived by Simon Magus, the multitudes, from the least to the greatest, give heed to these sorceries, saying: This is ‘the great power of God.’ Acts 8:10.” {The Great Controversy, page 624.2} (353.1)

(46) WHY WILL GOD’S LOYAL PEOPLE KNOW THAT THIS SUPERNATURAL BEING WHO CLAIMS TO BE CHRIST IS REALLY SATAN SINCE HE WILL LOOK AND TALK LIKE CHRIST?

ANSWER - “But the people of God will not be misled. **The teachings of this false christ are not in accordance with the scriptures.** His blessing is pronounced upon the worshipers of the beast and his image, the very class upon whom the Bible declares that God's unmingled wrath shall be poured out.” {The Great Controversy, page 625.1} (353.2)

“And, furthermore, **Satan is not permitted to counterfeit the manner of Christ's advent.** The Saviour has warned His people against deception upon this point, and has clearly foretold the manner of His second coming. ‘There shall arise false christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. . . . Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, He is in the desert; go not forth; behold, He is in the secret chambers; believe it not. For **as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be.**’ Matthew 24:24-27, 31; 25:31; Revelation 1:7; 1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17. This coming there is no possibility of counterfeiting. **It will be universally known--witnessed by the whole world.** {The Great Controversy, page 625.2} (353.3)

(47) WHO, ONLY, WILL BE SHIELDED FROM THIS ‘POWERFUL DELUSION THAT TAKES THE WORLD CAPTIVE?’

ANSWER - “Only those who have been **diligent students of the scriptures and who have received the love of the truth** will be shielded from the powerful delusion that takes the world captive. By the Bible testimony these will detect the deceiver in his disguise. **To all the testing time will come.** By the sifting of temptation the genuine Christian will be revealed. Are the people of God now so firmly established upon His word that they would not yield to the evidence of their senses? Would they, in such a crisis, cling to the Bible and the Bible only? {The Great Controversy, page 625.3} (353.4)

(48) WHAT IS SATAN SEEKING TO DO SO WE WON'T BE PREPARED FOR THE FINAL CRISIS? {The Great Controversy, page 625.3}

ANSWER - Satan will, if possible, prevent them from obtaining a preparation to stand in that day. He will so arrange affairs as to hedge up their way, entangle them with earthly treasures, cause them to carry a heavy, wearisome burden, that their hearts may be **overcharged with the cares of this life and the day of trial may come.**” {The Great Controversy, page 625.3} (353.4)

NOTE: The death decree will give anyone the legal right to kill those who are loyal to God upon a certain date.) What do the people of God do as the time for the death decree to go into effect draws near?

“As the decree issued by the various rulers of Christendom against commandment keepers shall withdraw the protection of government and abandon them to those who desire their destruction, **the people of God will flee from the cities and villages and associate together in companies, dwelling in the most desolate and solitary places.** Many will find refuge in the strongholds of **the mountains.** Like the Christians of the Piedmont valleys, they will make the high places of the earth their sanctuaries and will thank God for ‘the munitions of rocks.’ Isaiah 33:16.” {The Great Controversy, page 626.1} (354.1)

(49) WILL ALL OF GOD'S PEOPLE FIND REFUGE IN THE MOUNTAINS? WHERE WILL THE REST OF GOD'S PEOPLE BE?

ANSWER - “But **many** of all nations and of all classes, high and low, rich and poor, black and white, will be cast into **the most unjust and cruel bondage.** The beloved of God pass weary days, **bound in chains,** shut in by **prison bars, sentenced to be slain,** some apparently left to die of starvation in dark and loathsome dungeons. No human ear is open to hear their moans; no human hand is ready to lend them help. {The Great Controversy, page 626.1} (354.1)

Will the Lord forget His people in this trying hour? Did He forget faithful Noah when judgments were visited upon the antediluvian world? Did He forget Lot when the fire came down from heaven to consume the cities of the plain? Did He forget Joseph surrounded by idolaters in Egypt? Did He forget Elijah when the oath of Jezebel threatened him with the fate of

the prophets of Baal? Did He forget Jeremiah in the dark and dismal pit of his prison house? Did He forget the three worthies in the fiery furnace? or Daniel in the den of lions? {The Great Controversy, page 626.2} (354.2)

(50) WHO WILL VISIT GOD’S LOYAL PEOPLE IN PRISON?

ANSWER - “Though enemies may thrust them into **prison, yet dungeon walls** cannot cut off the communication between their souls and Christ. One who sees their every weakness, who is acquainted with every trial, is above all earthly powers; and **angels will come to them in lonely cells, bringing light and peace from heaven.** The prison will be as a palace; for the rich in faith dwell there, and the gloomy walls will be lighted up with heavenly light as when Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises at midnight in the Philippian dungeon. {The Great Controversy, page 627.1} (354.3)

(51) WHAT WILL GOD FINALLY DO TO THOSE WHO ARE SEEKING TO OPPRESS AND DESTROY HIS PEOPLE?

ANSWER - **God's judgments will be visited upon those who are seeking to oppress and destroy his people.** His long forbearance with the wicked emboldens men in transgression, but their punishment is nonetheless certain and terrible because it is long delayed. ‘The Lord shall rise up as in Mount Perazim, He shall be wroth as in the valley of Gibeon, that He may do His work, his strange work; and bring to pass his act, his strange act.’ Isaiah 28:21. To our merciful God the act of punishment is a strange act. ‘As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked.’ Ezekiel 33:11. The Lord is ‘merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth . . . forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin.’ Yet He will ‘by no means clear the guilty.’ {The Great Controversy, page 627.2} (354.5)

THE CLOSE OF PROBATION, THE SEVEN LAST PLAGUES

(52) WHAT ARE THE FIRST THREE TYPES OF PUNISHMENT GOD POURS OUT ON THOSE WHO SEEK TO OPPRESS AND DESTROY HIS CHILDREN?

ANSWER – “When Christ ceases His intercession in the sanctuary, the unmingled wrath threatened against those who worship the beast and his image and receive his mark (Revelation 14:9, 10), will be poured out. The plagues upon Egypt when God was about to deliver Israel were similar in character to those more terrible and extensive judgments which are to fall upon the world just before the final deliverance of God's people. Says the revelator, in describing those terrific scourges: (1) ‘**THERE FELL A NOISOME AND GRIEVOUS SORE** upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshiped his image.’ (2) **THE SEA ‘BECAME AS THE BLOOD** of a dead man: **AND EVERY LIVING SOUL DIED IN THE SEA.**’ and (3) ‘**THE RIVERS** and fountains of waters . . . **BECAME BLOOD.**’ Terrible as these inflictions are, God's justice stands fully vindicated. The angel of God declares: ‘Thou art righteous, O Lord . . . because Thou hast judged thus. For they have shed the blood of saints and

prophets, and Thou hast **GIVEN THEM BLOOD TO DRINK**; for they are worthy.’ Revelation 16:2-6. By condemning the people of God to death, they have as truly incurred the guilt of their blood as if it had been shed by their hands. In like manner Christ declared the Jews of His time guilty of all the blood of holy men which had been shed since the days of Abel; for they possessed the same spirit and were seeking to do the same work with these murderers of the prophets. {The Great Controversy, page 627.3-4} (355.1)

(53) WHAT IS THE FOURTH PUNISHMENT GOD POURS OUT ON THOSE WHO SEEK TO OPPRESS AND DESTROY HIS CHILDREN?

ANSWER - In the plague that follows, power is given to **THE SUN ‘TO SCORCH MEN WITH FIRE. AND MEN WERE SCORCHED WITH GREAT HEAT.’** Verses 8, 9. The prophets thus describe the condition of the earth at this fearful time: ‘The land mourneth; . . . because the harvest of the field is perished. . . . All **THE TREES** of the field are **WITHERED**: because joy is withered away from the sons of men.’ ‘The seed is rotten under their clods, the garners are laid desolate. . . . How do the beasts groan! The **HERDS OF CATTLE** are perplexed, because they have no pasture. . . . The rivers of water are dried up, and the fire hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness.’ ‘The songs of the temple shall be howlings in that day, saith the Lord God: there shall be **MANY DEAD BODIES IN EVERY PLACE**; they shall cast them forth with silence.’ Joel 1:10-12, 17-20; Amos 8:3.” {The Great Controversy, page 628.1} (355.2)

“These plagues are not universal, or the inhabitants of the earth would be wholly cut off. Yet they will be the most awful scourges that have ever been known to mortals. All the judgments upon men, prior to the close of probation, have been mingled with mercy. The pleading blood of Christ has shielded the sinner from receiving the full measure of his guilt; but in the final judgment, **WRATH IS Poured OUT UNMIXED WITH MERCY.**” {The Great Controversy, page 628.2} (355.3)

(54) WHEN GOD POURS THESE PLAGUES OUT, WHAT WILL THE REBELLIOUS PEOPLE DESIRE?

ANSWER – “In that day, multitudes will desire the shelter of God's mercy which they have so long despised. ‘Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord: and they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to **SEEK THE WORD OF THE LORD, AND SHALL NOT FIND IT.**’ Amos 8:11, 12. {The Great Controversy, page 629.1} (355.4)

(55) WHILE THE WICKED ARE DYING FROM HUNGER AND DISEASE, WHAT WILL THE ANGELS OF GOD DO FOR THE RIGHTEOUS?

ANSWER - The people of God will not be free from suffering; but while persecuted and distressed, while they endure privation and suffer for want of food they will not be left to perish.

That God who cared for Elijah will not pass by one of His self-sacrificing children. He who numbers the hairs of their head will care for them, and in time of famine they shall be satisfied. **WHILE THE WICKED ARE DYING FROM HUNGER AND PESTILENCE, ANGELS WILL SHIELD THE RIGHTEOUS AND SUPPLY THEIR WANTS.** To him that ‘walketh righteously’ is the promise: ‘Bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure.’ ‘When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue faileth for thirst, I the Lord will hear them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them.’ Isaiah 33:15, 16; 41:17. {The Great Controversy, page 629.2} (355.5)

‘Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labor of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls;’ yet shall they that fear Him ‘rejoice in the Lord’ and joy in the God of their salvation. Habakkuk 3:17, 18. {The Great Controversy, page 629.3} (356.1)

“The Lord . . . shall cover thee with His feathers, and under His wings shalt thou trust: His truth shall be thy shield and buckler. Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked. Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the Most High, thy habitation; there shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.’ Psalm 121:5-7; 91:3-10. {The Great Controversy, page 629.4} (356.2)

(56) WHAT DO THE PEOPLE OF GOD FEAR AT THIS TIME? WHAT DO THEY DO DAY AND NIGHT?

ANSWER – “Yet to human sight it will appear that the people of God must soon seal their testimony with their blood as did the martyrs before them. They themselves begin to fear that the Lord has left them to fall by the hand of their enemies. It is a time of fearful agony. Day and night they cry unto God for deliverance. The wicked exult, and the jeering cry is heard: ‘Where now is your faith? Why does not God deliver you out of our hands if you are indeed His people?’ But the waiting ones remember Jesus dying upon Calvary’s cross and the chief priests and rulers shouting in mockery: ‘He saved others; Himself He cannot save. If He be the King of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe Him.’ Matthew 27:42. Like Jacob, all are wrestling with God. Their countenances express their internal struggle. Paleness sits upon every face. Yet they cease not their earnest intercession.” {The Great Controversy, page 630.1} (356.3)

(57) WHAT DOES GOD SURROUND HIS PEOPLE WITH AT THIS TIME?

ANSWER – “Could men see with heavenly vision, they would behold companies of angels that excel in strength stationed about those who have kept the word of Christ’s patience. With sympathizing tenderness, angels have witnessed their distress and have heard their prayers. They

are waiting the word of their Commander to snatch them from their peril. But they must wait yet a little longer. The people of God must drink of the cup and be baptized with the baptism. The very delay, so painful to them, is the best answer to their petitions. As they endeavor to wait trustingly for the Lord to work they are led to exercise faith, hope, and patience, which have been too little exercised during their religious experience. Yet for the elect's sake the time of trouble will be shortened. 'Shall not God avenge His own elect, which cry day and night unto Him? . . . I tell you that He will avenge them speedily.' Luke 18:7, 8. The end will come more quickly than men expect. The wheat will be gathered and bound in sheaves for the garner of God; the tares will be bound as fagots for the fires of destruction." {The Great Controversy, page 630.2} (356.4)

(58) WHAT DOES IT MEAN, TO BE 'BAPTIZED WITH THE BAPTISM?'

