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Striving to be among the remnant of her seed

## John's Mission and Death—Part 4

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**D**isciples were being daily added to Christ, and people flocked from cities and villages to hear him. Many came to him for baptism; but Christ baptized none. His disciples performed this ordinance. And while Christ's disciples were baptizing large numbers, there arose a question among the Jews and the disciples of John, whether the act of baptism purified the sinner from the guilt of sin. The disciples of John answered that John baptized only unto repentance, but Christ's disciples unto a new life. John's disciples were jealous of the popularity of Christ, and said to John, referring to Christ, "He that was with thee beyond Jordan, to whom thou bearest witness, behold the same baptizeth, and all men come to him. John answered and said, A man can receive nothing except it be given him from Heaven."<sup>1</sup>

In this answer, John virtually says, Why should you be jealous on my account? "Ye yourselves bear me witness that I said, I am not the Christ, but that I am sent before him. He that hath the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. This my joy therefore is fulfilled."<sup>2</sup>

John, so far from being jealous of the prosperity of Christ's mission, rejoices as he witnesses the success of the work he came to do. He assures his disciples that his special mission was to direct the attention of the people to Christ. "He must increase; but I must decrease. He that cometh from above is above all. He that is of the earth is earthy, and speaketh of the earth. He that cometh from Heaven is above all. And what he hath seen and heard, that he testifieth; and no man receiveth his testimony."<sup>3</sup>

John assured his disciples that Jesus was the promised Messiah, the Saviour of the world. As his work was closing, he taught his disciples to look to Jesus, and follow him as the great teacher. John's life, with the exception of the joy he experienced in witnessing the success of his mission, was without pleasure. It was one of sorrow and self-denial. He who heralded the first advent of Christ, was not permitted personally to hear him, nor to witness the power manifested by him. John's voice was seldom heard, except in the wilderness. His life was lonely. Multitudes had flocked to the wilderness to hear the words of the wonderful prophet. He had laid the ax at the root of the tree. He had reproved sin, fearless of the consequences, and prepared the way for the ministry of Christ.

Herod was affected as he listened to the pointed testimony of John, and, with deep interest, he inquired what he must do to become his disciple. He was convicted by the plain truths uttered by John. His conscience condemned him, for a woman of vile passions had gained his affections and controlled his mind. This unprincipled woman was ambitious for power and authority, and thought if she became the wife of Herod, her object would be gained. As Herod listened to the practical truths proclaimed by John, reproving the transgression of the law of God, and setting forth the future punishment which the guilty must suffer, he trembled, and greatly desired to break the chain of lust which held him. He opened his mind to John, who brought Herod to the law of God, face to face, and told him it would be impossible for him to have part in the kingdom of the Messiah unless he should break away from the unlawful connections with his brother's wife, and, with his whole heart, obey the commandments of God.

Herod was inclined to act upon the advice of John, and stated to Herodias that he could not marry her in defiance of the law of God. But this determined woman would not be thwarted in her designs. Intense hatred was awakened in her heart toward John. Herod was weak in principle, vacillating in mind, and Herodias had no great difficulty in re-establishing herself in his favor, and holding her influence over him. Herod yielded to the pleasures of sin, rather than submit to the restrictions of the law of God.

When Herodias had gained influence over Herod, she determined to be revenged upon the prophet for his daring to reprove their course of crime. And she influenced him to imprison John. But Herod intended to release him. While confined in prison, John heard, through his disciples, of the mighty works of Jesus. He could not personally listen to his gracious words; but the disciples informed him, and comforted him with a relation of what they had seen and heard.

John having spent his life in the open air, in active, persevering labor, enduring privations, hardship, and toil, he had never before experienced the trials of confined living. He therefore became desponding, and even doubts troubled him whether Christ was indeed the Messiah. His disciples had brought to him accounts of the wonderful things they had witnessed in the ministry of Christ. But he concluded that if Christ was indeed the Messiah, he would publicly proclaim himself as the Saviour of the world.

John had indistinct ideas of the kingdom Christ

1. John 3:26,27

2. John 3:28,29

3. John 3:30-32

came to establish, as also had the disciples of Christ. They thought Christ would establish a temporal kingdom, and reign upon the throne of David in Jerusalem. He became impatient because Christ did not immediately make himself known, assume kingly authority, and subdue the Romans. He hoped that if Christ established his kingdom, he would be brought out of prison. He decided that if Jesus was really the Son of God, and could do all things, he would exercise his power and set him at liberty.

John sent his disciples to inquire of Christ, “Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another?”<sup>4</sup> The disciples sought the presence of Christ; but they could not communicate with him immediately, because of the crowd who were bearing the sick to Jesus. The afflicted, blind, and lame, were passing through the throng. The disciples of John saw the miracles of Christ, and that at his word the lifeless clay became animate, and the glow of health took the place of the pallor of death. Jesus said to the disciples of John, “Go and show John again those things which ye do hear and see. The blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them. And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me.”<sup>5</sup>

In these words, John is gently reproofed for his impatience. The cautious reproof returned to John was not lost upon him. He then better understood the character of Christ’s mission. And with submission and faith, he yielded himself into the hands of God, to live,

6. Matt. 11:7

4. Matt. 11:3

5. Matt. 11:4-6

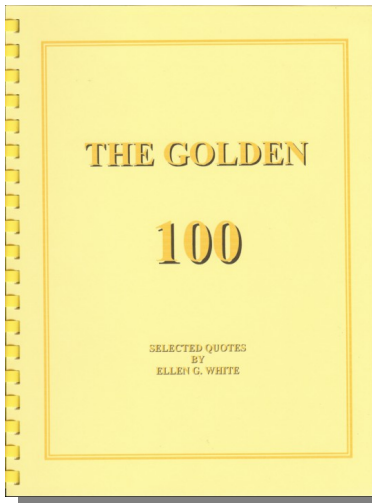
7. Matt. 11:8-12

or to die, as should best advance his glory.

After the disciples of John had departed, Jesus addressed the multitude concerning John, “What went ye out into the wilderness for to see? A reed shaken with the wind?”<sup>6</sup> Jesus knew that a reed trembling in the wind was the very opposite of John’s character. John could not be moved by flattery, nor be deceived by prevailing errors. Neither could he be turned aside from the work he came to do, by rewards, or worldly honors. He would preserve his integrity at the expense of his life. Steadfast as a rock stood the prophet of God, faithful to rebuke sin and crime in all their forms, in kings and nobles, as readily as in the unhonored and unknown. He swerved not from duty. Loyal to his God, in noble dignity of moral character, he stood firm as a rock, faithful to principle.

“But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? Behold they that wear soft clothing are in kings’ houses. But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? Yea, I say unto you, and more than a prophet. For this is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee. Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist; notwithstanding, he that is least in the kingdom of Heaven is greater than he. And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of Heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.”<sup>7</sup>

The people whom Christ addressed well knew that the apparel worn by John was the opposite of that worn

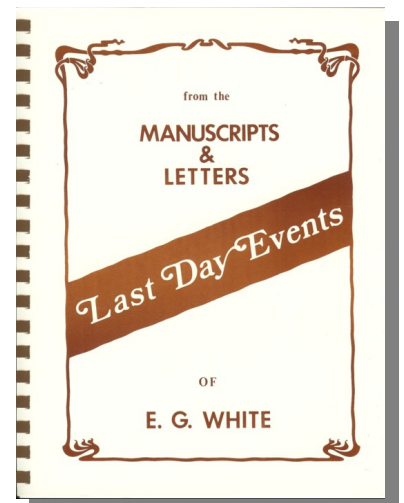


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in royal palaces. Christ virtually inquires, What motive induced you to flock to the wilderness to hear the preaching of John? The wilderness is not the place to find those who live delicately, and who clothe themselves in rich, soft apparel. Christ would have them observe the contrast between the clothing of John and that of the Jewish priests. The prophet wore a plain, rough garment, possessing no beauty, but answering the purpose for which clothing was first designed. In marked contrast to the clothing of John, was the gorgeous apparel of the Jewish priests. The burden of the priests and elders was outward display, thinking that they would be revered in accordance with their external appearance. They were more anxious for the admiration of men, than for spotless purity of character and holiness of life, that they might meet the approval of God.

Christ admonished his disciples, and also the multitude, to follow that which was good in the teachings of the scribes and Pharisees, but not to imitate their wrong example, and not be deceived by their ambitious pretension.

He says, "All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works; for they say, and do not. For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers. But all their works they do to be seen of men; they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments, and love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues, and greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi."<sup>8</sup>

John saw that the Jews who made high pretensions to piety, were exalting and glorifying themselves. Portions of the law were printed and bound upon their

foreheads, and about their wrists. God had commanded the children of Israel to have a ribbon of blue in the border of their garments, upon which was embroidered words of the law, which expressed in short the ten commandments, to remind them of their duty to love God supremely, and to love their neighbor as themselves. The farther they departed from their primitive purity, and simplicity in their words and example, and the more their works were directly contrary to the law of God, the more particular were they to make broad their phylacteries, and add to the words that God had specified that they should have in the ribbon of blue. In their outward appearance, they were expressing exalted devotion and sanctity, while their works were in the widest contrast.

