

# BABYLON – THEN and NOW, part 5 quotes

1) FRUITS DO NOT LIE! They are true evidence of what is already in the heart by choice!

**"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.

2) Some examples of evil fruits being manifested by the SDA church:

- In 1977 the church had a medallion produced which "was a gold-covered symbol of the Seventh-day Adventist Church" (Review, August 11, 1977, p 23). The, the church leadership officially gave this golden medallion representing the entire SDA church into the very hands of the pope himself!
- The SDA church allowed the USA Director of the World Council of Churches to officially open up the 1990 General Conference Session in Indianapolis, Indiana because there was so much held in common between them!
- The SDA church allowing the Vatican itself to be represented in the Parade of Nations at the 1995 General Conference Session in the Netherlands. (For more examples of wicked fruits being produced by the SDA church, please read the book "The Abomination of Desolation and Church History" at our LightMinistries.com website, at the link [www.LightMinistries.com/SDA/Books/id94.htm](http://www.LightMinistries.com/SDA/Books/id94.htm).)

3) What are the major fruits that we need to look for in order to prove that the SDA church has indeed become Babylon fallen?

"Concerning Babylon, the symbol of the apostate church..." Christ's Object Lessons, p 179.

4) What will cause probation to close upon the SDA church and make it become Babylon fallen?

“The wine of Babylon is the exalting of the false and spurious sabbath above the Sabbath which the Lord Jehovah hath blessed and sanctified for the use of man, also [it is] the immortality of the soul. These kindred heresies, and the rejection of the truth, convert the church into Babylon.” Selected Messages, book 2, p 68.

5) The sole foundational basis for the existence of the SDA church is the Three Angels' Messages, and its sole mission in these last days would be the proclamation of these truths sent to her from heaven!

"What is the Raison D'etre [French word for "reason for existence"] of the Seventh-day Adventist church? In short, it is to proclaim to the entire world the gospel in the setting of God's special threefold message [Revelation 14] and thus prepare a people for the coming of Christ." Adventist Review, August 19, 1982, p 13 (see also Ministry, December, 1992, p 24).

6) Has the SDA church rejected the original fundamental beliefs and teachings of the Three Angels' Messages of Revelation 14 and is now teaching a different message of satanic heresy?

"...the truth, **as we understand it** for this end time, is real, its relevant, its defensible, it will stand the test of scrutiny." Robert Folkenberg, past president of the General Conference, from a taped Question & Answer talk show titled "Issues and Interviews," hosted by Don Snyder (president of Northern California Conference), February 19, 1993 from 8:00-10:00 pm on KCDS (an SDA radio station in Angwin, California).

7) Some will argue that the various SDA books or the articles found in the church papers, which are both printed off the church's own presses, carry only the views of the authors themselves and not the authority of the SDA church denomination unless specifically noted. But this is not correct!

"Seventh-day Adventist publishing houses, built by denominational investment, were instituted not to publish whatever a worker may elect, but to produce the finest literature possible to give our basic message the widest consistent circulation in the most representative fashion.

"Our houses...are partners in a threefold compact--they serve and protect the denomination itself, the denominational publisher, and the denominational author. They have both a denominational name to safeguard, and a publisher's name and reputation to protect. They, therefore, have book committees to read, evaluate, and recommend specific action and improvements on manuscripts. They have boards to make final decision, skilled staffs to check, edit, and correct the copy, and put it into acceptable form....

"When the finished product carries the stamp of a standard publishing house, **it bears denominational approval**. It is then a denominational, not a private, publication. It has a measure of authority and dignity not otherwise possible." Ministry, December, 1948, p 23, Review and Herald Publishing Association.

8) These specific printed materials are stated to speak for the SDA church: The Voice of Prophecy programs, the Voice of Prophecy News paper, and The Signs of the Times. These are "presentations of the Seventh-day Adventist church." Eternity magazine, September, 1957, quoting the stated positions of SDA church leaders.

Not only these materials, but especially the Adventist Review. The Adventist Review is called "The voice of the church, for the church." (Adventist Review, January 20, 1983, p 8). The chairman of their board is the General Conference president (Adventist Review, January 20, 1983 p 8), and so the Review "has become inseparable from the church. Through the years it has told the story of the church, and continues to do so" (Adventist Review, October 24, 1985 back page). Besides, the Review was called "The official organ of the Seventh-day Adventist church" (Review, May 19, 1966, front cover).

