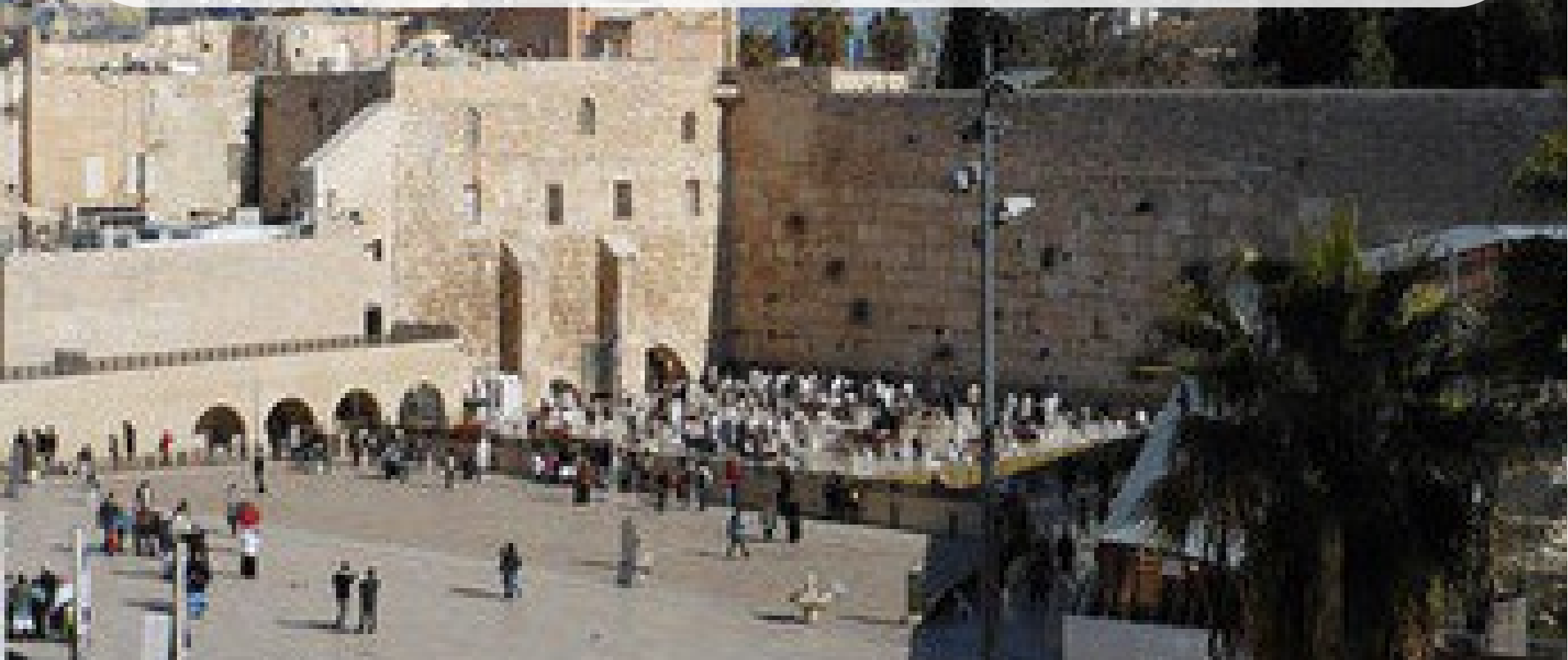
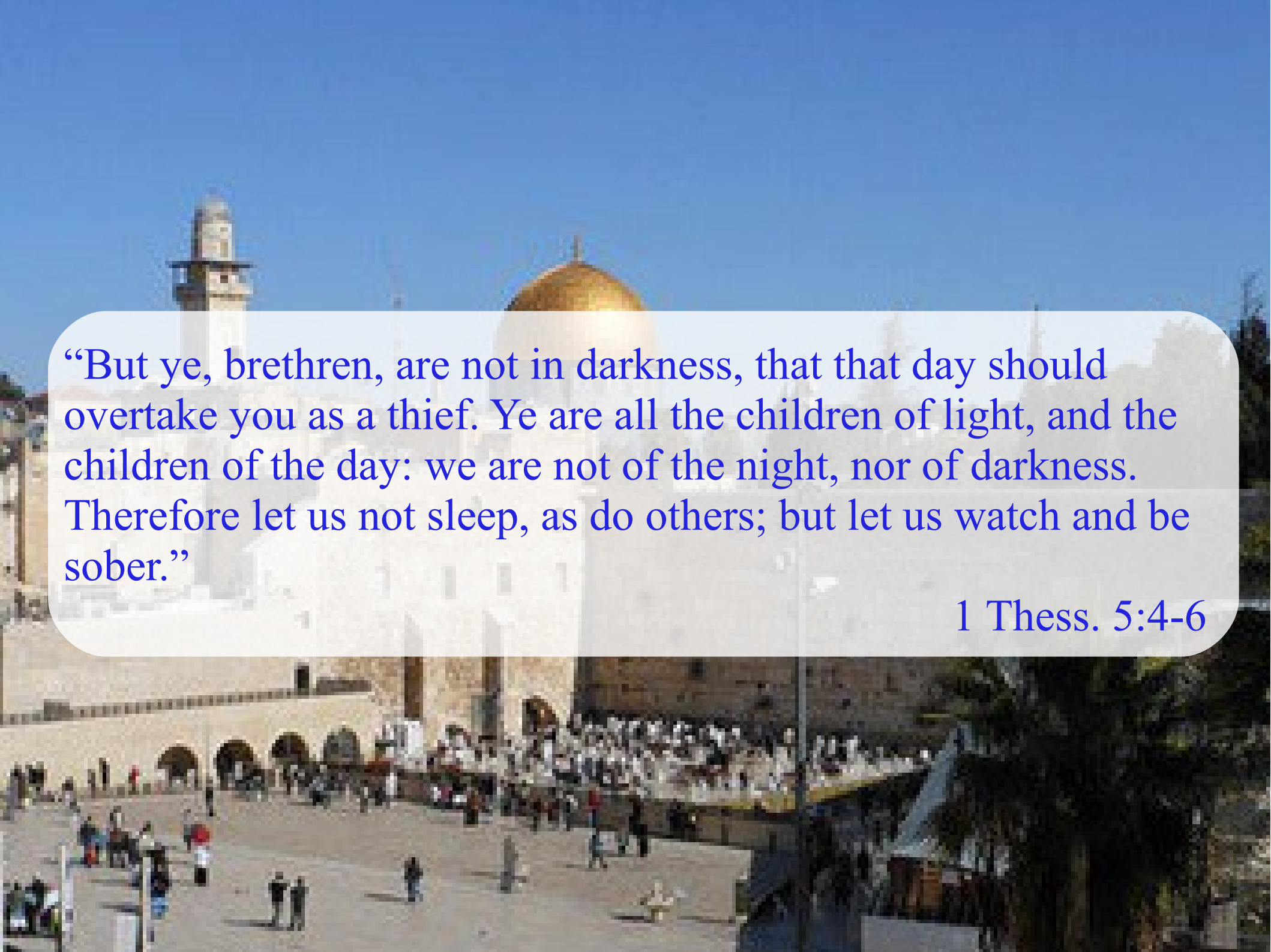




Caught Unprepared
Part 10
A Thief in the Night



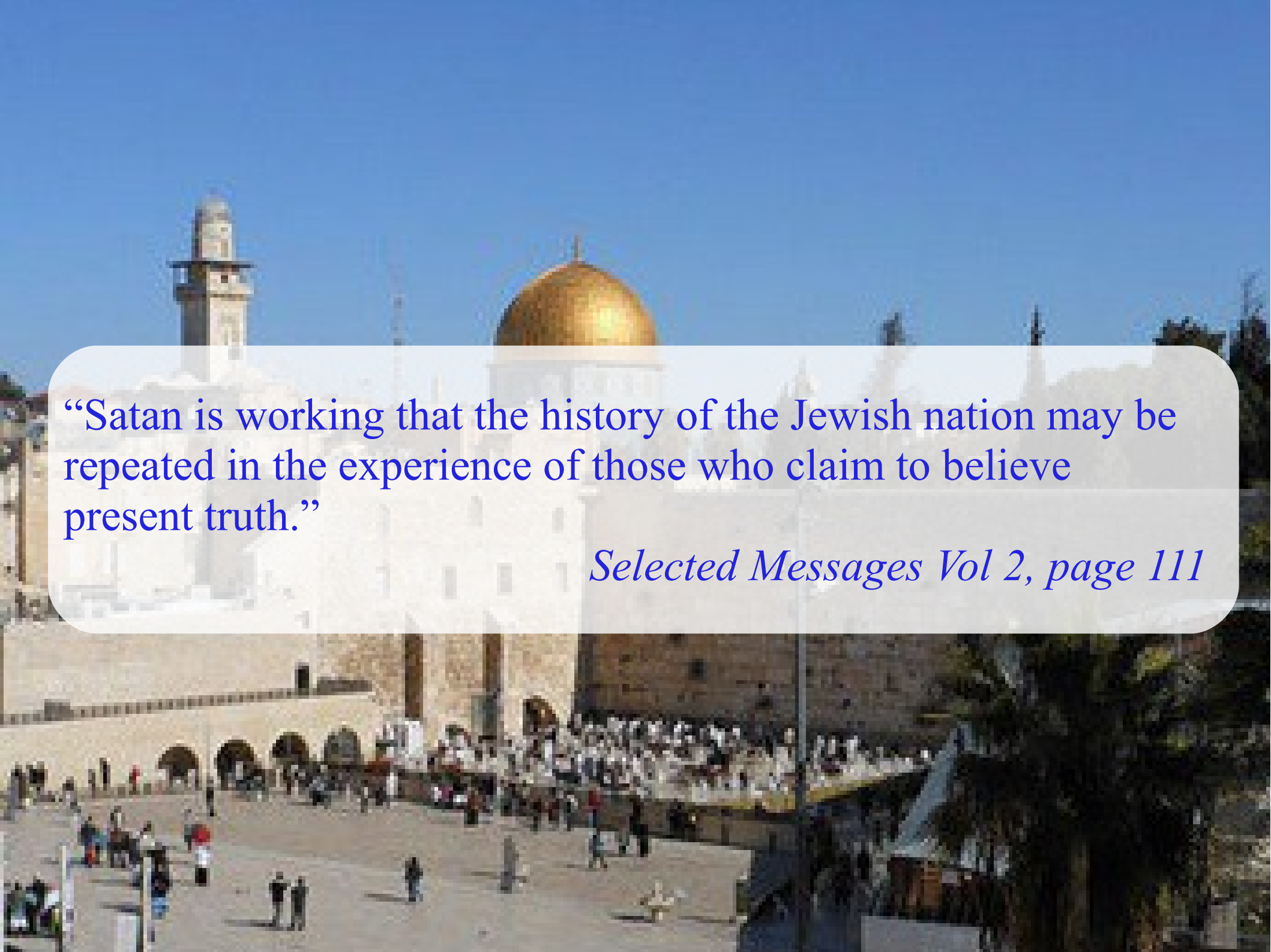


“But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober.”