The spirit of reform was stirring the soul of John. The spirit of wisdom and the power of God were upon him. Inspiration from Heaven and holy zeal led him to denounce the Jewish priests, and pronounce the curse of God upon them. They made high pretensions to godliness by their gorgeous apparel, while they were strangers to mercy and the love of God. And while the Pharisees were very exact in their dress to inspire awe and command respect of men, they were abhorred of God. They did not conform their heart and life to the will and word of God. They deceived themselves with the vain supposition that eternal blessings were theirs by virtue of the promises made to Abraham, the father of the faithful. They were not clothed with humility. They bore no resemblance to the faith and piety of Abraham. They had not earned by integrity and purity of life, moral worth, which would ally them to Abraham as his children, to share with him the promises.

(To be Continued.)  
– Ellen G White

8. Matt. 23:3-7

## *Editorial—Trust & Faith*

In the last issue, we talked about fear. This time, let's talk about the opposite of fear—about something which could help each one of us to overcome the fear in our lives: trust.

What does the word "trust" mean to you? Does the word "faith" come to mind, also? Faith is very similar to trust. When a father says to a child, "jump and I will catch you," the child has no hesitation and jumps into the father's arms. Job said of God: "Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him." (Job 13:15) Is such unquestioning trust not faith, also?

Most of us tend to not start trusting someone until we have known them for some time and tested their friendship and honesty. The Lord understands this. In Malachi 3:6, concerning His promise to bless those who paid tithes to Him, the Lord says: "and prove me now herewith." God is willing for us to try Him at His word. Our Creator, who spoke this world

into being, whose glory and power are beyond measure, still has the patience to say to us: "prove me." He will listen to the prayer of those who are slow to trust or believe, and invites each one of us to put His word to the test. See what happens when we place our trust in Him. The more we see that He is true and faithful to His promises, the more we will come to lean on Him from day to day. Our trust in Him will grow and strengthen, and that trust will become faith.

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." (Heb 11:1) What better description can be given than that? Brothers and sisters, our trust and faith in God is one of our most precious possessions. It cannot be physically taken from us, or stolen or misplaced, if we cling daily to it. It is evidence of God's love for us and of our love for Him in return. It is hope for a glorious future in heaven, where He will

take away all pain and sorrow and fear from us. It is a treasure beyond anything we can put a price on in this world. For very soon, our walk of faith here will become a personal, physical walk with our Lord and Saviour in heaven, on streets of gold.

**"In God have I  
put my trust:  
I will not be  
afraid  
what man  
can do unto me."  
Psalms 56:11**

# Children's Story—*Nancy's Lesson*

Nancy was a little girl who lived many years ago; in fact, she was a bent and wrinkled old lady when your fathers and mothers were young. She was a pretty little girl, with dark hair, and brown eyes, and rosy cheeks, a little girl who was not afraid of the sunshine, who slept soundly at night, and who thought bread and milk very good fare for children.

She lived with her grandmother in an old house by the brook. It was a queer old house. There were nice cherry and apple trees in the yard and on one side grapevines and rows of currant bushes and in the front of the yard stood a row of poplars, straight and tall.

Nancy was usually quick to mind her grandma, but sometimes she thought her own way best, and so got into a great deal of trouble.

One time, the day before the Sabbath had been rainy, and the little brook by the house was very high. Grandma did not think it best for Nancy to go to church that day, and so, she left her at home with Betsey Ann, the hired girl, telling her not to go away, but to stay and learn her verses.

Nancy didn't like this very well, for grandma had brought home a new bonnet for her from town that very week, and she wanted to wear it to meeting to show to the other girls.

It did not take her long to learn her verses, and then she wondered what she would do. Betsey Ann was asleep on the lounge in the sitting room, so Nancy chased

a butterfly round the yard, and then came across her kitty curled up on the piazza, (or porch) asleep in the sun. Kitty waked up when Nancy came near, and scampered after her down the walk.

But Nancy did not stop long to play with the kitten, for she had thought of something to do. A little way down the road stood a small cottage, where a lame boy lived.

Nancy had been there with her grandma many times, and had often gone herself to carry a pretty book or some flowers to him.

"Now," thought she, "I have often heard grandpa say that it is right to visit the sick even on the Sabbath; and I guess I'll go down and carry lame Jamie some of the cookies grandma made. He don't have any, and maybe he would like some of mine today."

So she went up to her little room over the kitchen, and putting on her clean pink dress and her new bonnet, tiptoed down stairs, and filled a little bag with the cakes.

"Don't; don't! Nancy, Nancy!" the old clock ticked from the corner of the kitchen. But Nancy was too busy in filling the bag to listen to anything the clock had to say.

"To be sure," said she, as she went through the garden, "grandma told me to stay here; but then I don't believe she would care if I went to see somebody that was sick; because the Bible tells us to visit sick folks."

So quieting the little voice in her that kept telling her it was wrong to go, Nancy went down through the garden, over the

bridge that spanned the brook, to Jamie's house.

Jamie was glad to see her, and showed her some plants that he had growing in his window. When the little clock on the shelf struck twelve, Nancy started home. But in going over the narrow bridge, wet and slippery with the long rains, her feet went out from under her, and she fell into the brook below. Down the stream she floated until her dress caught on a bush, and held her fast. But the water here was so deep that she could not get out herself; so she had to cling to the bushes until someone came for her.

At last she heard grandma calling, and Nancy cried out to her. By and by, grandpa found where she was, and took her out of the water. He did not say anything to her, neither did grandma; for they thought she had been punished enough already.

In the evening, grandpa read for worship a chapter in the Old Testament, where it tells about a king who offered sacrifices when the Lord did not tell him to, and how he was punished for it. And he explained this verse from the chapter to Nancy, and gave it to her to learn: "Behold, to obey is better than to sacrifice, and to hearken, than the fat of rams." And she never forgot it, but often told this story to her grandchildren as they gathered around her knees.

— *The Youth's Instructor August 8, 1883*

**“But though Mary had not a right conception of Christ’s mission, she trusted Him implicitly. To this faith Jesus responded. It was to honor Mary’s trust, and to strengthen the faith of His disciples, that the first miracle was performed.”**  
**A Call to Stand Apart—Page 19**

# Health Nugget—What Is Cabbage Good For?

## The Cabbage Advantage

Botanical name: *Brassica oleracea*

Descended from cabbage grown wild in Mediterranean regions thousands of years ago, the leaves in today's varieties sometimes have interesting dissimilarities. Some appear wide-spread and waffled, while others are smooth and tightly bunched. The colors vary as well, presenting pale green, blue green, red, reddish purple, and nearly white. All have very short stems which, other than garden dirt on the very end, are just as delicious and nutritious as the leaves.

Cabbage is best prepared as close to raw as possible—sometimes called tender, crisp—to preserve this veggie's many nutrients.

Coleslaw may be the most familiar cabbage preparation for Americans, but it's also revered world-wide for the scrumptious flavor it lends to many kinds of hot soup.

## Health Benefits of Cabbage

Cabbage has the highest amount of some of the most powerful antioxidants found in cruciferous vegetables—phytonutrients such as thiocyanates, lutein, zeaxanthin, isothiocyanates, and sulforaphane, which stimulate detoxifying enzymes. Research has shown these compounds to protect against several types of cancer, including breast, colon, and prostate cancers. They also help lower the LDL (low-density lipoprotein) or "bad cholesterol" levels in blood, which can build up in arteries and cause heart disease.

Rich in vitamin K, cabbage provides 85 percent of the body's daily requirement. This is very important, not only for bone metabolism, but as a known Alzheimer's disease preventative by limiting neuronal damage in the brain. The 54 percent daily value of vitamin C supplied to the body with one serving of cabbage is impressive, too—even more than oranges—which can help scavenge harmful, pro-inflammatory free radicals and protect against infection.

Cabbage is also an excellent source of fiber, vitamin B6, folate, and manganese, as well as healthy amounts of thiamin (vitamin B1), pyridoxine (vitamin B6), and pantothenic acid (vitamin B5). It also provides iron, magnesium, phosphorus,

calcium for strong bones, and potassium for regulating the heart rate and blood pressure

## Cabbage Nutrition Facts

Serving Size: One cup (89 grams) of raw cabbage

### Amt. Per Serving

Calories	22
Carbohydrates	5g
Sugar	3g
Fiber	2g
Protein	1g
Sodium	16g

## Studies Done on Cabbage

Evidence in abundance shows cabbage to be an amazing cure for stomach ulcers, due to its high phytonutrient content. One in particular—indole-3-carbinol—has research behind it proving it to prevent and slow the growth of cancer cells.<sup>1</sup> Two tablespoons of cooked cabbage a day has been shown to protect study subjects against stomach cancer, and speeding up estrogen metabolism to help block breast cancer and inhibit polyp growth, a forerunner of colon cancer. Another report showed a 66 percent cut in colon cancer in men who ate cabbage once a week.<sup>2</sup>

Compounds in cabbage strengthen stomach muscles, which helps resist acid attacks, according to another study. A household European remedy for stomach ulcers, backed up by scientific research, showed complete healing within 10 days of drinking just one cup of cabbage juice a day. That study backed up research done in the 1950s in which a quart of cabbage juice was taken per day, with similar healing affect.