ANSWER - But the Saviour answered, 'Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' They recalled His mysterious words pointing to trial and suffering, yet answered confidently, 'We are able.' They would count it highest honor to prove their loyalty by sharing all that was to befall their Lord. 'Ye shall drink indeed of My cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with,' James and John were to be sharers with their Master in suffering--the one, destined to swift-coming death by the sword; the other, longest of all the disciples to follow his Master in labor and reproach and persecution. Matthew 20:21-23. The Acts of the Apostles (1911), page 542

It was an hour of terrible, fearful agony to the saints. They cried day and night unto God for deliverance. To outward appearance, there was no possibility of their escape. The wicked had already commenced their triumphing, and were crying out, why don't your God deliver you out of our hands? Why don't you go up, and save your lives? The saints heeded them not. They were wrestling with God like Jacob. The angels longed to deliver them; but they must wait a little longer, and drink of the cup, and be baptized with the baptism. Spiritual Gifts. Volume 1, page 202

(59) WHAT HAPPENS WHEN SOME PEOPLE ATTACK GOD'S CHILDREN BEFORE THE LAW PERMITS THEM TO DO SO? WHO ARE THE 'ARMY SOLDIERS' WHO FIGHT THEN FOR GOD'S CHILDREN?

ANSWER - "The heavenly sentinels, faithful to their trust, continue their watch. Though a general decree has fixed the time when commandment keepers may be put to death, their enemies will in some cases anticipate the decree, and before the time specified, will endeavor to take their lives. But none can pass the mighty guardians stationed about every faithful soul. Some are assailed in their flight from the cities and villages; but the swords raised against them break and fall powerless as a straw. Others are defended by angels in the form of men of war. {The Great Controversy, page 631.1} (357.1)

(60) WHAT DO GOD’S LOYAL PEOPLE HEAR HIM SAY AT THIS TIME?

ANSWER – “As the wrestling ones urge their petitions before God, the veil separating them from the unseen seems almost withdrawn. The heavens glow with the dawning of eternal day, and like the melody of angel songs the words fall upon the ear: ‘Stand fast to your allegiance. Help is coming.’ Christ, the almighty Victor, holds out to His weary soldiers a crown of immortal glory; and His voice comes from the gates ajar: ‘Lo, I am with you. Be not afraid. I am acquainted with all your sorrows; I have borne your griefs. You are not warring against untried enemies. I have fought the battle in your behalf, and in My name you are more than conquerors.’ {The Great Controversy, page 632.3} (357.5)

(61) WHEN THE PLAGUES BEGIN FALLING, BY WHAT TWO MEANS DO GOD’S PEOPLE FEAR DEATH?

ANSWER – “The eye of God, looking down the ages, was fixed upon the crisis which His people are to meet, when earthly powers shall be arrayed against them. Like the captive exile, they will be in fear of death by starvation or by violence. But the Holy One who divided the Red Sea before Israel, will manifest His mighty power and turn their captivity. ‘They shall be Mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up My jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.’ Malachi 3:17. If the blood of Christ's faithful witnesses were shed at this time, it would not, like the blood of the martyrs, be as seed sown to yield a harvest for God. Their fidelity would not be a testimony to convince others of the truth; for the obdurate heart has beaten back the waves of mercy until they return no more.” {The Great Controversy, page 634.1} (358.4)

(62) WHEN THE PLAGUES BEGIN FALLING HOW MANY OF GOD’S PEOPLE WILL DIE OR BE KILLED AT THIS TIME?

ANSWER – “If the righteous were now left to fall a prey to their enemies, it would be a triumph for the prince of darkness. Says the psalmist: ‘In the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion: in the secret of His tabernacle shall He hide me.’ Psalm 27:5. Christ has spoken: ‘Come, My people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast. For, behold, the Lord cometh out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity.’ Isaiah 26:20, 21. Glorious will be the deliverance of those who have patiently waited for His coming and whose names are written in the book of life.” {The Great Controversy, page 634.1} (358.4)

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CHAPTER 40 - GOD'S PEOPLE DELIVERED

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(63) WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE ACTUAL DATE OF THE DEATH DECREE DRAWS NEAR?

ANSWER – “When the protection of human laws shall be withdrawn from those who honor the law of God, there will be, in different lands, a simultaneous movement for their destruction. As the time appointed in the decree draws near, the people will conspire to root out the hated sect. It will be determined to strike in one night a decisive blow, which shall utterly silence the voice of dissent and reproof.” {The Great Controversy, page 635.1} (359.1)

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(64) WHEN WILL JESUS DELIVER HIS PEOPLE?

ANSWER – “The people of God--some in prison cells, some hidden in solitary retreats in the forests and the mountains--still plead for divine protection, while in every quarter companies of armed men, urged on by hosts of evil angels, are preparing for the work of death. It is now, in the hour of utmost extremity, that the God of Israel will interpose for the deliverance of His chosen.” {The Great Controversy, page 635.2} (359.2)

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(65) HOW WILL JESUS DELIVER HIS PEOPLE? WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN COMPANIES OF ARMED MEN ATTACK GOD’S LOYAL PEOPLE?

ANSWER – “With shouts of triumph, jeering, and imprecation, throngs of evil men are about to rush upon their prey, when, lo, a dense blackness, deeper than the darkness of the night, falls upon the earth. Then a rainbow, shining with the glory from the throne of God, spans the heavens and seems to encircle each praying company. The angry multitudes are suddenly arrested. Their mocking cries die away. The objects of their murderous rage are forgotten. With fearful forebodings they gaze upon the symbol of God’s covenant and long to be shielded from its overpowering brightness. {The Great Controversy, page 635.3} (359.3)

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(66) WHAT DO GOD’S PEOPLE HEAR GOD SAY AT THIS TIME?

ANSWER – “By the people of God a voice, clear and melodious, is heard, saying, ‘Look up,’ and lifting their eyes to the heavens, they behold the bow of promise. The black, angry clouds that covered the firmament are parted, and like Stephen they look up steadfastly into heaven and see the glory of God and the Son of man seated upon His throne. In His divine form they discern the marks of His humiliation; and from His lips they hear the request presented before His Father and the holy angels: ‘I will that they also, whom Thou hast given Me, be with Me where I am.’ John 17:24. Again a voice, musical and triumphant, is heard, saying: ‘They come! They come! Holy, harmless, and undefiled. They have kept the word of My patience; they shall walk among the angels;’ and the pale, quivering lips of those who have held fast their faith utter a shout of victory.” {The Great Controversy, page 636.1} (359.4)

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(67) WHAT TIME OF DAY DOES GOD CHOOSE TO DELIVER HIS PEOPLE? WHAT SUPERNATURAL SIGHT OCCURS AT MIDNIGHT?

ANSWER – “It is at midnight that God manifests His power for the deliverance of His people. The sun appears, shining in its strength. Signs and wonders follow in quick succession. The wicked look with terror and amazement upon the scene, while the righteous behold with solemn joy the tokens of their deliverance. Everything in nature seems turned out of its course.” {The Great Controversy, page 636.2} (360.1)

(68) WHAT DOES GOD SAY?

ANSWER – “The streams cease to flow. Dark, heavy clouds come up and clash against each other. In the midst of the angry heavens is one clear space of indescribable glory, whence comes the voice of God like the sound of many waters, saying: ‘It is done.’ Revelation 16:17.” {The Great Controversy, page 636.2} (360.1)

(69) WHAT HAPPENS WHEN GOD SAYS, ‘IT IS DONE?’

ANSWER – “That voice shakes the heavens and the earth. There is a mighty earthquake, ‘such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great.’ Verses 17, 18. Soon I heard the voice of God, which shook the heavens and the earth. There was a mighty earthquake. Buildings were shaken down on every side. I then heard a triumphant shout of victory, loud, musical, and clear. I looked upon the company who, a short time before, were in such distress and bondage. Their captivity was turned. A glorious light shone upon them. How beautiful they then looked! All marks of care and weariness were gone, and health and beauty were seen in every countenance. Their enemies, the heathen around them, fell like dead men; they could not endure the light that shone upon the delivered, holy ones.” Christian Experience and Teachings page 178

(70) WHEN GOD SPEAKS WHAT HAPPENS TO THE RICH WHO PRIDED THEMSELVES ON THEIR SUPERIORITY TO THOSE LESS FAVORED?

ANSWER – “When the voice of God turns the captivity of His people, there is a terrible awakening of those who have lost all in the great conflict of life. While probation continued they were blinded by Satan’s deceptions, and they justified their course of sin. The rich prided themselves upon their superiority to those who were less favored; but they had obtained their riches by violation of the law of God. They had neglected to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to deal justly, and to love mercy. They had sought to exalt themselves and to obtain the homage of their fellow creatures. Now they are stripped of all that made them great and are left destitute and defenseless. They look with terror upon the destruction of the idols which they preferred before their Maker. They have sold their souls for earthly riches and enjoyments, and have not sought to become rich toward God. The result is, their lives are a failure; their pleasures are now turned to gall, their treasures to corruption. The gain of a lifetime is swept away in a moment. The rich bemoan the destruction of their grand houses, the scattering of their gold and silver. But

their lamentations are silenced by the fear that they themselves are to perish with their idols.’ {The Great Controversy, page 654.1} (369.3)

(71) WHAT HAPPENS IN THE SKY, THE SEA, THE MOUNTAIN CHAINS, THE ISLANDS, AND THE WICKED SEAPORTS?

ANSWER – ‘The firmament appears to open and shut. The glory from the throne of God seems flashing through. The mountains shake like a reed in the wind, and ragged rocks are scattered on every side. There is a roar as of a coming tempest. The sea is lashed into fury. There is heard the shriek of a hurricane like the voice of demons upon a mission of destruction. The whole earth heaves and swells like the waves of the sea. Its surface is breaking up. Its very foundations seem to be giving way. Mountain chains are sinking. Inhabited islands disappear. The seaports that have become like Sodom for wickedness are swallowed up by the angry waters. Babylon the great has come in remembrance before God, ‘to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath.’ Great hailstones, every one ‘about the weight of a talent,’ are doing their work of destruction. Verses 19, 21. The proudest cities of the earth are laid low. The lordly palaces, upon which the world's great men have lavished their wealth in order to glorify themselves, are crumbling to ruin before their eyes. Prison walls are rent asunder, and God's people, who have been held in bondage for their faith, are set free.’ {The Great Controversy, page 636.3} (360.2)

(72) WHAT HAPPENS IN THE GRAVEYARDS OF PLANET EARTH?

ANSWER – ‘Graves are opened, and ‘many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth. . . awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.’ Daniel 12:2. All who have died in the faith of the third angel's message come forth from the tomb glorified, to hear God's covenant of peace with those who have kept His law. ‘They also which pierced Him’ (Revelation 1:7), those that mocked and derided Christ's dying agonies, and the most violent opposers of His truth and His people, are raised to behold Him in His glory and to see the honor placed upon the loyal and obedient.’ {The Great Controversy, page 637.1} (360.3)

(73) WHAT SIGHTS AND SOUNDS NOW SURROUND PLANET EARTH?

ANSWER – “Thick clouds still cover the sky; yet the sun now and then breaks through, appearing like the avenging eye of Jehovah. Fierce lightnings leap from the heavens, enveloping the earth in a sheet of flame.” {The Great Controversy, page 637.2} (360.4)

(74) WHAT ARE THE FALSE TEACHERS DOING NOW?

ANSWER – “Above the terrific roar of thunder, voices, mysterious and awful, declare the doom of the wicked. The words spoken are not comprehended by all; but they are distinctly understood by the false teachers. Those who a little before were so reckless, so boastful and defiant, so

exultant in their cruelty to God's commandment-keeping people, are now overwhelmed with consternation and shuddering in fear. Their wails are heard above the sound of the elements. Demons acknowledge the deity of Christ and tremble before His power, while men are supplicating for mercy and groveling in abject terror.” {The Great Controversy, page 637.2} (360.4)

ANSWER – “Said the prophets of old, as they beheld in holy vision the day of God: ‘Howl ye; for the day of the Lord is at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty.’ Isaiah 13:6. ‘Enter into the rock, and hide thee in the dust, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of His majesty. The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day. For the day of the Lord of hosts shall be upon everyone that is proud and lofty, and upon everyone that is lifted up; and he shall be brought low.’ ‘In that day a man shall cast the idols of his silver, and the idols of his gold, which they made each one for himself to worship, to the moles and to the bats; to go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the tops of the ragged rocks, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of His majesty, when He ariseth to shake terribly the earth.’ Isaiah 2:10-12, 20, 21, margin.” {The Great Controversy, page 638.1} (361.1)

(75) AS THE CLOUDS PART, WHAT DO PEOPLE SEE AS THEY LOOK UP?