1 Thess. 5:4-6

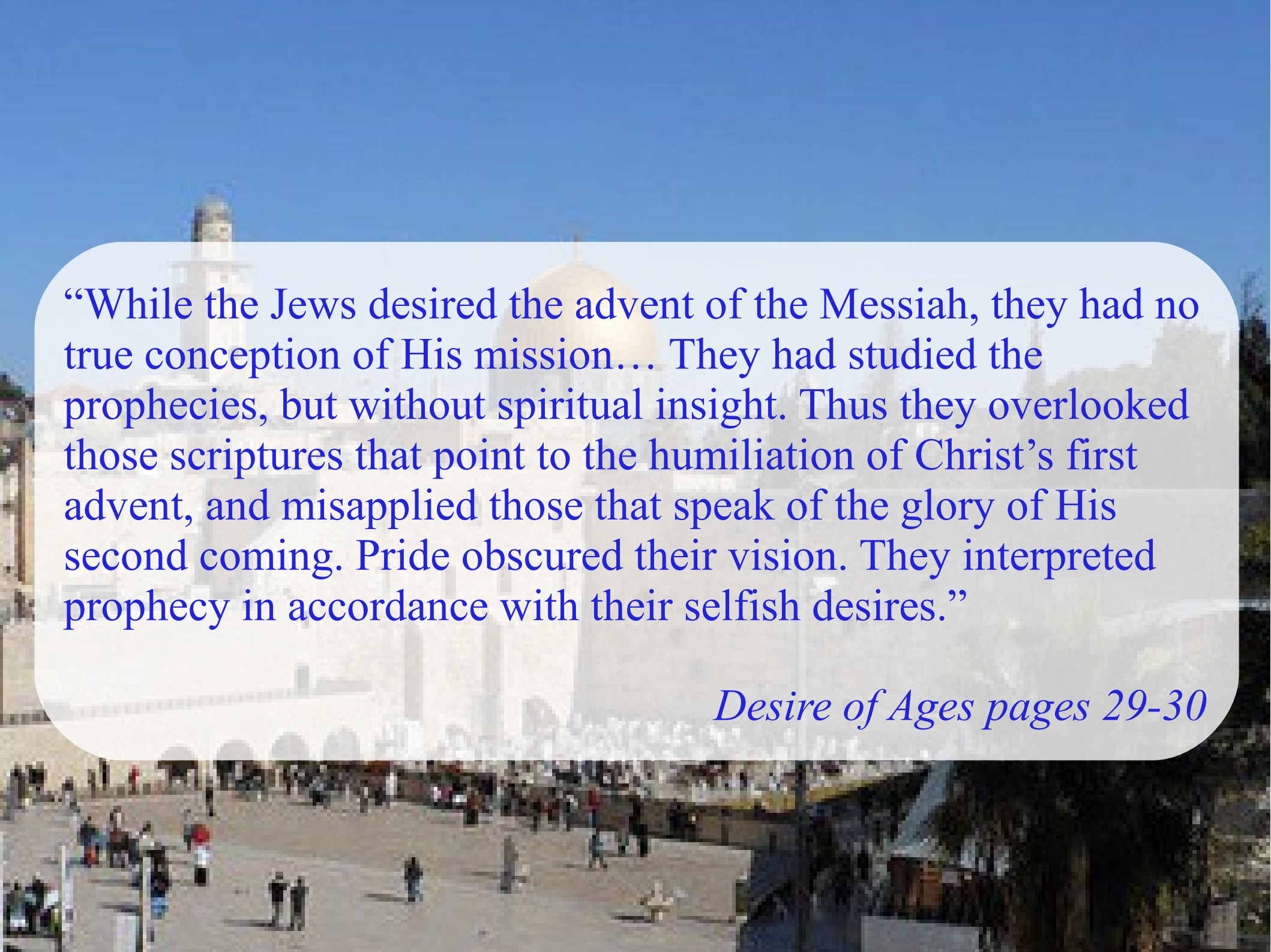
“It is in a crisis that character is revealed. When the earnest voice proclaimed at midnight, 'Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him,' and the sleeping virgins were roused from their slumbers, it was seen who had made preparation for the event. Both parties were taken unawares; but one was prepared for the emergency, and the other was found without preparation. **So now, a sudden and unlooked-for calamity, something that brings the soul face to face with death, will show whether there is any real faith in the promises of God.** It will show whether the soul is sustained by grace. **The great final test comes at the close of human probation, when it will be too late for the soul's need to be supplied.”**

Christ's Object Lesson page 412



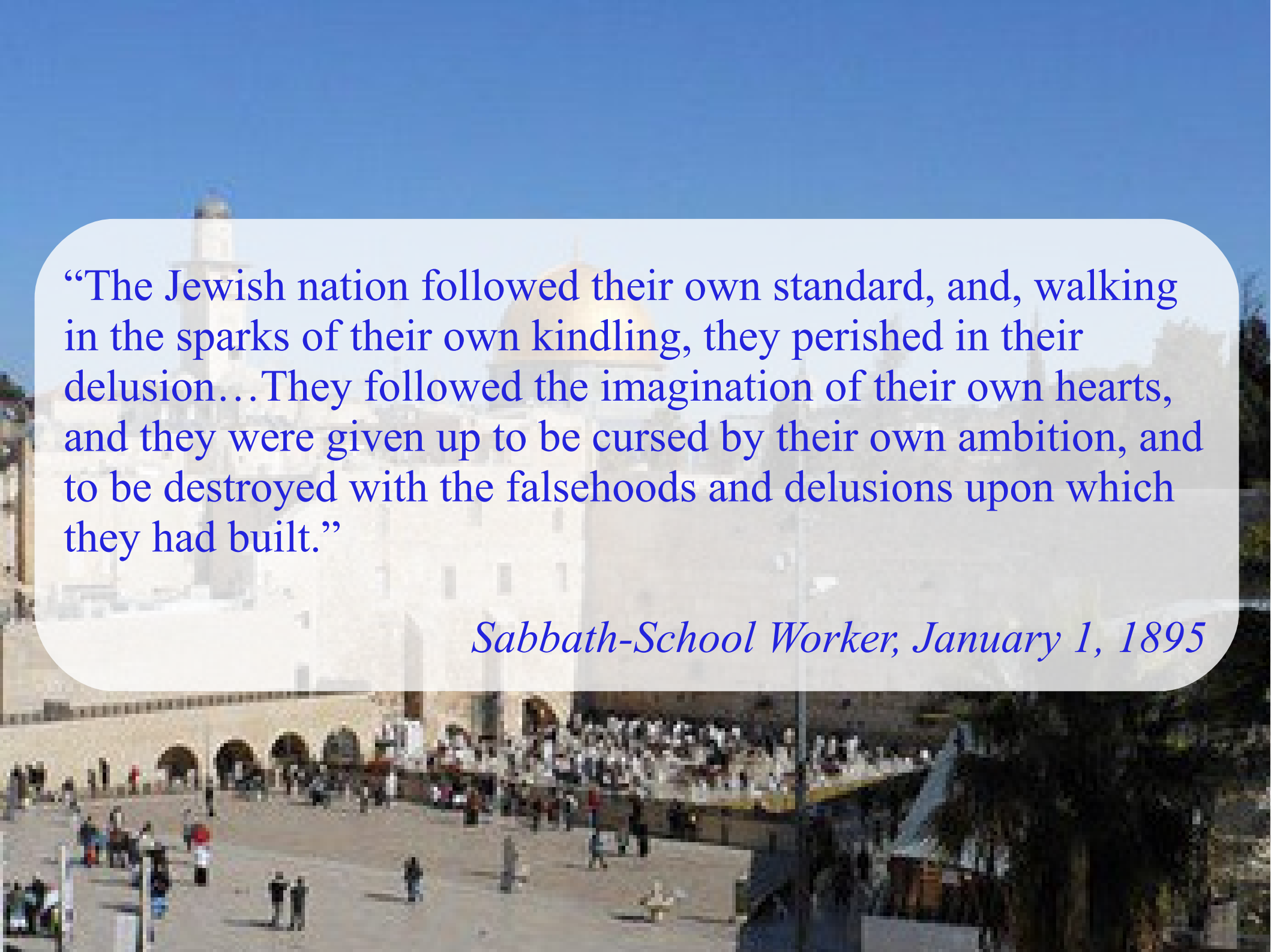
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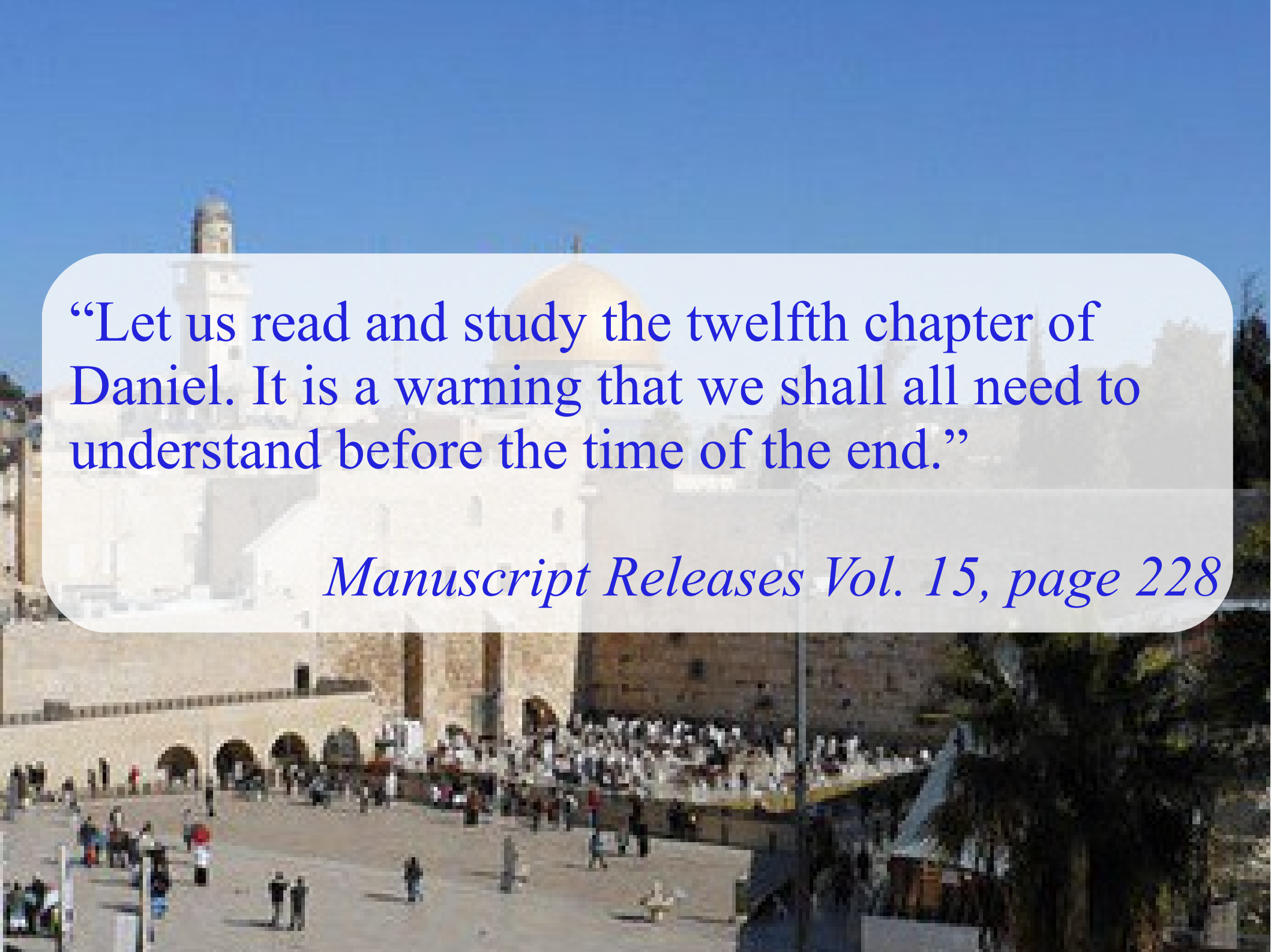
“While the Jews desired the advent of the Messiah, they had no true conception of His mission... They had studied the prophecies, but without spiritual insight. Thus they overlooked those scriptures that point to the humiliation of Christ’s first advent, and misapplied those that speak of the glory of His second coming. Pride obscured their vision. They interpreted prophecy in accordance with their selfish desires.”

Desire of Ages pages 29-30



“The Jewish nation followed their own standard, and, walking in the sparks of their own kindling, they perished in their delusion...They followed the imagination of their own hearts, and they were given up to be cursed by their own ambition, and to be destroyed with the falsehoods and delusions upon which they had built.”

