

# THE 8<sup>TH</sup> CHURCH - FACT OR FICTION, part 4 quotes

1) #3. These seven churches represent 7 different conditions manifested by the various churches of God at different periods in the history of the world - continued.

In researching into what inspiration reveals on this subject of the 7 churches of Revelation 2-3 in connection with the SDA church, you will discover at least 7 inspired statements declaring that the message of Sardis applied to the SDA church or people at the time it was written (please see [Handout on the 7 Churches Applying to the SDA Church and People](#))

Here is just one of these statements:

“I call upon my brethren to allow nothing to hinder them from a daily study of God's Word.

**“To us to-day comes the message to the church in Sardis: [Revelation 3:1-5 quoted].”** Review and Herald, April 21, 1903.

2) In researching this subject you will also find about 30 inspired statements declaring that the message of Ephesus applied to the SDA church or people at that time (see [handout](#)).

But here is just one of these statements:

**“[Revelation 2:4-5 quoted about church of Ephesus].”**

**“I am instructed to say that these words are applicable to Seventh-day Adventist churches in their present condition....**Unless there is a reconversion, there will soon be such a lack of godliness that the Church will be represented by the barren fig tree. Great light has been given to her. She has had abundant opportunity for bearing much fruit. But selfishness has come in, and God says, ‘I will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.’” Review and Herald, February 25, 1902.

3) In researching you will discover at least 5 inspired statements declaring that the message of Ephesus applied to the SDA church or people at the same exact time that the message of Laodicea applied as well! (See [handout](#)). This means that 2 different church messages and conditions applied to the SDA church or people all at the same time!

Here is just one of these statements:

**“[Revelation 3:1-5 quoted about church of Sardis].**

**“To the church of the present day this message is sent.** I call upon our church members to read the whole of the third chapter of Revelation, and to make an application of it. **The message to the church of the Laodiceans applies especially to the people of God to-day.** It is a message to professing Christians who have become so much like the world that no difference can be seen.

“[Revelation 3:14-18 quoted about church of Laodicea].” Review and Herald, August 20, 1903.

But there is even another statement where inspiration applies the condition of Ephesus, Laodicea and also Sardis to the SDA church or people all at the same time! You can find this amazing quote in Review and Herald, February 25, 1902!

4) Is it true that only the SDA church can manifest the Laodicean condition, while none of the other churches can? The answer is no.

**“The warning for the last church also must be proclaimed to all who claim to be Christians. The Laodicean message, like a sharp, two-edged sword, must go to all the churches...**It is our work to proclaim this message. Are we putting forth every effort that the churches may be warned?” Testimonies, vol 6, p 77.

5) Some try to scare God's separated people into believing that if they organize themselves into another church body then they would be in apostasy from the truth of God! They use the following quote as support for this no-unity and no-organizing belief.

"The Lord has declared that the history of the past shall be rehearsed as we enter upon the closing work. Every truth that He has given for these last days is to be proclaimed to the world. **Every pillar that He has established is to be strengthened. We cannot now step off the foundation that God has established. We cannot now enter into any new organization; for this would mean apostasy from the truth.** --Manuscript 129, 1905." Selected Messages, book 2, p 390.

But who was Ellen White warning in 1905 not to step off the foundation of the truth already established and not to form a new church organization? Was she warning those people who might choose to separate themselves from the apostate SDA church? Or was she warning those in the SDA church itself?

"The enemy of souls has sought to bring in the supposition that a great reformation was to take place among Seventh-day Adventists, and that this reformation would consist in giving up the doctrines which stand as the pillars of our faith, and engaging in a process of reorganization. Were this reformation to take place what would result? The principles of truth that God in His wisdom has given to the remnant church would be discarded. Our religion would be changed. The fundamental principles that have sustained the work for the last fifty years would be accounted as error. **A new organization would be established.** Books of a new order would be written. A system of intellectual philosophy would be introduced. The founders of this system would go into the cities, and do a wonderful work. The Sabbath, of course would be lightly regarded, as also the God who created it. Nothing would be allowed to stand in the way of the new movement. **The leaders** would teach that virtue is better than vice, but God being removed they would place their dependence on human power, which, without God, is worthless. Their foundation would be build on the sand, and **storm and tempest would sweep away the structure.**

"Who has authority to begin such a movement? We have our Bibles. We have our experience, attested to by the miraculous working of the Holy Spirit. We have a truth that admits of no compromise. Shall we not repudiate everything that is not in harmony with this truth?..."

"I am instructed to say that those who would tear away the foundation that God has laid **are not to be accepted as the teachers and leaders of His people.** We are to hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end." Letter 242, October, 1903, Battle Creek Letters, p 81-82, (see also Selected Messages, book 1, p 204-206 & Special Testimonies, Series B#7, p 39-42).

Who was behind this great reformation away from God and His foundation of truth towards false principles and errors? Satan. And where was he trying to get this false reformation to occur in? It was “among Seventh-day Adventists”. And if this great false reformation would occur among SDAs what would happen? The SDA church leaders would engage in a “process of reorganization” that would continue until “a new organization would be established”. And the end result would be that the whole SDA structure, along with all the members connected with it, would be swept away!

This warning testimony was written in October, 1903, and the warning testimony about not entering into a new organization or it would be apostasy from the truth was written in 1905. So Ellen White was not warning those who would be forced to separate from the apostate SDA church that they could never form themselves into another church organization after God’s order. But she was plainly warning the leadership of the SDA church in 1903 and then again in 1905 that if they chose to follow Satan’s reformation and entered into a new organization, that this act “would mean apostasy from the truth.”

Sadly, the SDA church leadership rejected this warning, embraced this satanic reformation, and over the decades have successfully reorganized the entire SDA church until a new organization has been fully entered into and a new foundation has been established upon the sandy soil of false principles and Satanic errors. And without a doubt, this apostate SDA church will indeed be swept away along with all those who remain connected with her. If you would like more proof of this, please see the book, [“The Abomination of Desolation and Church History”](#).

**6)** Is Laodicea the last church listed in the book of Revelation? Does inspiration point out that there is another group or church of God after Laodicea? The correct answer to this solemn question is YES!

There is indeed another church listed in Revelation beyond the 7 churches of chapters 2 & 3 and thus after Laodicea! This church, after Laodicea, is the very last church listed in the book of Revelation, and thus would actually be the 8<sup>th</sup> church if your counting. And this last church is found in Revelation 12:17.

“And 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.”