

# THE JUDGMENT

Subject: The Oil in the Lamps and the Oil in the Vessels.

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- Aim to show:
1. The oil in the Lamps is the Judgment of the Dead, - Sabbath and Sanctuary Truth – Three Angels' Messages of Rev. 14.
  2. Oil in the vessels represents the Judgment of the Living- the light on the Feasts - the Statutes and judgments of Moses. Mal. 4:4.
  3. The message of the Judgment of the Living is in two steps - two additions to the Third Angel's message.
    - a. The Kingdom Truth - the Sealing of the 144,000, Rev. 7:1-8
    - b. The Truth of the King - Jesus' new name, marking of the 144,000. Eze. 9; Rev. 18:1; read G.C. 483-4.

Gem Thought: "After Jesus opened the door of the most holy (in 1844), the LIGHT of the SABBATH was seen, and the people of God were tested, as the children of Israel were tested anciently, to see if they would keep God's Law, I saw the THIRD ANGEL pointing upward, showing the disappointed ones the way to the HOLIEST of the HEAVENLY SANCTUARY ... Jesus then raised the cover of the ark. . . . they (remnant) see the Fourth Commandment among the Ten holy precepts, with a brighter light shining upon it than upon the other Nine, and a halo of glory all around it." E.W. 254-5.

Introduction:

In studying Matthew 25 we find it is divided into three parables: (1) The ten virgins (2) The talents (3) The Lord sitting on the throne of His glory to judge the nations.

The first two parables (verses 1-30) apply directly to the Laodicean church ". . . the church that shall live JUST before His second coming." COL 406. These parables explain the judgment of the living in the church. This parallel with the harvest of Rev. 14:14-16. But verses 31-34 deal more directly with the Judgment of the Living in the world - "all nations". verse 32 . This judgment is parallel with the harvest of Rev. 14:17-19. When the Lord sits on His throne (Rev. 3:21) to judge all nations, we may sit with Him in His throne on the earth ("Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven") if we overcome - have the extra oil, even as He overcame and sat down with His Father in Heaven.

This study, however, is only dealing with the parable of the ten virgins which is the Judgment of the Living - the harvest in the church.

The Loud Cry (Judgment of the Living) of the Third Angel's message will be given to the world after the Judgment of the Dead is finished, and after the 144,000 have been judged and stand with the Lamb on Mount Zion (Rev. 14: 1). It is easy to see that Rev. 14 is chronological in its final phase. Please note that the Three Angels Messages in their former phase - the judgment of the dead- are depicted as coming out from the judgment throne in heaven, from the seven (complete) Spirits of God (Rev. 4:2-5). The three messages, "lightnings and thunderings and voices", "are three only in the order of their rise. But having risen, they go on together, and are inseparable" (GC 693). The Three Angels' Messages are indicated by the word voices, meaning three voices and represent the "oil" in the lamps of the virgins of Matthew 25 since 1844.

The last two angels' messages of Rev. 14 you will note, are messages of the Judgment of the Living, for they speak of harvesting the earth, in two sections. First in the church (Rev, 14: 1.4-16) and then in the world (Rev. 14:17-19). These two harvest angels must rise and the messages be given to the Church before it can in turn give the message of the Loud Cry to the world. For it is easy to see that the church could not give to the world something of which they had no knowledge. This is represented in Matthew 25:4 as "oil" in the vessels of the wise virgins, or in other words, an extra supply of oil (Truth), other than that which was in their lamps.

The Loud Cry, therefore, is symbolized by Voices, (three angels' messages, "oil" in the lamps) and the two additional messages, - thunderings and lightnings (Rev. 8:5) which are represented by the extra oil in the vessels. The foolish virgins failed to acquire this extra supply of oil. While the wise were more zealous in that they did not take man's word, that the messages were false, but instead studied for themselves and overcame on every point; therefore, they had the extra "oil" to give them light to the Kingdom. This extra "oil" indeed is the Judgment of the Living, which proves who are the wise and who are the foolish in the church.

#### I. The Oil in the Lamps,( Rev. 14:6-11) Matthew 25.

". . . He told His disciples the story of the ten virgins, by their experience illustrating the experience of the church that shall live just before His coming." C.O.L. 406.