ANSWER – “Through a rift in the clouds there beams a star whose brilliancy is increased fourfold in contrast with the darkness. It speaks hope and joy to the faithful, but severity and wrath to the transgressors of God's law. Those who have sacrificed all for Christ are now secure, hidden as in the secret of the Lord's pavilion. They have been tested, and before the world and the despisers of truth they have evinced their fidelity to Him who died for them.” {The Great Controversy, page 638.2} (361.2)

(76) WHAT CHANGE DO THOSE WHO SACRIFICED ALL FOR CHRIST EXPERIENCE?

ANSWER – “A marvelous change has come over those who have held fast their integrity in the very face of death. They have been suddenly delivered from the dark and terrible tyranny of men transformed to demons. Their faces, so lately pale, anxious, and haggard, are now aglow with wonder, faith, and love. Their voices rise in triumphant song: ‘God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof.’ Psalm 46:1-3.” {The Great Controversy, page 638.2} (361.2)

(77) NEXT THE CLOUDS PART AND A HAND APPEARS IN THE SKY HOLDING SOMETHING. WHAT IS THE HAND HOLDING? WHAT DOES THAT HAND OPEN?

ANSWER – “While these words of holy trust ascend to God, the clouds sweep back, and the starry heavens are seen, unspeakably glorious in contrast with the black and angry firmament on

either side. The glory of the celestial city streams from the gates ajar. Then there appears against the sky a hand holding two tables of stone folded together. Says the prophet: 'The heavens shall declare His righteousness: for God is judge Himself.' Psalm 50:6. That holy law, God's righteousness, that amid thunder and flame was proclaimed from Sinai as the guide of life, is now revealed to men as the rule of judgment. The hand opens the tables, and there are seen the precepts of the Decalogue, traced as with a pen of fire. The words are so plain that all can read them. Memory is aroused, the darkness of superstition and heresy is swept from every mind, and God's ten words, brief, comprehensive, and authoritative, are presented to the view of all the inhabitants of the earth." {The Great Controversy, page 639.1} (361.3)

"It is impossible to describe the horror and despair of those who have trampled upon God's holy requirements. The Lord gave them His law; they might have compared their characters with it and learned their defects while there was yet opportunity for repentance and reform; but in order to secure the favor of the world, they set aside its precepts and taught others to transgress. They have endeavored to compel God's people to profane His Sabbath. Now they are condemned by that law which they have despised. With awful distinctness they see that they are without excuse. They chose whom they would serve and worship. 'Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth Him not.' Malachi 3:18." {The Great Controversy, page 639.2} (361.4)

(78) WHAT DO THE ENEMIES OF GOD'S LAW NOW SEE CONCERNING THE SABBATH OF THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT?

ANSWER – "The enemies of God's law, from the ministers down to the least among them, have a new conception of truth and duty. Too late they see that the Sabbath of the fourth commandment is the seal of the living God. Too late they see the true nature of their spurious sabbath and the sandy foundation upon which they have been building. They find that they have been fighting against God. Religious teachers have led souls to perdition while professing to guide them to the gates of Paradise. Not until the day of final accounts will it be known how great is the responsibility of men in holy office and how terrible are the results of their unfaithfulness. Only in eternity can we rightly estimate the loss of a single soul. Fearful will be the doom of him to whom God shall say: Depart, thou wicked servant." {The Great Controversy, page 640.1} (362.1)

(79) WHAT DOES GOD NOW ANNOUNCE WITH HIS OWN VOICE?

ANSWER – "The voice of God is heard from heaven, declaring the day and hour of Jesus ' coming, and delivering the everlasting covenant to His people. Like peals of loudest thunder His words roll through the earth." {The Great Controversy, page 640.2} (362.2)

(80) WHEN GOD SPEAKS WHAT HAPPENS TO THE FACES OF ALL GOD'S FAITHFUL CHILDREN? }

God transforms the faces of his children to shine like the noon day sun

ANSWER – “The Israel of God stand listening, with their eyes fixed upward. Their countenances are lighted up with His glory, and shine as did the face of Moses when he came down from Sinai. The wicked cannot look upon them. And when the blessing is pronounced on those who have honored God by keeping His Sabbath holy, there is a mighty shout of victory.” {The Great Controversy, page 640.2} (362.2)

(81) WHAT IS NOW VISIBLE IN THE SKY TOWARD THE EAST?

“Soon there appears in the east a small black cloud, about half the size of a man's hand. It is the cloud which surrounds the Saviour and which seems in the distance to be shrouded in darkness. The people of God know this to be the sign of the Son of man.” {The Great Controversy, page 640.3} (362.3)

The small dark cloud becomes a great white cloud with fire below and a rainbow above

(82) WHAT HAPPENS TO THE SMALL BLACK CLOUD AS IT GETS NEARER THE EARTH?

ANSWER – “In solemn silence they gaze upon it as it draws nearer the earth, becoming lighter and more glorious, until it is a great white cloud, its base a glory like consuming fire, and above it the rainbow of the covenant. Jesus rides forth as a mighty conqueror. Not now a ‘Man of Sorrows,’ to drink the bitter cup of shame and woe, He comes, victor in heaven and earth, to judge the living and the dead. ‘Faithful and True,’ ‘in righteousness He doth judge and make war.’” {The Great Controversy, page 640.3} (362.3)

Christ comes with millions of angels!

(83) WHO COMES WITH JESUS AS HE APPROACHES PLANET EARTH FROM THE EASTERN SKY?

ANSWER – “And ‘the armies which were in heaven’ (Revelation 19:11, 14) follow Him. With anthems of celestial melody the holy angels, a vast, unnumbered throng, attend Him on His way. The firmament seems filled with radiant forms--’ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands.’ No human pen can portray the scene; no mortal mind is adequate to conceive its splendor. ‘His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of His praise. And His brightness was as the light.’ Habakkuk 3:3, 4.” {The Great Controversy, page 640.3} (362.3)

(84) WHAT IS EVERYBODY ON PLANET EARTH LOOKING AT?

ANSWER – “As the living cloud comes still nearer, every eye beholds the Prince of life. No crown of thorns now mars that sacred head; but a diadem of glory rests on His holy brow.” {The Great Controversy, page 640.3} (362.3)

‘Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen.’ Revelation 1:7”

(85) WHICH IS BRIGHTER, THE SUN AT 12 NOON OR THE FACE OF JESUS?

ANSWER - His countenance outshines the dazzling brightness of the noonday sun. ‘And He hath on His vesture and on His thigh a name written, King of kings, and Lord of lords.’ Revelation 19:16.” {The Great Controversy, page 640.3} (362.3)

(86) HOW MANY FACES OF THOSE WHO WATCH THIS SCENE, BOTH THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE WICKED, TURN PALE?

ANSWER – “Before His presence ‘all faces are turned into paleness;’ upon the rejecters of God’s mercy falls the terror of eternal despair. ‘The heart melteth, and the knees smite together . . . and the faces of them all gather blackness.’ Jeremiah 30:6; Nahum 2:10. The righteous cry with trembling: ‘Who shall be able to stand?’ The angels’ song is hushed, and there is a period of awful silence. Then the voice of Jesus is heard, saying: ‘My grace is sufficient for you.’ The faces of the righteous are lighted up, and joy fills every heart. And the angels strike a note higher and sing again as they draw still nearer to the earth.” {The Great Controversy, page 641.1} (362.4)

(87) WHEN CHRIST COMES IN A CLOUD ‘WRAPPED IN FLAMING FIRE’ WHAT HAPPENS TO ‘EVERY MOUNTAIN AND EVERY ISLAND?’

ANSWER – “The King of kings descends upon the cloud, wrapped in flaming fire. The heavens are rolled together as a scroll, the earth trembles before Him, and every mountain and island is moved out of its place. ‘Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before Him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about Him. He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that He may judge His people.’ Psalm 50:3, 4.” {The Great Controversy, page 641.2} (363.1)

(88) AS THE KING OF KINGS COMES CLOSER TO EARTH ON A CLOUD WRAPPED IN FLAMING FIRE WHERE DO THE KINGS, GREAT MEN, RICH MEN AND ALL OF THE LOST GO TO HIDE?

ANSWER – “And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every freeman, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; and said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide

us from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: for the great day of His wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?’ Revelation 6:15-17.” {The Great Controversy, page 642.1} (363.2)

(89) WHAT DO THE WICKED PRAY FOR AT THIS TIME?

ANSWER – “The derisive jests have ceased. Lying lips are hushed into silence. The clash of arms, the tumult of battle, ‘with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood’ (Isaiah 9:5), is stilled. Nought now is heard but the voice of prayer and the sound of weeping and lamentation. The cry bursts forth from lips so lately scoffing: ‘The great day of His wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?’ The wicked pray to be buried beneath the rocks of the mountains rather than meet the face of Him whom they have despised and rejected.” {The Great Controversy, page 642.2}(363.3)

“That voice which penetrates the ear of the dead, they know. How often have its plaintive, tender tones called them to repentance. How often has it been heard in the touching entreaties of a friend, a brother, a Redeemer. To the rejecters of His grace no other could be so full of condemnation, so burdened with denunciation, as that voice which has so long pleaded: ‘Turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die?’ Ezekiel 33:11. Oh, that it were to them the voice of a stranger! Says Jesus: ‘I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out My hand, and no man regarded; but ye have set at nought all My counsel, and would none of My reproof.’ Proverbs 1:24, 25. That voice awakens memories which they would fain blot out--warnings despised, invitations refused, privileges slighted.” {The Great Controversy, page 642.3} (363.4)

(90) WHO HAS GOD ESPECIALLY RAISED FROM THE DEAD TO SEE JESUS COME? }

ANSWER – “There are those who mocked Christ in His humiliation. With thrilling power co me to their minds the Sufferer's words, when, adjured by the high priest, He solemnly declared: ‘Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.’ Matthew 26:64. Now they behold Him in His glory, and they are yet to see Him sitting on the right hand of power.” {The Great Controversy, page 643.1} (363.5)

(91) WHAT DO THE PEOPLE DO WHO MOCKED HIM AS HE DIED UPON THE CROSS?

ANSWER – “Those who derided His claim to be the Son of God are speechless now. There is the haughty Herod who jeered at His royal title and bade the mocking soldiers crown Him king. There are the very men who with impious hands placed upon His form the purple robe, upon His sacred brow the thorny crown, and in His unresisting hand the mimic scepter, and bowed before Him in blasphemous mockery. The men who smote and spit upon the Prince of life now turn from His piercing gaze and seek to flee from the overpowering glory of His presence. Those who

drove the nails through His hands and feet, the soldier who pierced His side, behold these marks with terror and remorse.” {The Great Controversy, page 643.2} (363.6)

(92) WHERE DO THE PRIESTS AND THE RULERS WHO CONDEMNED CHRIST AND LAUGHED AT HIM AS HE DIED UPON THE CROSS TRY TO HIDE?

ANSWER – “With awful distinctness do priests and rulers recall the events of Calvary. With shuddering horror they remember how, wagging their heads in satanic exultation, they exclaimed: ‘He saved others; Himself He cannot save. If He be the King of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe Him. He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now, if He will have Him.’ Matthew 27:42, 43.” {The Great Controversy, page 643.3} (363.7)

ANSWER – ‘Vividly they recall the Saviour's parable of the husbandmen who refused to render to their lord the fruit of the vineyard, who abused his servants and slew his son. They remember, too, the sentence which they themselves pronounced: The lord of the vineyard ‘will miserably destroy those wicked men.’ In the sin and punishment of those unfaithful men the priests and elders see their own course and their own just doom. And now there rises a cry of mortal agony. Louder than the shout, ‘Crucify Him, crucify Him,’ which rang through the streets of Jerusalem, swells the awful, despairing wail, ‘He is the Son of God! He is the true Messiah!’ They seek to flee from the presence of the King of kings. In the deep caverns of the earth, rent asunder by the warring of the elements, they vainly attempt to hide.’ {The Great Controversy, page 643.4} (364.1)

(93) AT THIS SAME TIME, WHAT ARE GOD’S FAITHFUL CHILDREN JOYFULLY SHOUTING?

