

A BRIEF 3-PART STUDY 144,000, EZEK. 9, LOUD CRY

SEALING THE 144,000 SAINTS (Part 1)

MESSAGE OF WAGGONER, JONES REJECTED

In 1888 the Lord sent "Elders Waggoner and Jones" (T.M. 91:2) to the Seventh-day Adventist church to bring the truth of the "righteousness of Christ...It is the **third angel's message**, which is to be proclaimed with a **loud voice**" (T.M. 92:0). But the Seventh-day Adventist General Conference leaders rejected it and led most of the laymembers to reject it, even though their prophetess (Sis. E.G. White) and a few others had accepted it. Since, however, the message was very important, the Lord had to send it again. In 1890 He inspired His prophetess to predict that He would send Elijah the prophet to the Seventh-day Adventist church with a "message" of truth—the loud cry. Note below her prediction:

1890 PREDICTION OF ELIJAH TO COME

"Prophecy must be fulfilled. The Lord says: 'Behold, I will send you **Elijah the prophet** before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord' {Mal. 4:5}. Somebody **is to come** {future tense—sometime after 1890} in the spirit and power of Elijah, and when **he** {a male person—Mal. 4:6} appears, men may say: 'You are too earnest, you do not **interpret** the Scriptures in the proper way. Let me tell you how to teach your **message**.'"—*Testimonies to Ministers*, pg. 475:3 (bold emphasis, braces added).

Note that Sis. White said Malachi's "prophecy must be fulfilled"—"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet" (Mal. 4:5). Most Christians, however, think that his prophecy was already fulfilled by John the Baptist (Mt. 17:10-13). But the fact that Sis. White said it again "must be fulfilled" (T.M. 475), shows that it must have another application in the latter days for the Seventh-day Adventist church. To think or teach otherwise, might lead one to doubt that Sis. White is a true prophetess! And the fact that she said it "must be fulfilled" (future tense), proves that her prediction does not refer to John the Baptist or to herself, but to someone in the **future** from her day.

ELIJAH THE PROPHET IS NOT SIS. WHITE

Since Sis. White began her ministry with a vision of the 144,000 (EW 13) in 1844, and wrote in 1890 that Elijah "is to come" in the future, then she could **not** have been that Elijah. Especially so, because the Lord said that "Deborah, a **prophetess**, the **wife** of Lapidoth, **she** judged Israel at that time." (Jud 4:4). And since Deborah was not a "**prophet**," or a "**husband**," or a "**he**," then this proves

that God's Word was not written to confuse the saints, especially the 144,000. That is, when the Lord speaks of a male person, He does not confuse a "she" with a "he;" instead, He always refers to him as a "**he**" and a "**prophet**." Neither does He confuse a "he" with a "she" when He speaks of a female person (such as Deborah and Sis. White); instead, He always refers to her as a "**she**" and a "**prophetess**!" Therefore, when Malachi spoke of "Elijah the **prophet**" (Mal. 4:5) as a male person, He called him a "**he**" (Mal. 4:6), just as the first Elijah (John the baptist) was also a "**he**" (Mt. 3:1-3).

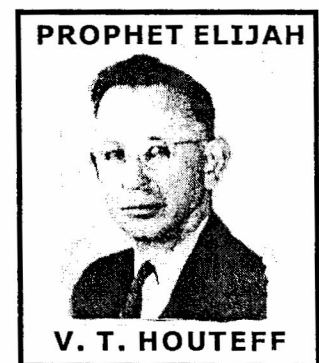
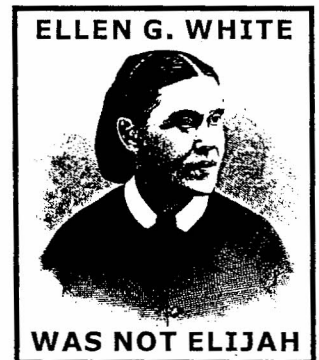
These positive facts prove, then, that Sis. White could not have been referring to herself as Elijah, but to a "**somebody**" (T.M. 475:3)—a "**he**" male person, a prophet, who "**is to come**" to the Seventh-day Adventist church a few years after she had died. And since she had already stated in the 1888 edition of the *Great Con-*

troversy, pg. 383 that another "**message**, which is yet future" was to be given to the people in the Seventh-day Adventist church, then it obviously must come by this Elijah. And when "**he**" appears with his message of truth, the 144,000 saints would "accept the **message** and respect the messenger" (6T 420:3).