". . . By the lamps is represented the word of God.... The oil is a symbol of the Holy Spirit." (revealed truth) C.O.L. 406-7

". . . Without the ENLIGHTENMENT of the SPIRIT, men will NOT be able to distinguish TRUTH from error." Id. 408

Thus: 1. The parable of the virgins represents the experience of the church in our day, just before Jesus comes.

2. The oil is a symbol of the Holy Spirit.

#### Conclusion:

Since it takes the aid of the Holy Spirit for one to distinguish truth from error, the oil actually is a symbol of truth revealed by the Holy Spirit. What good is a lamp, the word of God, without the Holy Oil to enlighten our path? Does not the whole world have the Bible, but yet do not

understand the third angel's message? Therefore, the Lord's servant is telling us that this parable in Matthew 25 is a symbol of the church that has a Spirit enlightened message and since it represents oil in the lamps of the virgins, we understand it represents oil in use, present truth.

The parable also shows that the "oil" in the lamps, present truth, goes out when the virgins start out to meet the Bridegroom. But five, (half of ten) the wise, obtained additional oil, another message, Spirit revealed truth, and placed it in their vessel as a reserve to be used when the time should come that the oil in their lamps would be used up, cease to be present truth. The foolish, however, saw no need in-obtaining this extra oil until it was too late to avail salvation.

"We are to throw aside our narrow, selfish plans... In doing this work we are sounding the first, second, and third angels' messages, and are thus being prepared for the COMING of that OTHER angel (message) from heaven who is to LIGHTEN the EARTH with his GLORY." 6T 906.

"... I was shown three steps - the first, second, and third angels' messages. Said my accompanying angel, 'Woe to him who shall move a block or stir a pin of these messages. The true understanding of these messages is of vital importance. The destiny of souls hangs upon the manner in which they are received.' " E.W. 258.

"And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices. " Rev. 4:5

Therefore:

1. By putting aside selfish plans, we are sounding the three angels' messages and being prepared for the other mighty message and movement that is to give the Loud Cry, - lighten the earth with God's glory.
2. Woe to those who shall move a block of these three angels' messages. The TRUE understanding of them is vitally important. The destiny of souls is involved in receiving them in the proper manner.
3. The three messages coming from God's judgment throne in heaven is symbolic of the Three Angels' messages beginning in 1844 - the Judgment of the Dead.

Hence: We are taught by the Three Angels' Messages - the Sabbath and Sanctuary truth, that the seal of God is the keeping of the ten commandments. Therefore, God (EW 15) is # 1 seal for the 144,000, - oil in the lamps, Judgment of the Dead.

## II. Oil in the Vessels

Gem Thought: "Your obeying 'all the commandments; AND the STATUTES, and the JUDGMENTS' of the moral law of Moses, you see, is your EVIDENCE that you have been BORN AGAIN, that you HAVE been ENDOWED with POWER from ABOVE, that you are ENABLED TO CHOOSE the GOOD and to REFUSE the EVIL, that you ARE the CHILDREN of God. Keeping the

commandments AND the statutes in the Lord, then, is the LIGHT and SHIELD of YOUR life. It is the OUTWARD SIGN that by the LIFE of Christ you have OVERCOME the ENEMY of your soul and body. This SYSTEM of WORSHIP, therefore, is TRULY the Righteousness by FAITH that BRINGS the righteousness of Christ IN the PEOPLE of God.

". . . Yes, BE CONVINCED of the TRUTH which I have tried to present to you, for IT IS your LIFE, your PROSPERITY, your HEALTH and HAPPINESS, your ETERNITY." 2TG 37-24, 5.

"AGAIN the people were REMINDED of the sacred obligation of the SABBATH, Yearly FEASTS were appointed, at which all the men of the nation were to ASSEMBLE BEFORE the Lord, bringing to him their OFFERINGS OF GRATITUDE, and the FIRST-FRUITS of his bounties. The OBJECT of all these regulations was stated: they proceeded from NO EXERCISE of mere ARBITRARY sovereignty; ALL were GIVEN for the GOOD of Israel. The Lord said, 'Ye shall be HOLY men unto me,' - WORTHY to be ACKNOWLEDGED by a HOLY God.