## Cabbage Fun Facts

Spiced cabbage in vinegar was a staple food for sailors on long voyages, not just for New Year good fortune, but because of the many vitamins, probiotics, and nutrients it provided. Salted boiled cabbage was also added to the rice given to workers on the Great Wall of China, giving them strength and endurance.

## Summary

Ample proof is available showing cabbage to have more medicinal value than any other natural food. It helps heal stomach ulcers and may help prevent cancer. Colon, prostate, and breast cancer risk are minimized with good amounts of cabbage in the diet. In fact, some studies indicate that cabbage ingestion may be more effective than any other treatment.

Chopped in cold salads for a delicious crunch, added to vegetable soups for a satisfying flavor or even juiced, cabbage is truly a super food.

—From Mercola.com

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**“If the people of God  
will put their  
trust in Him  
and by faith  
rely upon His power,  
the devices of Satan  
will be defeated  
in our time  
as signally  
as in the days  
of Mordecai.”  
Last Day Events 259.1**

# RECIPE—Bread Pudding

8 c. bread chunks, cubes or crumbs

3 c. applesauce

1 tsp. coriander

1/4 tsp. salt

1/2 c. raisins or chopped dates

Honey or date sugar to taste (opt.)

1 c. Soy or Nut Milk

MIX together and BAKE in casserole dish at 350°  
for 30–40 minutes.

Turn down if getting too brown.

VARIATION: Add chopped apples or canned peaches.

**“It is not enough to believe about Christ; we must believe in Him. The only faith that will benefit us is that which embraces Him as a personal Saviour; which appropriates His merits to ourselves. Many hold faith as an opinion. But saving faith is a transaction, by which those who receive Christ join themselves in covenant relation with God. Genuine faith is life.**

**A living faith means an increase of vigor, a confiding trust, by which the soul becomes a conquering power.**

**Faith takes God at His word, not asking to understand the meaning of the trying experiences that come.**

**But there are many who have little faith.**

**They are always fearing and borrowing trouble.**

**Every day they are surrounded by the tokens of God’s love, every day they enjoy the bounties of His providence; but they overlook these blessings. And the difficulties they encounter, instead of driving them to God, separate them from Him, by arousing unrest and repining.”**

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**“There is to be no despondency in connection with God’s service.**

**The faith of the consecrated worker is to stand every test brought upon it.**

**God is able and willing to bestow upon His servants all the strength they need, and to give them the wisdom that their varied necessities demand.**

**He will more than fulfil the highest expectations of those who put their trust in Him.”**

**Gospel Workers 262.3**

# The King of The North—Part 11

## The Modern Inquisition

**M**ost Adventists are shocked by the idea that the time of trouble could have begun one hundred years ago, but all the evidence points to this fact. Not only did the king of north come to his end with the demise of the Ottoman Empire in 1922, but we have seen ever increasing disaster and chaos since. But this should not surprise God's people at all, for did not the prophet warn us that is was beginning in her day?

"The judgments of God are in the land. The **wars** and **rumors of wars**, the **destruction by fire** and **flood**, say clearly that the time of trouble which is to increase until the end, **is already in the world**.—Letter 93, 1904, pp. 7, 8. (To W. C. White, February 21, 1904.)" *Manuscript Releases, Volume 4, page 89.*

The time of trouble consists of—nations getting angry, lawlessness, wars and rumors of wars, destruction by fire and flood, everything in the world being in a state of agitation, the Spirit of God withdrawing from the earth, calamity following calamity by sea and by land, tempests, hurricanes, tornadoes, cloudbursts, earthquakes, fires, floods, murders of every grade, insecurity and lack of assurance in anything human or earthly, the world being stirred with the spirit of war, the spirit of war stirring the nations from one end of earth to the other, a period of stormy times for God's people, a time of trial, riots, accidents, robberies where Human life is no longer safe unless under the protection of God. It is a time of great difficulties, persecution, suffering, calamities and casualties by land and sea, with the state of society being in an unsettled condition, a period with alarms of war, with the agencies of evil combining their forces and consolidating and strengthening for the last great crisis, with great changes taking place, the final movements being rapid ones, having perplexities that were scarcely dreamed of, with all these things forecasting events of the greatest magnitude.

In our previous articles we have talked about sword, famine, pestilence, flood, fire, and natural disasters. In each area the 20<sup>th</sup> century has been a nightmare, and we've only mentioned a small number of the events that have happened. But now we are going to examine one of the most disturbing and sinister aspects of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, persecution.

"The time of trouble has already begun. We hear continually of riots and accidents, of murders and robberies. Human life is no longer safe unless under the protection of God. **God's servants must not be surprised that they meet with great difficulties and persecution at this time.** In His day, the world's Redeemer, the Son of God, was shamefully treated by the people He came to bless. He had to go from city to city to ensure His safety, and this persecution followed Him until His work on earth was accomplished." *Manuscript Releases, Volume 21, page 101, Written September 3, 1907.*

Persecution is nothing new. It has been around since Cain slew Abel, his brother, at the gates of the Garden of Eden. This persecution of the righteous by the wicked continued with greater or lesser fury until the culmination of it on Calvary, with the death of Jesus. But it didn't end there, it became worse. "And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." *Revelation 12:17.*

Seeing that he could no longer hope to overcome Christ, and that He was now out of reach, Satan sought revenge by harming Christ's followers on earth. After Jesus returned to heaven, persecution took on new dimensions, never seen before. In the fury of his defeat, the dragon determined to wipe the followers of Christ from the face of the earth. But God knew all this would happen and to give His people courage, warned them that this persecution was coming, centuries before it did. All the way back during the captivity in Babylon, the future was presented to Daniel.

James White speaks of four lines of prophecy in Daniel. Let's take a look at those four lines of prophecy and the history of persecution they reveal.

When we examine each line of prophecy we discover that it covers the same ground but that each brings out different details about the events foretold. The first line is found in Daniel 2. In this chapter we find the vision of the image made of different metals. Each metal represents a different kingdom. It carries us from Babylon, the head, down to the

division of the Roman Empire into a kingdom partly strong and partly weak. There is nothing said in this prophecy about Papal Rome. It jumps from the division of Pagan Rome straight to the second coming.

What happened when the Roman Empire broke up? It first broke into two pieces, east and west. The west was broken into the ten tribes of Europe, and became the papal domain. But what happened to the east? It survived for centuries as what we call the Byzantine Empire and was eventually conquered by the followers of Islam. (These events are foretold in Revelation 8 and 9.)

Prior to the split of the Roman Empire there were five patriarchies in the church, Rome, Constantinople, Antioch, Jerusalem, and Alexandria. The pope considered himself to be the head of the church, but the other patriarchies only considered him to be the first among equals. When the papacy rose to power in the west, it had difficulty with the other four patriarchs in the Middle East. They refused to acknowledge his supremacy and the Byzantine Empire wouldn't let him control them because they did not believe that the Pope of Rome had greater authority in the church than any other of the patriarchs, in spite of the fact that the emperor Justinian had given the civil power in the west into the pope's hands in 538 AD.

According to Alberto Rivera, after the pope rose to temporal power in 538 AD he came up with the idea of creating a new religion to bring the east into subjection to him. Who did the church select to create this religion? A young man by the name of Mohamed. But this hardly seems credible. How could the Catholic church be responsible for creating this religion that seems wholly opposed to all Christianity? Consider this from the time of the Napoleonic wars.

"...The sacrilegious curiosity of the the French at the time when they occupied Rome, in the beginning of this century (1800), overcame all obstacles, in order to see so famous a seat. (The seat of St. Peter) They took off its copper covering, and drew out the seat, and examining it diligently, found there engraved in Arabic characters these words:—'There is one God, and Mahomet is His prophet.'" *Poperly, Puseyism, and Jesuitism, Luigi Descantis, translated from the Italian by Maria Betts in 1905. (Parenthesis added)*



Think about it a little bit. The Catholic church worships one God (the Trinity, one God with three aspects or facets, as opposed to the plethora of gods worshiped in paganism). How many God's do the Moslems worship? One God. Catholicism loves and worships Mary. Islam does the same. Catholicism worships relics, so does Islam. In the Middle East, Mosques and Catholic churches are often found together. In Antioch, the Mosque has the head of John the Baptist, the Catholic church has his arm. The pope changed the day of worship from Sabbath to Sunday, Mohamed changed it to Friday, one day the other direction. This really wasn't a great change for Mohamed to make, as most of the Christians in Egypt were already so confused they kept Friday holy in commemoration of the crucifixion in addition to Sabbath and Sunday.

