

BABYLON – THEN and NOW, part 4 quotes

1) Did the SDA church ever depart from Christ her husband and unite herself to the world, committing harlotry?

"The professed followers of Christ are no longer a separate and peculiar people. The line of demarcation is indistinct. The people are subordinating themselves to the world, to its practices, its customs, its selfishness. **The church has gone over to the world** in transgression of the law, when the world should have come over to the church in obedience to the law. Daily the church is being converted to the world." Christ's Object Lessons, p 315-316.

"It is a solemn and terrible truth that many who have been zealous in proclaiming the third angel's message are now becoming listless and indifferent! The line of demarcation between worldlings and many professed Christians is almost indistinguishable. Many who once were earnest **Adventists** are conforming to the world--to its practices, its customs, its selfishness. Instead of leading the world to render obedience to God's law, **the church is uniting more and more closely with the world** in transgression. **Daily the church is becoming converted to the world.**" Testimonies, vol 8, p 118-119.

"The central power of the earth is a demon. His throne is in the midst of the world, where should have been seen the throne of God. He has been patronized by the church, **for the church has been conformed to the world**, and is living in transgression of the Holy law of God." This Day With God, p 28.

"**The church has taken the world into her fellowship, and has given her affections to the enemies of holiness.** The church and the world are standing on the same ground in transgression of the law of God. The church prefers to assimilate to the world rather than separate from its customs and vanities." Last Day Events from the Letters and Manuscripts of E.G. White, p 55 (Manuscript 44, 1900, p 19).

2) Since the SDA church has chosen to unite and marry herself to the world, then she has fulfilled the conditions necessary to become a cage of every unclean and hateful bird or an harlot of Babylon! But would anyone dare declare that this adulterous woman was now an harlot of Babylon? YES -- the estranged husband of the SDA church — or Jesus Christ Himself!

"Our position in the world is not what it should be. We are far from where we should have been had our christian experience been in harmony with the light and the opportunities given us, had we from the beginning constantly pressed onward and upward. Had we walked in the light that has been given us, had we followed on to know the Lord, our path would have grown brighter and brighter. But many of those who have had special light are so conformed to the world that they can scarcely be distinguished from worldlings. They do not stand forth as God's peculiar people, chosen and precious. It is difficult to discern between him that serveth God and him that serveth Him not.

"In the balances of the sanctuary the **Seventh-day Adventist church** is to be weighed. She will be judged by the privileges and advantages that she has had....Why is there so dim a perception of the true spiritual condition of the church? Has not blindness fallen upon the watchmen standing on the walls of Zion?...One who sees beneath the surface, who reads the hearts of all men, says of those who have had great light: 'They are not afflicted and astonished because of their moral and spiritual condition.' 'Yea, they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delighteth in their abominations. I also will chose their delusions, and will bring their fears upon them; because when I called, none did answer; when I spake, they did not hear: but they did evil before Mine eyes, and chose that in which I delighted not.' **God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie,** 'because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved,' 'but had pleasure in unrighteousness.' Isaiah 66:3, 4; 2 Thessalonians 2:11, 10, 12.

"The heavenly Teacher inquired: 'What stronger delusion can beguile the mind than the pretense that you are building on the right foundation and that God accepts your works, when in reality you are working out many things according to worldly policy and are sinning against Jehovah?...'

"Who can truthfully say, 'Our gold is tried in the fire; our garments are unspotted by the world?' I saw our Instructor pointing to the garments of so-called righteousness. Stripping them off, He laid bare the defilement beneath. Then He (Christ) said to me: 'Can you not see how they have pretentiously covered up their defilement and rottenness of character? **How is the faithful city become an harlot!**' My Father's house is made a house of merchandise, a place whence the **divine presence and glory have departed!**...'

"Unless the church, which is now being leavened with her own backsliding, **shall repent and be converted,** she will eat of the fruit of her own doing, until she shall abhor herself." Manuscript 32, 1903 (edited version in Testimonies, vol 8, p 247-251).

In 1903 Jesus Himself unerringly pronounced the SDA church and its organizational structure to be an harlot of Babylon! But He did not pronounce them to be Babylon fallen at that time!

3) Has the SDA church repented and come back to Jesus Christ? Or have they used their probationary time to grow worse in apostasy and rebellion against God and they are now Babylon fallen?"

There will not be any "Thus saith the Lord" found which plainly states in these words; "The SDA church is now Babylon fallen, come out." Then how do we know for ourselves if this is really true or not? It will only be through earnest prayer to God to open our eyes and grant us His clear discernment; it will only be through our careful unbiased study of the Scriptures and the Spirit of Prophecy; it will only be through the enlightenment of God's Holy Spirit in our opened minds; and it will only be through our taking the time to carefully examine the fruits that are being produced by the SDA church.

"Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit; neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore **by their fruits ye shall know them.**" Matthew 7:16-20.

4) An honest and unbiased examination of the fruits produced by the SDA church ever since 1903 will plainly reveal that this harlot has continued on in her adulterous love affair with Satan and the world, but especially after Sister White's death in 1915! And Sister White even warned of this very thing occurring!

"I am charged to tell our people, that do not realize, that the devil has device after device, and he carries them out in ways that they do not expect. Satan's agencies will invent ways to make sinners out of saints.

"I tell you now, that **when I am laid to rest, great changes will take place...**I want the people to know **that I warned them fully before my death.**" Manuscript 1, Feb 24, 1915.

There has been over 100 years of these "great changes" and growing apostasy of the SDA church ever since 1915, and she continues to grow worse as time goes along! The churches of Protestantism had only 4 years of the same before their probation closed corporately and they became Babylon fallen!

5) How can anyone know for certain if the SDA church is still God's faithful bride and church, or if she has become part of Babylon fallen of Revelation 18 today?

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