

Scenario of Events in These Last Days, part 6 quotes

1 Event #18 — The 7th plague begins, God delivers His 144,000 saints with His own voice at midnight; the special resurrection occurs of specific righteous and wicked people; and the Synagogue of Satan worships at the saints feet.

“And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there **came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done.** And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; **and there was a great earthquake,** such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great. And the great city was divided into three parts, **and the cities of the nations fell:** and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath. **And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent:** and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.” Revelation 16:17-21.

“...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.

“Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and **they also which pierced him:** and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him.” Revelation 1:7.

“When the protection of human laws shall be withdrawn from those who honor the law of God, there will be, in different lands, a simultaneous movement for their destruction. As the time appointed in the decree draws near, the people will conspire to root out the hated sect. It will be determined to strike in one night a decisive blow, which shall utterly silence the voice of dissent and reproof.

“The people of God--some in prison cells, some hidden in solitary retreats in the forests and the mountains--still plead for divine protection, while in every quarter companies of armed men, urged on by hosts of evil angels, are preparing for the work of death. It is now, in the hour of utmost extremity, that the God of Israel will interpose for the deliverance of His chosen...”

“With shouts of triumph, jeering, and imprecation, throngs of evil men are about to rush upon their prey, when, lo, **a dense blackness, deeper than the darkness of the night, falls upon the earth. Then a rainbow, shining with the glory from the throne of God, spans the heavens and seems to encircle each praying company.** The angry multitudes are suddenly arrested. Their mocking cries die away. The objects of their murderous rage are forgotten. With fearful forebodings they gaze upon the symbol of God's covenant and long to be shielded from its overpowering brightness.

“By the people of God **a voice, clear and melodious, is heard, saying, "Look up,"** and lifting their eyes to the heavens, they behold the bow of promise. **The black, angry clouds that covered the firmament are parted, and like Stephen they look up steadfastly into heaven and see the glory of God and the Son of man seated upon His throne.** In His divine form they discern the marks of His humiliation; and from His lips they hear the request presented before His Father and the holy angels: **"I will that they also, whom Thou hast given Me, be with Me where I am."** John 17:24. **Again a voice, musical and triumphant, is heard, saying: "They come! they come! holy, harmless, and undefiled. They have kept the word of My patience; they shall walk among the angels;"** and the pale, quivering lips of those who have held fast their faith utter a shout of victory.

“**It is at midnight that God manifests His power for the deliverance of His people. The sun appears, shining in its strength. Signs and wonders follow in quick succession.** The wicked look with terror and amazement upon the scene, while the righteous behold with solemn joy the tokens of their deliverance. **Everything in nature seems turned out of its course. The streams cease to flow. Dark, heavy clouds come up and clash against each other. In the midst of the angry heavens is one clear space of indescribable glory, whence comes the voice of God like the sound of many waters, saying: "It is done."** Revelation 16:17.

“**That voice shakes the heavens and the earth. There is a mighty earthquake, "such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great." Verses 17, 18. The firmament appears to open and shut. The glory from the throne of God seems flashing through. The mountains shake like a reed in the wind, and ragged rocks are scattered on every side. There is a roar as of a coming tempest. The sea is lashed into fury. There is heard the shriek of a hurricane like the voice of demons upon a mission of destruction. The whole earth heaves and swells like the waves of the sea. Its surface is breaking up. Its very foundations seem to be giving way. Mountain chains are sinking. Inhabited islands disappear. The seaports that have become like Sodom for wickedness are swallowed up by the angry waters. Babylon the great has come in remembrance before God, "to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath." Great hailstones, every one "about the weight of a talent," are doing their work of destruction. Verses 19, 21. The proudest cities of the earth are laid low. The lordly palaces, upon which the world's great men have lavished their wealth in order to glorify themselves, are crumbling to ruin before their eyes. Prison walls are rent asunder, and God's people, who have been held in bondage for their faith, are set free.**

"Graves are opened, and "many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth. . . awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt." Daniel 12:2. **All who have died in the faith of the third angel's message come forth from the tomb glorified, to hear God's covenant of peace with those who have kept His law. "They also which pierced Him" (Revelation 1:7), those that mocked and derided Christ's dying agonies, and the most violent opposers of His truth and His people, are raised to behold Him in His glory and to see the honor placed upon the loyal and obedient.**

"Thick clouds still cover the sky; yet the sun now and then breaks through, appearing like the avenging eye of Jehovah. Fierce lightnings leap from the heavens, enveloping the earth in a sheet of flame. **Above the terrific roar of thunder, voices, mysterious and awful, declare the doom of the wicked. The words spoken are not comprehended by all; but they are distinctly understood by the false teachers.** Those who a little before were so reckless, so boastful and defiant, so exultant in their cruelty to God's commandment-keeping people, are now overwhelmed with consternation and shuddering in fear. Their wails are heard above the sound of the elements. Demons acknowledge the deity of Christ and tremble before His power, while men are supplicating for mercy and groveling in abject terror....