"These LAWS (yearly feasts - statutes and judgments) were to be RECORDED by Moses (laws of Moses), and CAREFULLY treasured as the foundation of the national law, AND, WITH the TEN precepts which they were given to ILLUSTRATE, the condition of the FULFILLMENT of God's PROMISES TO Israel. The message was now given them from Jehovah." P. P. 311.

Here are the important facts:

1. The yearly feasts were for the men to assemble before the Lord to show their gratitude for His goodness.
2. These yearly feasts were not an arbitrary measure. They were given for the good of Israel.
3. Two sets of laws: (1) Yearly feasts to be the foundation of the national law (2) The ten precepts showing the condition of fulfillment of God's promises.

QUESTION: We understand that the 144,000 will be kings and priests when they stand on Mount Zion with the Lamb, and they will observe these yearly feasts (national laws) then, since they will have the new heart ( Eze. 36:26, 27), but why observe them now?

ANSWER: Ancient Israel were to prepare for the Kingdom by observing these laws as they should be kept then, in order to learn how to govern the nation, when they had not yet entered Canaan. Modern Israel (144,000) need to be taught how to observe these national laws as they should be kept in this dispensation before entering the Kingdom. Along with history, prophecy, and the ten precepts, these laws are our light, prosperity, POWER and LIFE.

This is the SIGN God sets among them to separate the tares from the wheat. This is the "extra oil" - the judgment of the living. "And I WILL set a SIGN among them, and I WILL send THOSE that ESCAPE of THEM unto the nations." Isa. 66:19.

Hence, those who observe the yearly feasts which are statutes forever "throughout your generations" (Lev. 23:14, 21, 41) and overcome on all points will escape and be sent to the nations (GC 483), Those who see no light in observing them now, will, like Judas, go from us to fight against the Truth - they will be swallowed by the earth.

These enemies of the truth will no doubt, be God's bitterest enemies. It is to be expected that Satan will run out his greatest champions against this Truth (WHR 32). The fire will wax hot. The gold will be tried. The sieve is now turning and it will sift the people. But amidst all this conflict, the Branch (Jer. 23:5) will prosper.

"And five of them were WISE, and FIVE were FOOLISH. They that were FOOLISH took their lamps, and took NO oil with them: But the WISE took OIL in their VESSELS with their LAMPS.... And the FOOLISH said unto the WISE, Give us of your OIL; for our LAMPS are gone OUT. Matthew 25:2-4, 8.

"As the books of record are opened in the judgment, the lives of all who have believed on Jesus come in review before God. Beginning with those who first lived upon the earth, our Advocate presents the cases of each successive generation, and CLOSES with the LIVING." G.C. 483.

The facts are plain:

1. The foolish had lamps that gave them light for a while, but the supply of oil in their lamps went out. Evidently, the message they understood and believed ceased to be present truth.
2. The living are the last to be judged.

"The knowledge of present truth, which the five foolish virgins possessed since 1844 is the judgment of the dead, and was the only oil in their lamps. WHEN the JUDGMENT of the LIVING COMMENCED, and the cry was MADE, they were found WITHOUT this EXTRA oil in their vessels; they had neglected their Lord's command: 'Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.' Thus when the wise ones started out to meet the bridegroom (Judgment of the Living) the lamps of the foolish went out, for, the Judgment of the Dead HAD passed (half hour silence). Therefore, it was present truth NO MORE, and thus they were left in darkness. At the BEGINNING of the JUDGMENTS of God (after the half hour silence - Antitypical Passover; 2SR 216) they saw (still alive) their mistake and RUSHED for the ARK of safety (Kingdom),but it was beyond their reach for they knew nothing of the message, and by the time they acquired it, (filled their lamps with oil), - parenthesis theirs- there had been a delay, the angel had passed 'through the city, through Jerusalem, the church - the sealing was finished, and probation for the church had closed- the door was shut. Thus they were left out." 2SR 135-6.

Facts are facts:

1. The only oil in the lamps of the foolish virgins since 1844 is the truth of the Judgment of the Dead.
2. The foolish virgins go to get the oil after the Judgment of the Living commenced. The judgment of the 144, 000 commences after the half hour silence, the Antitypical Passover. (2SR 216).
3. They go to get the oil, but they find that the sealing is over and the door shut.