ELIJAH CAME IN 1929 WITH HIS SHEPHERD'S ROD MESSAGE

It was in the year 1929 that this Elijah (Bro. V.T. Houteff) appeared as a Sabbath-school teacher in the Seventh-day Adventist church in Los Angeles Calif. The name given to his message was *The Shepherd's Rod*, because the Bible said to "**hear ye the rod**" (Mic 6:9). All those who had accepted his message of truth were members of the Seventh-day Ad-

ventist church, whom he named **Davidians**. "The **Davidians** are the upshoot from decadent Seventh-day Adventism prophetically envisioned in Ezekiel, chapter nine. Its members are in the main those who have been **cast out** and deprived of the fellowship of their Seventh-day Adventist churches. Thus being separated from their church and denied its name because of their having given heed to the voice of the **Rod**, the voice of the Good Shepherd, they are called by the name imbedded in the work of the **Rod**, **Davidian Seventh-day Adventists**,..."—*Leviticus*, pg. 12:1. (bold emphasis and braces were added).



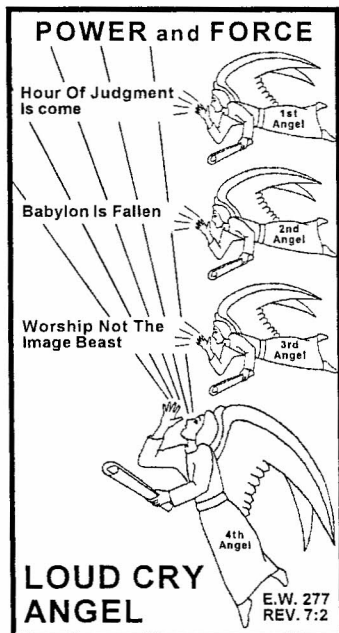
Most Seventh-day Adventists do not know why some members have accepted Elijah's message. They see nothing in the man (V.T. Houteff) to draw people to him. They do not know that he was never accepted as Elijah the prophet by these members because of his personality, or his race, or his preaching ability, or anything else, but only by his **teachings**. This is the way it has always been with the other prophets of God. Even Jesus Christ the Messiah, by His looks had **no attraction**, for "He hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see Him, there is **no beauty** that we should desire Him" (Isa. 53:2). It was His divine **teachings** that attracted the Jewish people. So why did the unbelieving Jews say that His miracles were of Satan (Jn. 8:48) and rejected them? Because His teachings were pure (TM 65:0). And so it is today with the Elijah who was sent to the Seventh-day Adventist church; it is his **teachings** that attracts them. In his first book he stated the purpose of his message:

ELIJAH'S MESSAGE SEALS 144,000 SAINTS

"It is the intention of this book to reveal the truth of the **144,000** {**saints**} mentioned in Revelation 7,..."—1 *Shepherd's Rod*, preface. (bold emphasis, braces added). (bold emphasis, braces added).

It was John who wrote about the subject of the 144,000 as a **message**—an "angel" (Rev. 7:2). Every SDA member knows that an "angel" symbolizes a **message** of truth, such as the three angel's messages (Rev. 14:6-11). Sis. E.G. White wrote about this other angel and said:

"Then I saw another mighty **angel** {**message** of truth} commissioned to ascend to the earth to unite his voice with the third angel, and give power and force to his message....The work of this {**4th**} angel {**message** of truth} comes in at the right time to join in the last great work of the third angel's message as it swells to a **loud cry**.... This message seemed to be an **addition** to the third message {so it is the fourth angel}, joining it as the midnight cry joined the second angel's message in 1844"—*Early Writings*, pg. 277:1 (bold emphasis and braces added).



The quotation above shows that the message of Waggoner and Jones about the "loud cry" (TM 91,92) is to be **repeated** in this additional fourth-angel-message that is to join with the three angel's messages. Without

this fourth angel, the third angel **cannot** have the "power and force" that it needs to **swell** to a loud cry. It is the message of the prophet Elijah (TM 475:3) that is to bring this fourth angel's message of the loud cry. Those Seventh-day Adventists who wonder why their preaching of the "loud cry" does not cause many people to come from Babylon (Rev. 18:2) into the church of God, is because their efforts can have no "power and force" without this fourth angel.