ANSWER – “In the lives of all who reject truth there are moments when conscience awakens, when memory presents the torturing recollection of a life of hypocrisy and the soul is harassed with vain regrets. But what are these compared with the remorse of that day when ‘fear cometh as desolation,’ when ‘destruction cometh as a whirlwind’! Proverbs 1:27. Those who would have destroyed Christ and His faithful people now witness the glory which rests upon them. In the midst of their terror they hear the voices of the saints in joyful strains exclaiming: ‘Lo, this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us.’ Isaiah 25:9.” {The Great Controversy, page 644.1} (364.2)

(94) WHILE THE EARTH IS SHAKING, THE LIGHTNING FLASHING AND THE THUNDER ROARING WHAT DOES CHRIST DO AND SAY?

ANSWER - “Amid the reeling of the earth, the flash of lightning, and the roar of thunder, the voice of the Son of God calls forth the sleeping saints. He looks upon the graves of the righteous, then, raising His hands to heaven, He cries: ‘Awake, awake, awake, ye that sleep in the dust, and arise!’ Throughout the length and breadth of the earth the dead shall hear that voice, and they that hear shall live. And the whole earth shall ring with the tread of the exceeding great army of

every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. From the prison house of death they come, clothed with immortal glory, crying: 'O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?' 1 Corinthians 15:55. And the living righteous and the risen saints unite their voices in a long, glad shout of victory." {The Great Controversy, page 644.2} (364.3)

(95) WHAT DIFFERENCE WILL EVERYONE SEE, IN THE BEGINNING, BETWEEN THOSE WHO LIVED BEFORE THE FLOOD AND THOSE WHO LIVED IN THE LAST GENERATION?

ANSWER – “All come forth from their graves the same in stature as when they entered the tomb. Adam, who stands among the risen throng, is of lofty height and majestic form, in stature but little below the Son of God. He presents a marked contrast to the people of later generations; in this one respect is shown the great degeneracy of the race. But all arise with the freshness and vigor of eternal youth. In the beginning, man was created in the likeness of God, not only in character, but in form and feature. Sin defaced and almost obliterated the divine image; but Christ came to restore that which had been lost. He will change our vile bodies and fashion them like unto His glorious body. The mortal, corruptible form, devoid of comeliness, once polluted with sin, becomes perfect, beautiful, and immortal. All blemishes and deformities are left in the grave. Restored to the tree of life in the long-lost Eden, the redeemed will ‘grow up’ (Malachi 4:2) to the full stature of the race in its primeval glory. The last lingering traces of the curse of sin will be removed, and Christ's faithful ones will appear in ‘the beauty of the Lord our God,’ in mind and soul and body reflecting the perfect image of their Lord. Oh, wonderful redemption! Long talked of, long hoped for, contemplated with eager anticipation, but never fully understood.” {The Great Controversy, page 644.3} (364.4)

(96) WHY ARE THE WICKED SO SAD AT THIS TIME?

ANSWER - “The wicked are filled with regret, not because of their sinful neglect of God and their fellow men, but because God has conquered. They lament that the result is what it is; but they do not repent of their wickedness. They would leave no means untried to conquer if they could.” {The Great Controversy, page 654.2} (368.5)

(97) WHAT DOES THE WHOLE WORLD SEE AND UNDERSTAND AT THIS TIME?

ANSWER – “The world see the very class whom they have mocked and derided, and desired to exterminate, pass unharmed through pestilence, tempest, and earthquake. He who is to the transgressors of His law a devouring fire, is to His people a safe pavilion.” {The Great Controversy, page 654.3} (369.6)

(98) WHAT DO THE MINISTERS WHO HAVE TURNED FROM GOD’S TRUTH NOW UNDERSTAND?

ANSWER – “The minister who has sacrificed truth to gain the favor of men now discerns the character and influence of his teachings. It is apparent that the omniscient eye was following him as he stood in the desk, as he walked the streets, as he mingled with men in the various scenes of

life. Every emotion of the soul, every line written, every word uttered, every act that led men to rest in a refuge of falsehood, has been scattering seed; and now, in the wretched, lost souls around him, he beholds the harvest.” {The Great Controversy, page 654.4} (369.6)

ANSWER – “Saith the Lord: ‘They have healed the hurt of the daughter of My people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace.’ ‘With lies ye have made the heart of the righteous sad, whom I have not made sad; and strengthened the hands of the wicked, that he should not return from his wicked way, by promising him life.’ Jeremiah 8:11; Ezekiel 13:22. {The Great Controversy, page 655.1} (370.1)

ANSWER – “Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of My pasture! . . . Behold, I will visit upon you the evil of your doings.’ ‘Howl, ye shepherds, and cry; and wallow yourselves in the ashes, ye principal of the flock: for your days for slaughter and of your dispersions are accomplished; . . . and the shepherds shall have no way to flee, nor the principal of the flock to escape.’ Jeremiah 23:1, 2; 25:34, 35, margin.” {The Great Controversy, page 655.2} (370.2)

(99) WHEN THE MINISTERS AND PEOPLE SEE THAT THEY ARE FOREVER LOST, WHAT DO THEY DO?

ANSWER – “Ministers and people see that they have not sustained the right relation to God. They see that they have rebelled against the Author of all just and righteous law. The setting aside of the divine precepts gave rise to thousands of springs of evil, discord, hatred, iniquity, until the earth became one vast field of strife, one sink of corruption. This is the view that now appears to those who rejected truth and chose to cherish error. No language can express the longing which the disobedient and disloyal feel for that which they have lost forever--eternal life. Men whom the world has worshiped for their talents and eloquence now see these things in their true light. They realize what they have forfeited by transgression, and they fall at the feet of those whose fidelity they have despised and derided, and confess that God has loved them.” {The Great Controversy, page 655.3} (370.3)

(100) WHAT HAPPENS TO THOSE UNFAITHFUL MINISTERS WHO PROPHESED SMOOTH THINGS?

ANSWER - “The people see that they have been deluded. They accuse one another of having led them to destruction; but all unite in heaping their bitterest condemnation upon the ministers. Unfaithful pastors have prophesied smooth things; they have led their hearers to make void the law of God and to persecute those who would keep it holy. Now, in their despair, these teachers confess before the world their work of deception. The multitudes are filled with fury. ‘We are lost!’ they cry, ‘and you are the cause of our ruin;’ and they turn upon the false shepherds. The very ones that once admired them most will pronounce the most dreadful curses upon them. The very hands that once crowned them with laurels will be raised for their destruction. The swords which were to slay God’s people are now employed to destroy their enemies. Everywhere there is strife and bloodshed. {The Great Controversy, page 655.4} (370.4)

(101) WHO ARE THE FIRST PEOPLE THAT THE DEATH ANGEL SLAUGHTERS?

ANSWER – “The mark of deliverance has been set upon those ‘that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done.’ Now the angel of death goes forth, represented in Ezekiel’s vision by the men with the slaughtering weapons, to whom the command is given: ‘Slay utterly old and young, both maids, and little children, and women: but come not near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at My sanctuary.’ Says the prophet: ‘They began at the ancient men which were before the house.’ Ezekiel 9:1-6. The work of destruction begins among those who have professed to be the spiritual guardians of the people. The false watchmen are the first to fall. There are none to pity or to spare. Men, women, maidens, and little children perish together.” {The Great Controversy, page 656.2} (370.6)

(102) WHAT HAPPENS TO THE BODIES OF THE WICKED? WILL THERE BE ANY FUNERALS OR BURIALS?

ANSWER – “The Lord cometh out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain.’ Isaiah 26:21. ‘And this shall be the plague wherewith the Lord will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem; Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth. And it shall come to pass in that day, that a great tumult from the Lord shall be among them; and they shall lay hold everyone on the hand of his neighbor, and his hand shall rise up against the hand of his neighbor.’ Zechariah 14:12, 13. In the mad strife of their own fierce passions, and by the awful outpouring of God’s unmingled wrath, fall the wicked inhabitants of the earth--priests, rulers, and people, rich and poor, high and low. ‘And the slain of the Lord shall be at that day from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried.’ Jeremiah 25:33.” {The Great Controversy, page 656.3} (371.1)

(103) WHO WILL GOD REUNITE? WHAT WILL GOD’S PEOPLE DO AS THEY ASCEND TO THE CITY OF GOD?

ANSWER – “The living righteous are changed ‘in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye.’ At the voice of God they were glorified; now they are made immortal and with the risen saints are caught up to meet their Lord in the air. Angels ‘gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.’ Little children are borne by holy angels to their mothers’ arms. Friends long separated by death are united, nevermore to part, and with songs of gladness ascend together to the City of God.” {The Great Controversy, page 645.1}

(104) IN WHAT MODE OF TRANSPORTATION DO THE CHILDREN OF GOD TRAVEL TO NEW JERUSALEM?

ANSWER – “On each side of the cloudy chariot are wings, and beneath it are living wheels; and as the chariot rolls upward, the wheels cry, ‘Holy,’ and the wings, as they move, cry, ‘Holy,’ and the retinue of angels cry, ‘Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty.’ And the redeemed shout,

‘Alleluia!’ as the chariot moves onward toward the New Jerusalem.” {The Great Controversy, page 645.2}

“The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels: the Lord is among them, as in Sinai, in the holy place.’ Psalm 68:17.

(105) WHAT DOES JESUS PUT UPON THE HEADS OF ALL THE OVERCOMERS BEFORE THEY ENTER GOD’S HOLY CITY?)

ANSWER – “Before entering the City of God, the Saviour bestows upon His followers the emblems of victory and invests them with the insignia of their royal state. The glittering ranks are drawn up in the form of a hollow square about their King, whose form rises in majesty high above saint and angel, whose countenance beams upon them full of benignant love. Throughout the unnumbered host of the redeemed every glance is fixed upon Him, every eye beholds His glory whose ‘visage was so marred more than any man, and His form more than the sons of men.’ Upon the heads of the overcomers, Jesus with His own right hand places the crown of glory. For each there is a crown, bearing his own ‘new name’ (Revelation 2:17), and the inscription, ‘Holiness to the Lord.’” {The Great Controversy, page 645.3}

1. Revelation 2:10
Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.
2. Revelation 3:11
Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.
3. Revelation 4:4
And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold.
4. Revelation 4:10
The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying,
5. Revelation 1:6
and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

6. Revelation 5:10
And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth.'

7. Revelation 3:21 To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

(106) WHAT KIND OF A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT DOES GOD GIVE EACH OF HIS PEOPLE? HOW WELL DO THEY PLAY THESE INSTRUMENTS?

ANSWER – “In every hand are placed the victor's palm and the shining harp. Then, as the commanding angels strike the note, every hand sweeps the harp strings with skillful touch, awaking sweet music in rich, melodious strains. Rapture unutterable thrills every heart, and each voice is raised in grateful praise: ‘Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father; to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever.’ Revelation 1:5, 6.” {The Great Controversy, page 645.3}

(107) WHO OPENS THE 12 GATES OF PEARL TO THE HOLY CITY?

ANSWER – “Before the ransomed throng is the Holy City. Jesus opens wide the pearly gates, and the nations that have kept the truth enter in.” {The Great Controversy, page 646.1}

(108) WHAT DOES EVERYONE SEE INSIDE THE CITY?

ANSWER – “There they behold the Paradise of God, the home of Adam in his innocence. Then that voice, richer than any music that ever fell on mortal ear, is heard, saying: ‘Your conflict is ended.’ ‘Come, ye blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.’” {The Great Controversy, page 646.1}

(109) WHAT WILL GOD THE FATHER SEE AS HE LOOKS UPON THE RANSOMED?

ANSWER – “Now is fulfilled the Saviour's prayer for His disciples: ‘I will that they also, whom Thou hast given Me, be with Me where I am.’ ‘Faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy’ (Jude 24), Christ presents to the Father the purchase of His blood, declaring: ‘Here am I, and the children whom Thou hast given Me.’ ‘Those that Thou gavest Me I have kept.’ Oh, the wonders of redeeming love! The rapture of that hour when the infinite Father, looking upon the ransomed, shall behold His image, sin's discord banished, its blight removed, and the human once more in harmony with the divine!” {The Great Controversy, page 646.2}

(110) WHAT BRINGS JESUS' JOY AT THIS TIME?

ANSWER – “With unutterable love, Jesus welcomes His faithful ones to the joy of their Lord. The Saviour's joy is in seeing, in the kingdom of glory, the souls that have been saved by His agony and humiliation. {The Great Controversy, page 647.1}

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(111) WHAT WILL BE ONE OF THE GREATEST JOYS OF THE REDEEMED?