"That part of the Investigative Judgment of the living, by which is determined who are to have their sins blotted out and, as a result, be given eternal life, is paralleled on earth by the work of the angel with the 'writer's inkhorn'. . . . And the WORK of the FIVE others who follow on to slay all who have not the 'mark' (seal) -parenthesis theirs- is paralleled in heaven by the BLOTTING OUT of the sinners' NAMES from the BOOK of LIFE." 2A 41.

"If such HAD ONLY KNOWN THAT THE WORK OF CHRIST in the heavenly sanctuary would close SO SOON, how differently would they have conducted themselves!" 2T 191.

- Thus:
1. The close of probation for the church comes as a surprise.
  2. Had they realized the close of probation would come so soon, their actions would have been different.

"The phrase, 'all saints,' has reference to all the living who are to be judged. Evidently this is done under the seventh seal. If 'all,' then it is definite that all the living saints are counted under the seventh seal. Thus, with the opening of the last seal, commences the judgment for all the living saints.... The 144,000 are sealed BEFORE the silence 'of half an hour,' or AT the OPENING of the SEAL, but they are JUDGED (counted IN the PERIOD of the SEVENTH seal, for the prayer was for "ALL" saints - the LIVING.

... Therefore, a revelation of the Judgment for the Living, is of as great importance as the revelation of the gospel itself. For the judgment (blotting out the sins) -parenthesis theirs- is the CROWNING act in the gospel of Christ (time of refreshing G.C.415). Thus we conclude that when the SEAL is OPENED, and the judgment for the living (144,000) begins, we must know it. The Day of Atonement in its type proves the same, for the Israelites were well informed of the event, their duty, and the consequences." 2SR 220.

". . . and with them (144,000) the Judgment for the Living commenced. " 2SR 165.

"The virgins were called to meet Him, and thus by faith go in with Him to appear before the Father - the Great Judge. The SEAL is the PERMIT (CC 483); it PLACES their NAMES in the Lamb's book of Life, and thus it GRANTS to them (Five wise) the RIGHT to appear before the Father in the judgment; NOT in person, but in FIGURE (G. C. 427; 482:3); thus having their sins blotted out." 2 SR 184.

Therefore:

1. Putting these statements together, it appears that if the statement in 2 SR 185 means judgment for the 144,000, the foolish virgins (tares) do not fall dead in the time of the half hour silence (Antitypical Passover), as many have believed. For when the judgment of the living commenced the foolish go get the oil. Mind you, it is after their lamps (judgment of dead passed) went out that they go get the oil. (Matt. 25:8)
2. The 144,000 are judged in the period of the seventh seal, after they have been sealed in the sixth seal. In this case it must be that after the man with the writer's inkhorn went through the church and marked the 144,000; the five men followed and blotted tares names from the Book of Life (2A 41). Hence, during the judgment of the living, the tares are bundled, separated to be burned.

". . . These angels (reapers) are NOT those who shall 'come' with Christ at His second coming, but rather those whom He 'shall SEND forth'. THEY are LIKE the THREE angels (messages) of Revelation 14:6-11." 3Tr 66-7.

".. . When Truth cannot save, it kills. " 2TG 15-10.

". . . for the former (wheat) are to be gathered, not directly to heaven, but first into 'the barn,' the kingdom on earth; and the latter (tares) are NOT to be destroyed immediately 'in the time of harvest,' but first are to be gathered into bundles, and then destroyed." 3Tr 67.

Conclusion:

1. The "silence of half an hour" is one week (Antitypical Passover) between the Judgment of the Dead and the Judgment of the Living. It marks the end of one phase of the Judgment, that of the Dead, and the beginning of another, the Judgment of the Living - first for the 144,000 (Rev. 7:1-8;14:1). ". . . another church emerges of which Joshua is in charge, not the angel of Laodicea." 1 TGr 8-24.
2. A church must emerge which has the Truth that judges the 144,000.
3. The wheat is put into the "barn," kingdom, in the time of harvest.
4. The tares are separated (bundled) in the time of harvest and destroyed later.
5. The Judgment of the Dead message is the teaching of the Ten Commandments - the Sabbath and Sanctuary Truth, oil in the lamps.
6. The Judgment of the Living message is the teaching of the national laws – the laws of the feasts - Statutes and judgments, oil in the vessels.