ANGEL (MESSAGE) WITH 3 OTHER ANGELS SEALS THE 144,000

It is important to note the fact that John said this "angel" message (Rev. 7:2) "cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till **we** have sealed" (Rev. 7:3) the 144,000. The word "**we**" proves irrefutably that this sealing "angel" (Rev. 7:2) is the additional message that "unites his voice with the third angel, and gives **power and force** to his message" (E.W. 277). This clearly indicates that the sealing work of the third angel can not have the "power and force" needed to do his work without this angel (Rev. 7:2).

"I then saw the third angel {message}. Said my accompanying angel {literal}, 'Fearful is his work. Awful is his mission. He is the angel that is to select the wheat from the tares, and **seal** {with power and force by the **fourth angel-message**}, or bind, the wheat for the heavenly garner.'"—*Early Writings*, pg. 118:1 (bold emphasis, braces added).

The word "**we**" is clear indication that the three angel's messages, cannot do their work alone, and that they must be connected with the fourth **sealing** "angel" (Rev. 7:2) to have "power and force" (E.W. 277) to complete the **sealing** of the 144,000. This irrefutable fact is proof that without this **fourth** "angel" (Rev. 7:2), the 144,000 in the Seventh-day Adventist church cannot be sealed! Thus, the word "**we**" shows that four angels together are to seal in Rev. 7.



WHO ARE THE TWELVE ANGELS IN REVELATION SEVEN?

Four Angels Hold Four Winds: The first angels mentioned (Rev. 7:1) are the "four angels" who hold the "four winds." John does not say these "four angels" would hurt anyone; instead, he said the "four winds" which they are holding back "should not blow" (Rev. 7:1) to hurt the 144,000 saints. Most SDA members teach that the hurting by the "four winds" is by wars. But the winds were to be held back until the 144,000 were sealed; and there has been many wars, and still they are not yet sealed! Thus, these "four angels" are the first set of angels (Rev. 7:1) who hold back the "four winds" (E.W. 38:2). This means that it is not God's "four angels" (Rev. 7:1), but the devil's "four winds" (Rev. 7:1), that will try to hurt the 144,000 saints; but the "angel" message seals them (Rev. 7:4) so that they can **not die**.

Four Angels seal 144,000 Saints: The sealing angel said, "till **we** have sealed the servants of God" (Rev. 7:2)—the 144,000. The word "**we**" would include the sealing angel along with the three angel's messages (E.W. 277), which identifies them as the **second** set of God's "four angels" (Rev. 7:2). These "**we**" angels are three messages joined with the fourth angel" (Rev. 7:2), which seals the 144,000 saints so the "four winds" (Rev. 7:1) can not hurt them; for when the wicked "raised the sword to kill" them, it falls "powerless as a straw" (E.W. 34:1).

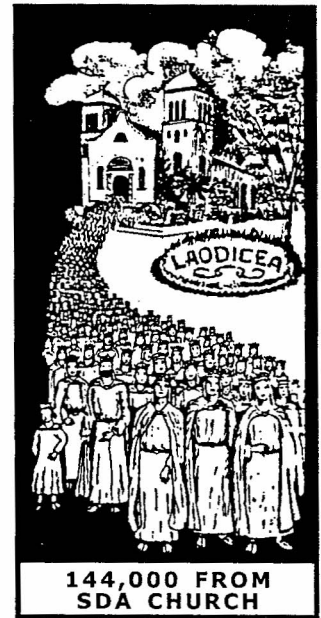
Four Angels Hurt Earth, Sea, Trees: When the sealing angel (Rev. 7:2) cried to the other "four angels" (Rev. 7:2) who were to "hurt...the earth...the sea...the trees" (Rev. 7:3), he identified the **third** set of "four angels" (Rev. 7:2) of God. Their purpose is to hurt the wicked of the earth, the sea, and the trees, because the 144,000 sealed saints cannot be hurt.

Summary Of 12 Angels: These different angels show a spiritual war that is soon to be fought between God (by His 12 angels) and the devil (by his 4 winds). That is, while the devil's "four winds" are being held back by God's "four angels" (**No. 1**), He seals the 144,000 by His "four angels" (**No. 2**) so they cannot die. Then when God's "four angels" let go of the "four winds of the devil, His "four angels" (**No. 3**) protect the 144,000, and slay the wicked who try to kill them.