"Through a rift in the clouds there beams a star whose brilliancy is increased fourfold in contrast with the darkness. It speaks hope and joy to the faithful, but severity and wrath to the transgressors of God's law. Those who have sacrificed all for Christ are now secure, hidden as in the secret of the Lord's pavilion. They have been tested, and before the world and the despisers of truth they have evinced their fidelity to Him who died for them. **A marvelous change has come over those who have held fast their integrity in the very face of death. They have been suddenly delivered from the dark and terrible tyranny of men transformed to demons. Their faces, so lately pale, anxious, and haggard, are now aglow with wonder, faith, and love. Their voices rise in triumphant song: "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof." Psalm 46:1-3.**

"While these words of holy trust ascend to God, the clouds sweep back, and the starry heavens are seen, unspeakably glorious in contrast with the black and angry firmament on either side. The glory of the celestial city streams from the gates ajar. Then there appears against the sky a hand holding two tables of stone folded together. Says the prophet: "The heavens shall declare His righteousness: for God is judge Himself." Psalm 50:6. That holy law, God's righteousness, that amid thunder and flame was proclaimed from Sinai as the guide of life, is now revealed to men as the rule of judgment. **The hand opens the tables, and there are seen the precepts of the Decalogue, traced as with a pen of fire.** The words are so plain that all can read them. Memory is aroused, the darkness of superstition and heresy is swept from every mind, and God's ten words, brief, comprehensive, and authoritative, are presented to the view of all the inhabitants of the earth.

“It is impossible to describe the horror and despair of those who have trampled upon God's holy requirements. The Lord gave them His law; they might have compared their characters with it and learned their defects while there was yet opportunity for repentance and reform; but in order to secure the favor of the world, they set aside its precepts and taught others to transgress. They have endeavored to compel God's people to profane His Sabbath. Now they are condemned by that law which they have despised. With awful distinctness they see that they are without excuse. They chose whom they would serve and worship....

“The enemies of God's law, from the ministers down to the least among them, have a new conception of truth and duty. **Too late they see that the Sabbath of the fourth commandment is the seal of the living God. Too late they see the true nature of their spurious sabbath and the sandy foundation upon which they have been building. They find that they have been fighting against God.** Religious teachers have led souls to perdition while professing to guide them to the gates of Paradise. Not until the day of final accounts will it be known how great is the responsibility of men in holy office and how terrible are the results of their unfaithfulness. Only in eternity can we rightly estimate the loss of a single soul. Fearful will be the doom of him to whom God shall say: Depart, thou wicked servant.

“**The voice of God is heard from heaven, declaring the day and hour of Jesus' coming, and delivering the everlasting covenant to His people. Like peals of loudest thunder His words roll through the earth. The Israel of God stand listening, with their eyes fixed upward. Their countenances are lighted up with His glory, and shine as did the face of Moses when he came down from Sinai. The wicked cannot look upon them. And when the blessing is pronounced on those who have honored God by keeping His Sabbath holy, there is a mighty shout of victory.**” Great Controversy, p 635-640.

2 Where does the voice of God come from?

“And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air, and there **came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done.**” Revelation 16:17.

“The powers of heaven are the sun, moon, and stars. They rule in the heavens. The powers of earth are those that rule on the earth. **The powers of heaven will be shaken at the voice of God. Then the sun, moon, and stars will be moved out of their places.** They will not pass away, but be shaken by the voice of God.

“**Dark, heavy clouds came up and clashed against each other. The atmosphere parted and rolled back; then we could look up through the open space in Orion, whence came the voice of God.**” Early Writings, p 41.

Where is heaven located? We were told that the voice of God was heard coming out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, and also from the open space in Orion. This means that the way to heaven is through this open space in the Orion constellation!

See picture of Orion constellation - this open space is known is located as the middle star of the Sword, which is South of Orion's Belt, and is known as the Orion Nebula or Messier 42 (M42).

Picture #1 - Showing tunnel leading to Orion Nebula and its open space.

Picture #2 - Showing open space viewed with Wide Field Imager telescope.

Picture #3 - Showing open space with Hubble space telescope.

Picture #4 - Showing open space with camera (credit: CFHT/Coelum (J.C. Cuillandre & G. Anselmi)).