ANSWER – “And the redeemed will be sharers in His joy, as they behold, among the blessed, those who have been won to Christ through their prayers, their labors, and their loving sacrifice. As they gather about the great white throne, gladness unspeakable will fill their hearts, when they behold those whom they have won for Christ, and see that one has gained others, and these still others, all brought into the haven of rest, there to lay their crowns at Jesus ' feet and praise Him through the endless cycles of eternity.” {The Great Controversy, page 647.1}

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(112) WHAT WILL ADAM DO AS HE MEETS JESUS AGAIN?

ANSWER - “As the ransomed ones are welcomed to the City of God, there rings out upon the air an exultant cry of adoration. The two Adams are about to meet. The Son of God is standing with outstretched arms to receive the father of our race--the being whom He created, who sinned against his Maker, and for whose sin the marks of the crucifixion are borne upon the Saviour's form. As Adam discerns the prints of the cruel nails, he does not fall upon the bosom of his Lord, but in humiliation casts himself at His feet, crying: ‘Worthy, worthy is the Lamb that was slain!’ Tenderly the Saviour lifts him up and bids him look once more upon the Eden home from which he has so long been exiled.” {The Great Controversy, page 647.2}

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(113) TO WHAT IS ADAM REINSTATED?

ANSWER – “After his expulsion from Eden, Adam's life on earth was filled with sorrow. Every dying leaf, every victim of sacrifice, every blight upon the fair face of nature, every stain upon man's purity, was a fresh reminder of his sin. Terrible was the agony of remorse as he beheld iniquity abounding, and, in answer to his warnings, met the reproaches cast upon himself as the cause of sin. With patient humility he bore, for nearly a thousand years, the penalty of transgression. Faithfully did he repent of his sin and trust in the merits of the promised Saviour, and he died in the hope of a resurrection. The Son of God redeemed man's failure and fall; and now, through the work of the atonement, Adam is reinstated in his first dominion.” {The Great Controversy, page 647.3}

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(114) WHAT FOUR THINGS DOES ADAM SEE AGAIN THAT HE HAD ALREADY SEEN AND TOUCHED THOUSANDS OF YEARS EARLIER WHEN HE HAD LIVED ON PLANET EARTH?

ANSWER – “Transported with joy, (1) he beholds the trees that were once his delight--the very trees whose fruit he himself had gathered in the days of his innocence and joy. (2) He sees the vines that his own hands have trained, (3) the very flowers that he once loved to care for. His mind grasps the reality of the scene; he comprehends that this is indeed Eden restored, more lovely now than when he was banished from it. (4) The Saviour leads him to the tree of life and plucks the glorious fruit and bids him eat. He looks about him and beholds a multitude of his family redeemed, standing in the Paradise of God. Then he casts his glittering crown at the feet of Jesus and, falling upon His breast, embraces the Redeemer. He touches the golden harp, and the vaults of heaven echo the triumphant song: ‘Worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lamb that was slain, and lives again!’ The family of Adam take up the strain and cast their crowns at the Saviour's feet as they bow before Him in adoration.” {The Great Controversy, page 648.1} – Numbers added for emphasis.

This reunion is witnessed by the angels who wept at the fall of Adam and rejoiced when Jesus, after His resurrection, ascended to heaven, having opened the grave for all who should believe on His name. Now they behold the work of redemption accomplished, and they unite their voices in the song of praise. {The Great Controversy, page 648.2}

(115) WHAT SPECIAL GROUP SINGS A SPECIAL SONG ON THE ‘SEA OF GLASS?’

ANSWER – “Upon the crystal sea before the throne, that sea of glass as it were mingled with fire,--so resplendent is it with the glory of God,--are gathered the company that have ‘gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name.’ With the Lamb upon Mount Zion, ‘having the harps of God,’ they stand, the hundred and forty and four thousand that were redeemed from among men; and there is heard, as the sound of many waters, and as the sound of a great thunder, ‘the voice of harpers harping with their harps.’ And they sing ‘a new song’ before the throne, a song which no man can learn save the hundred and forty and four thousand. It is the song of Moses and the Lamb--a song of deliverance. None but the hundred and forty-four thousand can learn that song; for it is the song of their experience--an experience such as no other company have ever had. ‘These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth.’ These, having been translated from the earth, from among the living, are counted as ‘the first fruits unto God and to the Lamb.’ Revelation 15:2, 3; 14:1-5. ‘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; they have endured the anguish of the time of Jacob's trouble; 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.’ ‘In their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault’ before God. ‘Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple: and He that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.’ 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. But ‘they shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.’ Revelation 7:14-17.” {The Great Controversy, page 648.3}

(116) FROM WHAT SCHOOL DOES CHRIST SEND HIS CHILDREN TO ATTEND AND GRADUATE?

ANSWER – “In all ages the Saviour's chosen have been educated and disciplined in the school of trial. They walked in narrow paths on earth; they were purified in the furnace of affliction. For Jesus ' sake they endured opposition, hatred, calumny. They followed Him through conflicts sore; they endured self-denial and experienced bitter disappointments. By their own painful experience they learned the evil of sin, its power, its guilt, its woe; and they look upon it with abhorrence. A sense of the infinite sacrifice made for its cure humbles them in their own sight and fills their hearts with gratitude and praise which those who have never fallen cannot appreciate. They love much because they have been forgiven much. Having been partakers of Christ's sufferings, they are fitted to be partakers with Him of His glory.” {The Great Controversy, page 649.1}

(117) WHAT SONG DOES EVERY ONE SING?

“The heirs of God have come from garrets, from hovels, from dungeons, from scaffolds, from mountains, from deserts, from the caves of the earth, from the caverns of the sea. On earth they were ‘destitute, afflicted, tormented.’ Millions went down to the grave loaded with infamy because they steadfastly refused to yield to the deceptive claims of Satan. By human tribunals they were adjudged the vilest of criminals. But now ‘God is judge Himself.’ Psalm 50:6. Now the decisions of earth are reversed. ‘The rebuke of His people shall He take away.’ Isaiah 25:8. ‘They shall call them, the holy people, the redeemed of the Lord.’ He hath appointed ‘to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness.’ Isaiah 62:12; 61:3. They are no longer feeble, afflicted, scattered, and oppressed. Henceforth they are to be ever with the Lord. They stand before the throne clad in richer robes than the most honored of the earth have ever worn. They are crowned with diadems more glorious than were ever placed upon the brow of earthly monarchs. The days of pain and weeping are forever ended. The King of glory has wiped the tears from all faces; every cause of grief has been removed. Amid the waving of palm branches they pour forth a song of praise, clear, sweet, and harmonious; every voice takes up the strain, until the anthem swells through the vaults of heaven: ‘Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.’ And all the inhabitants of heaven respond in the ascription: ‘Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever.’ Revelation 7:10, 12.” {The Great Controversy, page 650.1}

ANSWER - “In this life we can only begin to understand the wonderful theme of redemption. With our finite comprehension we may consider most earnestly the shame and the glory, the life and the death, the justice and the mercy, that meet in the cross; yet with the utmost stretch of our mental powers we fail to grasp its full significance. The length and the breadth, the depth and the height, of redeeming love are but dimly comprehended. The plan of redemption will not be fully understood, even when the ransomed see as they are seen and know as they are known; but through the eternal ages new truth will continually unfold to the wondering and delighted mind. Though the griefs and pains and temptations of earth are ended and the cause removed, the

people of God will ever have a distinct, intelligent knowledge of what their salvation has cost.”
{The Great Controversy, page 651.1}

(118) WHICH SCIENCE WILL FOREVER BE THE MOST IMPORTANT SCIENCE, ONE THAT THE REDEEMED WILL STUDY THROUGHOUT ETERNITY? WHAT IS ANOTHER SONG THEY WILL SING?

ANSWER – “The cross of Christ will be the science and the song of the redeemed through all eternity. In Christ glorified they will behold Christ crucified. Never will it be forgotten that He whose power created and upheld the unnumbered worlds through the vast realms of space, the Beloved of God, the Majesty of heaven, He whom cherub and shining seraph delighted to adore--humbled Himself to uplift fallen man; that He bore the guilt and shame of sin, and the hiding of His Father's face, till the woes of a lost world broke His heart and crushed out His life on Calvary's cross. That the Maker of all worlds, the Arbiter of all destinies, should lay aside His glory and humiliate Himself from love to man will ever excite the wonder and adoration of the universe. As the nations of the saved look upon their Redeemer and behold the eternal glory of the Father shining in His countenance; as they behold His throne, which is from everlasting to everlasting, and know that His kingdom is to have no end, they break forth in rapturous song: ‘Worthy, worthy is the Lamb that was slain, and hath redeemed us to God by His own most precious blood!’” {The Great Controversy, page 651.2}

“The mystery of the cross explains all other mysteries. In the light that streams from Calvary the attributes of God which had filled us with fear and awe appear beautiful and attractive. Mercy, tenderness, and parental love are seen to blend with holiness, justice, and power. While we behold the majesty of His throne, high and lifted up, we see His character in its gracious manifestations, and comprehend, as never before, the significance of that endearing title, ‘Our Father.’” {The Great Controversy, page 652.1}

ANSWER – “It will be seen that He who is infinite in wisdom could devise no plan for our salvation except the sacrifice of His Son. The compensation for this sacrifice is the joy of peopling the earth with ransomed beings, holy, happy, and immortal. The result of the Saviour's conflict with the powers of darkness is joy to the redeemed, redounding to the glory of God throughout eternity. And such is the value of the soul that the Father is satisfied with the price paid; and Christ Himself, beholding the fruits of His great sacrifice, is satisfied.” {The Great Controversy, page 652.2}

(119) WHAT WILL PLANET EARTH LOOK LIKE, FOR THE NEXT THOUSAND YEARS?

ANSWER – “At the coming of Christ the wicked are blotted from the face of the whole earth--consumed with the spirit of His mouth and destroyed by the brightness of His glory. Christ takes His people to the City of God, and the earth is emptied of its inhabitants. ‘Behold, the Lord maketh the earth empty, and maketh it waste, and turneth it upside down, and scattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof.’ ‘The land shall be utterly emptied, and utterly spoiled: for the Lord hath spoken this word.’ ‘Because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the

everlasting covenant. Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate: therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned.’ Isaiah 24:1, 3, 5, 6.” {The Great Controversy, page 657.1 }

“The whole earth appears like a desolate wilderness. The ruins of cities and villages destroyed by the earthquake, uprooted trees, ragged rocks thrown out by the sea or torn out of the earth itself, are scattered over its surface, while vast caverns mark the spot where the mountains have been rent from their foundations.” {The Great Controversy, page 657.2 }

CHAPTER 41 - DESOLATION OF THE EARTH

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(120) TO WHERE WILL GOD BANISH SATAN FOR A THOUSAND YEARS?

ANSWER – “Now the event takes place foreshadowed in the last solemn service of the Day of Atonement. When the ministration in the holy of holies had been completed, and the sins of Israel had been removed from the sanctuary by virtue of the blood of the sin offering, then the scapegoat was presented alive before the Lord; and in the presence of the congregation the high priest confessed over him ‘all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions in all their sins, putting them upon the head of the goat.’ Leviticus 16:21. In like manner, when the work of atonement in the heavenly sanctuary has been completed, then in the presence of God and heavenly angels and the hosts of the redeemed the sins of God's people will be placed upon Satan; he will be declared guilty of all the evil which he has caused them to commit. And as the scapegoat was sent away into a land not inhabited, so Satan will be banished to the desolate earth, an uninhabited and dreary wilderness.” {The Great Controversy, page 658.1 }

“The revelator foretells the banishment of Satan and the condition of chaos and desolation to which the earth is to be reduced, and he declares that this condition will exist for a thousand years. After presenting the scenes of the Lord's second coming and the destruction of the wicked, the prophecy continues: ‘I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, and cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.’ Revelation 20:1-3. {The Great Controversy, page 658.2 }

“That the expression ‘bottomless pit’ represents the earth in a state of confusion and darkness is evident from other scriptures. Concerning the condition of the earth ‘in the beginning,’ the Bible record says that it ‘was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep.’ [THE HEBREW WORD HERE TRANSLATED ‘DEEP’ IS RENDERED IN THE SEPTUAGINT (GREEK) TRANSLATION OF THE HEBREW OLD TESTAMENT BY THE SAME WORD RENDERED ‘BOTTOMLESS PIT’ IN REVELATION 20:1-3.]”

Genesis 1:2. Prophecy teaches that it will be brought back, partially at least, to this condition. Looking forward to the great day of God, the prophet Jeremiah declares: 'I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was without form, and void; and the heavens, and they had no light. I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly. I beheld, and, lo, there was no man, and all the birds of the heavens were fled. I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place was a wilderness, and all the cities thereof were broken down.' Jeremiah 4:23-26. {The Great Controversy, page 658.3}

(121) WHAT IS SATAN'S SOLE DELIGHT? FOR HOW LONG WILL HE LOSE HIS ONLY DELIGHT?