That is, the "four angels" (**No. 1**) of God (E.W. 38:2) will let go of the "four winds" (Rev. 7:1) of the devil, after the sealing of the 144,000 is completed by the "we" angels (**No. 2**). These winds of the devil symbolizes a **church-state confederacy** of the **New World Order**, which the devil uses to blow upon the "earth,...the sea,...any tree" (Rev. 7:1) to hurt the saints. But God has (Rev. 7:2) "four angels" (**No. 3**) who protect the 144,000 saints (E.W. 285:0), and who also hurt (kill) the wicked of the "earth,...the sea,...the trees" (Rev. 7:3) who try to kill them.

144,000 SEALED FROM 12 TRIBES OF ISRAEL

John said that this angel-message had the "seal of the living God" (Rev. 7:2); and that he "heard the number of them which were sealed an **hundred and forty and four thousand** of all the tribes of the children of Israel." (Rev. 7:4). This "Israel" could not apply today to the Jewish people in the land of promise, because they have rejected Jesus their Messiah, and do not accept the New Testament scriptures, especially the book of Revelation about the 144,000 saints. So who are they? The answer is found in Jesus' day when He died on the cross, from which came two classes of Jews:



Unconverted Jews No. 1: Class one is the unconverted Jews who rejected and crucified their Messiah (Jesus Christ), even until today two thousand years later. They have kept intact their Jewish identity by marrying only within their own Jewish people, so that their race can be recognized by their features, religion, and customs, even to this day.

Christian Jews No. 2: Class two is the Christian Jews who took the gospel to the Gentiles (Acts 13:46), and married them. As a result, they began to lose their Jewish identity, until today they look like Gentiles. They are not, however, among the literal Jews, but in God's SDA church, because they are descendants of the Christian Jews. Jesus knows who they are (Ps. 87:4-6), and He is **sealing** them by His "angel" (Rev. 7:2) **message** of Elijah.

Some think the 144,000 are pure Jews, but not all SDA members are pure Jews; for Sis. White said **not** to go to "Old Jerusalem" to convert them (E.W. 75:2). Thus, the 144,000 are not all pure Jews, even as the genealogy of Jesus shows that He was not of pure Jewish descent! He came from David (Mt. 1:1), whose father was Jesse, whose father was Obed, whose father was Boaz, and Ruth the Moabitess (Ruth 4:21,22) was his **Gentile mother**. This means that today in the Seventh-day Adventist church, there are many people whose bloodline is Gentile mixed with Jewish, and can be traced all the way back to the Abraham's seed. Therefore, they are eligible to be sealed as one "**of**" the 144,000 who can **not die**, or one "**with**" them who **can die**, as did Sis. White (E.W. 40).

ANGEL'S MESSAGE STARTED IN THE EAST

John said that the "angel" was to ascend "from the **east**" side of America. It was there

in Portland, Maine (LS 64:1) on the east side of America, that Sis. White had her first vision of the 144,000 (EW 13) in **1844** (WLF 22:5). But she did not have the full truth about the work of this fourth "angel" (Rev. 7:2) to **seal** the 144,000 saints from the SDA church who **never die**, because all of the saints since **1844** have **died!** They will, of course, come up in Daniel's special resurrection (Dan. 12:3; 7Test 17:4).

Therefore, her prediction in **1890** that Elijah was to come with his "message" (T.M. 475:3) of truth, proves that the sealing "angel" was still symbolically flying from Portland, Maine in the "east" (Rev. 7:2) toward the west side of America. And when this "angel" message finally arrives at the time Elijah the prophet is chosen by God, he would understand the subject of the 144,000. Then the sealing of the saints who can **not die**, and the others who would die, must begin. Note what Sis. White wrote about the 144,000 who **never die**:

"Elijah was a type of the {144,000} saints who will be **living** on the earth at the time of the second advent of Christ and who will be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump, **without tasting of death.**"—*Prophets and Kings*, pg. 227:2 (bold emphasis, braces added).

Those Seventh-day Adventist saints who **died** will be saved **"with"** the 144,000 as the angel told Sis. White who later died: "you, **with** the 144,000" (E.W. 40:0; 7Test 17:4). And since the "angel" message was symbolized as "ascending" or flying toward the west away from the east, then his message cannot be understood until he arrives in the west sometime in the future after **1890** when God calls Elijah the prophet. In his writings he noted when the "angel" message arrived through the SDA Sabbath School lessons:

"In **1844** {WLF 22:5}, as all Seventh-day Adventists know, Sister White was given a vision of the 144,000, signaling the sealing angel's **starting** his ascent from the east (Rev. 7:2-4). From then on he was ascending, and the saints were awaiting his arrival. Finally, in **1929**, through the **Sabbath School Lessons** the Lord announced throughout the Seventh-day Adventist Denomination that the **angel {message}** had **arrived**. Then the scroll began to unroll and the angel's presence to be felt by many of those who were agonizing for truth and righteousness."—1 *Shep. Rod Tract*, pg. 10:2. (bold emphasis, braces added).