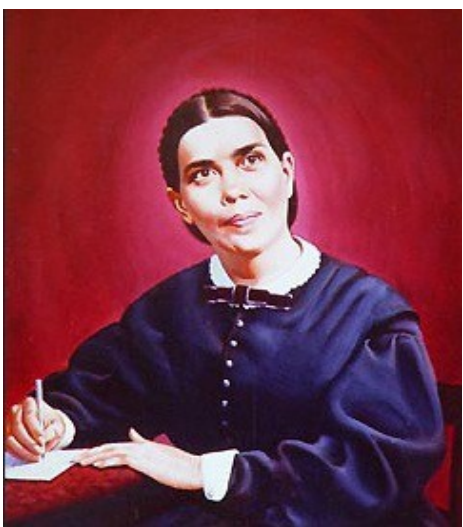
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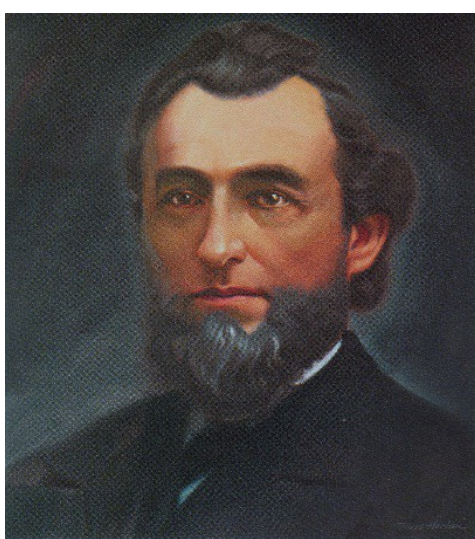
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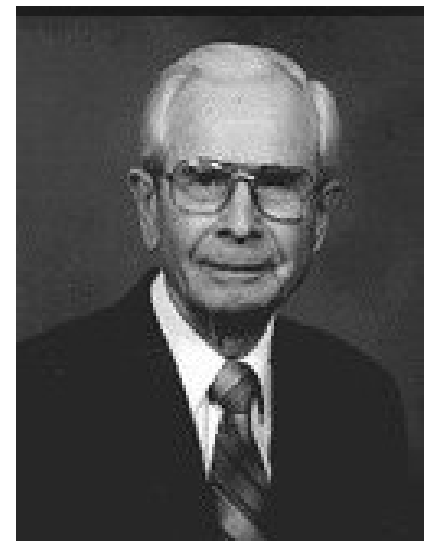
In our previous studies we showed how the Adventist leadership has been involved in a massive deception, an attempt to mislead the people into believing that the pioneers taught something on the prophecy of Daniel 11 that they did not teach. We have also proved that Uriah Smith was right in applying the king of north prophecy to the Ottoman Empire and that its demise in 1922 signaled that we had entered the time of trouble spoken of in Daniel 12:1. We have also seen the positive testimony of the Spirit of Prophecy that the time of trouble had already started in 1904. In this study we will examine the reason for this deception and take a closer look at the loud cry, latter rain connection.



Ellen G. White - 1827-1915



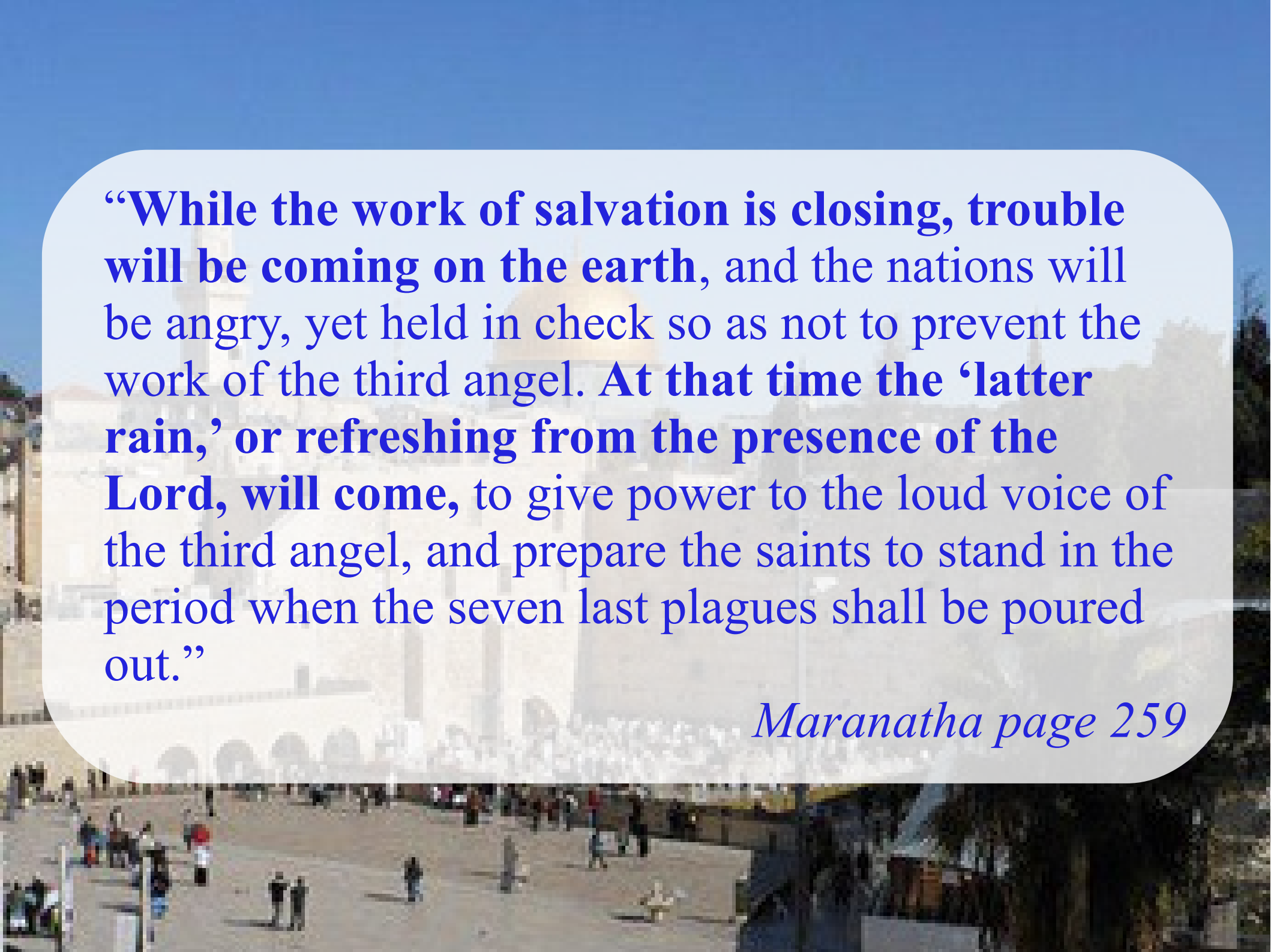
Uriah Smith - 1832-1903



Raymond Cottrell – 1911-2003

“The commencement of that time of trouble,
here mentioned does not refer to the time when the
plagues shall begin to be poured out, **but to a short
period just before they are poured out, while
Christ is in the sanctuary.** At that time, while the
work of salvation is closing, trouble will be coming
on the earth, and the nations will be angry, yet held
in check so as not to prevent the work of the third
angel. **At that time the ‘latter rain,’ or refreshing
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Early Writings page 85



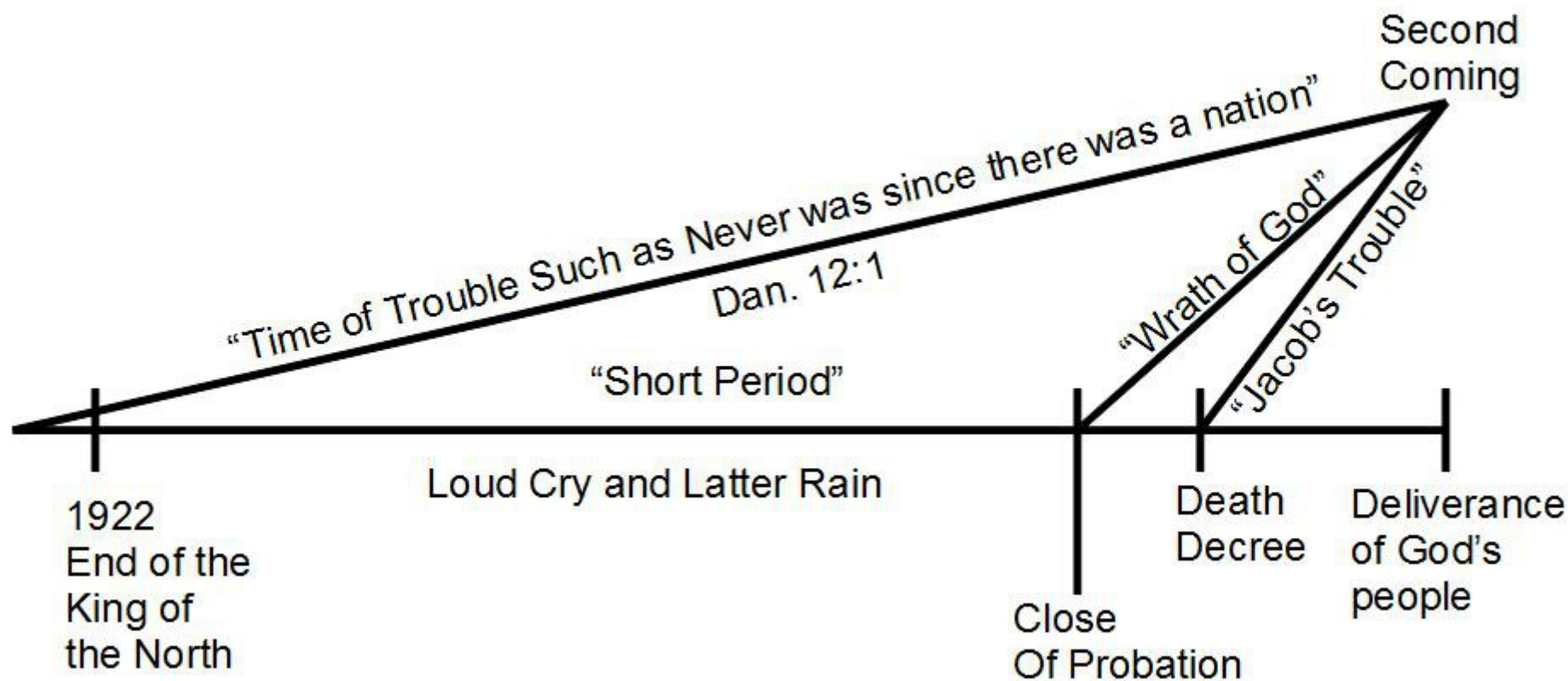
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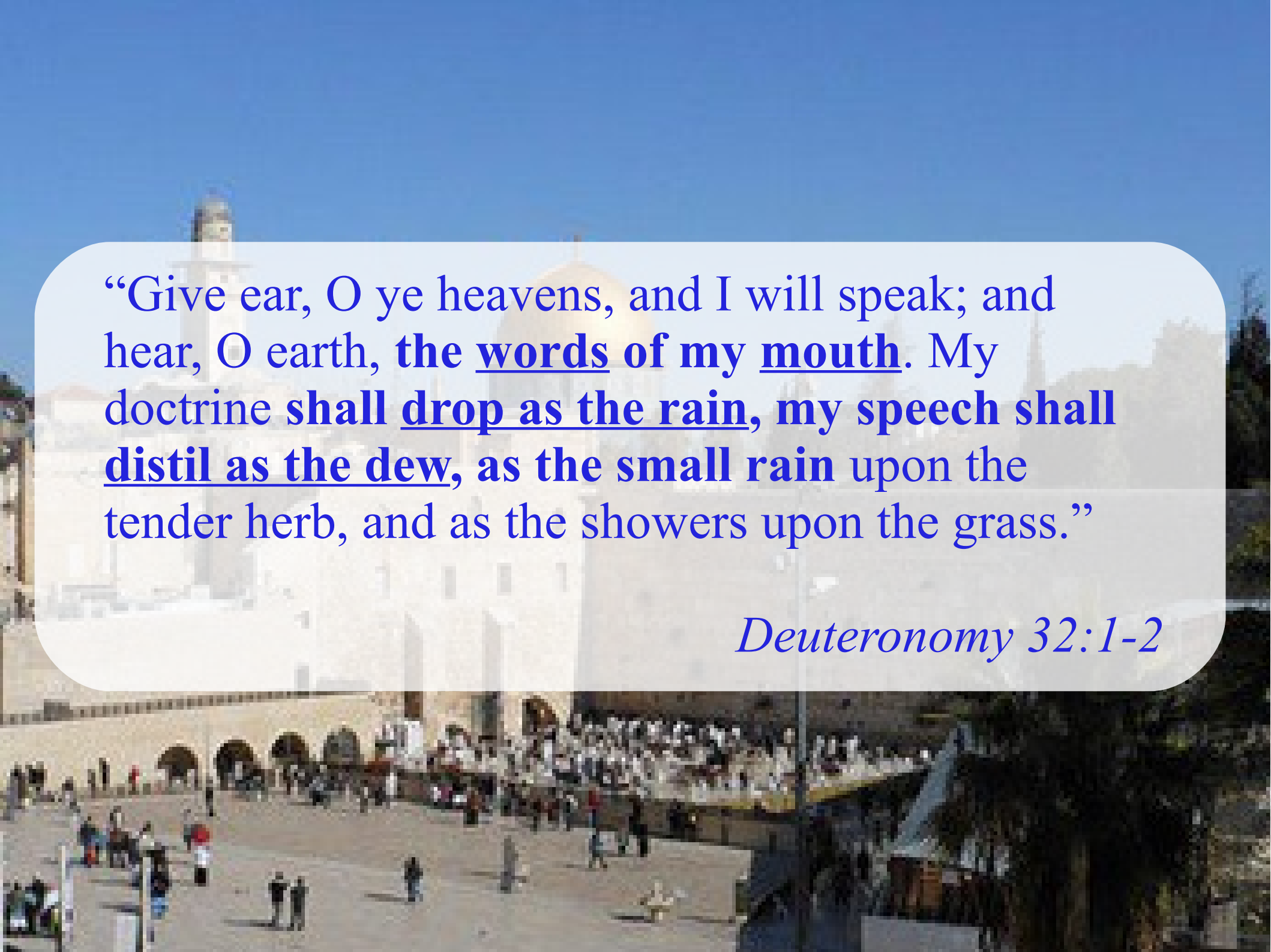
Maranatha page 259