However, the pope's plan backfired. Once the Islamic religion took hold, it's adherents refused to hand over the holy sites to Rome, as had been planned. In this we see the wonderful hand of God, for the Moslems in many cases actually aided and protected the Armenians and other Sabbath keepers who fled from Rome and the Byzantines. This was the real reason behind the crusades of the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> centuries. In fact, the crusaders spent more time hunting and killing heretics and Jews than they did fighting Moslems.

But by the twentieth century things had changed. No longer were the Moslems aiding and protecting the enemies of Rome. By this time they had clearly allied themselves to Rome. In World War I the genocides in the Ottoman Empire were aimed specifically at the Armenians, the Assyrians, and the Greeks, groups who had consistently resisted the Catholic church for centuries, and whom the Turks had more or less protected. Remember the Turks had no money to fight in the war. They were financed by the Germans, and the German government was connected to the pope through the Jesuits.

But the connection to Rome is even closer than the connection through the German Jesuits. This connection is through the Masonic order. On the surface, the pope is opposed to the Freemasons, but in secret the Jesuit order and the masons have been closely linked for centuries. When you get to the top of Freemasonry, you find the black pope, the head of the Jesuit order, the man who really runs the Vatican.

But did you know that in Freemasonry, when you get to the 33<sup>rd</sup> degree, the Koran replaces the Bible as the holy book? This links Islam directly with the Jesuits and the Papacy through Freemasonry.

But there is even more. Do you remember Talaat Pasha, one of the three pashas who ran the Ottoman Empire during World War I? Talaat Pasha is the one who issued the death orders against the Armenians. He is singled out as the one chiefly responsible for the genocide. Did you know that he was a Freemason? In fact, he was the one to introduce the masonic lodges to Turkey and was the first grand master of the Turkish Freemasons. So the Jesuits had control of the Ottoman Empire during World War I and there is a direct link between that control and the genocides.

The concept that the pope is the friend and ally of Islam is illustrated by the fact that the pope was the one cautioning against crushing Islam when the US invaded the Middle East. How often do you hear about Moslems attacking and blowing up Catholic churches? They usually don't, they go after the Coptic church, or the Orthodox Church, or the Armenian Church, or any other church that has traditionally kept separate from the Roman hierarchy. It would seem that today the church finally has control of Islam again, as they always planned.

While Catholicism and Islam are clearly secretly connected at the top, their adherents at the bottom don't mix anymore than iron and clay. But the prophecy in Daniel 2 does not describe any of this except to say that the kingdom is divided and cannot unite. It then goes straight to the second coming.

The second line of prophecy is found in Daniel 7. In this prophecy we see four beasts representing the same four kingdoms of the first prophecy, but much more detail is given about the breakup of the western half of the Roman Empire.

Following the decree of Justinian, which went into effect in 538 AD, handing all civil authority in the West to the Pope, the 1260 years of papal supremacy began.

"For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be." *Matthew 24:21.*

Some would put this tribulation as being in the future and Louis Were and other Adventists claim that the Pope's greatest power over the world is still coming during the Time of Trouble of Daniel 12:1. But this was not what the pioneers taught. Smith says:

"The tribulation, fulfilled in the oppression and slaughter of the church by the papal power, is already past; while the time of trouble of Daniel 12:1, is, according to the view we take, still future." *Uriah Smith, Thoughts on Daniel,*

*1873 edition page 378.*

But how can this be? How can we have two times of trouble referring to different periods of the earth's history, both of them worse than any that precede it? The simple explanation is that Matthew 24 is referring in particular to a tribulation of the church. The verse indicates that there is time after this tribulation. Also verse 22 says:

"And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened." *Matthew 24:22.*

The 1260 years of papal persecution was the worst tribulation the people of God had ever known, or, according to the prophecy, ever will know. According to some estimates upwards of 500 million Christians were slain during this tribulation. This persecution became even more intense after the reformation of the 16<sup>th</sup> century. This was largely due to the founding of the Jesuit order in 1540.

This order, founded on the remnants of the Knights Templar, was devoted to Satan and determined to restore the papacy to its former power, while professing to be followers of the meek and lowly Jesus and taking His name for the name of their order. The Knights Templar was an order of soldier monks created during the crusades as a scourge to heretics and all those who did not remain loyal to the Catholic church. Much of their beliefs, teachings, and practices were based on the Islamic order of the Assassins. They were outlawed by the pope in the 13<sup>th</sup> century because they had gained too much power. They went underground and founded the Masonic lodges, then, in the sixteenth century, they were connected to the founding of the Jesuit order.

This started the counter-reformation and the Jesuits took over the Inquisition, which had been handled by the Dominicans prior to this. They not only persecuted the protestants, they infiltrated every branch of state and became involved in every field of trade. They were the prime instigators of the St. Bartholomew Massacre, and the protestant massacres in Ireland. They considered it no crime to kill a heretic king and were involved in so many assassinations and attempted assassinations of monarchs in Europe that they were banned from all the protestant countries. (Remember their connection to the order of the Assassins under Islam?) They reached the height of their power during the first half of the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Money flowed in from their reductions in South America to fund their activities in Europe and surely they would have wiped out all heretics and brought all the world under the control of the pope, had the time not been cut short, as Jesus



predicted it would be.

Around 1750 the kings of Spain and Portugal discovered the reductions that had been operated in their borders without their knowledge. These Jesuit reductions were nothing more than communes, with the Indians serving as willing slaves. Recognizing the danger to their kingdoms if the Jesuits were left unchecked, the kings of Spain, Portugal, and France, expelled the Jesuits from their kingdoms. These kings then threatened the pope with war if he did not disband and suppress the order. In 1773 the pope finally signed the decree of suppression. After signing the decree he declared that he would be killed by the order and exactly 14 months later he was dead by poisoning. But the Jesuit order had been suppressed and the Jesuit General, also known as the black pope, had been imprisoned and died in prison.

With the suppression of the Jesuits, the persecution of heretics almost wholly ceased and thus the time was shortened 25 years before the 1260 years of papal supremacy ended in 1798. According to Matthew 24 there will never be a period of tribulation for the church like this one again. "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be." *Matthew 24:21*.

This second line of prophecy, in Daniel 7, takes us down to and describes the establishment of the papacy and this period of papal persecution before jumping to the Second Coming.

The third line of prophecy is in Daniel 8 and 9. It talks about the ram and he goat, representing Medo-Persia and Greece. By this time Babylon had already passed off the scene of action and was no longer a player. In this vision, Rome, both pagan and papal, is presented as a little horn that waxes exceeding great. This prophecy covers the same ground as the other two but adds some additional information, which carries us down to the end of the 2300 days and the cleansing of the sanctuary in 1844. It then jumps to the Second Coming.

In this prophecy we are not only shown the crucifixion of Christ by pagan Rome but we are shown the transfer of power from pagan to papal and the rule of the papacy during the 1260 years of persecution.

When the Jesuit order was abolished and suppressed by the Pope in 1773, they didn't disband, as commanded to. The black pope died in prison but a successor was elected. Many of these ex-Jesuits went to Bavaria, Russia, England, and the United States. They gained complete control over Freemasonry and in Bavaria they started a new order, the Illuminati. The Illuminati

professed to be opposed to the Jesuits, but this was only a cover to hide their true intentions. The Illuminati then infiltrated France and fomented the French Revolution. What was the result? In the end the Pope was captured and taken prisoner, which ended the papal supremacy. The Pope died a prisoner and the succeeding pope remained in exile and captivity until 1814. In that year the pope was returned to Rome after agreeing to reinstate the Jesuit order, which he did later that year. Since that time any Pope who has refused to follow the directions of the order has been assassinated and the Jesuits have had complete control over the Vatican and the pope today is openly a member of the Jesuit order. They never forget and never forgive.

But this isn't covered in Daniel's third line of prophecy. It jumps from the Papacy straight to the second coming.

The fourth line of prophecy is found in Daniel 11 and covers the same ground as the other three. Beginning with Medo-Persia and taking us down to the end of the papacy it then takes us further, giving us a detailed view of political world history from the time of the fall of the papal power in 1798 to the second coming. It then adds some additional information about the world, just like each of the preceding prophecies have added additional material. This time it adds information about what happens in the world from the fall of the papacy up to 1922, just prior to the healing of the deadly wound and its return to power in the time of trouble.