ANSWER – “Here is to be the home of Satan with his evil angels for a thousand years. Limited to the earth, he will not have access to other worlds to tempt and annoy those who have never fallen. It is in this sense that he is bound: there are none remaining, upon whom he can exercise his power. He is wholly cut off from the work of deception and ruin which for so many centuries has been his sole delight.” {The Great Controversy, page 659.1}

“The prophet Isaiah, looking forward to the time of Satan's overthrow, exclaims: ‘How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! . . . Thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: . . . I will be like the Most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms; that made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners?’ Isaiah 14:12-17.” {The Great Controversy, page 659.2}

“For six thousand years, Satan's work of rebellion has ‘made the earth to tremble.’ He had ‘made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof.’ And he ‘opened not the house of his prisoners.’ For six thousand years his prison house has received God's people, and he would have held them captive forever; but Christ had broken his bonds and set the prisoners free.” {The Great Controversy, page 659.3}

“Even the wicked are now placed beyond the power of Satan, and alone with his evil angels he remains to realize the effect of the curse which sin has brought. ‘The kings of the nations, even all of them, lie in glory, everyone in his own house [the grave]. But thou art cast out of thy grave like an abominable branch. . . . Thou shalt not be joined with them in burial, because thou hast destroyed thy land, and slain thy people.’ Isaiah 14:18-20.” {The Great Controversy, page 660.1}

(122) WHAT TYPE OF LIFE WILL SATAN LIVE FOR THE THOUSAND YEARS BETWEEN THE RESURRECTION OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE RESURRECTION OF THE WICKED? }

ANSWER – “For a thousand years, Satan will wander to and fro in the desolate earth to behold the results of his rebellion against the law of God. During this time his sufferings are intense. Since his fall his life of unceasing activity has banished reflection; but he is now deprived of his

power and left to contemplate the part which he has acted since first he rebelled against the government of heaven, and to look forward with trembling and terror to the dreadful future when he must suffer for all the evil that he has done and be punished for the sins that he has caused to be committed.” {The Great Controversy, page 660.2}

(123) HOW WILL GOD’S PEOPLE FEEL ABOUT THE IMPRISONMENT OF SATAN FOR A THOUSAND YEARS?

ANSWER – “To God's people the captivity of Satan will bring gladness and rejoicing. Says the prophet: ‘It shall come to pass in the day that Jehovah shall give thee rest from thy sorrow, and from thy trouble, and from the hard service wherein thou wast made to serve, that thou shalt take up this parable against the king of Babylon [here representing Satan], and say, How hath the oppressor ceased! . . . Jehovah hath broken the staff of the wicked, the scepter of the rulers; that smote the peoples in wrath with a continual stroke, that ruled the nations in anger, with a persecution that none restrained.’ Verses 3-6, R.V.” {The Great Controversy, page 660.3}

(124) WHEN WILL GOD JUDGE THE WICKED?

ANSWER – “During the thousand years between the first and the second resurrection the judgment of the wicked takes place. The apostle Paul points to this judgment as an event that follows the Second Advent. ‘Judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts.’ 1 Corinthians 4:5. Daniel declares that when the Ancient of Days came, ‘judgment was given to the saints of the Most High.’ Daniel 7:22. At this time the righteous reign as kings and priests unto God. John in the Revelation says: ‘I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them.’ ‘They shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.’ Revelation 20:4, 6. It is at this time that, as foretold by Paul, ‘the saints shall judge the world.’ 1 Corinthians 6:2. In union with Christ they judge the wicked, comparing their acts with the statute book, the Bible, and deciding every case according to the deeds done in the body. Then the portion which the wicked must suffer is meted out, according to their works; and it is recorded against their names in the book of death.” {The Great Controversy, page 660.4}

“Satan also and evil angels are judged by Christ and His people. Says Paul: ‘Know ye not that we shall judge angels?’ Verse 3. And Jude declares that ‘the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, He hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.’ Jude 6.” {The Great Controversy, page 661.1}

“At the close of the thousand years the second resurrection will take place. Then the wicked will be raised from the dead and appear before God for the execution of ‘the judgment written.’ Thus the revelator, after describing the resurrection of the righteous, says: ‘The rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished.’ Revelation 20:5. And Isaiah declares, concerning the wicked: ‘They shall be gathered together, as prisoners are gathered in the pit, and shall be shut up in the prison, and after many days shall they be visited.’ Isaiah 24:22.” {The Great Controversy, page 661.2}

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(125) WHEN DOES CHRIST RETURN TO EARTH THE THIRD AND LAST TIME?

ANSWER – “At the close of the thousand years, Christ again returns to the earth. He is accompanied by the host of the redeemed and attended by a retinue of angels.” {The Great Controversy, page 662.1}

(126) WHAT DOES CHRIST DO AS HE DESCENDS IN TERRIFIC MAJESTY?

ANSWER – “As He descends in terrific majesty He bids the wicked dead arise to receive their doom. They come forth, a mighty host, numberless as the sands of the sea. What a contrast to those who were raised at the first resurrection! The righteous were clothed with immortal youth and beauty. The wicked bear the traces of disease and death.” {The Great Controversy, page 662.1}

(127) WHAT DO THE WICKED SAY, WHEN THEY SEE JESUS COMING TO EARTH AT THE END OF THE THOUSAND YEARS?

ANSWER – “Every eye in that vast multitude is turned to behold the glory of the Son of God. With one voice the wicked hosts exclaim: ‘Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord!’ It is not love to Jesus that inspires this utterance. The force of truth urges the words from unwilling lips. As the wicked went into their graves, so they come forth with the same enmity to Christ and the same spirit of rebellion. They are to have no new probation in which to remedy the defects of their past lives. Nothing would be gained by this. A lifetime of transgression has not softened their hearts. A second probation, were it given them, would be occupied as was the first in evading the requirements of God and exciting rebellion against Him.” {The Great Controversy, page 662.2}

(128) FIRST CHRIST DESCENDS AND THEN NEW JERUSALEM DESCENDS. CHRIST ENTERS NEW JERUSALEM. WHO ENTERS WITH HIM?

ANSWER – “Christ descends upon the Mount of Olives, whence, after His resurrection, He ascended, and where angels repeated the promise of His return. Says the prophet: ‘The Lord my God shall come, and all the saints with Thee.’ ‘And His feet shall stand in that day upon the Mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the Mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof . . . and there shall be a very great valley.’ ‘And the Lord shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one Lord, and His name one.’ Zechariah 14:5, 4, 9. As the New Jerusalem, in its dazzling splendor, comes down out of heaven, it rests upon the place purified and made ready to receive it, and Christ, with His people and the angels, enters the Holy City.” {The Great Controversy, page 662.3}

(129) SATAN TALKS TO THE WICKED WHEN GOD RAISES THEM FROM THE DEAD AT THE END OF THE ONE THOUSAND YEAR PERIOD. WHO DOES SATAN CLAIM TO BE?

ANSWER – “Now Satan prepares for a last mighty struggle for the supremacy. While deprived of his power and cut off from his work of deception, the prince of evil was miserable and dejected; but as the wicked dead are raised and he sees the vast multitudes upon his side, his hopes revive, and he determines not to yield the great controversy. He will marshal all the armies of the lost under his banner and through them endeavor to execute his plans. The wicked are Satan's captives. In rejecting Christ they have accepted the rule of the rebel leader. They are ready to receive his suggestions and to do his bidding. Yet, true to his early cunning, he does not acknowledge himself to be Satan. He claims to be the prince who is the rightful owner of the world and whose inheritance has been unlawfully wrested from him. He represents himself to his deluded subjects as a redeemer, assuring them that his power has brought them forth from their graves and that he is about to rescue them from the most cruel tyranny.” {The Great Controversy, page 663.1}

(130) WHAT DOES SATAN DO FOR THE WEAK WICKED PEOPLE HE CONTROLS?

ANSWER - “The presence of Christ having been removed, Satan works wonders to support his claims. He makes the weak strong and inspires all with his own spirit and energy.” {The Great Controversy, page 663.1}

(131) WHAT DOES SATAN PREPARE THE WICKED TO ACCOMPLISH AT THIS TIME?

ANSWER – “He proposes to lead them against the camp of the saints and to take possession of the City of God. With fiendish exultation he points to the unnumbered millions who have been raised from the dead and declares that as their leader he is well able to overthrow the city and regain his throne and his kingdom.” {The Great Controversy, page 663.1}

(132) WHAT DO THE WICKED KINGS AND GENERALS WHOM GOD HAS RAISED FROM THE DEAD HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH NOW?

ANSWER – “In that vast throng are multitudes of the long-lived race that existed before the Flood; men of lofty stature and giant intellect, who, yielding to the control of fallen angels, devoted all their skill and knowledge to the exaltation of themselves; men whose wonderful works of art led the world to idolize their genius, but whose cruelty and evil inventions, defiling the earth and defacing the image of God, caused Him to blot them from the face of His creation. There are kings and generals who conquered nations, valiant men who never lost a battle, proud, ambitious warriors whose approach made kingdoms tremble. In death these experienced no change. As they come up from the grave, they resume the current of their thoughts just where it ceased. They are actuated by the same desire to conquer that ruled them when they fell.” {The Great Controversy, page 664.1}

(133) HOW DOES SATAN AND HIS ANGELS ORGANIZE THE WICKED? WHAT DO THEY HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH?

ANSWER – “Satan consults with his angels, and then with these kings and conquerors and mighty men. They look upon the strength and numbers on their side, and declare that the army within the city is small in comparison with theirs, and that it can be overcome. They lay their plans to take possession of the riches and glory of the New Jerusalem. All immediately begin to prepare for battle. Skillful artisans construct implements of war. Military leaders, famed for their success, marshal the throngs of warlike men into companies and divisions.” {The Great Controversy, page 664.2}

(134) AS THE GREATEST ARMY EVER SEEN ON PLANET EARTH, LED BY SATAN HIMSELF, SURROUNDS THE CITY OF GOD WHAT DOES JESUS COMMAND BE DONE WITH THE 12 GATES TO NEW JERUSALEM?

ANSWER – “At last the order to advance is given, and the countless host moves on--an army such as was never summoned by earthly conquerors, such as the combined forces of all ages since war began on earth could never equal. Satan, the mightiest of warriors, leads the van, and his angels unite their forces for this final struggle. Kings and warriors are in his train, and the multitudes follow in vast companies, each under its appointed leader. With military precision the serried ranks advance over the earth's broken and uneven surface to the City of God. By command of Jesus, the gates of the New Jerusalem are closed, and the armies of Satan surround the city and make ready for the onset.” {The Great Controversy, page 664.3}

(135) THE WICKED, LED BY SATAN AND HIS ANGELS, SURROUND THE HOLY CITY NEW JERUSALEM. WHO AND WHAT DO THEY SEE ABOVE THE CITY?

ANSWER – “Now Christ again appears to the view of His enemies. Far above the city, upon a foundation of burnished gold, is a throne, high and lifted up. Upon this throne sits the Son of God, and around Him are the subjects of His kingdom. The power and majesty of Christ no language can describe, no pen portray. The glory of the Eternal Father is enshrouding His Son. The brightness of His presence fills the City of God, and flows out beyond the gates, flooding the whole earth with its radiance.” {The Great Controversy, page 664.3, 665.1}

(136) WHO STANDS NEAREST THE THRONE OF GOD?

ANSWER – “Nearest the throne are those who were once zealous in the cause of Satan, but who, plucked as brands from the burning, have followed their Saviour with deep, intense devotion. Next are those who perfected Christian characters in the midst of falsehood and infidelity, those who honored the law of God when the Christian world declared it void, and the millions, of all ages, who were martyred for their faith. And beyond is the ‘great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, . . . before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands.’ Revelation 7:9. Their warfare is ended, their victory won. They have run the race and reached the prize. The palm branch in their hands is a symbol of their triumph, the white robe an emblem of the spotless righteousness of Christ which now is theirs.” {The Great Controversy, page 665.2}

(137) WHAT DO THE REDEEMED WITHIN THE CITY DO AT THIS TIME?