“As the members of the body of Christ approach the period of **their last conflict, ‘the time of Jacob's trouble,’** they will grow up into Christ, and will partake largely of his Spirit. As the third message swells to a loud cry, and as great power and glory attends the closing work, the faithful people of God will partake of that glory. **It is the latter rain which revives and strengthens them to pass through the time of trouble.** Their faces will shine with the glory of that light which attends the third angel.”

Review and Herald, May 27, 1862

From these quotes we understand that the latter rain falls at the beginning of the time of trouble. This outpouring of the Holy Spirit prepares God's people to stand in the time of Jacob's trouble. Remember, there are three phases to the time of trouble, all of them referred to in various places as the time of trouble.





“Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, **the words of my mouth**. My doctrine **shall drop as the rain**, my speech shall **distil as the dew**, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass.”

Deuteronomy 32:1-2

We gather from this passage and others that the rain is the words of God, or His message. The latter rain is to come as a message to the people, accompanied by the Holy Spirit. So, what is this message?



“The Lord in His great mercy sent a most precious message to His people through Elders Waggoner and Jones. This message was to bring more prominently before the world the uplifted Saviour, the sacrifice for the sins of the whole world... This is the message that God commanded to be given to the world. **It is the third angel's message, which is to be proclaimed with a loud voice, and attended with the outpouring of His Spirit in a large measure.**

Testimonies to Ministers page 91-92

“The whole earth is to be lightened with the glory of God’s truth. The Lord will not close up the period of probation until the warning shall be more distinctly proclaimed. The trumpet must give a certain sound. The law of God is to be magnified, its claims must be presented in their true, sacred character, that the people may be brought to decide for or against the truth. Yet the work will be cut short in righteousness. The message of Christ’s righteousness is to sound from one end of the world to the other. This is the glory of God which closes the work of the third angel...”

*Last Day Events page 79,
(Non Conference Edition)
Letter 2C, 1892.*

“In the closing work of God in the earth, the standard of His law will be again exalted... in the hour of greatest peril the God of Elijah will raise up human instrumentalities to bear a message that will not be silenced... 'Fear God, and give glory to Him...' Rev.14:7-10. At the judgment this covenant will be brought forth, plainly written with the finger of God, and the world will be arraigned before the bar of Infinite Justice to receive sentence... **And the message for today is: 'Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen... Come out of her, My people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.'” Revelation 18:2, 4, 5.**

Prophets and Kings page 186-187

“God designs that the plan of redemption shall come to His people as the latter rain: for they are fast losing their connection with God. They are trusting in man, and glorifying man, and their strength is proportionate to the strength of their dependence. Some matters have been opened before me which will be fulfilled ere long. We are to know more than we do at the present time. We are to comprehend the deep things of God... We need to study the Scriptures with humble, contrite hearts. Those who will devote their powers to the study of God's Word, and especially the prophecies referring to these last days, will be rewarded by the discovery of important truths.”

*Ms 75, 1899, pp. 4, 5
Untitled Manuscript, May 11, 1899
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So, the latter rain comes as a message. This message is the doctrine of Christ, the plan of salvation, righteousness by faith, the law of God, the Sabbath, a call to come out of Babylon, and a clearer understanding of the prophecies. This message is to be given at the beginning of the time of trouble, which we have proved began at the beginning of the 20th century. We have clear statements that the time of trouble had begun in 1904, do we have similar statements about the latter rain and loud cry?



1849 – “Then I saw that...the time of trouble, such as never was, **had not yet commenced.**”
(*Early Writings p. 36*)

“**At that time** (commencement of the time of trouble) the ‘latter rain,’ or refreshing from the presence of the Lord, **will come**, to give power to the loud voice of the third angel...” (*Early Writings page 85, 86*)



1892 – “The **day of test** and purification is **just upon us.**” (*The Review and Herald, November 8, 1892*)

“The **time of test** is **just upon us**, the loud cry of the third angel **has already begun** in the revelation of the righteousness of Christ.” (*The Review and Herald, November 22, 1892*)

1904 – “We are **now** entering upon the time of trouble spoken of: [Daniel 12:1-4 quoted]”
(Manuscript Releases, Volume 13, page 394)

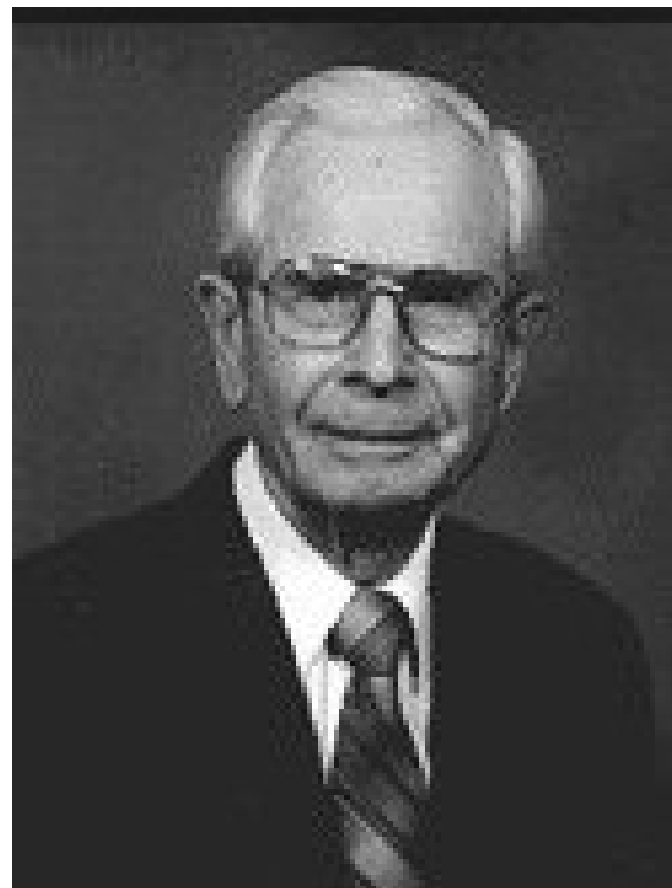
1906 – “In the eighteenth chapter (of Revelation) is recorded the very last call to the churches. **This call is now to be given.**” *(Manuscript 75, Sept. 20, 1906, Upward Look page 277)*



1907 – “The time of trouble has already begun.”
(*Manuscript Releases Vol. 21 Page 101*)

1913 – “The message for today is... Revelation
18” (*Review and Herald, November 20, 1913*)

It is obvious from these statements that the latter rain, loud cry, and time of trouble began together right around the turn of the 20th century. But Adventists have been taught all their lives that these three events are future, after the Sunday Law. Could it be that we have been deceived by our leaders? Just as the Jews were deceived by their leaders? Not only is it possible, it has happened! What the whole thing boils down to is this. Do you believe the testimonies of God's Spirit or don't you? Do you remember Raymond Cottrell? We talked about him in Part 3. He lied to the church about what the pioneers taught on the king of the north. He also said that the sanctuary doctrine could not be proved from Daniel 8:14 using Biblical Exegesis and Hermeneutic principles, and he was right, it is impossible to prove the truth using Greek Philosophy.



Raymond Cottrell – 1911-2003

It used to be that Adventists were very clear in their presentations of prophecy. The sincere and logical mind could easily see the truth and clearness of what they taught. But this is not the case anymore. Many of the prophetic presentations are confusing and circular, with no clear purpose or reason. This is because our methods of interpretation have become confused. In the Christian world there are two methods of interpreting prophecy. They are the Catholic and Protestant methods. The Catholic method can be divided into three, the spiritual, the preterist, and the futurist. The protestant method, used by all the reformers, and the Advent pioneers, is known as the historicist method.