This open space nebula is ginormous - being approximately 24 light years across. Light travels about 186,000 miles/sec, and thus light would travel 5,878,499,810,000 miles in a year. So then 5.87 trillion miles times 24 ly would mean that this open space is some 140.88 trillion miles across! And this open space nebula in Orion is located some 1,400 ly from earth, or about 8.21 quadrillion miles away. The very moment God declared "IT IS DONE" from His throne in heaven, His voice was immediately heard on this earth by the 144,000, meaning that God's voice traveled some 8.21 quadrillion miles in an instant!

Picture #5 - Showing whole Orion Nebula complex (credit: Terry Hancock). Notice what appears to be a pathway from a dove like form leading directly into the open space, and the dove looks like it is flying to earth.

Picture #6 - Showing the dove like image upside down in relation to earth and enlarged to better see form.

3 The Synagogue of Satan.

“The living saints, 144,000 in number, knew and understood the voice, while the wicked thought it was thunder and an earthquake. When God spoke the time, He poured upon us the Holy Ghost, and our faces began to light up and shine with the glory of God, as Moses' did when he came down from Mount Sinai...At our happy, holy state the wicked were enraged, and would rush violently up to lay hands on us to thrust us into prison, when we would stretch forth the hand in the name of the Lord, and they would fall helpless to the ground. Then it was that the synagogue of Satan knew that God had loved us who could wash one another's feet and salute the brethren with a holy kiss, and they worshiped at our feet.” Early Writings, p 14-15.

“And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: These things saith He that is holy, He that is true, He that hath the key of David, He that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth; I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it; for **thou hast a little strength, and hast kept My word, and hast not denied My name. Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee. Because thou hast kept the word of My patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.** Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, which is New Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from My God: and I will write upon him My new name.” Revelation 3:7-12.

“These plagues enraged the wicked against the righteous; they thought that we had brought the judgments of God upon them, and that if they could rid the earth of us, the plagues would then be stayed. A decree went forth to slay the saints, which caused them to cry day and night for deliverance. This was the time of Jacob's trouble. Then all the saints cried out with anguish of spirit, and **were delivered by the voice of God. The 144,000 triumphed. Their faces were lighted up with the glory of God. Then I was shown a company who were howling in agony. On their garments was written in large characters, "Thou art weighed in the balance, and found wanting."** I asked who this company were. The angel said, **"These are they who have once kept the Sabbath and have given it up."** I heard them cry with a loud voice, "We have believed in Thy coming, and taught it with energy." And while they were speaking, their eyes would fall upon their garments and see the writing, and then they would wail aloud. I saw that they had drunk of the deep waters, and fouled the residue with their feet--trodden the Sabbath underfoot-- and that was why they were weighed in the balance and found wanting.” Early Writings, p 36-37.

“You think, that those who worship before the saint's feet, (Revelation 3:9), will at last be saved. Here I must differ with you; for **God shew me that this class were professed Adventists, who had fallen away, and "crucified to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame."** And in the "hour of temptation," which is yet to come, to show out every one's true character, they will know that they are forever lost; and overwhelmed with anguish of spirit, they will bow at the saint's feet.” A Word to the Little Flock, p 12.

4 Since those composing the Synagogue of Satan are not just ordinary wicked, but are those who had greater light and responsibility and yet still proved unfaithful to God, then their suffering will not be on the same level as what the ordinary wicked experience!

“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, but it will not be sufficient for the false shepherds to be tormented with one or two of these plagues. God's hand at that time will be stretched out still in wrath and justice and will not be brought to Himself again until His purposes are fully accomplished, and the hireling priests are led to worship at the feet of the saints, and to acknowledge that God has loved them because they held fast the truth and kept God's commandments, and until all the unrighteous ones are destroyed from the earth.**” Early Writings, p 124.

“Many of the wicked were greatly enraged as they suffered the effects of the plagues. It was a scene of fearful agony. Parents were bitterly reproaching their children, and children their parents, brothers their sisters, and sisters their brothers. Loud, wailing cries were heard in every direction, "It was you who kept me from receiving the truth which would have saved me from this awful hour." The people turned upon their ministers with bitter hate and reproached them, saying, "You have not warned us. You told us that all the world was to be converted, and cried, Peace, peace, to quiet every fear that was aroused. You have not told us of this hour; and those who warned us of it you declared to be fanatics and evil men, who would ruin us." **But I saw that the ministers did not escape the wrath of God. Their suffering was tenfold greater than that of their people.**” Early Writings, p 282.

Those making up the Synagogue of Satan were much more responsible than just the ordinary sinner, and thus they received greater punishment!

“**And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes. But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes.** For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.” Luke 12:47-48.