ANSWER – “The redeemed raise a song of praise that echoes and re-echoes through the vaults of heaven: ‘Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.’ Verse 10. And angel and seraph unite their voices in adoration. As the redeemed have beheld the power and malignity of Satan, they have seen, as never before, that no power but that of Christ could have made them conquerors. In all that shining throng there are none to ascribe salvation to themselves, as if they had prevailed by their own power and goodness. Nothing is said of what they have done or suffered; but the burden of every song, the keynote of every anthem, is: Salvation to our God and unto the Lamb.” {The Great Controversy, page 665.3}

(138) WHAT HAPPENS TO CHRIST AT THIS TIME?

ANSWER – “In the presence of the assembled inhabitants of earth and heaven the final coronation of the Son of God takes place. And now, invested with supreme majesty and power, the King of kings pronounces sentence upon the rebels against His government and executes justice upon those who have transgressed His law and oppressed His people.” {The Great Controversy, page 666.1}

(139) WHAT DID JOHN, THE ONE WHO WROTE REVELATION, SEE?

“I saw a great white throne, and Him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.’ Revelation 20:11, 12.” {The Great Controversy, page 666.1}

(140) THE JUDGMENT OF THE RIGHTEOUS TOOK PLACE A THOUSAND YEARS EARLIER. WHICH JUDGMENT IS NOW TAKING PLACE?

ANSWER – “As soon as the books of record are opened, and the eye of Jesus looks upon the wicked, they are conscious of every sin which they have ever committed. They see just where their feet diverged from the path of purity and holiness, just how far pride and rebellion have carried them in the violation of the law of God. The seductive temptations which they encouraged by indulgence in sin, the blessings perverted, the messengers of God despised, the warnings rejected, the waves of mercy beaten back by the stubborn, unrepentant heart--all appear as if written in letters of fire.” {The Great Controversy, page 666.2}

(141) WHAT OUTDOOR MOVIE DOES GOD NOW SHOW TO EVERYONE WHO HAS EVER LIVED ON PLANET EARTH? {

ANSWER – “Above the throne is revealed the cross; and like a panoramic view appear the scenes of Adam's temptation and fall, and the successive steps in the great plan of redemption.

The Saviour's lowly birth; His early life of simplicity and obedience; His baptism in Jordan; the fast and temptation in the wilderness; His public ministry, unfolding to men heaven's most precious blessings; the days crowded with deeds of love and mercy, the nights of prayer and watching in the solitude of the mountains; the plottings of envy, hate, and malice which repaid His benefits; the awful, mysterious agony in Gethsemane beneath the crushing weight of the sins of the whole world; His betrayal into the hands of the murderous mob; the fearful events of that night of horror--the unresisting prisoner, forsaken by His best-loved disciples, rudely hurried through the streets of Jerusalem; the Son of God exultingly displayed before Annas, arraigned in the high priest's palace, in the judgment hall of Pilate, before the cowardly and cruel Herod, mocked, insulted, tortured, and condemned to die--all are vividly portrayed." {The Great Controversy, page 666.3}

(142) WHAT IS THE CLIMAX OF THIS OUTDOOR VIDEO ABOVE THE CITY OF GOD?

ANSWER – “And now before the swaying multitude are revealed the final scenes--the patient Sufferer treading the path to Calvary; the Prince of heaven hanging upon the cross; the haughty priests and the jeering rabble deriding His expiring agony; the supernatural darkness; the heaving earth, the rent rocks, the open graves, marking the moment when the world's Redeemer yielded up His life.” {The Great Controversy, page 667.1}

(143) WHAT DO THE PEOPLE WHO LAUGHED AT JESUS AS THEY NAILED HIM TO THE CROSS, HEROD, PILATE, THE SOLDIERS DO AT THIS MOMENT AND WHAT DO THE REDEEMED DO AT THIS MOMENT?

ANSWER – “The awful spectacle appears just as it was. Satan, his angels, and his subjects have no power to turn from the picture of their own work. Each actor recalls the part which he performed. Herod, who slew the innocent children of Bethlehem that he might destroy the King of Israel; the base Herodias, upon whose guilty soul rests the blood of John the Baptist; the weak, timeserving Pilate; the mocking soldiers; the priests and rulers and the maddened throng who cried, ‘His blood be on us, and on our children!’--all behold the enormity of their guilt. They vainly seek to hide from the divine majesty of His countenance, outshining the glory of the sun, while the redeemed cast their crowns at the Saviour's feet, exclaiming: ‘He died for me!’” {The Great Controversy, page 667.2}

(144) WHAT DO THE CHURCH LEADERS WHO WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR TORTURING AND KILLING GOD’S LOYAL PEOPLE FINALLY LEARN TOO LATE?

ANSWER – “There are papist priests and prelates, who claimed to be Christ's ambassadors, yet employed the rack, the dungeon, and the stake to control the consciences of His people. There are the proud pontiffs who exalted themselves above God and presumed to change the law of the Most High. Those pretended fathers of the church have an account to render to God from which they would fain be excused. Too late they are made to see that the Omniscient One is jealous of His law and that He will in no wise clear the guilty. They learn now that Christ identifies His

interest with that of His suffering people; and they feel the force of His own words: ‘Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me.’ Matthew 25:40.” {The Great Controversy, page 668.1}

(145) WHAT IS THE CHARGE BROUGHT AGAINST THE WHOLE WICKED WORLD?

ANSWER – “The whole wicked world stand arraigned at the bar of God on the charge of high treason against the government of heaven. They have none to plead their cause; they are without excuse; and the sentence of eternal death is pronounced against them.” {The Great Controversy, page 668.2}

(146) WHAT DO THE WICKED FINALLY UNDERSTAND?

ANSWER – “It is now evident to all that the wages of sin is not noble independence and eternal life, but slavery, ruin, and death. The wicked see what they have forfeited by their life of rebellion. The far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory was despised when offered them; but how desirable it now appears. ‘All this,’ cries the lost soul, ‘I might have had; but I chose to put these things far from me. Oh, strange infatuation! I have exchanged peace, happiness, and honor for wretchedness, infamy, and despair.’ All see that their exclusion from heaven is just. By their lives they have declared: ‘We will not have this Man [Jesus] to reign over us.’” {The Great Controversy, page 668.3}

(147) WHEN CHRIST IS FINALLY (CROWNED KING OF KINGS) CORONATED WHAT DO THE WICKED SEE IN CHRIST’S HANDS AND WHAT DO THEY DO?

ANSWER – “As if entranced, the wicked have looked upon the coronation of the Son of God. They see in His hands the tables of the divine law, the statutes which they have despised and transgressed. They witness the outburst of wonder, rapture, and adoration from the saved; and as the wave of melody sweeps over the multitudes without the city, all with one voice exclaim, ‘Great and marvelous are Thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are Thy ways, Thou King of saints’ (Revelation 15:3); and, falling prostrate, they worship the Prince of life.” {The Great Controversy, page 668.4}

(148) HOW DOES SATAN RESPOND AND WHAT DOES HE SEE CONCERNING HIS OWN LIFE?

“Satan seems paralyzed as he beholds the glory and majesty of Christ. He who was once a covering cherub remembers whence he has fallen. A shining seraph, ‘son of the morning;’ how changed, how degraded! From the council where once he was honored, he is forever excluded. He sees another now standing near to the Father, veiling His glory. He has seen the crown placed upon the head of Christ by an angel of lofty stature and majestic presence, and he knows that the exalted position of this angel might have been his.” {The Great Controversy, page 669.1}

“Memory recalls the home of his innocence and purity, the peace and content that were his until he indulged in murmuring against God, and envy of Christ. His accusations, his rebellion, his deceptions to gain the sympathy and support of the angels, his stubborn persistence in making no effort for self-recovery when God would have granted him forgiveness --all come vividly before him. He reviews his work among men and its results--the enmity of man toward his fellow man, the terrible destruction of life, the rise and fall of kingdoms, the overturning of thrones, the long succession of tumults, conflicts, and revolutions. He recalls his constant efforts to oppose the work of Christ and to sink man lower and lower. He sees that his hellish plots have been powerless to destroy those who have put their trust in Jesus. As Satan looks upon his kingdom, the fruit of his toil, he sees only failure and ruin. He has led the multitudes to believe that the City of God would be an easy prey; but he knows that this is false. Again and again, in the progress of the great controversy, he has been defeated and compelled to yield. He knows too well the power and majesty of the Eternal.” {The Great Controversy, page 669.2}

(149) HOW MANY IN THE UNIVERSE ARE FOLLOWERS OF SATAN NOW?

ANSWER – “The aim of the great rebel has ever been to justify himself and to prove the divine government responsible for the rebellion. To this end he has bent all the power of his giant intellect. He has worked deliberately and systematically, and with marvelous success, leading vast multitudes to accept his version of the great controversy which has been so long in progress. For thousands of years this chief of conspiracy has palmed off falsehood for truth. But the time has now come when the rebellion is to be finally defeated and the history and character of Satan disclosed. In his last great effort to dethrone Christ, destroy His people, and take possession of the City of God, the archdeceiver has been fully unmasked. Those who have united with him see the total failure of his cause. Christ's followers and the loyal angels behold the full extent of his machinations against the government of God. He is the object of universal abhorrence.” {The Great Controversy, page 670.1}

(150) WHAT DOES SATAN NOW CONFESS?

ANSWER – “Satan sees that his voluntary rebellion has unfitted him for heaven. He has trained his powers to war against God; the purity, peace, and harmony of heaven would be to him supreme torture. His accusations against the mercy and justice of God are now silenced. The reproach which he has endeavored to cast upon Jehovah rests wholly upon himself. And now Satan bows down and confesses the justice of his sentence.” {The Great Controversy, page 670.2}

(151) NOW, KNOWING ALL OF THE FACTS, WHAT DOES THE WHOLE UNIVERSE, BOTH LOYAL, AND REBELLIOUS, SAY?

“Who shall not fear Thee, O Lord, and glorify Thy name? For Thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before Thee; for Thy judgments are made manifest.’ Verse 4. Every question of truth and error in the long-standing controversy has now been made plain. The results of rebellion, the fruits of setting aside the divine statutes, have been laid open to the view of all created intelligences. The working out of Satan's rule in contrast with the government of God has been presented to the whole universe. Satan's own works have condemned him. God's wisdom,

His justice, and His goodness stand fully vindicated. It is seen that all His dealings in the great controversy have been conducted with respect to the eternal good of His people and the good of all the worlds that He has created. 'All Thy works shall praise Thee, O Lord; and Thy saints shall bless Thee.' Psalm 145:10. The history of sin will stand to all eternity as a witness that with the existence of God's law is bound up the happiness of all the beings He has created. With all the facts of the great controversy in view, the whole universe, both loyal and rebellious, with one accord declare: 'Just and true are Thy ways, Thou King of saints.'" {The Great Controversy, page 670.3}

(152) WHAT DOES CHRIST SAY AND WHAT SONG DOES HIS LOYAL PEOPLE SING?

ANSWER - "Before the universe has been clearly presented the great sacrifice made by the Father and the Son in man's behalf. The hour has come when Christ occupies His rightful position and is glorified above principalities and powers and every name that is named. It was for the joy that was set before Him--that He might bring many sons unto glory--that He endured the cross and despised the shame. And inconceivably great as was the sorrow and the shame, yet greater is the joy and the glory. He looks upon the redeemed, renewed in His own image, every heart bearing the perfect impress of the divine, every face reflecting the likeness of their King. He beholds in them the result of the travail of His soul, and He is satisfied. Then, in a voice that reaches the assembled multitudes of the righteous and the wicked, He declares: 'Behold the purchase of My blood! For these I suffered, for these I died, that they might dwell in My presence throughout eternal ages.' And the song of praise ascends from the white-robed ones about the throne: 'Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing.' Revelation 5:12." {The Great Controversy, page 671.1}

(153) WHAT DOES SATAN DO NOW?

ANSWER - "Notwithstanding that Satan has been constrained to acknowledge God's justice and to bow to the supremacy of Christ, his character remains unchanged. The spirit of rebellion, like a mighty torrent, again bursts forth. Filled with frenzy, he determines not to yield the great controversy. The time has come for a last desperate struggle against the King of heaven. He rushes into the midst of his subjects and endeavors to inspire them with his own fury and arouse them to instant battle."

(154) HOW MANY FOLLOWERS DOES SATAN HAVE NOW?

