

THREE STEPS OF TRUTH Since 1844



The Result of Obedience to God's Word

"Thus saith the Lord of hosts; It shall yet come to pass, that there shall come people, and the inhabitants of many cities: And the inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, Let us go speedily to pray before the Lord, and to seek the Lord of hosts: I will go also. Yea, many people and strong nations **shall come to seek the Lord of hosts in Jerusalem**, and to pray before the Lord. Thus saith the Lord of hosts; **In those days** it shall come to pass, that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you: for we have heard that God is with you." (Zech. 8:20-23.) {SR2: 281.1}

The meaning of the "ten men" is the same as the "ten virgins" of Matthew 25:1. The ten virgins signify the church as a body; and the "men" symbolically denote those who are to be converted to the church, and that they shall come from all languages, and nations. "Even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew;" that is, the one who is a Jew represents Christ in the person of His saints (the 144,000), "His skirt" represents truth or the church as a whole, by which the 144,000 are symbolically clothed. {SR2: 281.2}

"And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the Lord, **two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein**. And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they **shall call on My name**, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The Lord is my God." (Zech. 13:8, 9.) {SR2: 282.1}

"Therefore thy gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day nor night; that men may bring unto thee the forces of the Gentiles, and that their kings may be brought." (Isa. 60:11.) {SR2: 282.2}

I believe we can see that this is yet future. Some things to prayerfully ponder:

- 1) Who is the **Lord of Hosts**? In Zechariah 14:16, 17, yet future, it is Deity on the Throne in Jerusalem (according to the verses) when wheat and tares are still on the earth.
- 2) Where do we see "three parts" in Scripture or "Thirds" in measurement?
- 3) "They shall call on My name" what might that mean?

Sister White clearly tells us that the Body is comprised of "Three Parts" three flocks in Genesis 29:2 "And he looked, and behold a well in the field, and, lo, there [were] **three flocks of sheep (Type)** lying by it..."

(Three flocks of sheep are a TYPE in that verse for there to be a latter-day ANTITYPE.) I believe James and Ellen White knew about this when they said:

*"The truth and work of God in this movement, commencing with the labors of William Miller, and reaching to the close of probation, is illustrated by these **three angels**. The first was a time message, and related to Judgment. The second described the condition of corrupted Christianity. The third is a solemn warning relative to what men may not do, and what they must do, in order to be saved at the coming of Christ. The angels illustrate the **three great divisions of the genuine movement**." "They cannot spare these links in the golden chain of truth, that connect the past with the present and future, and show a beautiful harmony in the great whole." "I repeat it. **The three messages symbolize the three parts of the genuine movement.**" James and Ellen White, Life Incidents, pages 306,307.*

Isaiah 11:1 "And there shall come forth a (2) **rod** out of the stem of Jesse, and a (3) **Branch** shall grow out of his (1) **roots**..."

Zechariah 3:8 "Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee: for they [are] men wondered at: for, behold, I will bring forth my servant **the BRANCH**."

Zechariah 6:12 "And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name [is] **The BRANCH**; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the LORD:"

"Isaiah prophesied: "There shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots." "Incline your ear, and come unto Me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David. Behold, I have given Him for a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people. Behold, thou shalt call a nation that thou knowest not, and nations that knew not thee shall run unto thee

because of the Lord thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel; for He hath glorified thee.” Isaiah 11:1; 55:3-5. { AA 223.2 }

Jeremiah also bore witness of the coming Redeemer as a Prince of the house of David: “Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, **that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper**, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In His days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is His name whereby He shall be called, The Lord Our Righteousness.” And again: “Thus saith the Lord: David shall never want a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel; neither shall the priests the Levites want a man before Me to offer burnt offerings, and to kindle meat offerings, and to do sacrifice continually.” Jeremiah 23:5, 6; 33:17, 18. { AA 223.3 }

Jeremiah 33:16 “In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely: and this [is the name] wherewith **SHE** shall be called, **The LORD our righteousness**.

33:17 - For thus saith the LORD; David **shall never want a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel...**”

In Early Writings, Sister White shows that there are Three Angels’ Messages, or Three Steps. She takes about ten pages to explain the process, she starts around page 250 and she explains that some will not graduate into the next step or steps, or matriculate in their spiritual growth. She says some will only accept the First step (Root, SDA?) and not move upward into the Second Step (Rod, Davidian?). Then there are only a few still who will move upward to the Third Step (BRANCH?) and receive the Name as a seal, of Revelation 3:12: “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 (1) name of my God, and the (2) name of the city of my God, [which is] new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and (3) [I will write upon him] my new name.” Notice, there are THREE sealing messages in Revelation 3:12, quoted by Ellen White in Early Writings 15.