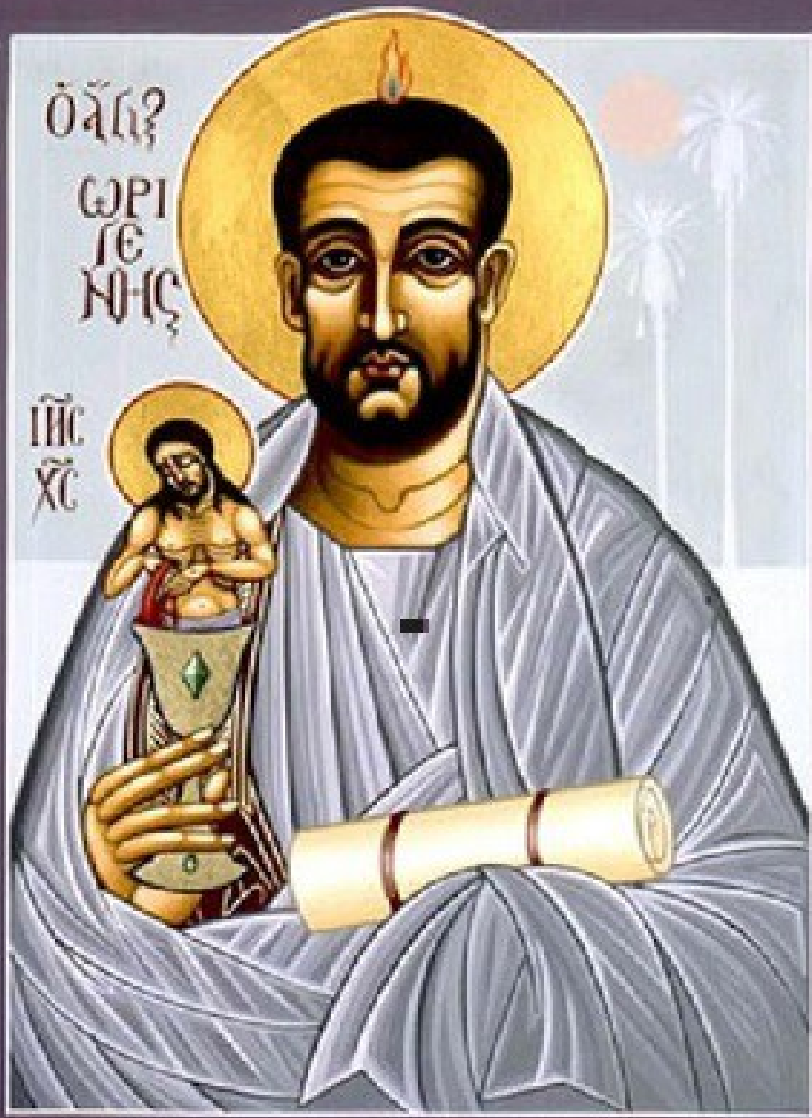


The reason there is so much confusion today is that these methods are being blended.

The Catholic methods Originated with Origen and his mentor in the third century. They took the Hermeneutic principles (Hermeneutic = to interpret a text) used by the Greek philosophers in interpreting their mythological oracles (holy stories) and applied them to the study of the scriptures. Using these methods he was able to make the Bible say anything he wanted it to and often could make a text mean the exact opposite of what it literally said. He did not view the Bible as the inerrant Word of God. But as a collection of stories similar to the mythology and oracles of the Greeks, they were interesting stories of how the gods interacted with man in the past but could be viewed with skepticism in a modern world.



Representation of Greek God Hermes



Origen of Alexandria – 184-254 AD

But this mixing of Greek philosophy with the Scriptures was not isolated to the Catholic Church of the Christian era. It was actually begun much earlier, during the 2 centuries just prior to Christ's advent. The Jews of Alexandria in Egypt began to mix this Greek philosophy and methodology with their interpretation of scripture. During this time, some of these scholars produced the Septuagint, a Greek translation of the Hebrew prophets. It was this mixing of the pagan philosophy with the true Word of God that led directly to the rejection of Jesus by the Jews. It was this work of the Hellenized Jews that Origen made use of and that became the basis of the Old Testament of the Latin Vulgate in the Catholic Church.

This spiritual method of Origen became the basis of all Catholic methods of interpretation. Using this method the prophecies are not to be literally fulfilled but have only a spiritual application. The other two Catholic methods were developed by Jesuit priests as a part of the counter-reformation. They were developed to counteract the protestant charge that the catholic church was the beast of Revelation. One method puts all the prophecies of Revelation in the past (the preterist method). This is the method preferred by Catholics of the old school. The futurist method puts it all in the future and is the preferred method of evangelicals and liberal Catholics today. This is the method that the 7 year tribulation is based on.

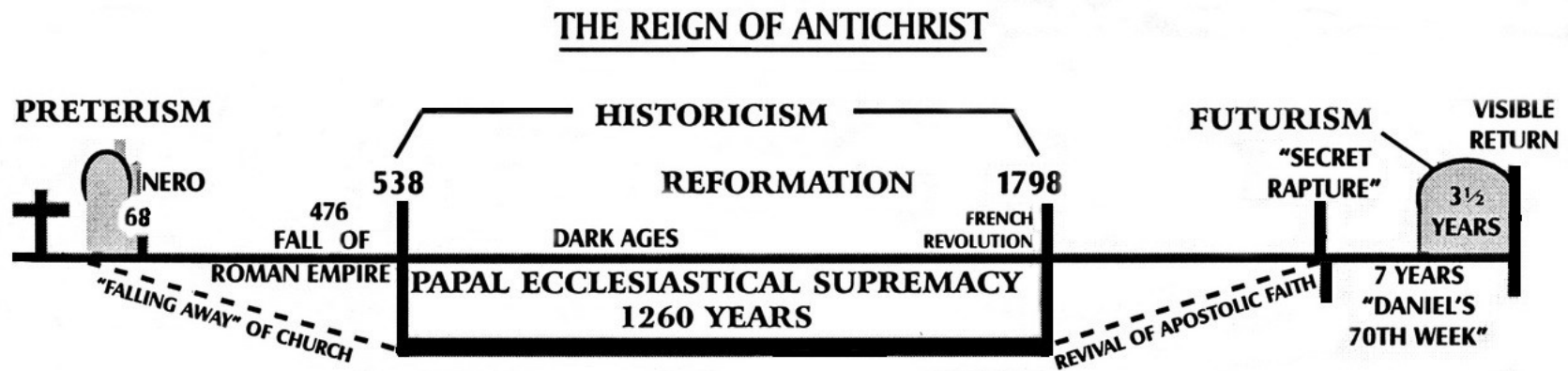


Alcazar - 1554-1613 - Preterism



Ribera - 1537-1591 - Futurism

The protestant, historicist method, looks at the prophecy literally and compares it to the stream of history. Comparing the history with the prophecy we pinpoint where we are in the prophecy in relation to the Second Coming and the work of Christ in the Sanctuary. Prophecy is an unfolding scroll, history written before it happens. The protestant churches abandoned this method after discovering that they could not refute Adventism using it.

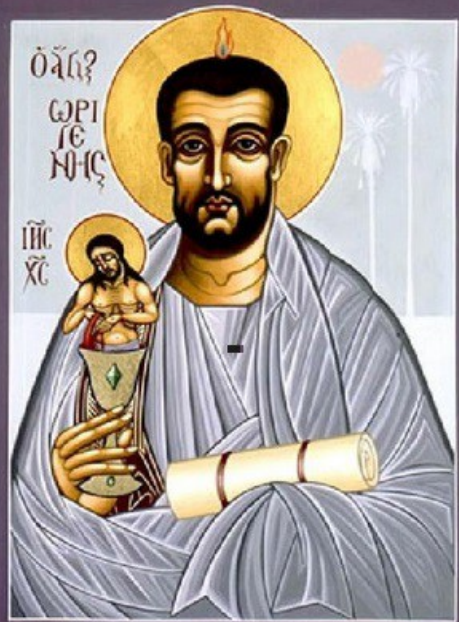


ANTICHRIST IS MOVED EITHER FORWARD OR BACKWARD IN TIME

Ribera's Futurism puts the Antichrist into a Future Three and One-half Literal Years.

Alcazar's Preterism Identifies the antichrist as Nero.

Both of them put Antichrist outside the Middle Ages and the Reformation Period – Identified by Protestant Historicists as Antichrist's Reign of 1260 Prophetic Years.

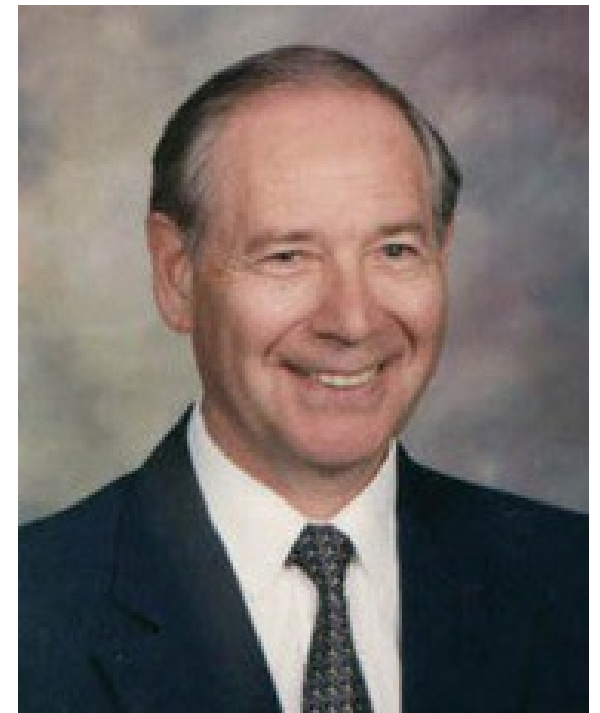


Origen of Alexandria – 184-254 AD

The spiritual method of prophetic interpretation was introduced into the Adventist church by Luis Were. He is called the Australian evangelist. During the 1940's and 50's he wrote a couple of books on Daniel 11. One of these books lays out Daniel 11:40-45 as a spiritual prophecy of the end time. Using the Spirit of Prophecy extensively in his presentation he formed an end times scenario based on these verses that firmly places the the loud cry and latter rain after the national Sunday law.



Luis F. Were – 1896-1967



Hans LaRondell – 1929-2011
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Ellen G. White - 1827-1915



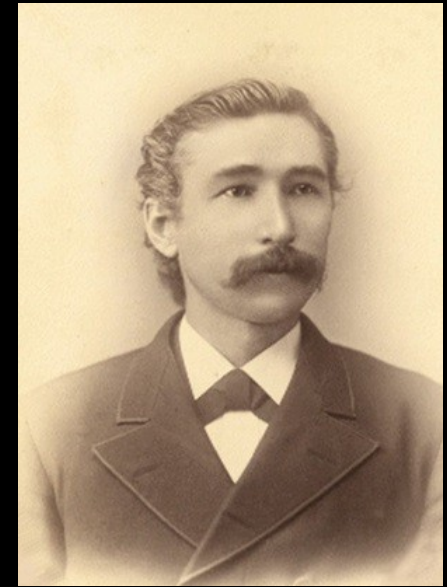
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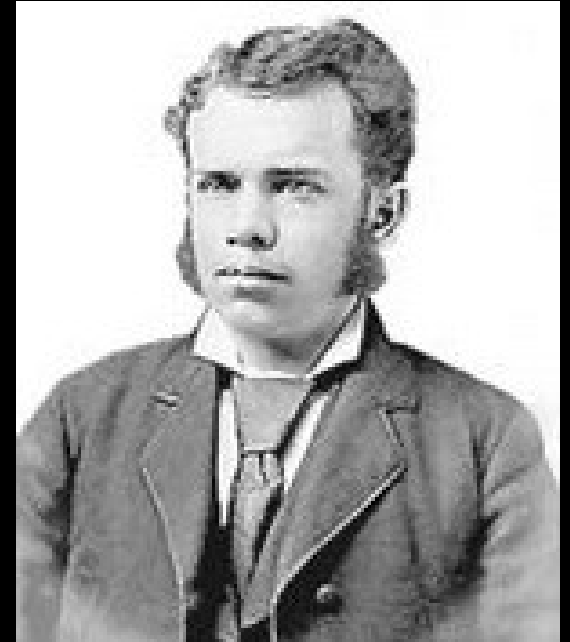
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Luis Were wrote a total of 17 books. In all of them he works constantly on a principle of prophetic interpretation that is found nowhere in either the pioneers' writings or in the Spirit of Prophecy. This principle is that all prophecy fulfilled before Christ's first advent is to be understood literally, but all prophecy fulfilled after the first advent is to be understood in a spiritual sense. But if we carry this supposed principle through logically, it wipes out Josiah Litch's interpretation of the seven trumpets and the Ottoman demise of 1840. It boils down to the fact that this principle is only used when it is convenient, Daniel 11, and Revelation 16, 17 and 18. We immediately recognize the subtle insinuation of Origen's Greek philosophy here, where we can make a text say anything we want by making use a of Hermeneutic principle that we don't use when it isn't convenient.