In 1929, just seven years after the Ottoman Empire came to its end the "deadly wound" of the papacy was healed. In 1798 the Pope was taken captive by orders of Napoleon. While he regained control of the papal states a few years later, by 1870 the Pope had become a prisoner in his palace at the Vatican with no temporal power. This truly was a "deadly wound." Things remained in this state till 1929 when the Lateran treaty created Vatican City, an independent state within the city of Rome, controlled by the Pope, and thus granting him temporal power. Since that time the Pope has continued to regain his power. Notice that the king of the north appears in the prophecy when the deadly wound is given to the papacy "at the time of the end," 1798. This king then "comes to his end" just before the deadly wound is healed and "all the world wonders after the beast" who is then destroyed by the "brightness of his coming."

We read in the Spirit of Prophecy:

"We have no time to lose. Troublous times are before us. The world is stirred with the spirit of war. Soon the scenes of trouble spoken of in the prophecies will take place. **The prophecy in the eleventh of Daniel has nearly reached its complete fulfillment. Much of the history that has taken place in fulfillment of this prophecy will be repeated.** In the thirtieth verse a power is spoken of that [Daniel 11:30-36 quoted.] **Scenes similar to those described in these words will take place.** We see evidence that Satan is fast obtaining the control of human minds who have not the fear of God before them. Let all read and understand the prophecies of this book, for we are now entering upon the time of trouble spoken of: [Daniel 12:1-4 quoted.]" *Manuscript Releases, Volume 13, page 394, 1904.*

So, what does she mean, when she says that "Much of the history that has taken place in fulfillment of this prophecy will be repeated.?" The verses she is referring to are specifically talking about the papal persecution of the 1260 years. This would mean that one of the things that would occur during the time of trouble would be a revival of the persecutions of the dark ages, because this is the subject of the verses she is quoting. But haven't the last hundred years seen a respite from religious persecution? Not at all.

In 1917 the world was embroiled in World War I. Since the time of Catherine the Great, Russia had been a haven, of sorts, from religious persecution for some of the people of Europe. While the official state religion was Greek Orthodox, Catherine invited the Lutheran, Mennonite and other persecuted religious sects from Germany to come to Russia where they were granted religious freedom and exemption from military service. This freedom continued to a greater or lesser degree under the succeeding Czars until 1917. Then, the atheistic, communist, Bolshevik revolution took over the country and began the systematic suppression of religion. This was simply a reenactment of the French Revolution we saw predicted in Daniel 11:37-39. But this wasn't connected to the papacy, it was atheistic, right? Think again.

"The parallels between the Jesuits' **French and Russian Revolutions** are striking and must not be overlooked when seriously questioning the identity of that secret **POWER** behind the scenes. Those parallels are as follows:

**"1. Both revolutions** were based on communist writings of Freemasons – *Voltaire* and *Marx*. Did not the Jesuits, the authors of Scottish Rite Freemasonry, perfect communism on their reductions in

Paraguay?

**"2. Both revolutions** plundered the state churches. Were not the Jesuits the enemies of the *Roman Catholic Church* in France and the *Orthodox Church* in Russia when the revolutions broke out?

**"3. Both revolutions** ended the monarchies. Were not the Jesuits enemies of both the *Bourbon* and the *Romanov* dynasties? Had not both monarchies expelled the Jesuits from their countries?

**"4. Both revolutions** produced Jesuit Republics – republics *in form*, but absolute monarchies *in power*. Are not the Jesuits absolutists?

**"5. Both revolutions** declared *socialist atheism* as the religion of the state. Evidenced by their deeds, are not the Jesuits truly socialist atheists?

**"6. Both revolutions** carried out a *reign of terror* by an inquisitional secret police. Are not the Jesuits the greatest of Inquisitors?

**"7. Both revolutions** resulted in *military dictators* who punished the enemies of the Jesuits. Did not the Jesuits benefit even though **Napoleon** and **Stalin**, in deceiving the nations, openly banned the Order from France and Russia?" *Vatican Assassins page 787.*

The historic evidence points to the Jesuits as the instigators and financiers of both the French Revolution and the Bolshevik Revolution. To what end? With the goal of destroying the Greek Orthodox Church in Russia and eventually turning it into a Catholic country, and they are succeeding.

"There is little difference between the extreme Radical and the Socialist, and the two parties in the State give each other mutual support. It is also manifest that Socialism offered the Jesuits a still more effective means for fomenting the Great Revolution which they aim at bringing about, and, as we shall see, modern Socialism and Jesuitism are intimately allied... Socialism is, in fact, openly supported by the Vatican, and is preached by many of the Catholic priesthood under the name of 'Catholic Socialism...' The Vatican and all the Orders of the Roman Catholic Church being now under the complete control of the Jesuit Society, we may conclude that Socialism... has been supported and utilized by the Society for fomenting the Great Revolution which it is their object to bring about... The Jacobins in the French Revolution made similar promises to the people whom they used as tools to obtain supreme power for themselves, but the Revolution destroys the chief sources of wealth, and the working classes in France were reduced to a greater

state of poverty than they were in before. So it would be when the Jesuit leaders of Socialism have obtained supreme power and the complete control of the executive... This is what they did in Paraguay when they ruled that country. They made the people work for them, and by this means attained enormous wealth, and ever since have regarded their role in Paraguay as a perfect pattern of their future policy whenever they can obtain the power to carry it out... Finally, because these and other Socialist aims are incompatible with Christianity, the Socialist agitator preaches Atheism. 'Atheism,' they assert, 'is the keynote of the social revolution.' It is the leading characteristic of Socialism." *Rome and the War: And Coming Events In Britain, "Watchman," (London: McBride, Nast & Company, Ltd., 1916) pages 74-89.*

This evidence leads us to question Luis Were's presentation of atheistic communism as the king of the south in Daniel 11, fighting the pope as the king of north. If communism was a Jesuit invention, why would prophecy depict it in conflict with the papacy? Even in Revelation 11, the atheistic power of the French revolution is depicted as being at war, not with the papal beast, but with the Word of God, symbolized by the two witnesses, and this at a time when atheistic, and Jesuit led, France, was in conflict with the pope. This also leads us to ponder who this Luis Were really was. This man who turned the church so solidly against Uriah Smith and his book on Daniel and Revelation, that today hardly a single Adventist minister has even read the book.

There is another element involved in communism that we should note. "**The trades unions** will be one of the agencies that **will bring upon this earth a time of trouble such as has not been since the world began.**"—Letter 200, 1903." *Country Living, page 10.*

Have the trade unions been involved in all this? Yes! The following was written by the communist propagandists in 1920:

"It is evident from the discussion going on since the Russian Revolution that both the extreme reactionary and the ultra-radical have distorted conception of the unions: their origin, present and future functions and tasks. We already have the benefit of real revolutionary experience. Suffices to mention Hungary, Germany and Russia in order to safely state that **during the Revolution whoever has the unions on his side, is going to win it.** Comrade Lozovsky says that **'it is impossible to accomplish a social**

**revolution outside of the unions or against their will.'** Lenin has also said that the Bolshevik Revolution could not have lasted two weeks without the aid of the unions." *A. Lozovsky, The Role of the Labor Unions in the Russian Revolution, Marxists Internet Archive, <http://www.marxists.org/archive/lozovsky/1920/russrevunion.htm> (Emphasis supplied by the web site)*

Have we seen a fulfillment of prophecy? We have seen Daniel 11:31-39 repeated in the Jesuit orchestrated communist take over of nearly half the world. Millions have died at their hands. But they have hidden their true character and origin under a cloak of atheism. The labor unions were their tool to accomplish this. When communism was no longer needed it was allowed to crumble and the pope proclaimed himself the victor. Isn't it also interesting that it was the United States that helped him accomplish this end?

But there is more to the story than this. Have you heard it said that Communism must end before the Sunday laws can be enacted? It's time to think again. In the 1890's the United States was considering Sunday legislation, and A.T. Jones testified against the law before congress during this time. At the same time Russia was also considering a national Sunday law. But there was a problem. There was a very large minority in Russia who found Sunday laws a burden to them economically and lobbied hard for a repeal of the laws. They were the Jews and the Moslems, who did not wish to be forced to keep their businesses closed two days out of every week. But then came the Bolshevik revolution and guess what day Russians have as a rest day today? Sunday. So far from being an enemy of Rome, communism has helped to enforce the very mark of Rome and prepared the way for the world to wonder after the beast. But there is even more to the history of the 20<sup>th</sup> century than this.

