

LATTER RAIN and LOUD CRY, part 4 quotes

1) “Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain; so the Lord will make bright clouds, and send them showers of rain, to everyone grass in the field.” Zechariah 10:1.

2) #5 – Who Will God Choose to Give This Message?

God will choose men and women who are humble (Micah 6:8; Evangelism, p 699; Faith I Live By, p 330), lowly (Psalms 138:6; Proverbs 3:4), and who may be despised by others but not by God (Isaiah 60:1-16; Great Controversy, p 142). God will use those who have consecrated themselves to His service (Exodus 32:29; Evangelism, p 699; Faith I Live By, p 335), who are men and women of faith and prayer (Jude 1:20-21), and who are constrained with holy zeal (Job 32:18; Evangelism, p 700; Faith I Live By, p 330). Those who are not qualified by the training of literary institutions, but who are qualified instead by the Holy Spirit (Isaiah 50:4-5; Psalms 71:15-17; John 6:45, 7:15-16; Ephesians 4:20-21; Evangelism, p 700; Faith I Live By, p 330).

“The Lord Himself will call men, as of old He called the humble fisherman, and will Himself give them instruction regarding their field of labor and the method they should follow. He will call men from the plow and from other occupations to give the last note of warning to perishing souls.” Last Day Events from the Letters and Manuscripts of E.G. White, p 80 (Letter 210, Sept 21, 1903).

3) Under what conditions will consecrated young and old men, women, and even children give this last message?

“The last great conflict is before us, but help is to come to all who love God and obey His law, and the earth, the whole earth, is to be lighted with the glory of God. ‘Another angel’ is to come down from heaven. **This angel represents the giving of the loud cry, which is to come from those who are preparing to cry mightily, with a strong voice, ‘Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen,** and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.’ (Rev. 18:1, 2).

“We have a testing message to give, and I am instructed to say to our people, ‘Unify, unify.’ But we are not to unify with those who are departing from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. With our hearts sweet and kind and true, we are to go forth to proclaim the message, giving no heed to those who lead away from the truth.” Selected Messages, book 3, p 412 (Manuscript 31, 1906).

Are any in this Revelation 18 Movement to be unified with, or members of, any church or group that has rejected or is unwilling to give this message from heaven? NO! Absolutely not, if you would follow God! What good is it to call people out of Babylon if you are still connected with Babylon? Any union with those who oppose this message and this last day Movement only gives the enemy greater chance to lead you to give up this truth, and to deny and betray your Lord. But you do indeed need to unite together with other brothers and sisters in this Revelation 18 message in order to finish God's work.

"Great power and glory were imparted to the angel, and as he descended, the earth was lightened with his glory....The work of this angel comes in at the right time, and joins in the last great work of the third angel's message, as it swells into a loud cry. And the people of God are fitted up every where to stand in the hour of temptation which they are soon to meet. **I saw a great light resting upon them, and they united in the message, and fearlessly proclaimed with great power the third angel's message....**The glory of God rested upon the patient, waiting saints, and they fearlessly gave the last solemn warning, proclaiming the fall of Babylon, and calling upon God's people to come out of her; that they might escape her fearful doom." Spiritual Gifts, vol 1. p 193-194.

4) #6 – What Happens After This Message is Heard?

"When the earth is lighted with the glory of the angel of Revelation eighteen, **the religious elements, good and evil, will awake from slumber...**" Bible Commentary, vol 7, p 983 (Manuscript 175, 1899).

What awakens out of sleep both the good and the evil religious people? The light of Revelation 18 – the message of the Righteousness of Christ of the third angel and the message of separation to Christ from the corrupt Babylonian churches of the 4th angel. In other words, it is the Loud Cry which wakes them up! So these two messages combined together swells into the Loud Cry, and this is what awakens both the followers of God and the followers of the Devil out of their slumber. Both groups then make a decision either for or against the message. So when this message is heard, then two different groups of people begin to be formed – one group composed of those who accept this message, while the other composed of those rejecting it. But please remember that without the giving of the Loud Cry they would have continued on sleeping! So then those who are preaching any other message except the Loud Cry of the third angel are actually keeping people asleep!

I hope that you can begin to realize the importance of this "Babylon is the church" message of Revelation 18, because not only will it wake up both the good and bad, but it is this very message which clearly identifies those who are the chosen vessels and followers of God, from those who are the agents and followers of the Devil!