HOW PLAIN! HOW SIMPLE!! BUT, ONLY THE WHEAT HAVE EYES, TARES HAVE NO SPIRITUAL VISION. And what light they do have will become darkness to them, for they say "our lamps are GONE out." (ceased burning). Matt. 25:8.

Note: Since the 144,000 are to be judged by the Judgment of the Living message, the light of Truth that they are to be judged by must be revealed before they are judged.

### III. The Judgment of the Living in Two Steps

Gem Thought: ". . . I was again brought down through these messages, and saw how dearly the people of God had purchased their experience, it had been obtained through much suffering and severe conflict. God had led them along STEP by STEP (two more steps after the three steps of Rev. 14:6-11), until He had placed them upon a solid, immovable platform." E. W. 259.

#### A. Step #1 - The Kingdom message, Sealing of the 144,000.

Gem Thought: "IN (not after) the TIME of the END, EVERY Divine INSTITUTION is to be RESTORED. The breach made in the law at the time the Sabbath was changed by man, is to be repaired. God's remnant people, standing (on Mt. Zion) before the world as reformers...are to present the necessity of obedience to all the precepts of the Decalogue. . . they are to cooperate with Him in building up the waste place (the Kingdom - Eze. 36:33-38). " P. K. 678.

"And I saw ANOTHER angel ascending from the EAST, having the SEAL of the living God." Rev. 7:2.

Please Note: This angel (message) is not the same as the Three Angels' Messages which come from the judgment throne in heaven, which bring to earth the Judgment of the Dead. This angel ascends from the east, the holy land - Palestine. He brings the Kingdom message to the church that is giving the three angels' messages. This message of Rev. 7:2 seals the 144,000 who are to stand on Mt. Zion with the Lamb.

Example: In giving the second angel's message (Rev. 18:4) since 1844, the people in the other churches that had the moral fall (GC 389) were supposed to come out and join the SDA church. So when the second angel's message proclaims that Babylon the Great (Rev. 17) is fallen and the Loud Cry call is given to come out of her, we conclude that all the righteous are to come out because the seven last plagues are to fall on Babylon the Great.

Question: Who is Babylon the Great?

Answer: All the fallen churches (7 heads) united with all the fallen nations (ten horns).

Question: Where will the people in Babylon the Great go when they are called out of the Babylonian nations ?

Answer: ". . . to my holy mountain Jerusalem, saith the Lord." Isa. 66:20.

Special Note: This is why there must be an earthly kingdom before Jesus comes in the clouds of heaven. The children can understand this, for it is so simple.

B. Step #2 - Jesus' new name - marking of 144,000.

Gem Thought: "The 144,000 were all sealed and perfectly united. On their foreheads was written, God, New Jerusalem, and a glorious star containing Jesus' new name." E.W. 15.

"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... and I will WRITE upon him my NEW name." Rev. 3:12.

Look ! Jesus will write upon the overcomer (1) The name of His Father (2) The name of His Father's City - New Jerusalem (3) His own new name.

It is a well established fact that the 144,000 are sealed by the Truth - message. Please note that the 144,000 have three seals written on their foreheads.

Question: What are the three messages with which the 144,000 are sealed?

- Answer:
1. God's name is in the Sabbath. Therefore, **Seal #1** is the Sabbath and Sanctuary Truth - the Judgment of the Dead - the Three (Third) Angels' Messages of SDA.
  2. New Jerusalem the angel's message which tells about the building of the New City in Palestine - the Kingdom, the 144,000 also accept this Truth and are sealed by it. **Seal #2**, Davidian SDA.
  3. Jesus' New Name is to be the new name of the Loud Cry church which lightens the earth, from New Jerusalem. The 144,000 are marked by this name, Branch DSDA, **Seal #3**.

The man in linen (Eze. 9) comes down from the sides of the north which is from the throne. This angel is the same as Rev. 18:1. He comes down from the throne of God to place the mark of Jesus' new name on the foreheads of those who sigh and cry against the sins in the "house of Israel AND Judah." Eze. 9:9.

We have shown what the 144,000 are to be judged by. The next important step is to show when their judgment is pending.