## 9) THE FIRST ANGEL'S MESSAGE

"And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come: and worship Him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters." Revelation 14:6-7.

The Everlasting Gospel is the "Good News" about Jesus and the plan of redemption and salvation from sin through faith in Jesus Christ--the connecting link between God and man (John 14:6, Genesis 28:12-13). This glorious gospel declares that we can be freely justified before God (Isaiah 45:25, Romans 3:28, Galatians 2:16, Romans 3:24, Titus 3:7, 1 Corinthians 6:11, Romans 5:9, 3:4, Matthew 12:37, Romans 2:13, James 3:20-24), obtain grace and strength to stand (Romans 5:1-5, Ephesians 6:10-18, Galatians 5:1), warring against and victoriously overcoming all temptations and sins (Romans 8:1-2) unto righteousness (Romans 6:16, 5:21) and continued sanctification through Christ and His Holy Spirit (Jeremiah 23:6, Isaiah 61:10, 1 Thessalonians 4:3-4, 2 Thessalonians 2:13) which strengtheneth us (Philippians 4:13). This gospel is not "all faith" or "all grace" which shuts out our efforts, nor is it "all works" which shuts out Jesus. It is the uniting of divinity and humanity--God working and us working for our salvation (Philippians 2:12-13, Revelation 22:14).

## 10) Several questions are answered by this gospel message, such as:

- What is the Plan of Redemption or Salvation? It is the "conditional" process (Testimonies, vol 2, p 691, vol 5, p 692, vol 3, p 481, vol 1, p 440; Patriarchs and Prophets, p 431; Bible Commentary, vol 7, p 931) whereby fallen humanity can be reconciled back to God (Patriarchs and Prophets, p 331) by their working participation and union with God (Acts of the Apostles, p 482; Testimonies, vol 6, p 372; Evangelism, p 596; Desire of Ages, p 296-297; Testimonies, vol 4, p 464) in the keeping of His laws (Selected Messages, book 1, p 218, 225; Testimonies, vol 5, p 515), and in the subduing of every sin in their life through the force of their will (Selected Messages, book 1, p 82; Desire of Ages, p 311; Steps to Christ, p 15; Patriarchs and Prophets, p 248; Mount of Blessings, p 61; Testimonies, vol 5, p 513; Matthew 11:12; Bible Commentary, vol 1, p 1095-1096) to reflect God's righteousness and to vindicate His character before all peoples (Patriarchs and Prophets, p 68). Jesus Christ made possible this glorious plan by being born of a virgin, clothing His divinity with, and becoming one with humanity (Desire of Ages, p 363), taking man's fallen sinful nature upon Him (Fundamentals of Christian Education, p 408; Testimonies, vol 5, p 235; Desire of Ages, p 49, 117; Bible Commentary, vol 4, p 1147; Review and Herald, vol 1, p 140, vol 3, p 421; Spirit of Prophecy, vol 2, p 39), and then engaging the strong foe's temptations with the inward pulling and drawing towards sin, but never giving in to this (Testimonies, vol 5, p 177; Bible Commentary, vol 7, p 929; Hebrews 4:15; Signs of the Times, vol 3,

p 264). This was necessary in order for Christ to experience and overcome the strong temptations with which Satan tempts fallen humanity, and by Christ completely relying upon His Father for help to overcome the great temptations and to sustain Him in His work (Desire of Ages, p 24, 147, 674-675; Education, p 80; Messages to Young People, p 58), Christ broke Satan's hold upon man (Prophets and Kings, p 586), and provided humanity with a perfect example and pattern of how they can also overcome (Revelation 3:21; Testimonies, vol, p 45, 86; Desire of Ages, p 49; Sons and Daughters of God, p 23; Bible Commentary, vol 7, p 925, vol 5, p 1082; Acts of Apostles, p 531; Ministry of Healing, p 180-181).