“The Lord is soon to come; there must be a refining, winnowing process in every church, for there are among us wicked men who do not love the truth. There is need of a transformation of character. **Will the church arise and put on her beautiful garments, the righteousness of Christ? It is soon to be seen who are vessels unto honor.** ‘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, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.’ **‘Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not.** For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble; and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of Righteousness arise with healing in his wings.’

“Here are brought plainly to view those who will be vessels unto honor; for they will receive the latter rain. Every soul that continues in sin in the face of the light now shining upon our pathway, will be blinded and accept the delusions of Satan. We are now nearing the close of this world’s history. **Where are the faithful watchmen on the walls of Zion, who will not slumber, but faithfully declare the time of night?**” Review and Herald, March 19, 1895 (vol 3, p 239).

It is this Babylon message of Revelation 18 which allows all to clearly distinguish between those who are really following and working for God, versus those who are really following and working for the Devil.

5) It’s the giving of the Loud Cry which brings on the crisis of the Sunday law, and not the Sunday law crisis which signals the time to give the Loud Cry!

“The sins of Babylon will be laid open. The fearful results of a union of Church and State, the inroads of Spiritualism, the stealthy but rapid progress of the papal power,—all will be unmasked. By these solemn warnings the people will be stirred. Thousands upon thousands have never listened to words like these. **In amazement they hear the testimony that Babylon is the church, fallen because of her errors and sins, because of her rejection of the truth sent to her from Heaven.** The people go to their former teachers with the eager inquiry, Are these things so? The ministers present fables, prophesy smooth things, to soothe their fears, and quiet the awakened conscience. But many refuse to be satisfied with the mere authority of men, and demand a plain ‘Thus saith the Lord.’ The popular ministry, like the Pharisees of old, are filled with anger as their authority is questioned; they denounce the message as of Satan, and stir up the sin-loving multitudes to revile and persecute those who proclaim it.

“As the controversy extends into new fields, and the minds of the people are called to God’s down-trodden law, Satan is astir. The power attending the message only maddens those who oppose it. **The clergy put forth almost superhuman efforts to shut away the light, lest it should shine upon their flocks.** By every means at their command they

endeavor to suppress the discussion of these vital questions. The church appeals to the strong arm of civil power, and in this work, papists are solicited to come to the help of Protestants. **The movement for Sunday enforcement becomes more bold and decided. The law is invoked against commandment-keepers.**" Spirit of Prophecy, vol 4, p 424-425.

Did you notice that it was by giving the Revelation 18 message that woke up the wicked religious elements from slumber and then the Sunday law and crisis occurred? Here is another inspired statement where God tells His people the same thing:

"Today, as in the days of Elijah, the line of demarcation between God's commandment-keeping people and the worshipers of false gods is clearly drawn. 'How long halt ye between two opinions?' Elijah cried; 'if the Lord be God, follow Him: but if Baal, then follow him.' 1 Kings 18:21. **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.'** Rev 18:2, 4, 5.

"The time is not far distant when the test will come to every soul. **The observance of the false Sabbath will be urged upon us.**" Prophets and Kings, p 187-188.

So the Loud Cry of Revelation 18 is given first, and then the time is not far distant when the crisis of the Sunday law occurs! But this fact of prophecy is not what the SDA church leaders and even the majority of Independent Ministries and ministers have been telling God's people for years now. They have been teaching for decades that it is the Sunday law crisis which signals the time to give the Loud cry! But the truth is that it is the giving of the Loud Cry that brings on the Sunday law crisis.

And just to make sure His people understand this fact, God mercifully declares exactly what brings on the crisis:

"We have the truth which, in its proclamation is to bring the crisis for this world's history." Last Day Events from the Letters and Manuscripts of E.G. White, p 190 (Letter 94, July 3, 1900).

So it's not the Sunday law which brought on the crisis for this world's history! But it is instead the proclamation of the truth – specifically the Loud Cry message of Revelation 18 combined with that of the third angel, that brings on the Sunday Law crisis.

6) It's time now to rise up, obey and loudly proclaim these life and death messages to any and all people.

"Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising." Isaiah 60:1-3.

And we are to give this message whether the people will hear or forbear.

“Moreover he (God) said unto me, ...all my words that I shall speak unto thee receive in thine heart, and hear with thine ears. And go, get thee to them of the captivity (in Babylon), unto the children of thy people, and speak unto them, and tell them, Thus saith the Lord God; whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear....I have made thee a watchman...therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me. When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul. Again, When a righteous man doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumblingblock before him, he shall die: because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Nevertheless if thou warn the righteous man, that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live, because he is warned; also thou hast delivered thy soul.” Ezekiel 3:10-11, 17-21.