"The **lessons** {of Isaiah 54-66} came to the church through the proper channel, and were presented by the {SDA} **Sabbath School department** {in **1929**}, but they were rushed through. The sins mentioned were applied to other people, no corrections of any kind were made, and the **lesson** intended {for the SDA church} was **lost.**"—1 *Shepherd's Rod* book, pg. 158:1. (bold emphasis, braces added).

It was Bro. V.T. Houteff, a SDA Sabbath School teacher, that taught the **1929** lessons in his Sabbath School class. But rather than apply them to others, he applied the lessons to the Seventh-day Adventist church, and some began to see that his applications were correctly showing a need for a reformation (9T 126:1; T.M. 515:1) for the Laodiceans who were "lukewarm" (Rev. 3:16). It was in that year **1929** that God called him to be Elijah the prophet; and when he wrote his first book in **1930** entitled, *The Shepherd's Rod*, Vol. 1, he also explained in greater detail his applications of the Sabbath School lessons, along with the subject of the 144,000.

Then later, in other SRod literature he explained in greater detail the "four winds" (Rev. 7:1) of the devil to hurt the 144,000 saints, and the "four angels" (Rev. 7:2) of God to hurt the wicked, both of which were to hurt the people of the "earth...the sea...the trees" (Rev. 7:3).

THE 4 WINDS AND 4 ANGELS HELD BACK UNTIL THE SEALING IS OVER

Some members of the Seventh-day Adventist church think that the hurting by the "four winds" and the "four angels" is **strife** caused by **wars**, because Sis. White said that "Winds are a symbol of **strife**" (G.C. 440:0), which she connected, not with the "four winds" (Rev. 7:1), but with the four beasts (Dan. 7:2,3). She said "The **four winds** of heaven striving upon the great sea, represents the terrible scenes of **conquest** {by **wars**} and revolution by which kingdoms {Daniel's four beasts} have attained to power." (G.C. 440:0). It is this misapplied statement that makes them think that Daniel's "four winds" (Dan. 7:2) is the same as John's "four winds" (Rev. 7:1)—**wars!** But John's "four winds" does **not** apply to **wars**, because all wars were **not** held back until the 144,000 have been sealed.

If these "four winds" (Rev. 7:1) were **wars**, such as World War II, then one must erroneously conclude that the 144,000 were **already sealed** a long time ago. That is, when the time occurred that there were "**wars** and rumours of wars" (Mt. 24:6), then it could be said erroneously that the 144,000 saints were **already sealed**. Especially could it be said erroneously that they were **already sealed** before World War I or World War II! The way that Elijah (Bro. V.T. Houteff) explained the meaning of the "four winds" is as follows:



"...their {four winds} being held from John's day {A.D. 96} until this very hour, has never prevented and is not now preventing the nations' **warring** among themselves. Always have they been at **war** with one another, and today {in **1944** when he wrote this} they are engaged in a deadly world-wide conflict unparalleled in all history, although the angels are *still* holding the winds. Of necessity, therefore, the **strife** represented by the blowing of the winds, must be essentially **religious** {concerning **churches**} in aim, and **political** {concerning **states**} only in procedure {to enforce a **church-state** confederacy}, thus religious-political."—3 *Answerer Book*, pgs. 24, 25. (bold emphasis, braces added).

The "four winds" (Rev. 7:1) do **not** symbolize **wars**, but a church-state confederacy. And neither can they symbolize the church-state confederacy of the Dark Ages of Papal Rome, because these winds are being held back so that the 144,000 saints can be sealed. And since all of those people are dead, whereas the 144,000 **never die** (P.K. 227), then it is obvious that the 144,000 must be **living** in the latter days when these saints in the Seventh-day Adventist church have been sealed (Rev. 7:2); then the "four winds" will begin to blow.