"During the second half of the eighteenth century, sects of Judaizers and Sabbath observers emerged in several parts of Russia, including the Volga provinces and the northern Caucasus. Most prominent among these was the Molokan sect, which soon after its foundation split into two groups, one of which, the Molokan Sabbath Observers, moved toward closer association with the Jews. In 1796 (or 1806) a sect of Sabbath observers (*Subbotniki*) arose in the Voronesh guberniya in Russia, as well as in the Saratov and Tula guberniyas...In Saratov the preacher Milyukhin won over whole villages to his faith. The Judaizing heresy spread in the country as well as the towns, among both peasants and merchants, and all efforts of the Church could not stem it. In

1823 the Russian government took strong measures against the Subbotniki, whose numbers it estimated at 20,000... With the accession of Alexander II the position of the Judaizers improved, and in 1887 the government permitted them to observe their own marriage and burial customs. The manifesto of October 17, 1905, abolished all discrimination against Judaizers and Sabbath observers, while emphasizing that they were not to be regarded as Jews." *The Myth of the Jewish Race, page 95-96*

"The centrality of reading the Bible to the formation of the Subbotnik religious community was not unusual at this time. During the reign of Alexander I, the Russian Bible Society made available throughout Russia the Slavonic Bible and other Holy Scriptures in more than forty languages and in impressively large print runs (hundreds of thousands of copies, a hitherto unprecedented feat in Russian publishing history). Translation of the New Testament and Psalter into modern Russian had appeared by the time the RBS closed in 1826, as had a translation of the Old Testament, at least up to the book of Ruth... Much of the southern parts of Russia experienced a religious ferment as a result of the sudden appearance of Bibles and an increase in people who would interpret and spread the Holy Scriptures. The few literate members of the community tended to read from the Bible to others and to carry on services; individual travelers would bring the word of the Bible with them to share." *Holy Dissent, page 426-427.*

While some of these people adopted Judaism, many did not. They considered themselves Christians and believed in Jesus Christ.

In 1893 we find in the Review an extract from a letter written by a well educated Russian lady to an Adventist worker in that country. Her account is fascinating.

"You wish to know, dear brother, how I came to observe the Sabbath. This question I can scarcely answer with few words. I must rather give you a short biography of my father. My father was an officer in the Russian army, and belonged at first to the state church, but he studied closely his Bible, and held us strictly to it. Thus he saw the Sabbath, and we had to keep it from early youth. We were not allowed to read the Bible openly, and were conscious from early youth that we would be persecuted on account of our faith later on. At the time of my marriage (with a Finn), my father was moved to a distant fortress as its commander. Passing through Petersburg, he was attacked for his faith, finally taken prisoner, and had to remain in jail for seven months. After that time, the imperial order

came in connection with the decision of the synod, that on account of his religious belief he should be banished to a monastery in a northern island. Some of us were also sent to monasteries, and finally even to the Caucasus and Siberia. But myself and husband, as we were young, were not sent to Siberia; but the police kept an ever-watchful eye over us. Fifteen years passed, and during this time I heard scarcely anything of my father. Finally my sister, who is now dead, and myself, decided to hunt our father in Siberia. But what did we see? Horrible! The impression of what I there saw and heard had such an effect upon me that ever since my hair has turned gray. But we had to rise above our despair, the thought giving us consolation, that we do not know the ways of God; for it is written that he is wonderful in counsel and excellent in working. Through the intervention of an Englishman, my father was finally transferred to another monastery, but when we found him there, he fared even worse. He had consumed away, seemed very weak, and had only one eye left. I fainted when I saw him. Hearing of the mission of general Paschkoff at Petersburg, I asked his intercession, and my father was finally freed. Five years he occupied himself by publishing a journal entitled, 'The Call of All Men to Immortality.' The paper reached quite an extensive circulation, until a priest again accused my father, and he, now eighty-two years old, was again sentenced to Siberia. Again general Paschkoff interceded for him, but they would have placed him in an insane asylum, had not death come to his deliverance. Even during his last moments his greatest burden was to impress us with the commandments of Jehovah and the faith of Jesus, and to point us to the glorious appearing of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. This is the reason why I observe the seventh day, and my daily prayer has been that the Lord would point out some one to me, who was of like precious faith, and had an ear for the Sabbath. All whom I have known, the Baptists, Stundists, and Molokani, or whatever else their name might be, turned my enemies when they learned that I was observing the Sabbath. But when I read your first lines, they seemed to me an answer to my earnest petitions for years, and I was greatly astonished when I learned that already thousands stood ready to meet their Lord. Of all the brethren in Christ, you are the first who is not only of the same faith, but also of a strange tongue. For this I praise my heavenly Father, and ask him that he may not blot

out my name from the book of life, but to strengthen me, to make me worthy to be the daughter of my father, who has suffered thirty long years for the sake of God's holy truth." *Review and Herald December 5, 1893.*

Russia is a vast country, which is why this lady never met any other Sabbath keepers, but we wonder from this account how many other Sabbath keeping Christians there really were in Russia. One estimate is that there were 2,500,000 Sabbath keepers in Russia in the late 1800's. Persecuted by the Czars, these people were ruthlessly suppressed by the communist regime and today there remain only 10,000 to 15,000 mostly elderly and most have no idea what their people originally believed or why.

The heathen of China worked seven days a week and did not keep any weekly rest day. Today, after more than sixty years of communism, Sunday is the official rest day, for we read:

"The word xīngqī bears all the marks of an ingenious compromise... It even manages to keep Sunday, **the official secular day of rest**, separate from the other days of the week without implying that it is a day of worship!" <http://www.cjvlang.com/Dow/dowchin.html> (*emphasis supplied*).

We always hear that persecution and martyrdom are coming soon, but history says it has been here for a hundred years. But not only was communism used by the Jesuits as part of their plans but there has also been a series of new crusades during this century.

The Moslem religion was begun by the Catholic church for the purpose of capturing Jerusalem and Constantinople and wiping out true Christianity in the Middle East. This purpose is still being met by Islam. A crusade is a religious war, usually used for the purpose of wiping out opposition to the church. The Crusades of 900 to 1300 AD were fought in the middle east by followers of the pope. The Crusaders fought the Moslem armies but spent more of their time killing Greek Orthodox Christians, Jews, and Heretics. The 30 years war of 1615 to 1648 was a crusade against protestants in Eastern Europe. World War I was called a crusade by all involved and it wasn't just the Armenians singled out for slaughter, Jews and Sabbatarians were attacked too. In fact, some Jewish writers wrote about the pogroms of World War I in Eastern Europe as the worst hard time the Jews had ever had. They just didn't know that something worse was coming. When the genocide was over only two Adventist colporteurs were left alive in Turkey, nearly one half of the Adventist membership was dead, and three-

quarters of the workers were also dead.

President Roosevelt also called World War II a Crusade. When Hitler invaded the Ukraine, he called it Operation Barbarosa. Frederick Barbarosa led the third of the Crusades to the Middle East and he got there by traveling east from Germany and then south through Bulgaria. But he drowned in a river crossing before he ever got through Turkey. Now why would Hitler call his invasion of the East, Operation Barbarosa? Could it be that he was planning to wipe out Jews and heretics, just like the Crusaders did?

Virtually every war during the 20<sup>th</sup> century has been termed a crusade and behind each one can be found a sinister purpose of persecution and genocide.

When the United States entered Iraq, in 2003, President Bush called the war a crusade. But what religion is being fought? Certainly not Islam, and not Catholicism either. Under Sadam Husein, order was ruthlessly maintained, which held extremism in check. Protestant and independent Christian missionaries were able to work, for the most part, unmolested. But when the United States invaded, these Christians had to flee for their lives and the work in Iraq almost completely stopped. Have you noticed that the churches in America are praying for the troops? What happened to praying for the missionaries? The war on terror truly is another crusade against all who do not co-operate with the

mother of harlots.

We see in Daniel four lines of prophecy, each covering the same ground, but adding more information onto what was presented before. In all these four lines we see a cohesive and comprehensive picture of the history of God's people from Daniel's day to the second coming. Understanding the Ottoman Empire as the king of the north does not in any way destroy these four lines, but rather enforces them and provides us with a complete picture of this history. James White was correct about the four lines of prophecy, Uriah Smith was correct about the Ottoman Empire. In fact the Ottoman Empire was far more Roman than any of the pioneers ever realized.

"We have no time to lose. Troublous times are before us. The world is stirred with the spirit of war. Soon the scenes of trouble spoken of in the prophecies will take place. The prophecy in the eleventh of Daniel has nearly reached its complete fulfillment... Let all read and understand the prophecies of this book, for we are now entering upon the time of trouble spoken of: '...and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time...' Daniel 12:1-4" *Manuscript Releases, Volume 13, page 394, 1904.*

This was written in 1904, do you now understand why she wrote this? We have been living during a modern inquisition. It

has been more subtle than in the past but it has been there. We've seen decades of persecution in the 20<sup>th</sup> century by communism and now, again, by Islam, both tools of the Jesuit order. The Voice of the Martyrs claims that more Christians are being martyred today than were killed by the Roman Empire. According to Eric Phelps, in his book, *Vatican Assassins*, the Jesuit order has been directly involved in the deaths of 200 million people during the 20<sup>th</sup> century. That is 2/5<sup>ths</sup> of the total number killed by the church during the entire 1260 years, only this has been done in one century and under various disguises. Has Satan changed? Not at all, instead his power has increased tenfold, just as we were told it had in 1883.