ANSWER - "But of all the countless millions whom he has allured into rebellion, there are none now to acknowledge his supremacy. His power is at an end. The wicked are filled with the same hatred of God that inspires Satan; but they see that their case is hopeless, that they cannot prevail against Jehovah. Their rage is kindled against Satan and those who have been his agents in deception, and with the fury of demons they turn upon them." {The Great Controversy, page 671.2}

“Saith the Lord: ‘Because thou hast set thine heart as the heart of God; behold, therefore I will bring strangers upon thee, the terrible of the nations: and they shall draw their swords against the beauty of thy wisdom, and they shall defile thy brightness. They shall bring thee down to the pit.’ ‘I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. . . . I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee. . . . I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee. . . . Thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more.’ Ezekiel 28:6-8, 16-19.” {The Great Controversy, page 672.1}

(155) HOW HOT IS THE (HELL) FIRE GOD SENDS DOWN ON PLANET EARTH?

ANSWER – “Every battle of the warrior is with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood; but this shall be with burning and fuel of fire.’ ‘The indignation of the Lord is upon all nations, and His fury upon all their armies: He hath utterly destroyed them, He hath delivered them to the slaughter.’ ‘Upon the wicked He shall rain quick burning coals, fire and brimstone and a horrible tempest: this shall be the portion of their cup.’ Isaiah 9:5; 34:2; Psalm 11:6, margin. Fire comes down from God out of heaven. The earth is broken up. The weapons concealed in its depths are drawn forth. Devouring flames burst from every yawning chasm. The very rocks are on fire. The day has come that shall burn as an oven. The elements melt with fervent heat, the earth also, and the works that are therein are burned up. Malachi 4:1; 2 Peter 3:10.” {The Great Controversy, page 672.2}

(156) IN NOAH’S DAY THE EARTH WAS COVERED AND CLEANSED WITH WATER. NOW WHAT IS THE ENTIRE EARTH COVERED AND CLEANSED WITH?

ANSWER – “The earth's surface seems one molten mass--a vast, seething lake of fire. It is the time of the judgment and perdition of ungodly men--’the day of the Lord's vengeance, and the year of recompenses for the controversy of Zion.’ Isaiah 34:8.” {The Great Controversy, page 672.2}

(157) WHO SUFFERS THE LONGEST AND THE MOST IN THE LAKE OF FIRE?

ANSWER – “The wicked receive their recompense in the earth. Proverbs 11:31. They ‘shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts.’ Malachi 4:1. Some are destroyed as in a moment, while others suffer many days. All are punished ‘according to their deeds.’ The sins of the righteous having been transferred to Satan, he is made to suffer not only for his own rebellion, but for all the sins which he has caused God's people to commit. His punishment is to be far greater than that of those whom he has deceived. After all have perished who fell by his deceptions, he is still to live and suffer on. In the cleansing flames the wicked are at last destroyed, root and branch--Satan the root, his followers the branches. The full penalty of the law has been visited; the demands of justice have been met; and heaven and earth, beholding, declare the righteousness of Jehovah.” {The Great Controversy, page 673.1}

Satan's work of ruin is forever ended. For six thousand years he has wrought his will, filling the earth with woe and causing grief throughout the universe. The whole creation has groaned and travailed together in pain. Now God's creatures are forever delivered from his presence and temptations. 'The whole earth is at rest, and is quiet: they [the righteous] break forth into singing.' Isaiah 14:7. And a shout of praise and triumph ascends from the whole loyal universe. 'The voice of a great multitude,' 'as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings,' is heard, saying: 'Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.' Revelation 19:6. {The Great Controversy, page 673.2}

While the earth was wrapped in the fire of destruction, the righteous abode safely in the Holy City. Upon those that had part in the first resurrection, the second death has no power. While God is to the wicked a consuming fire, He is to His people both a sun and a shield. Revelation 20:6; Psalm 84:11. {The Great Controversy, page 673.3}

'I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away.' Revelation 21:1. The fire that consumes the wicked purifies the earth. Every trace of the curse is swept away. No eternally burning hell will keep before the ransomed the fearful consequences of sin. {The Great Controversy, page 674.1}

(158) SINCE THERE IS NO ETERNALLY BURNING HELL TO REMIND US OF SIN, WHAT IS THE ONLY REMINDER OF SINS THAT WE SHALL NEVER FORGET?

ANSWER – "One reminder alone remains: Our Redeemer will ever bear the marks of His crucifixion. Upon His wounded head, upon His side, His hands and feet, are the only traces of the cruel work that sin has wrought. Says the prophet, beholding Christ in His glory: 'He had bright beams coming out of His side: and there was the hiding of His power.' Habakkuk 3:4, margin. That pierced side whence flowed the crimson stream that reconciled man to God--there is the Saviour's glory, there 'the hiding of His power.' 'Mighty to save,' through the sacrifice of redemption, He was therefore strong to execute justice upon them that despised God's mercy. And the tokens of His humiliation are His highest honor; through the eternal ages the wounds of Calvary will show forth His praise and declare His power." {The Great Controversy, page 674.2}

"O Tower of the flock, the stronghold of the daughter of Zion, unto Thee shall it come, even the first dominion.' Micah 4:8. The time has come to which holy men have looked with longing since the flaming sword barred the first pair from Eden, the time for 'the redemption of the purchased possession.' Ephesians 1:14. The earth originally given to man as his kingdom, betrayed by him into the hands of Satan, and so long held by the mighty foe, has been brought back by the great plan of redemption. All that was lost by sin has been restored. 'Thus saith the Lord . . . that formed the earth and made it; He hath established it, He created it not in vain, He formed it to be inhabited.' Isaiah 45:18. God's original purpose in the creation of the earth is fulfilled as it is made the eternal abode of the redeemed. 'The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein forever.' Psalm 37:29." {The Great Controversy, page 674.3}

“A fear of making the future inheritance seem too material has led many to spiritualize away the very truths which lead us to look upon it as our home. Christ assured His disciples that He went to prepare mansions for them in the Father's house. Those who accept the teachings of God's word will not be wholly ignorant concerning the heavenly abode. And yet, ‘eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him.’ 1 Corinthians 2:9. Human language is inadequate to describe the reward of the righteous. It will be known only to those who behold it. No finite mind can comprehend the glory of the Paradise of God.” {The Great Controversy, page 674.4}

(159) HOW DOES THE AUTHOR DESCRIBE GOD'S HOME, WHERE HIS PEOPLE WILL FOREVER LIVE?

ANSWER – “In the Bible the inheritance of the saved is called ‘a country.’ Hebrews 11:14-16. There the heavenly Shepherd leads His flock to fountains of living waters. The tree of life yields its fruit every month, and the leaves of the tree are for the service of the nations. There are ever-flowing streams, clear as crystal, and beside them waving trees cast their shadows upon the paths prepared for the ransomed of the Lord. There the wide-spreading plains swell into hills of beauty, and the mountains of God rear their lofty summits. On those peaceful plains, beside those living streams, God's people, so long pilgrims and wanderers, shall find a home.” {The Great Controversy, page 675.1}

‘My people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places.’ ‘Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders; but thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise.’ ‘They shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: . . . Mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.’ Isaiah 32:18; 60:18; Isaiah 65:21, 22.” {The Great Controversy, page 675.2}

(160) WHAT ARE TEN THINGS THAT WILL NEVER BOTHER GOD'S PEOPLE AGAIN?

ANSWER – “There, ‘the wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.’ ‘Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree.’ ‘The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; . . . and a little child shall lead them.’ ‘They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain,’ saith the Lord. Isaiah 35:1; 55:13; Isaiah 11:6, 9. {The Great Controversy, page 675.3}

“Pain cannot exist in the atmosphere of heaven. There will be no more tears, no funeral trains, no badges of mourning. ‘There shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying: . . . for the former things are passed away.’ ‘The inhabitant shall not say, I am sick: the people that dwell therein shall be forgiven their iniquity.’ Revelation 21:4; Isaiah 33:24.” {The Great Controversy, page 676.1}

(161) HOW TIRED WILL WE EVER BE?

ANSWER – “There is the New Jerusalem, the metropolis of the glorified new earth, ‘a crown of glory in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God.’ ‘Her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal.’ ‘The nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honor into it.’ Saith the Lord: ‘I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in My people.’ ‘The tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God.’ Isaiah 62:3; Revelation 21:11, 24; Isaiah 65:19; Revelation 21:3.” {The Great Controversy, page 676.2}

“In the City of God ‘there shall be no night.’ None will need or desire repose. There will be no weariness in doing the will of God and offering praise to His name. We shall ever feel the freshness of the morning and shall ever be far from its close. ‘And they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light.’ Revelation 22:5. The light of the sun will be superseded by a radiance which is not painfully dazzling, yet which immeasurably surpasses the brightness of our noontide. The glory of God and the Lamb floods the Holy City with unfading light. The redeemed walk in the sunless glory of perpetual day.” {The Great Controversy, page 676.3}

“I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.’ Revelation 21:22. The people of God are privileged to hold open communion with the Father and the Son. ‘Now we see through a glass, darkly.’ 1 Corinthians 13:12. We behold the image of God reflected, as in a mirror, in the works of nature and in His dealings with men; but then we shall see Him face to face, without a dimming veil between. We shall stand in His presence and behold the glory of His countenance.” {The Great Controversy, page 676.4}

(161) HOW BIG WILL OUR FAMILY BE? HOW MUCH WILL WE INTERACT WITH EACH OTHER?

ANSWER – “There the redeemed shall know, even as also they are known. The loves and sympathies which God Himself has planted in the soul shall there find truest and sweetest exercise. The pure communion with holy beings, the harmonious social life with the blessed angels and with the faithful ones of all ages who have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb, the sacred ties that bind together ‘the whole family in heaven and earth’ (Ephesians 3:15)--these help to constitute the happiness of the redeemed.” {The Great Controversy, page 677.1}

(162) WHAT WILL WE DO AND WHAT WILL WE SEE? WILL WE EVER FEEL THAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED IT ALL AND JUST SIT DOWN IN BOREDOM?

ANSWER - “There, immortal minds will contemplate with never-failing delight the wonders of creative power, the mysteries of redeeming love. There will be no cruel, deceiving foe to tempt to forgetfulness of God. Every faculty will be developed, every capacity increased. The acquirement of knowledge will not weary the mind or exhaust the energies. There the grandest enterprises may be carried forward, the loftiest aspirations reached, the highest ambitions

realized; and still there will arise new heights to surmount, new wonders to admire, new truths to comprehend, fresh objects to call forth the powers of mind and soul and body.” {The Great Controversy, page 677.2, 3}

“All the treasures of the universe will be open to the study of God's redeemed. Unfettered by mortality, they wing their tireless flight to worlds afar--worlds that thrilled with sorrow at the spectacle of human woe and rang with songs of gladness at the tidings of a ransomed soul. With unutterable delight the children of earth enter into the joy and the wisdom of unfallen beings. They share the treasures of knowledge and understanding gained through ages upon ages in contemplation of God's handiwork. With undimmed vision they gaze upon the glory of creation--suns and stars and systems, all in their appointed order circling the throne of Deity. Upon all things, from the least to the greatest, the Creator's name is written, and in all are the riches of His power displayed.” {The Great Controversy, page 677.3}

“And the years of eternity, as they roll, will bring richer and still more glorious revelations of God and of Christ. As knowledge is progressive, so will love, reverence, and happiness increase. The more men learn of God, the greater will be their admiration of His character. As Jesus opens before them the riches of redemption and the amazing achievements in the great controversy with Satan, the hearts of the ransomed thrill with more fervent devotion, and with more rapturous joy they sweep the harps of gold; and ten thousand times ten thousand and thousands of thousands of voices unite to swell the mighty chorus of praise.” {The Great Controversy, page 678.1}

“And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.’ Revelation 5:13”. {The Great Controversy, page 678.2}

“The great controversy is ended. Sin and sinners are no more. The entire universe is clean. One pulse of harmony and gladness beats through the vast creation. From Him who created all, flow life and light and gladness, throughout the realms of illimitable space. From the minutest atom to the greatest world, all things, animate and inanimate, in their unshadowed beauty and perfect joy, declare that God is love.” {The Great Controversy, page 678.3}

I'm so glad I'm a part of the family of God
I've been washed in the fountain
And cleansed by His blood
Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod
For I'm a part of the family
The family of God

You will notice we say 'brother and sister' around here
It's because we're a family and these folks are so near
When one has a heartache we all share the tears
We rejoice in each victory in this family so dear

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From the door of an orphanage to the house of the King
No longer an outcast, a new song I can sing
From rags to riches, from the weak to the strong
I'm not worthy to be here but thank God I belong

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Meet me as part of 'Family of God' at the Tree of Life (Revelation 22:2, 14) Discover 'HOW'
to become part of God's Eternal Family and live forever – Read the introduction to my book,
'Prophecy Made Easy at <http://www.prophecymadeeasy.com/ReadOnline.html#page=7>