". . . Why would God make a double prophecy for the same thing? - because the old prophecy (the type) -parenthesis theirs- only gives the details from the beginning of the Third Angel's Message to the fulfillment of Ezekiel 9. The prophecy by Ezekiel gives the information in detail from the beginning of Luther's reformation to Ezekiel 9, marking of the 144,000, and unrolling of the scroll. ('Not all in regard to this matter is yet understood, nor will it be understood UNTIL the UNROLLING of the SCROLL' Volume 6 page 17). -parenthesis theirs- (The old prophecy, the type, is the 430 years to Abraham). "It makes it clear that there is a 430 year period from the reformation by Luther to the purification of the church." 1SR 116.

#### STEP #1 OF THE JUDGMENT OF THE LIVING

The first step of the judgment of the living- message begins 430 years after the time Luther was called to study the Bible, which was in about 1500 A. D.  $1500 + 430 = 1930$ , the final phase of the First Angel's Message. (WHR 37). This is the Elijah message to the church GC5 25, 1950 Ed. "This is the pre-harvest period." 1TG 21:19.

#### STEP #2 OF THE JUDGMENT OF THE LIVING

The second step of the judgment of the living message begins 430 years after the establishing of Luther's reformation, the Augsburg Confession in 1530 A. D.  $1530 + 430 = 1960$ , the year of the Antitypical Passover time to leave Egypt, - worldliness. (2SR 216:3) This is the Second Angel's Message. (TM 59; 446; EW 277; 6T 406; GC 390:604) the Elijah message to the 144,000 and the great multitude. (Rev. 7:9; Isa. 60:1-5; Luke 14:21, last part, 22, 23; GCS 31:0, 1954 reprint). This is the harvest period. Harvest, Judgment of the Living. (1TG 21:13).

"The prophet Jeremiah's prediction that the Jews were to spend seventy years in Babylonian captivity had ended although they were still in Babylon. But since THIS symbolical prophecy finds its fulfillment IN OUR DAY INSTEAD of in Zechariah's DAY, '. . . If the people of God had gone to work as they should have gone to work right after the Minneapolis meeting in 1888, the world could have been warned in TWO years and the Lord would have come.' General Conference Bulletin. 1892" 1TGr 11-7, 8. -underscoring theirs-.

Look !  $1888 + 2 = 1890 + 70 = 1960$ , the third decree to leave Babylon, Zech. 2:7.

". . . typical Elijah was to do away with the prophets and priests who served Baal instead of God, those who led ancient Israel (ten tribes)... antitypical Elijah's ("messenger of the covenant" 2SR 241) work, being in the spirit and power of typical Elijah.., in itself is the separating of the chaff from the wheat - the work of the Judgment for the Living." GCS 30-1, 1954 ed. It rained not on Ahab's kingdom for a period of 3 1/2 years and then came rain.

Look ! From October 1956 (Eze.29:1-8; 1SR 77 read General Conference Letters) plus the 3 1/2 years of the Antitypical Elijah's message to the ten tribe division (SDA) of the 144,000 would bring us to the purification of the church, - Judgment of the Living – 1960.

"In the year 1840 another remarkable fulfillment of prophecy excited widespread interest.

Two years before, Josiah Litch, one of the leading ministers preaching the second advent, published an exposition of Revelation 9, predicting the fall of the Ottoman Empire. According to his calculations, this power was to be overthrown 'in A. D, 1840' .... At the very time specified, Turkey, through her ambassadors, accepted the PROTECTION of the ALLIED powers of EUROPE, and thus placed herself UNDER the CONTROL of CHRISTIAN nations." G. C. 334-5.

This date (1840) seems to be significant, considering the trouble Turkey is having at the present time and the peace conference coming up in May. She may again in the life span of a man place herself under the protection of the so-called Christian nations. In fact, things will be accomplished in the confederacy (Isa. 8) which will be a step toward setting woman upon the back of the scarlet colored beast of Rev. 17, but this is not yet the Image to the Beast. These are eventful days.

". . . Besides being a place of refuge to God's faithful ones, He is also to be a rock of offense to BOTH the HOUSES of Israel --Judah, and Israel--and a gin and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. Jerusalem was the ruling city of Judah. From this it is plain that through this confederacy (Isa. 8) God is to be a GIN and a SNARE (verse 14) to antitypical Judah.