Today, we see the the **New World Order** being set up to implement global governance. It was President Bush (Sr.) who announced this in **1991**; and his son President Bush (Jr.) has been working since **2001** on his "Faith-Based Program" to eventually join the church with the state. Therefore, the blowing of the four winds is **not strife** and **wars** among the nations, but a church-state confederacy. It is to be promoted by the **churches**, and **enforced** by the **state**, which will produce religious-political **strife**, not wars.



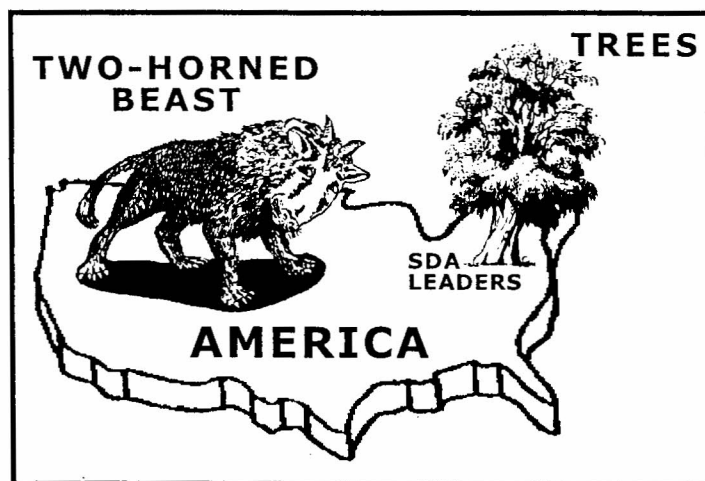
Thus, the rise of the **New World Order** indicates that the **sealing** of the 144,000 is nearing its completion. And when this sealing is finished, then the "four winds" will "blow" (Rev. 7:1) to hurt the saints, while the "four angels" will protect them and "hurt" (Rev. 7:2) the wicked of the earth, the sea, and the trees.

HURTING THE EARTH, THE SEA, AND TREES

When John said the "four winds" and the "four angels" were to hurt the **earth**, the **sea**, and the **trees** (Rev. 7:3), he did not mean to hurt them literally, for they are symbols. The "**earth**" is **people** in America (G.C. 441:2), the "**sea**" is the

people the "Old World" (G.C. 440:1), and the "**trees**" are rulers or religious **leaders** (Dan. 4:20-22); while the "grass" symbolizes the common **people** (Isa. 40:7). It is when the 144,000 and those "with" them are being sealed since **1929**, that the "**trees**" would be Seventh-day Adventist religious leaders, as Elijah explained:

"It is located to John in the symbol of the two-horned beast's coming up, not out of the sea, but 'out of the **earth**' (Rev. 13:11), the only place where **trees** naturally **grow**. And as according to Daniel 4:20-22, **trees** are figurative of **rulers**, therefore the trees in this instance represent {the **SDA ministers**} 'the ancient men...before the house' (Ezek. 9:6)—a fact which reveals that in this period {to seal the 144,000 saints since **1929**}, the {SDA} church's headquarters are in the two-horned beast's dominion—the New World, 'the **earth**' {United States of **America**}."—8 *Tract*, pg. 24:2. (bold emphasis, braces added).



SDA Leaders Accepted by God: All "trees" grow in the "**earth**" (Rev. 7:2), symbolizing America, not the "sea" (Old World). The "**trees**" are religious leaders of the General Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist church at God's Headquarters in the "**earth**" (Rev. 7:2)—**America**.



SDA Leaders Not Accepted By God: The headquarters of the "Reformed Seventh-day Adventist church," are "**trees**" planted in the Old Country (the "**sea**"), where they **can't grow**. God cannot accept them, because they separated from His church, and teach the error that the church of Seventh-day Adventists is Babylon, which Sis. White condemned (T.M. 36,37). They will **pass away**, as trees that **die** when they are planted in the **sea**.



SATAN WORKS AGAINST "ANGEL" MESSAGE

"We need never expect that when the Lord has **light** {by Elijah} for His {SDA} people, Satan will **stand calmly by** and make no effort to prevent them from receiving it. He will **work** upon minds to excite distrust and jealousy and unbelief. Let us beware that we do not **refuse** the **light** God sends, because it does not come in a way to please us."—5 *Testimonies*, pg. 728:1 (bold emphasis, braces added).