Today the Jesuits have their net surrounding the world and have begun to tighten the noose. Their goal is to bring the entire world into a one world communistic system that worships Lucifer. They nearly have all the pieces in place. But what of Seventh-day Adventists? Why have Adventists been left in comparative peace during this time of unprecedented trouble? Is persecution really part of the time of trouble if it is not specifically aimed at those we are accustomed to think of as the remnant people of God? These are important questions that we will consider in our next article.

—Rick & Virginia Markwell

**“Courage, fortitude, faith, and implicit trust  
in God’s power to save are needed.  
These heavenly graces do not come in a moment;  
they are acquired by the experience of years.  
But every sincere and earnest seeker will become a partaker  
of the divine nature. His soul will be filled  
with intense longing to know the fullness of that love  
which passes knowledge.  
As he advances in the divine life,  
he will be better able to grasp  
the elevated, ennobling truths of the Word of God,  
until, by beholding, he becomes changed,  
and is enabled to reflect the likeness of his Redeemer.”  
The Faith I Live By 120.4**

# Letters—Kenya & Columbia

## Kenya

September 25, 2016

We must think and be praying in terms of winning, ahead of the horrendous things that are now coming upon the world.

**2Tim.3:12** What we may have failed to do in times of ease, we will now have to do in times of great hardship. “Times that will try men’s souls are just before us, and those who are weak in the faith will not stand the test of those days of peril. The great truths of Revelation are to be carefully studied, for we shall all want an intelligent knowledge of the word of God. By Bible study and daily communion with Jesus we shall gain clear, well-defined views of individual responsibility and strength to stand in the day of trial and temptation. He whose life is united to Christ by hidden links will be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.” 5T 273 Amen. As sin abounds and our movement seems to fade; another wave of revival result by the power of the Holy Spirit hidden in the silent messenger who is always besides each individual in form of printed matter waiting for an intelligent mind to open the heart of the soul as they read through. The great truth for today and is revealed to the Remnant people of God in these last days which I am laboring to reproduce in a series of topics as ‘Caught Unprepared, Time of Trouble, God’s Government 1 & 2’ and project some as topics to simple minds to understand the time in which we are standing. Elder J\_\_ & other brethren from the Remnant families have endeavored to see that some funds are available to get these messages of present truth on printed materials are out spreading to all men to comprehend the great battle leading to final harvest to hasten Christ’s second return. I have printed out some boxes of booklets & tracts which I am sending out to our co-workers of the different churches whom we are in agreement with so that the message is heard everywhere in the different communities. We have also devised several methods to get this important message to all people and where possible organizing gatherings of brethren at different places. Praise God that each one is doing their part to have God’s glory enlighten the world. Two ministers are sent to new places with our print outs and then a follow-up is made to determine whether an open air crusade is carried on.

This has resulted in establishing new Sabbath schools & churches which take a lot of our time to care and nurture because health reform in most cases is needed. The physical presence of bro. K\_\_ & K\_\_ is doing a good job in central Uganda which has prompted us to locate a camp meeting there by November 2016. I believe that these are the days of Elijah and we need to pray to be the Elijah’s of our day. This is the time of judgment which is also to be accompanied by a greater outpouring of the Holy Spirit and it is this outpouring that will bring in the final warning & harvest.

So we must by all means be ready for these events no matter what order they come in. We have entered a solemn time when we must review our hearts before the Lord & invite the power of the Holy Spirit to lead us.

Thank you for cooperating to get God’s work done in all nations especially in Africa where the enemy has besieged all under a wave of ignorance. We pray for your continual support in this great gospel commission so that we can go home soon. God bless you.

—NJ

## Kenya

October 22, 2016

I am thankful for those faithful front line warriors, both in our church and among those who uphold us with support and prayers. We also pray for them and for us all, that the Lord God Michael will open our eyes wide that we might remember the times we are in and that He calls upon us into His purpose in these last days. Some of us may have varying experiences, but we have a singular desire to know the Lord **John 17** and to enter into His calling and commission in our lives. We absolutely need to be part of His Warrior Bride (**Eph. 6:11-12**) in this final stage of the earth’s history when all things seem to be hard on our part having varying struggles with the flesh, doubts and fears but doing one thing of searching into His prophecies of those things that shows us in His Word the promises written for our generation. Indeed we are in the very last days when it seems that we are being caught unprepared even ignorant of

how we can guide the house of the Lord God Michael! We appreciate the efforts of In Light Of Prophecy Fulfilled Ministries for laboring to awaken us and sending in funds to have some booklets printed out so that our people may understand the time of Christ’s coming is already at hand. We have been traveling to different places calling upon every member to prepare for the forthcoming camp meetings to close this year 2016 so that we can share these great lessons. We managed to speak to a cross section of people and thereafter prayed with them. We finally had a meeting where we agreed that the last week of November 2016 be for a camp in B\_\_ – B\_\_ in Uganda and the first week of December 2016 be a camp in E\_\_ – B\_\_ in Kenya. These meetings are expected to draw many brethren all around the region of E. Africa so that we can also settle some doctrinal issues if any and I love that these lessons be projected if circumstances allow by God’s grace and possibly be posted online.

We have realized that the whole world is sick, physically and spiritually and our home churches need to have a simple sanitarium where natural remedies can be given out to God’s people. Our gracious Heavenly Father sees the deplorable condition of men suffering while living in violation of the laws of nature he has established and yet many African countries have been blessed with natural herbs. Many are doing this ignorantly, some knowingly, but men and women cannot violate natural law in the indulgence of depraved appetite, and lustful passions, and not violate the law of God, unwarned. Therefore, since God has permitted the light of health reform to shine upon us, that we may see our sin in violating the laws God which He has established in our bodies; we are encouraging all our Sabbath School lessons to fix some time and teach Health/Diet Reform. All enjoyments or sufferings may be traced to obedience or transgression of natural law. We are therefore going around warning them to consider man’s first diet. (**Gen. 1:29**)

Bro. E\_\_ O\_\_ of K\_\_ - Kenya visited Uganda and was warmly welcomed by bro. K\_\_ H\_\_ since we came into unity with most of the separated churches in Kenya and his stay with us was of a spiritual encouragement to all churches he visited.

K\_\_ and I bid him to travel to every church with which we were in agreement and were organized to the gospel order. K\_\_

and I made him to stay for at least 2 days in every place that he may be able share Christian experience and praying for the sick. In L\_\_, bro. E\_\_ taught difference between the 7 pillars of our faith and 27 doctrinal beliefs of main SDA church. He told listening members that the SDA church is now like the **Catholic** Church in outlook! 2 Muslim women accepted the message and requested for prayers so that they can be delivered from the demons which torment them often. We also noted that bro. E\_\_ was offering natural remedies to the surrounding homesteads which were a great opening for passing out the Present Truth to community members. We encouraged him to continue with more research from the SOP even if he has been working with one of the biggest Adventist hospitals in W\_\_ U\_\_. (**Heb. 3:12-14**) "...But exhort one another daily, **while it is called Today**; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin..."

I have managed to send off some 2 boxes of booklets (Caught Unprepared, Government of God 1 & 2 and Time of Trouble) which I printed a month ago to our churches in Kenya and through our bro. E\_\_ O\_\_ of K\_\_ they can be distributed there. I also managed to secure a second hand used laptop for bro. E\_\_ using funds sent by sis. R\_\_. This is our desire that every minister for present truth acquire notebook computer which we believe will be of great help in accessing E.G. white library when loaded.

Thank you for your prayer that I managed to get my passport and all the support for the work in Africa (Uganda). We pray for your continual support for without it probably less could be accomplished. God bless you.

—N J

## Kenya

November 22, 2016

There is much work to be done in Africa, and our spiritually experienced workers should strive to place themselves where they may come in direct contact with those needing help in the different fields. A crisis in missionary efforts maybe upon us and our probation be short at best but we need to have decided, earnest efforts made on their behalf because we have no time to spend in erratic movements but I have been traveling, so that we as Christians reach a much higher standard. Our work is clearly defined and no one man's mind or judgment is to be our criterion of what constitutes genuine missionary work. Our watch word from the Bible & SOP is: "'all ye are brethren' (**Mt. 23:8**) & 'The church must

*flee to God's Word and become established upon gospel order, which has been overlooked and neglected.'*" **EW 100**

As we close the year 2016, we are conducting closing camp meetings in different places with the aim of recommitting our lives to Christ & accessing a clearer; definite understanding of how to accomplish the great gospel commission in a much more sanctified and ordained order of pressing unitedly (**John 17:21**), before God can endorse our efforts as genuine missionary work. As the work of God advances in our time, there is an increasing need of men with a keen spiritual discernment, men who know God and trust in him for their understanding (**John 17:3**) and men who are working for His name's glory. (**Rev. 14:7**) In this day of sin and abounding iniquity, our eyes need to be anointed with the heavenly eye-salve, that we may see all things clearly. (**Rev. 3:18**)

On 17th Oct. 2016 after sending away bro. E\_\_ from Kenya, I planned to go to K\_\_-B\_\_ to continue with mobilization of our church members for the camp meeting in B\_\_ located at bro. B\_\_ home and also hold some meetings with the brethren about the Sabbath Remnant Alliance [SRA]. As these 2 brethren left my home, they proceeded to K\_\_ and meet with bro. J\_\_ to discuss about working together as God's true church; I remained with another task of visiting brethren of K\_\_ and also meet with bro. S\_\_ and P\_\_ prior the camp meeting in B\_\_. I was to travel there early enough because I wanted to hold meetings with the brethren over a cross-section of issues about the SRA meetings online and that we needed their representation. I told them the level at which we have reached in organizing the work of the 'Present Truth' message & now that their input was very much necessary a united body of Christ.