A One-Two-Three Application- The Sealing of the Firstfruits:

“The 144,000 were all sealed, and perfectly united. On their foreheads was written, “**God (1), New Jerusalem (2),” and a glorious star containing Jesus’ new name (3)**. At our happy, holy state the wicked were enraged, and would rush violently up to lay hands on us to thrust us into prison, when we would stretch forth the hand **in the name of the Lord**, and they would fall helpless to the ground. Then it was that the synagogue of Satan knew that God had loved us who could wash one another’s feet, and salute the brethren with a holy kiss, and they worshipped at our feet.” Early Writings 15.1 { CET 58.2 }

Who is to bring this revival and reformation, this great change? -- The BRANCH. And according to Isaiah 11:1 to 5, the Branch is the Lord, the Son of David. {1TG8: 24.4}

So, it is to be The Branch Who brings this revival and reformation, Christ. Not Paul, Cephas or Apollos... Not a man, or woman. And this goes for those in the movements that claim the title of “Elijah” also.

1 Corinthians 3:20 - And again, The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain.

3:21 Therefore let no man glory in men. For all things are yours;

3:22 Whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours;

3:23 And ye are Christ's; and Christ [is] God's.

To say that Heaven has not been feeding us with the Spirit of Prophecy, the Testimony of Yahshua, is a faithless belief at best and it implies that He is a Father Who doesn't feed His children, that must be very close to being “at worst”. Do we dare believe he stopped feeding us just because an aged woman passed to her rest and if you have moved upward to the second step do you dare imply Heaven has stopped feeding Their children in 1955 when Brother Houteff died? And of course that applies to the Third Step, also, because those messengers have passed from the scene, do we believe Heaven stopped feeding us in 1955 or 1986? Four short years later in 1990 was when these messages would commence again after 3/12 years with no rain, which is the repeat of the Fourth Angel the rain, reign of the King Holy Spirit, Who takes the reins into Her own hands, Who showers us with the latter rain, the Angel Who joins the Third Angel. It's about the Message of the Angels in each case, first Yahshua in 1888 which closed in 1890 and 100 years later, in 1990 the final step of the latter rain message began, and now the Holy Spirit Who is the Shekinah Glory is closing the Atonement for us. That “closing” up of the Atonement, as Ellen White speaks of in 5T472, began in 1990, that is, for the cases of the LIVING saints, the Judgment for the Living.

5T472:

*Zechariah's vision of Joshua and the Angel applies **with peculiar force** to the experience of God's people in the closing up of the great day of atonement. The remnant church will be brought into great trial and distress. Those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus will feel the ire of the dragon and his hosts. Satan numbers the world as his subjects, he has gained control of the apostate churches; but here is a little company that are resisting his supremacy.*

Ellen White on the “office of the Holy Ghost”:

“We talk of the Holy Ghost; we preach of the Holy Ghost; but we NEED TO UNDERSTAND BETTER WHAT THE OFFICE OF THE HOLY GHOST IS. We need to understand that we must co-operate with God in every sense or God can NOT co-operate with us. “We are laborers together with God”. General Conference Bulletin, April 3, 1901, p. 25, 34th Session, Vol. 4, Extra No. 1.

The whole point of this study is the two-thirds who were cut off and die. Are they SDA, Davidian, Branch??? If we do not move upward on the Platform of Truth, we die, spiritually and then eternally. Who are the “one-third” who live, could it be those with the most light, Seven Messages denoting “complete”? Could it be those who have fed in all Three spiritual pastures (Micah 7:14), Root, Rod and BRANCH of Isaiah 11:1 -- a.k.a, SDA 1844, Rod 1930 and BRANCH 1955?

For the living saints today, if one does not possess the THIRD step of truth since 1844, from 1955 to the present day, rejecting the next step or the final step of truth, then the previous two steps, or two sealing message-movements, are forfeited and one is left WITHOUT the SEAL.

Ellen White:

Old Truths Essential

In every age there is a new development of truth, a message of God to the people of that generation. The old truths are essential; new truth is not independent of the old, but an unfolding of it. It is only as the old truths are understood that we can comprehend the new. When Christ desired to open to His disciples the truth of His resurrection, He began “at Moses and all the prophets,” and “expounded unto them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.” But it is the light which shines in the fresh unfolding of the New that glorifies the Old. **He who rejects the New, does not really possess the Old.** For him it loses its vital power, and becomes but a lifeless form. In every page, whether history or precept or prophecy, the Old Testament Scriptures are irradiated with the glory of the Son of God. So far as it was of divine institution, the entire system of Judaism was a compacted prophecy of the Gospel. To Christ “give all the prophets witness.” From the promise given to Adam, down through the patriarchal line and the legal economy, Heaven’s glorious light made plain the footsteps of the Redeemer. Seers beheld the Star of Bethlehem, the Shiloh to come, as future things swept before them in mysterious procession. In every sacrifice, Christ’s death was shown. In every cloud of incense His righteousness ascended. By every jubilee trumpet His name was sounded. In the awful mystery of the holy of holies His glory dwelt. { ST June 20, 1906, par. 4 }

How many SEALS (sealing truths) do you possess?

Be a part of the ONE-THIRD, of the living today, to be sealed with the THREE SEALS of Revelation 3:12 (Early Writings 15), to be among the Wavesheaf Company or the 144,000 and translated without seeing death.

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1844 – 1930 – 1955

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