It is characteristic of Satan to work in a manner to conceal his identity through his "tares" (Mt. 13:25), who "excite distrust and jealousy and unbelief" (5T 728:1). Most SDA members think that the "tares" are people who have been denounced by their leaders, and **cast out** of the Seventh-day adventist church. As a result, they do not accept what Sis. White, their prophetess, says, but what their leaders say—we "have **need of nothing**" (Rev. 3:17). And this is why they tell the laymembers that there is no Elijah to come, and that the "angel" is not a message of truth (Rev. 7:2), because they do not want the laity to find this Elijah and his message. So they quote what Sis. White said about the sealing of the 144,000, and the place upon it a different meaning:

144,000 WILL KNOW WHO THEY ARE

"It is not His {God's} will that they {SDA members} shall get into controversy over questions which will not help them spiritually, such as, **Who** is to **compose** {be one of} the hundred and forty-four thousand? This those who are the elect of God will in a short time **know** {who they are} without question."—1 *Selected Mess.*, pg. 174:3 (bold emphasis, braces added).

The leaders use the above statement to make the laity think that Sis. White is condemning anyone who **studies** the **subject** of the **144,000**. Their purpose is to **keep** them from **listening** to others who can tell them about the "angel" message. What Sis. White really meant was not to judge other people and "get into controversy" about which person **is** to be or **not** to be one "of" that number. This fact is evident, because she said the "elect" (the 144,000), will "**know**" who they are, so make no "controversy" about it. It is the devil, of course, who works to conceal the "angel" message (Rev. 7:2) from the laity.

THE "ANGEL" IS NOT THE SABBATH SEAL

Most, if not all the SDA leaders, teach the laymembers that it is the Sabbath that seals the 144,000. Their object is to divert their minds in another direction, lest they be awakened to seek the prophet Elijah (T.M. 475:3) who brings the "angel" (Rev. 7:2) message. Paul said that all the saints "are **sealed** unto the day of redemption" (Eph. 4:30), but not all receive the seal of the 144,000, which is **not** the Sabbath seal, because of this reason:

"**Not all** {Seventh-day Adventists} who profess to keep the **Sabbath** will be sealed. There are many among those who teach the truth to others who will **not** receive the **seal** of God in their foreheads."—5 *Testimonies*, pgs. 213, 214 (bold emphasis and braces added).

Note that Sis. White stated above that there are **two** kinds of **seals**: (1) The Sabbath seal; and (2) the "seal" (Rev. 7:2) of the 144,000 (Rev. 7:4). And the statement also indicates **two** kinds of **people** in the Seventh-day Adventist church: (1) The wicked who do not receive the seal, because they only "**profess** to keep the Sabbath. (2) The saints "**sealed** unto...**redemption**" who receive the **Sabbath seal** by keeping the Sabbath, and who also receive the "**seal** of the living God" (Rev. 7:2) so the wicked cannot kill them. Note all three of these seals, as is listed below:

THREE DIFFERENT SEALS

SEAL No. 1: All the saints through out the entire Old Testament Jewish era, and the New Testament Christian era, will receive the **seal** by which they are "sealed unto the day of redemption" (Eph. 4:30). This **seal** of "**redemption**," however, does not protect them from dying. Most of them are already dead, and others are yet to die (Rev. 14:13).

SEAL No. 2: While the church-state confederacy is being enforced, the 144,000 saints in the last days will have the Sabbath **seal** (G.C. 640:1). But this seal does **not protect** them from **dying**. All Sabbath keepers down through out the ages have **died**, and soon many of them are yet to be **killed** because they "had not worshiped the beast" or his "image" (Rev. 20:4). It is obvious, then, that the Sabbath seal is **not** the special seal of the "angel" message for the 144,000 saints.

Furthermore, some SDA members may say that the Sabbath is a seal, but they can't say it is this "**angel**" (Rev. 7:2), which symbolizes a **message**. The Sabbath was given to the SDA church long before this "angel" message was to come after 1890. This fact proves that the "angel" is **not** the Sabbath, but a special message to seal (Rev. 7:4) the 144,000 saints, which **protects** them from **death**.

SEAL No. 3: The **seal** of the "angel" message (Rev. 7:2) is an entirely different seal especially for the 144,000 saints. Though they are sealed by the **seal** of "**redemption**" (Eph. 4:30), and though they are sealed by the **Sabbath seal** (G.C. 640:1), they are also sealed with a special seal of angelic **protection** (Isa. 54:17; E.W. 34:1). When the "four winds" of the church-state confederacy blows, these angels will keep the wicked from killing the 144,000.

