

BABYLON – THEN and NOW, part 14 quotes (final)

1) The SDA church has, in essence, declared herself to be part of Babylon, and told all her members to separate from her!

“The capstone of the ecumenical effort came with the creation of the World Council of Churches....

“On the basis of Bible prophecy and the writings of Ellen G. White, SDA's anticipate the eventual success of the ecumenical movement both in eliminating the divisions of Protestantism and in reuniting Christendom by bridging the gulf that separates non-Catholic communions from Rome. **The ecumenical movement** will then become a concerted effort to unite the world and to secure universal peace and security by enlisting the power of the civil government in a universal religio-political crusade to eliminate all dissent. SDA's envision this crusade as the great apostasy to which John the revelator refers **as 'Babylon the great.'** They understand, also, that God's last message of mercy to the world prior to the return of Christ in power and glory will consist of a warning against this great apostate movement, and a call to all who choose to remain loyal to Him **to leave the churches connected with it.**” SDA Encyclopedia, Volume 10 of the Bible Commentary Reference Series, p 410-411, under ECUMENISM.

The SDA church just declared to all her members that any church connected with the ecumenical movement and united with the WCC was part of Babylon the great, and that all who choose to serve God must separate from that church. We examined evidence in parts 7-8 which proved that the SDA church is indeed connected with the ecumenical movement, and is indeed united with the WCC. This means that the SDA has accordingly declared herself to be part of Babylon, and told all her members that they need to separate themselves from her fellowship!

2) After all the apostasy, rebellion, harlotry, and the giving up of the Everlasting Gospel and the real Three Angels' messages, the exalting of Sunday worship above the Sabbath of God, and fulfilling the conditions necessary to be converted into Babylon, **the SDA church teaches that she will still go through to heaven, and that not even the gates of hell can stop her!**

“...in the case with the [SDA] Laodicean Church, as a church, is different, the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. The last church will not be spewed out; it will not be rejected; it will go through triumphantly.” Review, November 9, 1939.

“...because the church is under God's grace it 'may appear as about to fall, but it does not fall.’” Adventist Review, September 22, 1983, p 14.

“The prophetic scenario assures us of the church's survival....[It will] go through until the very end....it does not fall...” Adventist Review, May 4, 1989, p 9.

“The Seventh-day Adventist Church will triumph gloriously and will go through triumphantly, **as a corporate body**, to the sea of glass.” The Early and Latter Rain of the Holy Spirit, p 183, by Gordon W. Collier, Sr., 1973.

(Other statements along this same line: Adventist Review, November 25, 1982, p 3, 10; July 19, 1984, p 15; May 1, 1986, p 18; and November 2, 1989, p 31).

3) The SDA church teaches that she is the same as the place or city of refuge.

“...[finding the SDA church is] Finding a Refuge.” Adventist Review, November 2, 1989, p 28.

4) The SDA church teaches that she is the same as the ark--the ship of safety.

“Many times pastors have compared the church to an ark of safety, and I believe it is....The church is a place to preserve our lives...” Adventist Review, August 7, 1986, p 23.

“Like the ark, the church will help save God's people...” Adventist Review, August 9, 1984, p 18.

“Christ's statement is 'that the gates of hell shall not prevail against' the church....Let us stay with the ship. The church...is going through and will surely drop anchor on the 'sea of glass' because a 'Divine hand is on the wheel'--the hand of Christ.” Adventist Review, July 28, 1983, p 5.

5) The SDA church teaches that she is the same as having a ticket to heaven, and hence your walk with God and your salvation is connected with church membership.

“The local (SDA) church becomes the 'port of entry' to the kingdom of God.”
Adventist Review, October 1, 1992, p 23.

“Your walk with God has a great deal to do with your desire to come back to church....As you return, seek Him. He has promised that you will find Him....You won't drop out again as long as you continue to grow in Him.” Adventist Review, November 2, 1989, p 27.

“There is some relationship between **salvation and church membership.**”
Adventist Review, August 9, 1984, p 18.

6) The SDA church even teaches that she is on a par with God Himself!