In one of his booklets, copyrighted 1949, titled "The Truth about Ellen G. White, Uriah Smith and the King of the North," We're suggests that Smith's mistake in rejecting the message of 1888 proves that he is wrong on the King of the North. He even goes so far as to claim that all who believe that the Ottoman Empire is the King of the North will be found on the side of the Jesuits. He completely ignores the fact that the 1888 message had nothing to do with Daniel 11 and that both Waggoner and Jones preached that the king of the north was the Ottoman Empire. In the end he urges all his readers to trust to the "Godly leaders" of the General Conference, who had determined that the Pioneers taught that the king of the north was the Papacy.

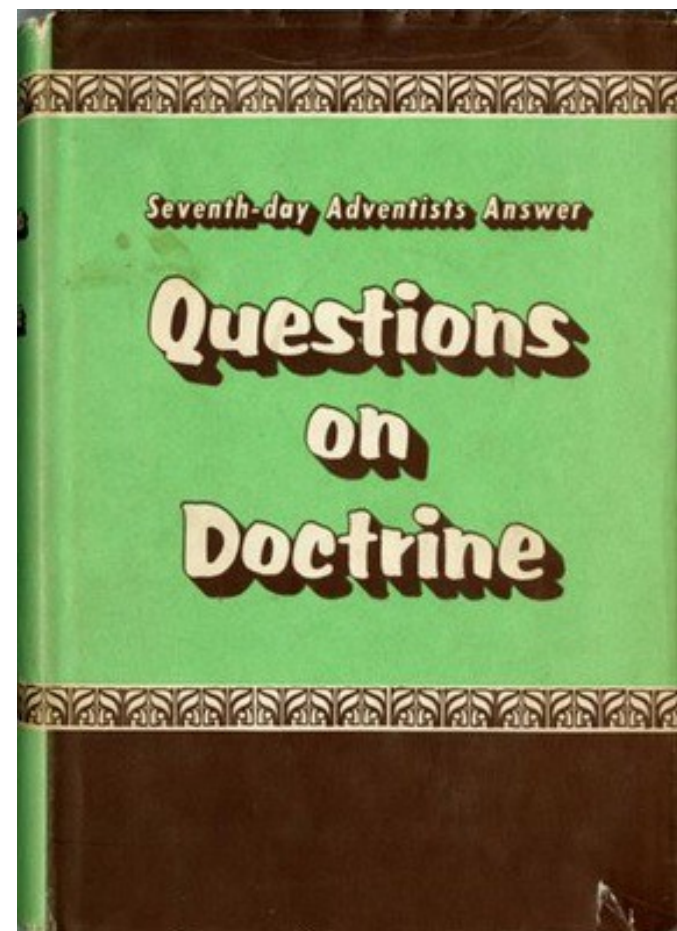


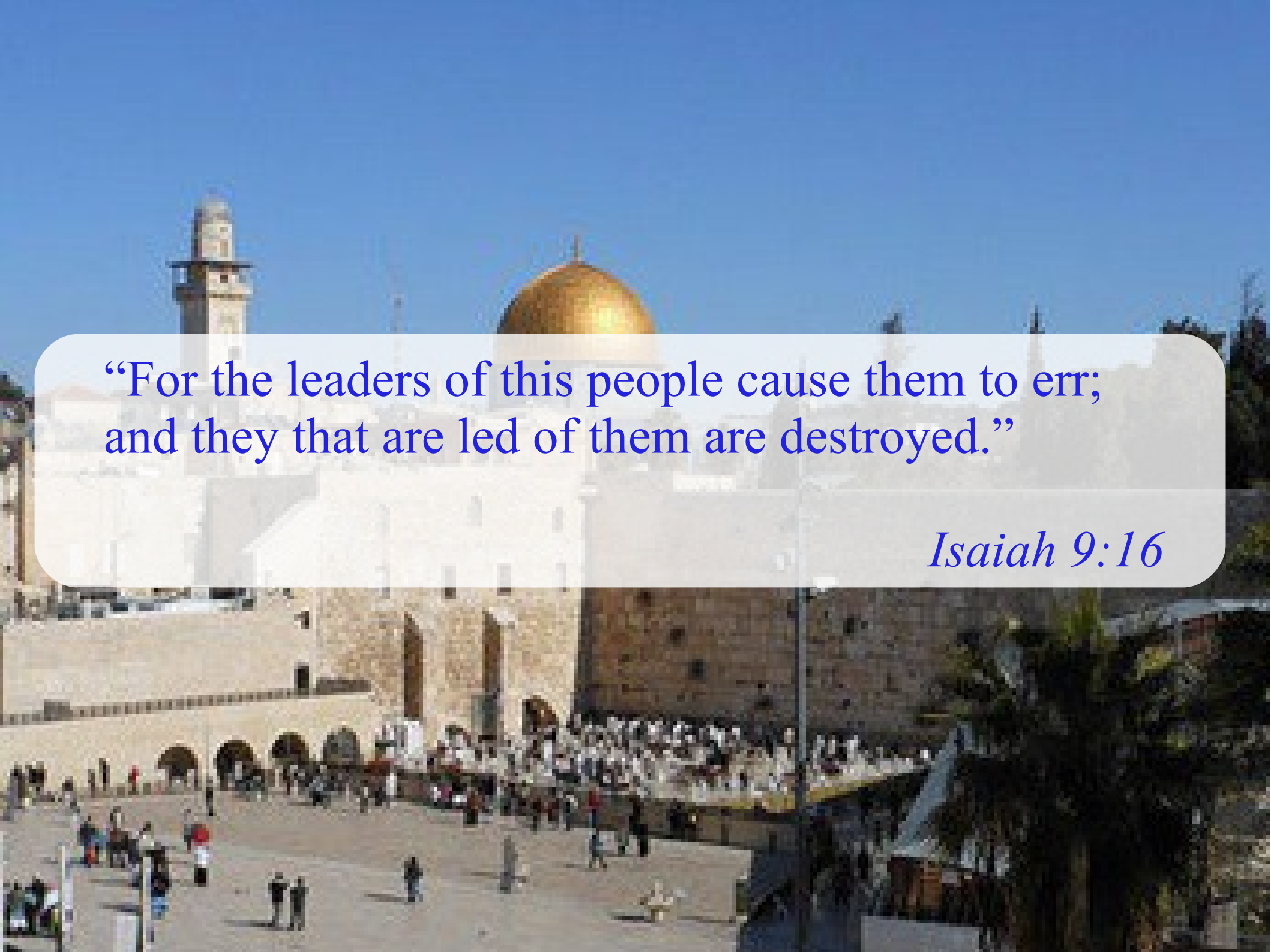
A.T. Jones - 1850-1923



E.J. Waggoner - 1855-1916

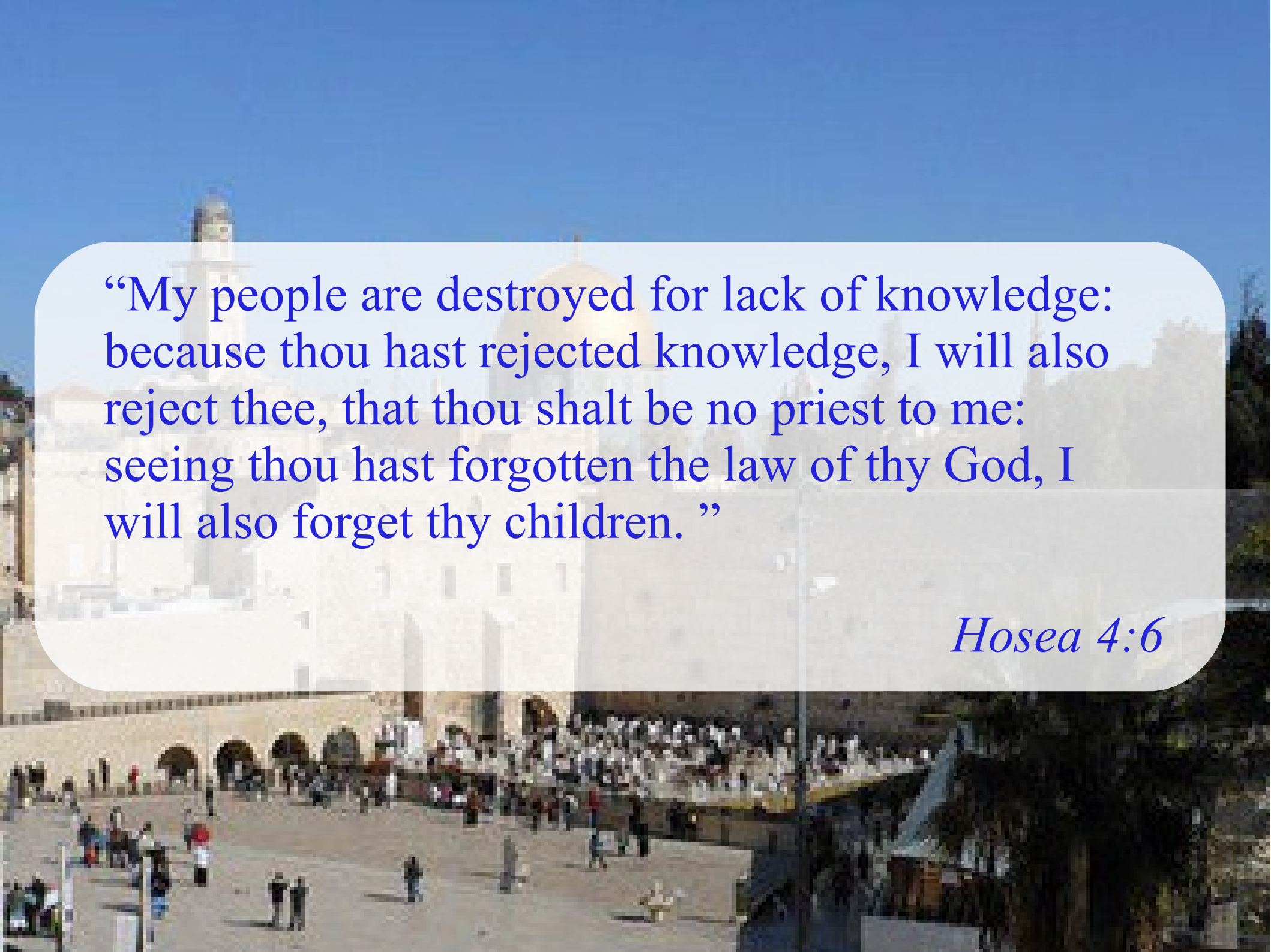
Do you know who these “Godly Leaders” were that were urged us to trust? These were the men who published “Questions on Doctrine.” These were the men who wrote the Bible Commentary, using new methods of interpretation. These were the men who told Wieland and Short that there was no Biblical example of a need to repent for the sins of our forefathers. These were the men who declared Andreassen to be on the “lunatic fringe” and removed his credentials for preaching the need to overcome sin and for telling the General Conference that they were in the wrong. These are the men we are urged to trust, and unfortunately, most Adventists are still trusting them with their views of prophecy, their understanding of where we are in relation to the loud cry and latter rain and ultimately with their very salvation.





“For the leaders of this people cause them to err;
and they that are led of them are destroyed.”