This means that Christ had no advantage over humanity, and that we can, by uniting with God through Christ by faith, exercise the same powers which Christ had in order to live a pure spotless life out of love for God (Desire of Ages, p 24, 664). Christ bore, suffered, and died upon the cruel cross, rose the third day, and ascended to heaven to minister as our High Priest before God in securing for humanity the choice to serve God or Satan. Thus the "humanity of Christ means everything to us" (Our High Calling, p 48), because if Christ did not take on Him our fallen sinful nature, but had an unfallen nature like Adam before the fall or of the angels, then He could not have suffered by being tempted, and would not know what you or I are going through when we are tempted. Thus He could not know how to succor or help us out of the temptation! But praise God this is not the case. Christ did have our fallen sinful nature upon Him, and He did suffer by being tempted. Thus He can help us in every time of need (Hebrews 2:10, 16, 18, 5:7-9; Testimonies, vol 5, p 177).

- What is sin? "Sin is the transgression of the law" of God, or the ten commandments (1 John 3:4, 2:7; Exodus 20:1-17).
  
- What is Justification? Justification is the gift from God of full and complete pardon from passed acknowledged, confessed, and forsaken sins (Proverbs 28:13; 1 John 1:9; Selected Messages, book 1, p 391; Bible Commentary, vol 6, p 1071). Justification is manifested by the transformation of character (Bible Commentary, vol 6, p 1071), and is not given or retained while transgressing God's law (Selected Messages, book 1, p 213, 366; James 2:24). It is not "once justified (saved) always justified (saved)!"
  
- What is Sanctification? Sanctification is the continual growing in grace (Bible Commentary, vol 7, p 947) by daily studying God's word (1 Corinthians 6:11; 1 Timothy 4:5; John 17:19) and daily dying to self by conforming to God's will (Testimonies, col 4, p 299). We must keep God's law to attain and maintain sanctification (Counsels on Health, p 69; Great Controversy, p 467; Testimonies, vol 2, p 472). Thus it means perfect love, perfect obedience, perfect conformity to God's will (Isaiah 5:16; 1 Thessalonians 4:3-4; 2 Thessalonians 2:13; Acts of Apostles, p 565).

- What does it mean to "fear God"? To fear God means to love (Deuteronomy 10:12), reverence (Psalms 89:7), trust (Psalms 115:11), serve (Joshua 24:14, 1 Samuel 12:14, 24), hope (Psalms 33:18-22, 147:11), keep His commandments (Deuteronomy 31:12-13, 17:19, 5:29; Psalms 112:1), and depart from evil (Proverbs 3:7, 16:6; 2 Chronicles 19:7; Exodus 20:20; Psalms 34:11, 14; Job 28:28; Proverbs 8:13).
  
- What does it mean to "give glory to Him"? To give glory to God means to reflect His righteous character in your own life and actions (Exodus 33:18-23, 34:5-8; Acts 10:35; 1 Corinthians 15:33-34; Psalms 29:1-2, 86:7-13).
  
- What does it mean that "the hour of His judgement is come"? This means that the day of God's judgment had arrived on October 22, 1844 (Evangelism, p 223; Selected Messages, book 1, p 125; Testimonies, vol 5, p 692). Those who have chosen to serve God and continued faithful to Him would be judged worthy of everlasting life (Great Controversy, p 480; Testimonies, vol 4, p 384), but those who choose to reject God and His means of salvation, and to continue in sin, would be judged unworthy of everlasting life (1 Peter 4:17; Romans 2:5-9; Great Controversy, p 482-486; Early Writings, p 280). All our sins are being written down in the record books of heaven for the purpose of the judgment (Daniel 7:9-11; Great Controversy, p 487; Christ's Object Lessons, p 310), and it starts first with the dead, and then with the living (Great Controversy, p 436; Selected Messages, book 1, p 125). The judgment does not free us from sin, but awakens us to the urgency that time is short, and that we must be delivered through Jesus from sin's prison house before we are individually judged and can stand in the judgment (Great Controversy, p 436), or we will face eternal destruction (Revelation 20:11-15).
  
- What does it mean to "worship Him"? To worship God means that we honor, serve and obey God and Him alone (Psalms 96:9, 29:2, 5:7; 1 Chronicles 16:29; Matthew 4:10; John 4:23-24), that our spiritual allegiance is to God and Him alone and not to any man or church or government or nation or power (Acts 5:29; Galatians 1:10; Psalms 118:6, 8-9).