"This prophecy (Isa. 8:15) declares that the confederacy will be a SNARE --a TRAP-- and that MANY will FALL and be TAKEN in it. It will be a FEARFUL trap and will SEPARATE God's PEOPLE, Thus is the Lord going to test ALL His people and let them reveal just how much FAITH each of them has:

"The confederacy... commences BEFORE the Loud Cry and BEFORE the slaughter of Ezekiel 9. It is not the Image of the Beast, for this association PRECEDES the Image of the Beast, and the confederacy is formed when the nations are girding themselves for war. Put another way, the confederacy will COMMENCE AFTER the SEALING and perhaps JUST BEFORE the slaughter of Ezekiel 9. Moreover, it is in the TIME when the Christian nations are UNITED that the WOMAN 'Babylon' will SIT on the seven 'heads' (Rev. 17:9), -parenthesis theirs- depicting also the union of the churches under Babylon."

"All those who are not expecting the confederacy, but instead are expecting next the reassertion of Roman church supremacy or the battle of Armageddon or something else, are going to fall into this SNARE, for it will appear to them harmless and perhaps even a good thing. But it will be their TRAP." 13 S. Code No. 3, 4:9, 10.

Here we see:

1. The Lord is a rock of offense to BOTH houses of Israel (SDA and DSDA), Judah and Israel. He is also a gin and a snare to His people.
2. On the other hand, the confederacy of the nations is a fearful trap to those who will not permit themselves to be snared by the Lord.
3. This is the separation, those who see no light in the Judgment of the Living – the extra oil of national laws of Israel- will fall into the trap set for them by

Satan through this association of the Christian nations. Here is a test for His people, either serve God by keeping all His commandments, statutes and judgments, or serve man and his laws. Which side will you be on Brother, Sister?

4. The confederacy commences after the sealing and before Ezekiel 9. It is not the Image of the Beast in its beginning. This is a more fearful trap for the church than the Image of the Beast would be at this time, and Satan knows this for many are looking for the reassertion of the Roman church supremacy. This is why they fall into the trap formed by the confederacy of nations. It appears to be harmless and perhaps even a good thing.
5. This confederacy commenced a few months ago, and since it is to separate God's people, we are to conclude that it will, and not something else. Let us beware, lest we fall into the trap.

#### Conclusion:

Those who are eating the butter and honey (Isa. 7:22) will be left. We may not have a full knowledge yet (Isa.7:16) even when there is an abundance of cream to him who nurses a young cow and two sheep, (Isa. 7:21). As the shaking of the cream continues, the butter will float to the top. This butter and honey may be added to the manna (Rev. 2:7) and those who continue to partake of it may be left in the land - kingdom (Isa. 7:22). Butter and honey on bread, - manna.

#### Therefore:

1. Fall of the Turks in 1840 + 120 years in this generation = 1960, the coming of that which is to separate - the confederacy of the nations.
2. Also the coming of that which is to save, the Judgment of the Living - the national laws.

"Now that time and Truth have locked arms and are hastening on together, we must quickly take hold and follow on, too." WHR 30:1.

". . . The world's condition of today is the only condition that meets the challenge of these prophecies (Zeph. 1, etc.). Since this is true, then this is the day in which the Lord is to SEARCH Jerusalem with CANDLES. This is the day, in which he is to CLEANSE His PEOPLE FROM SIN and SINNERS. It is the 'GREAT and DREADFUL DAY of the Lord'." 1TGr 21:18,19.

"At the time LABOR and CAPITAL are in a CLASH, THEN it is that JERUSALEM (the church -parenthesis theirs- shall be SEARCHED, as it were, with CANDLES. " Id. 20

"...I will search (Jerusalem, 'not carelessly and in darkness, but carefully with CANDLES of LIGHT." 2A 37.

#### The plain facts are:

1. In the great and dreadful day of the Lord, in the judgment of the living, the

Lord will search the church with candles of light (2 Pet. 19). The center reference on day star means Branch. Read G. C. 415:3 ; Rev. 22:16.

2. The church being searched with candles suggests that the work is done at night, in the dark part of the day (Isa. 60:1, 2), The use of candles suggests that the church is to be searched with the light of the Sanctuary Truth - the Judgment of the Living - since candles were used in the sanctuary service.