In our meetings, we agreed to be holding quarterly rotational camp meetings so that we can work to recommit our service to God and review our ministerial short falls. We also saw the need to fill the gaps such as getting church structures built outside our small homes; establish a sanitarium in places where medical workers are trained and registering with the authorities.

Earlier before we had a meeting with bro. K\_\_ & E\_\_ to harmonize on which dates these closing camps should be slated so that we are able to travel to Kenya and pass on the same message in other camp meetings. In our camps speakers do take up lessons according to the 'Pillars of our

faith' to be explained to great detail during the whole week so that our position is clearly defined before the world. We agreed to encourage brethren to establish churches outside our homes and teach Christian ordinances, as did the apostles.

On 13th Nov, 2016 I traveled from K\_\_ to B\_\_ for camp meeting. I taught about the Sanctuary message and projected some lessons learned from sister R\_\_ how our bodies are the third temple where God would love to dwell if kept holy and healthy in these last days. It was real amazing projections of a special truth for now especially to our medical ministers who have worked hard to rise up this particular church with a big growing number. Many other lessons were taught by brethren who made our meeting a blessing with 6 souls baptized. I conducted Holy Communion to close our camp and also reminding all the brethren about a great ordinance which we partake to commemorate His death for salvation of our souls. I requested bro. K\_\_ to travel to Kenya for a prior programming & scheduling of exact dates for camps there. I remained behind wanting to buy some food stuff for the camp meeting in Kenya due to start on 11/12/2016 at E\_\_ church. Thereafter, we shall learn of other locations where to go and then hold some meetings about SRA.

I do extend my sincere gratitude for the support extended to further the cause of 'present truth' of which I am optimistic that without it would be very hard for most of us to accomplish what I report now. I pray for your continual offer/help/donations of sacrifice sent to every minister leading to the message of present truth bursting into a loud cry.

God bless you.

—N J

## Columbia

***Note:** The following letter is translated from Spanish, it is from a pastor and his family who wish to publicly thank a couple of friends in the states who have supported them and prayed for them. They in turn have prayed and become friends and family in Christ, through the Internet. They are all brethren in Christ though living in different countries.*

THANKSGIVING FOR OUR  
DEAREST D\_\_ AND E\_\_

**"For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shown toward His name..."** Heb. 6:10

Thank You Lord for giving them so much; for the stars, the air, the water, bread



and the sunshine.

Thank You, because You have carried them to and fro on the many highways, full of violence and a thousand dangers, and even amid the changing fortunes of life and the drudgery of labor, always seeking Your face.

Thank You Lord because they know of the darkness, the tempest, the snow, the rain, and the fog before the storm, and for confiding in Him who created it all.

Thank You, for in the inclement changes of cold or heat, You have preserved their health, their good courage and peace.

Thank You, Lord, because in the intense and agitated years, in their gentle aging, as the gently flowing river goes toward the sea, Your diligent and kind angels guided them, silently and invisibly guarded them, in every turn of the road, at the edge of every chasm and the angels were for them, a light and protection in the darkness. So many times, maybe, from the tragedy they avoided and the troubles that they didn't even know about.

Thank You, because You made all the necessary arrangements, in that immense nation, that in their faithfulness, their hearts ceased to throb, in the rest of the Sabbath of Jehovah, from the anxieties of the daily labors... and You, Magnificent Maker, put a

song of praise and gratitude in their lips on Your Holy Day.

Thank you, Lord because You have returned them joyfully to their place of peace, that they might enjoy the fruits of their hands and the quietness of country air, and in Thee their minds may delight.

Thank You, Father of love, for being good, just and faithful, for Your sweetness; thank You Father of love; thank you.

Lord of grace, grant them long life, and that the desire of their hearts to see You come in glory, might be fulfilled.

And so, proclaim Your mercy from day to day: "that I may publish with the voice of thanks giving, and tell of all thy wondrous works." Psalm 26:7

With so much love and gratitude in the Beloved Jesus, from your children and grandchildren that always carry you in our hearts. Amen.

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING-DAY!**

**A response from D & E**

We wish to thank all those who have kept us in prayer over the years that we crossed and back and forth over the American highways and byways in a big truck. Your prayers have been answered in more ways than we can count.

One of the answers that stands out in our in my mind is when we received an e-mail from "our family" in Columbia asking if we were ok. We told them we were fine, then they asked if our house was ok, as they had heard that a tornado was in the area where we live. So we called our sister-in-law and she told us a tornado had been there but it had lifted and gone over our place, the Lord had answered the prayers of our friends and family before we even knew that there was any danger near.

One more answer to prayer, is that for the last 7 winters as we accepted what ever assignment our dispatcher gave us, the Lord seem to part the clouds of storms and we might be on the edge of the storm but not in the middle of it. It is a story that brings humbleness to our hearts, for if we had not lived through those seven winters of miracles from the storms it would be hard to explain but we had continual evidence of the answers to the many prayers of our friends and family. So again we say thank you for your prayers, as we begin our sunset walk and start down a different path of living.

God watch over each of you that we may be neighbors in the Kingdom of Heaven!!

— D & E

**“Faith, too, is the gift of God.  
Faith is the assent of man’s understanding to God’s words,  
that binds the heart to God’s service.  
And whose is man’s understanding if it be not God’s?  
Whose the heart if it be not God’s?  
To have faith is to render to God the intellect, the energy,  
that we have received from Him;  
therefore those who exercise faith  
do not themselves deserve any credit.  
Those who believe so firmly in a heavenly Father  
that they can trust Him with unlimited confidence;  
those who by faith can reach beyond the grave  
to the eternal realities beyond,  
must pour forth to their Maker the confession,  
‘All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.’”  
In Heavenly Places 221.4**



# From Fear to Confidence

Long ago in the early days of the settlement of the Western part of the United States a traveler came to the edge of the mighty Mississippi River in the depth of winter. Never before had he seen the Father of Waters, either in the winter or in summer. He was alone in a lonely land. Night was coming on, and wild animals and wilder men made it dangerous for him to stay where he was. He must cross the river to safety on the other side, where there was a settlement.

He looked across the surface of the great river, sheeted with ice. Being unaccustomed to the wilderness, he had no idea of its thickness. He hesitated a long time then cautiously and with infinite care, crept out

on his hands and knees, spreading his weight as much as possible. Every little while he heard a crackling sound in the ice, and sometimes a roar, as if it were ripping from shore to shore. The poor man trembled with every sound, expecting the ice to break through at any moment and plunge him into the ice like waters below.

After he had crawled slowly almost halfway over the broad river, he was surprised to hear singing somewhere behind him. He could not believe his ears. Then he heard the hoof beats of trotting across the ice. He looked up and saw a man singing as he drove a team of four horses with their load of logs across the ice. The ice, which this poor traveler

feared would not hold his weight, was holding this great load of logs, as well as the horses pulling it.

With great relief and somewhat ashamed of himself, he got up and ran the rest of the way across the river.

So, it is with many of us who step out tremblingly on the promises of God. Others, stronger in faith go singing through life with the joy of the Lord in their hearts, fearing nothing, because they implicitly, fully, and completely believe the word of God. As the scripture says, "Whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe." Prov. 29:25.

—From the book "What Jesus Said" by H M S Richards, Sr

**“All who in that evil day would fearlessly serve God according to the dictates of conscience, will need courage, firmness, and a knowledge of God and His word; for those who are true to God will be persecuted, their motives will be impugned, their best efforts misinterpreted, and their names cast out as evil.**

**Satan will work with all his deceptive power to influence the heart and becloud the understanding, to make evil appear good, and good evil.**

**The stronger and purer the faith of God’s people, and the firmer their determination to obey Him, the more fiercely will Satan strive to stir up against them the rage of those who, while claiming to be righteous, trample upon the law of God.**

**It will require the firmest trust, the most heroic purpose, to hold fast the faith once delivered to the saints.”**

**Acts of the Apostles 431.1**