Isaiah 9:16

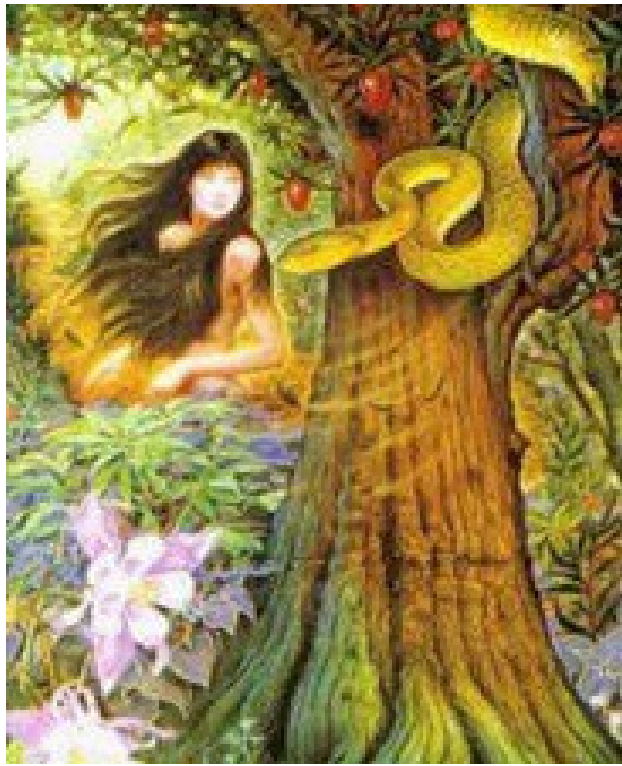


“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children. ”

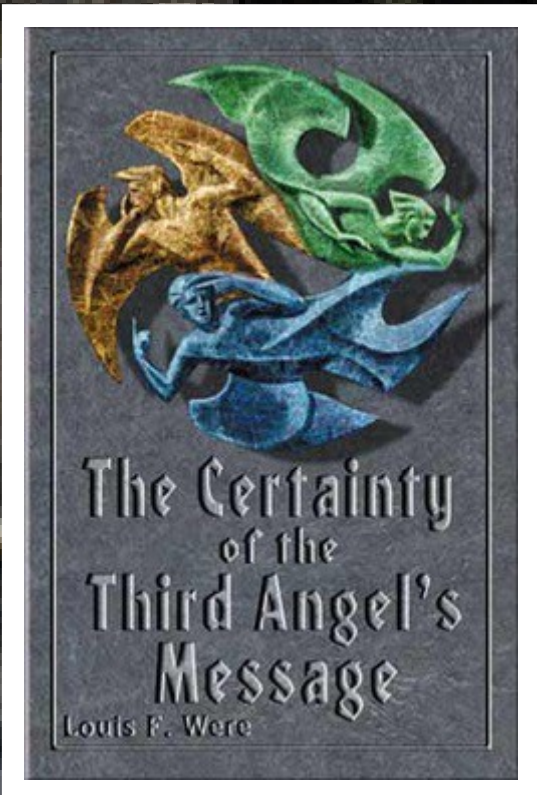
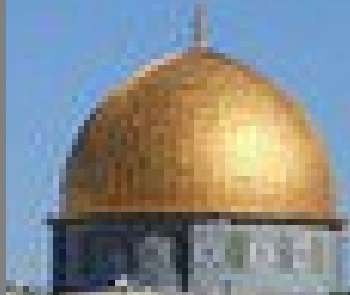
Hosea 4:6

“Then the LORD said unto me, The prophets prophesy lies in my name: I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spake unto them: they prophesy unto you a false vision and divination, and a thing of nought, and the deceit of their heart. Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning the prophets that prophesy in my name, and I sent them not, yet they say, Sword and famine shall not be in this land; By sword and famine shall those prophets be consumed. ”

Jeremiah 14:14-15



What happens when you mix the fermentation of Pagan philosophy with the pure milk of God's word? You get the wine of Roman Babylon and there is only one message in the Bible for Babylon.



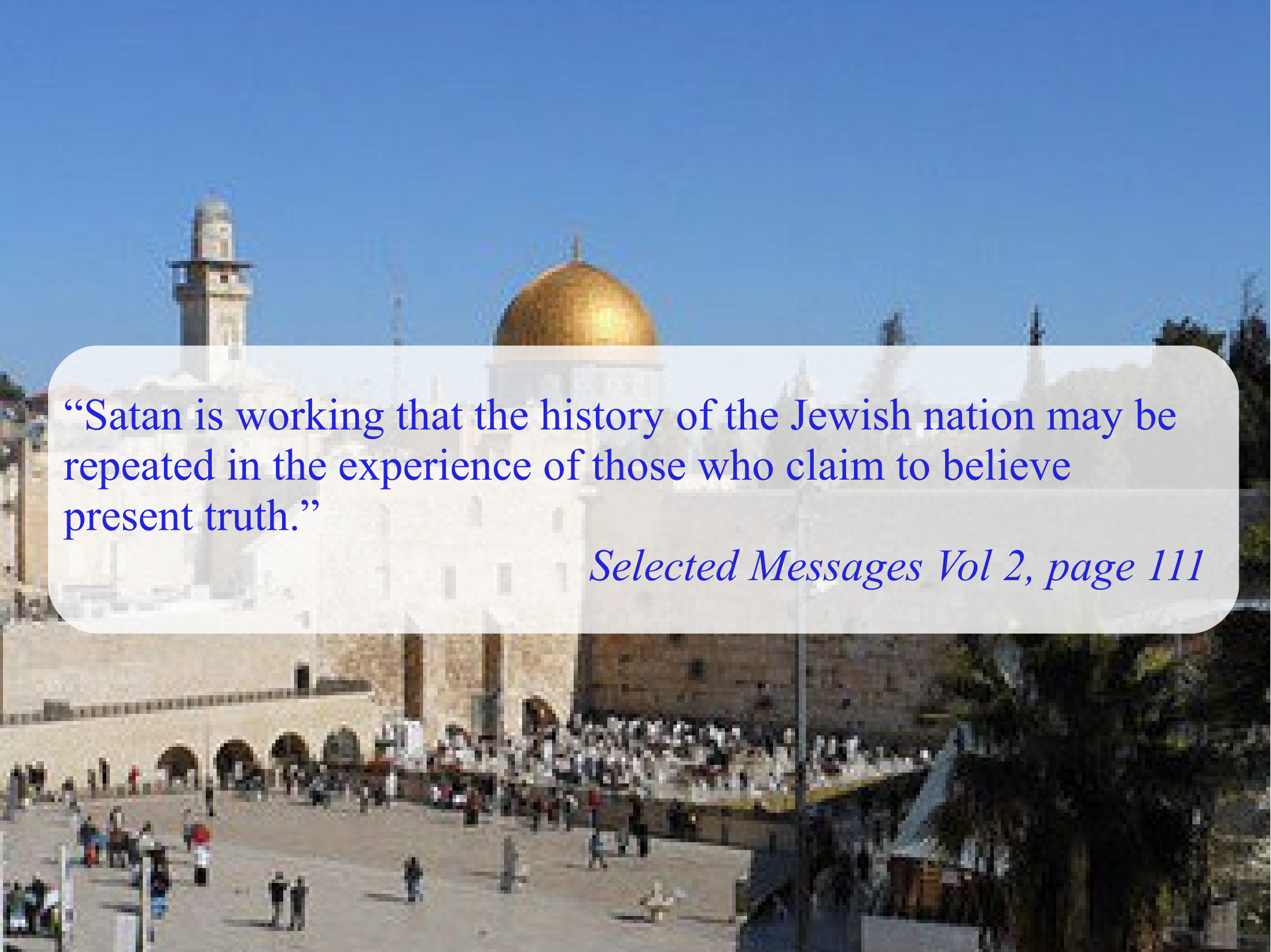
“And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen... For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication... And 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 18:1-4



The Jews erred by mixing Greek philosophy with their interpretations of the scriptures. Thus they interpreted prophecy according to their own selfish desires and completely missed the Messiah when he came. Today

the church is doing the same thing. Satan has led us to misinterpret Daniel 11 and place the loud cry, latter rain, and time of trouble after the National Sunday law, and you can be sure he will keep us sleeping on until it is too late. If you think that you can wait till the Sunday law to get ready, Christ's second coming will take you unawares, as a thief in the night, and you will be weeping, not at the wailing wall, but with the Synagogue of Satan, at the saints' feet!

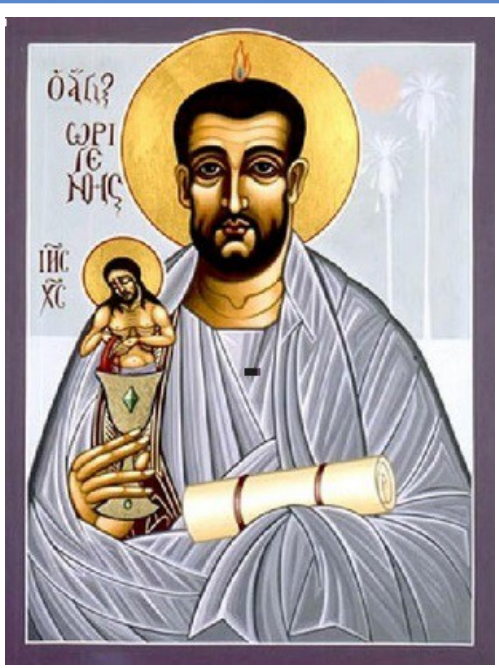


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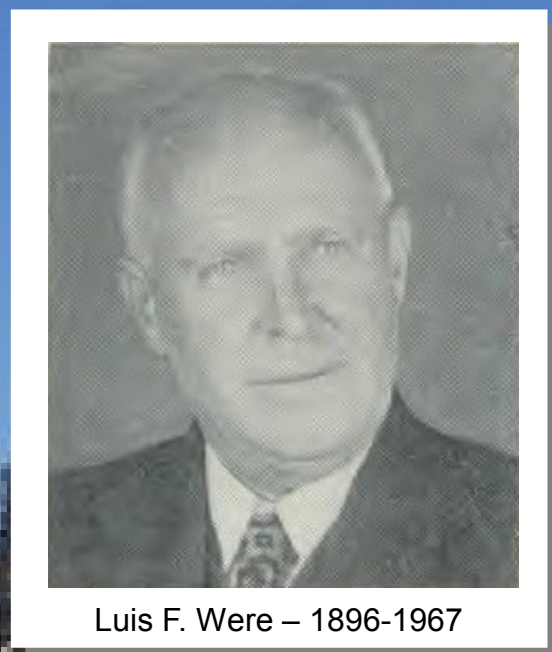
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“I saw that many of these shepherds had denied the past teachings of God; they had denied and rejected the glorious truths which they once zealously advocated and had covered themselves with... all kinds of delusions. I saw that they were drunken with error and were leading on their flock to death. Many of the opposers of God's truth devise mischief in their heads upon their beds, and in the day they carry out their wicked devices to put down the truth and to get something new to interest the people and divert their minds from the precious, all-important truth. I saw that the priests who are leading on their flock to death are soon to be arrested in their dreadful career. The plagues of God are coming... and the hireling priests are led to worship at the feet of the saints...”