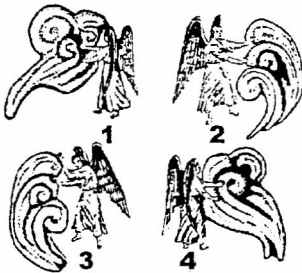


HOLDING THE FOUR WINDS

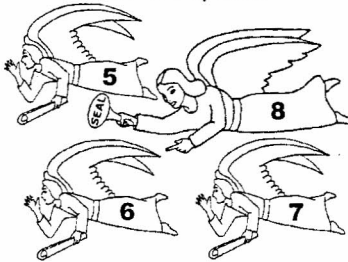


18 SYMBOLS IN REVELATION 7

4 ANGELS OF GOD HOLDING WINDS



4 ANGELS OF GOD SEAL 144,000



4 ANGELS OF GOD SLAY WICKED AND PROTECT SAINTS



4 WINDS OF SATAN A CONFEDERACY TO KILL SAINTS



144,000 SEALED FROM SDA CHURCH



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GREAT MULTITUDE FROM BABYLON



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ACCEPTING JESUS' REBUKE

The 144,000 saints in the Seventh-day Adventist church are a unique and very special people. The great majority of Seventh-day Adventists think that Jesus is wrong when He said that they are **asleep**, and that they are "wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked" (Rev. 3:17)! But only the 144,000 and those "with" them receive His "rebuken" (Rev. 3:19), and admit that He is right, and wake up from their Laodicean lukewarmness (Rev. 3:16). At one time they were among the "Sleeping preachers preaching to a **sleeping people!**" (2Test. 337:2), who said that they "have need of nothing" (Rev. 3:17)—need **no** more truth. But now they want the "eyesalve" (Rev. 3:18) of spiritual understanding, because they see that the "angel" (Rev. 7:2) symbolizes a message of truth. But they are not sure how to find it, because they heard evil things about the angel's message.

SDA SAINTS DO NOT LISTEN TO HEARSAY

"Oh, that the Lord might guide you! You should **never** in a single instance **allow hearsay** to move you to action, and yet you have sometime done this."—*Testimonies to Ministers*, pg. 299:2. (bold emphasis added).

When any of the saints in the Seventh-day adventist church are awakened, and want the truth of the "angel" message (Rev. 7:2), they will have to meet Satan's "tares" (Mt. 13:25,39), who spread rumours and "**hearsay**" to cause them to "**refuse** the light God sends" (5T. 728:1). These "tares" misapply Jesus' words, "Beware of **false** prophets" (Mt. 7:15), to make it appear that He said to beware of **all** prophets. Their objective is to cause the 144,000 saints to reject truth. But the 144,000 are exceptional Christians who follow the admonition of the Spirit of prophecy to search for truth.

144,000 SAINTS REFUSE TO REJECT TRUTH

"But beware of **rejecting** that which is truth. The great danger with our people has been that of depending upon men, and making flesh their arm. Those who have not been in the habit of searching the Bible for themselves, or weighing evidence, have confidence in the leading men, and accept the decisions they make; and thus many will **reject** the very messages {of **1888** and **1929**} God sends to His people, if these leading brethren do not accept them....Even if all our leading men should refuse light and truth,...the Lord will raise up men who will give the people the message for this time."—*Testimonies to Ministers*, pgs. 106, 107. (bold emphasis, braces added).

144,000 SAINTS SEARCH FOR THE TRUTH

"We should never refuse to examine the Scriptures with those who, we have reason to believe, desire to know what is truth. Suppose a brother held a view that differed from yours, and he should come to you, proposing

that you sit down with him and make an **investigation** of that point in the Scriptures; should you rise up, filled with **prejudice**, and condemn his ideas, while refusing to give him a candid hearing? The only right way {for SDA members} would be to **sit down** as Christians and investigate the position presented in the light of God's word, which will reveal truth and unmask error."— *Testimonies to Ministers*, pg. 107:2. (bold emphasis and braces added).

Only the saints in the Seventh-day Adventist church who search and find the sealing "angel" message, will receive the "**seal** of the living God" (Rev. 7:2) to be one "**of**" the 144,000 saints. Only they will be **protected** by the "four angels" who will "hurt the earth and the sea" (Rev. 7:2). That is, the angels of God will hurt the wicked people in America (earth) and in the Old World (sea), who try to "hurt" (kill) the 144,000 saints who have been sealed.

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