“I appeal to all who are outside the fold [of the SDA church] just now....If you are not here, He [Christ] misses you....The Father owns the house. **Return to Him.** For every good love story should have a happy ending.” Adventist Review, November 2, 1989, p 8.

“...when we backslide from the church, we also backslide from God.” Adventist Review, June 2, 1988, p 9.

7) -- Jesus is the city of refuge (Patriarchs and Prophets, p 516-517; Christ's Object Lessons, p 158; Sons and Daughters of God, p 79)!

-- **Jesus is the place for the weary to find rest in** (Isaiah 28:12; Sons and Daughters of God, p 298; Desire of Ages, p 328-332; Testimonies, vol 5, p 410; vol 2, p 562-563)!

-- **Jesus — the truth — is the ark of safety** (Testimonies, vol 5, p 279; Evangelism, p 397; Medical Ministry, p 317; Review and Herald, vol 2, p 102)!

-- **Jesus is the shelter from the storm and tempest soon to come** (Testimonies to Ministers, p 182; Great Controversy, p 654)!

No church — including the true church — is the city of refuge or the ark of safety for any of God's true people! We must be hid in Jesus and Him only, not in any group or any church! Jesus is our only hope!

8) Does your name on the membership rolls of an church of Babylon who has rejected light from heaven, mean anything? Is it safe to leave your membership in a church that you have already separated from because of its corruption and apostasy?

“My [Ellen White's] brother continued to fail rapidly. If he felt a cloud shutting Jesus from him, he would not rest until it was dispelled, and bright hope again cheered him. To all who visited him, he conversed upon the goodness of God, and would often lift his emaciated finger, pointing upwards, while a heavenly light rested upon his countenance, and say, 'My treasure is laid up on high.' It was a wonder to all that his life of suffering was thus protracted. He had a hemorrhage of the lungs, and was thought to be dying. Then **an unfulfilled duty** presented itself to him. He had again connected himself with the Methodist church. He was expelled in 1843 with the other members of the family, on account of his faith. He said he could not die in peace until his name was taken from the church-book, and requested father to go immediately and have it taken off.

“In the morning father visited the minister, stating my brother's request. He said that he would visit him, and then if it was still his wish to be considered **no longer a member of their church**, his request should be granted. Just before the minister arrived my brother had a second hemorrhage, and whispered his fears that he should not live to **do this duty**. The minister visited him, and he immediately expressed his desire, and told him he could not die in peace **until his name was taken from the church-book**; that he should not have united with them again if he had been standing in the light...Soon after this my brother fell asleep in Jesus, **in full hope of having a part in the first resurrection.**”
Spiritual Gifts, Volume Two, p 163-164.

Removing your name from the roll books of a church which has apostatized, rejected, and changed the truths of the three angels' messages into falsehood, is called "an unfulfilled DUTY." This duty was carried out before Ellen White's brother had "full hope of having a part in the first resurrection"! Especially is it a duty to leave the Seventh-day Adventist church; because what other church has had, and then rejected, greater light than the SDA church has?

9) What does God want His people to do with a church that has a form of godliness, but denies the power?

“Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: **from such turn away.**”
2 Timothy 3:5.

“And **have no fellowship with** the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.” Ephesians 5:11.

“Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, touch no unclean thing; **go ye out of the midst of her**; be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the Lord.” Isaiah 52:11.

“Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? Or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and **touch not the unclean thing**; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.” 2 Corinthians 6:14-18.

10) Even if you have physically left an apostate harlot church, but have not removed your membership from the roll-books, your membership still connects you — or touches you — with that unclean church. This means that you would be unclean by this touch, and considered a partaker with the harlot church in it's sins!

If you are standing in a pool of muddy water, even if you moved to its most shallowest edge, you would still be contaminated by the mud. You could use all the soap and pour all the clean and pure water over your head and body that you wanted, and yet you would not be completely cleansed because your feet are still connected with the mud. You may even manage to be clean and spotless everywhere else on your body, but by allowing even a toe to remain in the mud, you are not completely cleansed or fully spotless. You will never be completely cleansed and spotless until you break all connection with that muddy pool, get out of the mud, and then be cleansed with soap and pure water. But in order to remain fully clean, you must not touch or reconnect yourself with this unclean muddy pool again.

“Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned? Can one go upon hot coals, and his feet not be burned?” Proverbs 6:27-28.

“Can two walk together, except they be agreed?” Amos 3:3.

“We are exhorted, 'touch not the unclean.' Those who associate with the impure, **themselves become impure**. If we choose the society of the ungodly, we shall be affected by their ungodliness.” Review and Herald, October 23, 1888 (vol 2, p 255).

“You are exhorted to touch not the unclean thing; for **in touching this, you will yourself become unclean**. It is impossible for you to unite with those who are corrupt, and still remain pure. 'What fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? and what concord hath Christ with Belial?' God and Christ and the heavenly host would have man know that if he unites with the corrupt, **he will become corrupt**.” Bible Commentary, vol 6, p 1102.

11) By willingly choosing to remain associated with, or by retaining your membership in, a corrupt apostate church — including the SDA church — then you are made partakers in the sins of the church, being made corporately responsible in all the church's wickedness. Thus you are one with this unclean woman, and you will receive the same punishment as your apostate harlot church does!

“Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid. What? Know ye not that **he which is joined to an harlot is one body**? For two, saith He, shall be one flesh.” 1 Corinthians 6:16.

“And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, My people, **that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues...**” Revelation 18:4.

12) Jesus Christ is not united with, or a part of, Satan or any of his harlot churches of Babylon who are preaching Lucifer's unclean messages. But He is waiting outside of all the corrupt churches — including the SDA, and is beckoning with open waiting arms for His people to come away from all the corruption, all the apostasy, all the falsehoods, and instead to separate into His loving arms outside.

“Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate. **Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp**, bearing his reproach.” Hebrews 13:12-13.

This loving and merciful message of separation is not just going to the SDA church, but to all the churches, because “All nations [denominations or churches — Bible Commentary, vol 7, p 979] have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her (Babylon's) fornication” (Revelation 18:3). They all, without exception, have fallen! And Christ is mercifully and lovingly calling all His people to come completely away from all the harlot churches, and join Him outside before the plagues begin.

“Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and deliver every man his soul: be not cut off in her iniquity; for this is the time of the Lord's vengeance...My people, go ye out of the midst of her, and **deliver ye every man his soul** from the fierce anger of the Lord” Jeremiah 51:6, 45.

13) Jesus Christ Himself states that the SDA church is going directly to hell and not to heaven!

“Of those who boast of their light, and yet fail to walk in it, Christ says, 'But I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgment, than for you. And thou, **Capernaum [Seventh-day Adventists, who have had great light], with art exalted unto heaven [in point of privilege], shalt be brought down to hell...**'

“And now, because ye have done all these works, saith the Lord, and I spake unto you, rising up early and speaking, but ye heard not; and I called you, but ye answered not; therefore will **I do unto this house**, which is called by My name, **wherein ye trust**, and unto the place which I gave to you and to your fathers, **as I have done to Shiloh**. And I will cast you out of my sight, as I have cast out all your brethren, even the whole seed of Ephraim” Review and Herald, August 1, 1893, (vol 3, p 69) [brackets in original].

14) It is a free willing choice on your part either to leave and join Christ and His people outside, or to stay inside and in league with the Devil. Either you follow the commandments and sayings of God and gain eternal life, or you follow the commandments and sayings of men and are lost (Mark 7:6-7, Colossians 2:22). Either you make God your trust and are blessed (Psalms 125:1-2), or you make flesh your arm and are cursed (Jeremiah 17:5). Either you follow God's will in bearing the cross of separation “out of the camp” (Hebrews 13:12-13), or you follow your own will in walking “in the sparks” of your own kindling (Isaiah 50:11).

Is your church more precious to you than your Saviour Jesus Christ?

“If it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve...but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord” Joshua 24:15.

“Here and there an individual member of a family is true to the convictions of his conscience, and is compelled to stand alone in his family or in the church to which he belongs, and is finally compelled, because of the course of those with whom he associates, to separate himself from their companionship. The line of demarkation is made distinct. **One stands upon the word of God, the others upon the traditions and sayings of men.**” Review and Herald, July 24, 1894 (vol 3, p 169).