Early Writings page 123-124

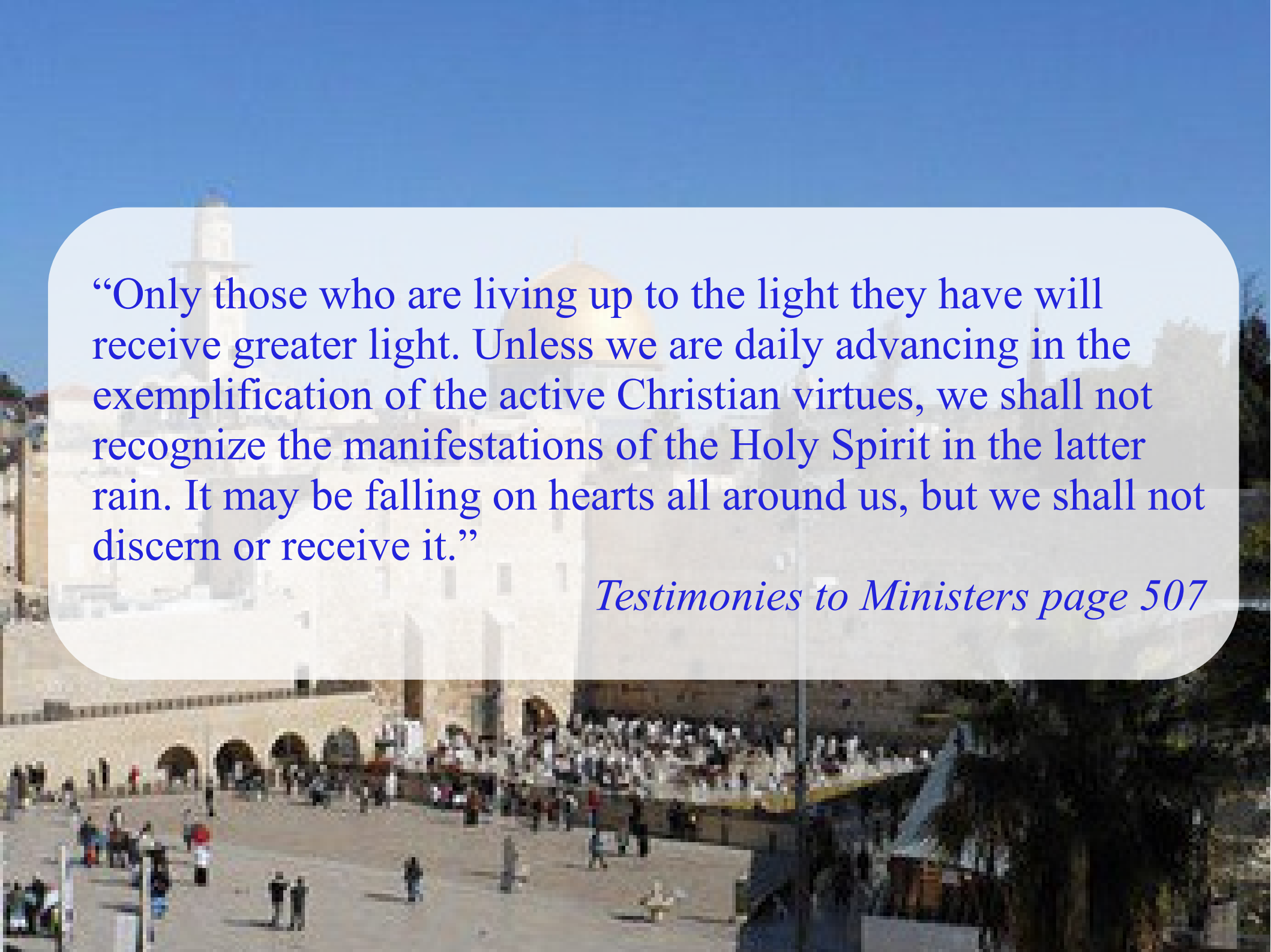


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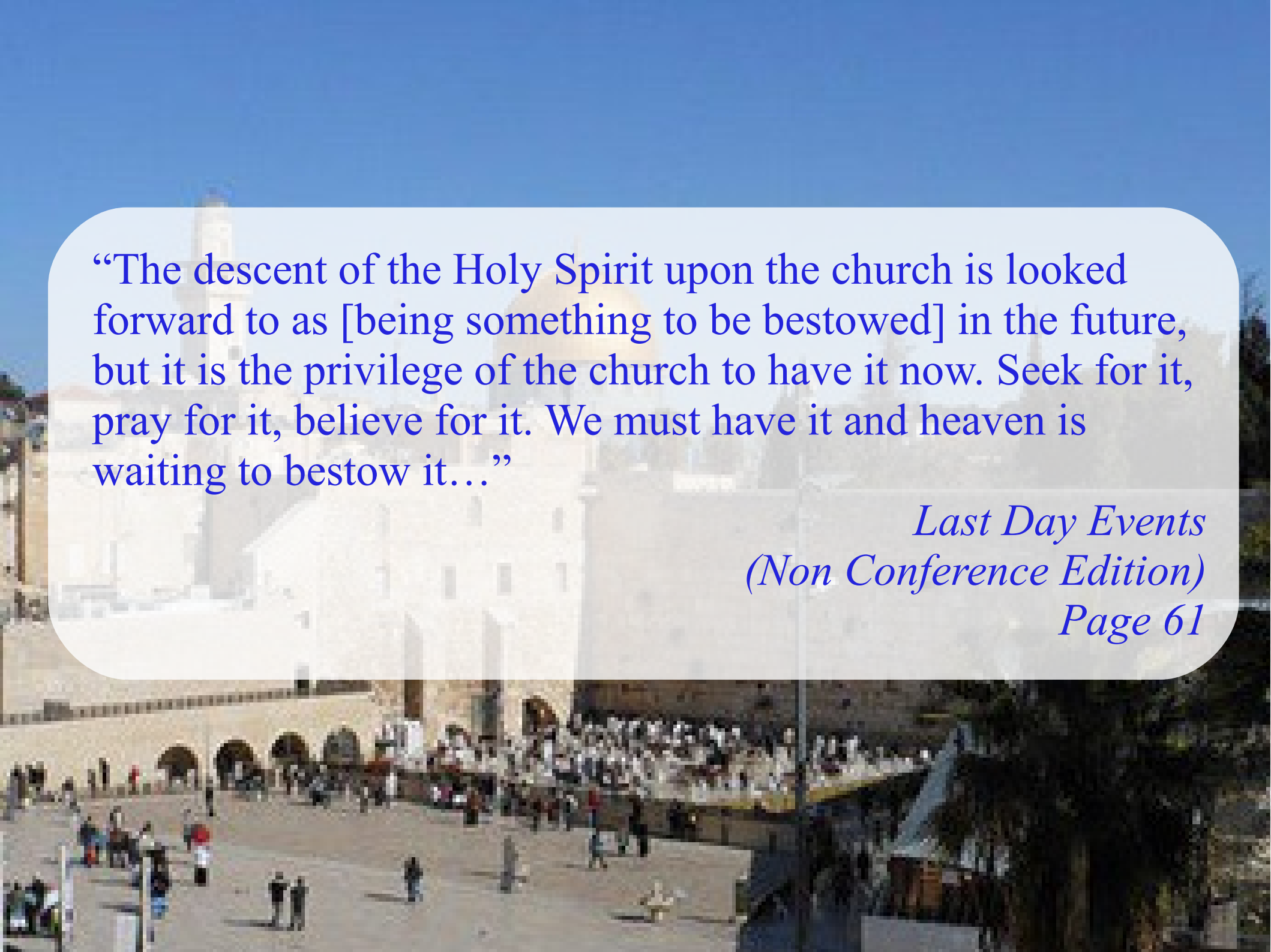
Luis F. Were – 1896-1967

The apostasy of Rome began in the same manner as that of the Jews. We have now seen how the leaders of the Seventh-day Adventist church did the exact same thing in the 1940's and 50's. Can her ruin be any less certain? The leaders are still proclaiming loudly that the 20th century has little place in prophecy, that the world wars are not to be found there. That destruction is coming, but is not here yet. "Look to the future for persecution and trial, but the present is a time of peace," they say. "Wait for the latter rain that will fit you up for the battle." But God says something different.



“Only those who are living up to the light they have will receive greater light. Unless we are daily advancing in the exemplification of the active Christian virtues, we shall not recognize the manifestations of the Holy Spirit in the latter rain. It may be falling on hearts all around us, but we shall not discern or receive it.”

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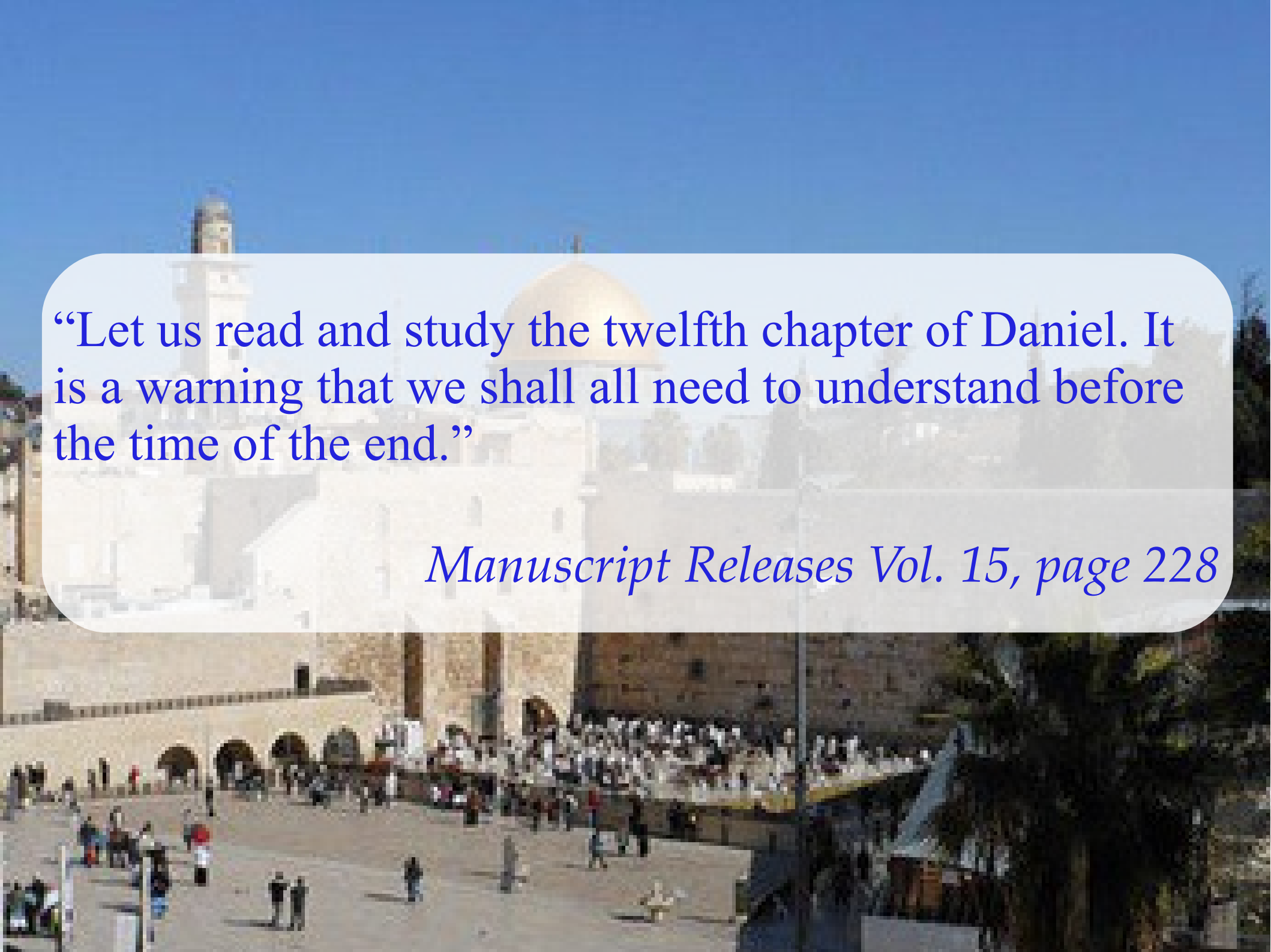


“The descent of the Holy Spirit upon the church is looked forward to as [being something to be bestowed] in the future, but it is the privilege of the church to have it now. Seek for it, pray for it, believe for it. We must have it and heaven is waiting to bestow it...”

*Last Day Events
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So, is the king of the north important to understand? Does it matter at all who this power is? Yes, it does. If this power is the papacy, it has not come to its end yet and the time of trouble, loud cry and latter rain are still future. If Uriah Smith was right and this power was the Ottoman Empire, then we have little time left, we must have the latter rain now! It is time NOW to give the loud cry of Revelation 18. We must separate physically from the Babylonian structure, but we must also separate ourselves from Babylonian thinking and philosophy.





“Let us read and study the twelfth chapter of Daniel. It is a warning that we shall all need to understand before the time of the end.”

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“And 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, every one that shall be found written in the book. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever. ”

Daniel 12:1-3

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The End!



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