**SUMMARY:**

1. Augsburg Confession in - 1530 A. D. = 1960  
Prophecy to Abraham (the type) - +430 years
2. The three decrees to build the temple:  
70 years in our day. First decree: 1888 + 2 = 1890 A. D.  
Second 40 years in wilderness - + 40 years = 1930 + 30 = 1960
3. Elijah type to ten tribes in SDA church - 1956 autumn = 1960 spring  
No rain to ten tribes in SDA - + 3 1/2 years
4. Fall of the Turks - 1840 A. D.  
In this generation - +120 years = 1960, confederacy

Separation of the wheat and tares; Association of the Christian nations, a trap to separate God's professed people, (the tares). 1960.

The extra oil is the establishing the national laws (Mal. 4:4) of the Kingdom (Eze.36:26-28), and is a stumbling stone to both houses of Israel (SDA and DSDA); it is a gin and a snare to the righteous, wheat.

Note: The 2300 year prophecy pointed out the beginning of the judgment of the dead. Here is pointed out that it providentially so happens that four times as many prophecies point to the time of the purification of the church, the beginning of the Judgment of the Living, (the 144,000) than pointed to the time of the judgment of the dead in 1844.

". . . While interpreting Zechariah's vision, the angel spoke of Zerubbabel, saying: 'The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house: his hands also shall finish it' (Zech. 4:9). That is, the founders of the ANTI-TYPE ["are here"? "were here"? - not legible] TYPIFIED by Zerubbabel, LAID the FOUNDATION in 1844. Zerubbabel being 'a signet' to the ANTI-TYPE (by laying the foundation and finishing the house), denotes that the finishing of the spiritual house (the COMPLETENESS of the CHURCH of God - NUMBERING of the SAINTS) is to be accomplished in ONE generation (in the LIFE of MAN, COMMENCING in 1844.)" 2SR 280.

". . . My spirit shall not always strive with man,' for that he also is flesh: yet his DAYS shall be an HUNDRED and TWENTY years. " Gen. 6:3.

These statements tell us:

1. The foundation of the antitypical house was laid by antitypical Zerubbabel in 1844.
2. The house is to be completed and the saints numbered in the life of a man, which is 120 years (Gen. 6:3).
3. But since none of the founders in 1844 of the Spiritual house are living to-day, then, for Zerubbabel to be a signet and for his hands to finish the house, there would necessarily have to be some one in our day who is an antitype of Zerubbabel who is building on the foundation. His hands shall finish it.

". . . In the Scriptures the figure of the erection of a temple is frequently used to illustrate the building of the church. Zechariah refers to Christ as the Branch that should BUILD the TEMPLE of the Lord. He speaks of the Gentiles as helping in the work." A. A. 595.

Here we see:

1. That the hands of the Branch movement is to finish the house and number the saints in this generation, in the life of a man - 120 years from 1844.
2. The harvest period for the 144,000 is four years from the time of the offering of the wave-sheaf in 1960, which points forward to the harvest of the first fruits, (PP 539-40) the 144,000 (AA590-1). After this the Gentiles will help in the work.

#### CONCLUSION:

Since the scroll has unrolled we understand more in regard to the purification of the church (1 SR 116). Therefore accept the national laws along with the ten precepts so that you may become part of the nation of kings and priests, which stands with the Lamb on Mt. Zion (Rev. 14:1). For only can your sins be blotted out by the Passover Blood of Christ in the antitypical atonement by our high priest, - the BRANCH. (G.C. 415).

"...Hence the MOVEMENT symbolized by the ANGEL (message) coming down from heaven (Rev. 18:1 - harvest)... In connection with his MESSAGE (Judgment of the Living)... uniting with the third angel's message (Sabbath and sanctuary truth), constitute the final warning to be given to the inhabitants of the earth." G. C. 604.

Emphases and parentheses ours, unless otherwise indicated.

Dear ones, shun the trap of the devil,  
and prepare to stand on Mt. Zion with  
the Lamb,



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NOTE: The second Passover (Num. 9:10, 11) is May 12, on Thursday, beginning Wednesday night at sundown. This is the same day of the week as it was in Christ's day. What significance this may have to us, we have no light at present.

"Here you see that the announcement of this long expected event is to be made by someone's publications. Moreover, he publishes peace and thus announces the restoration of the Kingdom. This is the only peace that the world can have. There is to be no other. Those who keep God's solemn 'FEASTS' and perform their vows shall have this peace. None others shall." 2TG 42-41.