SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH them which were sealed (in the SDA church (37266,267; 57 IS NOT BABYLON

Ellen G. White, the **prophetess** of the Seventhday Adventist church (15M34:5), stated that God's people cannot be a part of Babylon:

"Those who assert that the Seventh-day Adventist churches constitute Babylon, or any part of Babylon, might better stay at home {and not teach this error to others}."-Testimonies to Ministers, pgs. 36, 37 (1934 ed.) (bold emphasis, braces added).

"When anyone rises, either among us or outside of us, who is burdened with a message which declares that the people of God {in the Seventh-day Ad-ventist church are numbered with Babylon, and claims that the loud cry is a call to come out of her, you may know that he is not bearing the message of truth." -Testimonies to Ministers, pg. 41:1 (1934 Ed.) (bold emphasis, braces added).

It has been stated above that there would be false brethren "among us or outside of us" who would teach the false doctrine that the Seventh-day Adventist church is Babylon. Their headquarters is in Europe, the "Old World" (GC 440:1), with an office of underleaders in America; and they usually refer to themselves as Seventh-day Adventists who have been reformed. But the Lord recognizes only one church, whose Headquarters is now located at Silver Springs, Maryland in the United States of America with its leadershipthe General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

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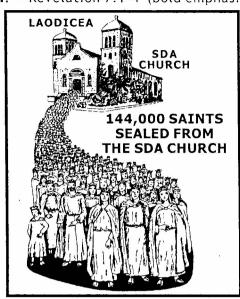
SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH IS NOT BABYLON—SECTION 1

ANGEL (MESSAGE) FROM EAST SEALS 144,000



"I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he 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** the **servants** of our God in their foreheads. And I heard the number of against nation), but rather from hurting the earth,

211) }: And there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel."—Revelation 7:1-4 (bold emphasis added).



FOUR WINDS OF TROUBLE HELD BACK UNTIL THE **144,000 ARE SEALED**

The symbolic "winds" that John the Revelator saw are to blow upon the "earth, sea, and trees" in our day (latter days), after the 144,000 are sealed (Rev. 7:1, 3). The definition of a wind is "a destructive force" (Web. Dict.). When winds blow, such as storms, tornados, hurricanes, blizzards, typhoons, etc., they always bring some kind of destruction. But why "four winds"? because "there are four regions of the earth: East, North, South and West, which is expressive of the completeness of direction....Thus this number {4} is used in connection with incidences to signify earthwide" (25R 54:2). This fact proves that when the symbolic "four winds" does blow, they must bring some kind of catastrophic trouble that is "earthwide," which is yet to blow from four directions. It will blow especially against the 144,000 saints and those saved "with" them; and that is why they were sealed first so that they cannot be killed by wicked men.

"Moving from the four corners of the compass, the winds must represent a world-wide disturbance of some kind....The wind's blowing is, of course, the anger of the nations against the saints."-15 Tract, pg. 60:1 (bold emphasis added).

However, because the "four winds" were to blow soon after the 144,000 have been sealed, some Bible students have come to the wrong conclusion that the world-wide trouble was caused by World War I (1914-1918) or World War II (1939-1945), which supposedly proves that the 144,000 were already sealed before the sealing message came in 1929. But this is not true, because John did not say that these "four winds" were to blow wind against wind-nation against nation as it was done in both world wars.

"That the angels' holding the winds does not denote their restraining the nations from warring among themselves, is made clear by the fact that the winds were not held from clashing wind against wind (nation

the sea, and the trees. Moreover, that the nations (1). The Christian Jews took the **gospel** to the Genfrom the north and from the south, from the east and tiles, which the literal Jews would not do. from the west, were engaged in World War I, and also in World War II, although the 144,000 (who can never **die** because they are translated (PK 227)} are not yet sealed, is another irrefutable evidence that the trouble which is forecast by the winds' blowing and the angels' hurting, is yet future {sometime after WW II}."-15 Tract, pgs. 60, 61 (bold emphasis, braces added).

FOUR WINDS SYMBOLIZE A TIME OF TROUBLE FOR THE SAINTS

The "four winds" of trouble must blow against the 144,000 saints, because the winds are held back from blowing until **after** they are sealed, so that they cannot be killed when the winds are blowing with its death decree against the saints. And since the 144,000 have never been sealed from dying in times past, because all these people have died; and since not one person, even to this very day, has been made immune from death, then all sincere Bible students must conclude that this sealing of the 144,000 must take place in the latter days when these saints are kept alive until Jesus' second advent (1Thess 4:17). This proves that the winds are not directed against each other during a war, but against the 144,000 saints. Thus, the saints must be sealed first before the "four winds" of destructive trouble can blow, lest the wicked should kill the saints.

"Seeing that the 144,000, the servants of God, are not as yet **sealed** (not yet enclosed, **protected**, guarded, and ready to take their stand with the Lamb on Mt. Sion {Rev 14:1}, but rather are still commingled with the tares) {in the SDA church} the angels are commanded {by God (EW 38:2)} to forestall the clash {the blowing of the four winds}."-15 Tract, pg. 61:1 (bold emphasis, braces added).

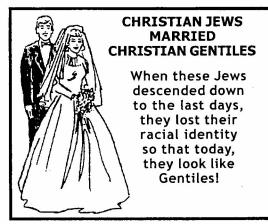
The sealing of the 144,000 is God's guarantee that they can **not** be **killed** while the "four winds" are blowing to bring an earth-wide trouble upon these saints in the "sea"-Europe, the "Old World" (GC 440:1), and those in the new world the "earth"-America. But this does not mean that they cannot have troubles and trials, even though they cannot die.

"And even **after** the {144,000} saints are sealed with the seal of the living God {and can't die}, His elect will have trials individually."-Testimonies to Ministers, pg. 446:1 (bold emphasis, braces added).

144,000 ARE SEALED FROM AMONG THE CHRISTIANS

Besides this, the Lord tells all sincere Bible students, as noted in John's prophecy about the **144,000** from **Israel** (Rev 7:4-8), that these saints are not sealed in the latter days from among the false religions of Buddism, Islamism, Hinduism, etc. in heathen countries. And it may be surprising to many that the 144,000 are not sealed from among the literal Jews who have rejected Christianiy, and have also rejected the book of Revelation, the only place in the Bible in spite of this Jew-Gentile mixture among the Christhat speaks of that exact number (Rev 7:4-8; Rev. 14:1). Another reason why the 144,000 do not all come from the record of the descendants of Judah and Israel; and literal Jews, but from the Christians in the latter He knows which Gentile is pure Gentile and which days, is because the early Christian Jews did two Gentile is part Jewish, whom He can choose as one

- (2). The Christian Jews married their Gentile converts, but the orthodox Jews do not marry Gentiles.



"From this scripture {Hos 1:10} you note that this multitude of sons of Jacob are not the identified Jews of today {who reject Christianity}, but rather the lost descendants of Judah and Israel, of those who were assimilated by the Gentile nations and by the early Christian church by taking upon themselves the title 'Christians' {Acts 11:26}, of those who thus lost their racial and national identity....Thus many of us who suppose to be of the Gentile nations {because our Jewish ancestors married Gentiles may at long last discover that we are of the lost tribes of Judah and Israel {144,000 (Rev 7:4-8)}, and of the apostolic Christian Jews. Though none of us really know our genealogy very far back, yet God Who knows even the number of hairs on one's head has kept an accurate genealogical record of each of us {as He did with Jesus (Mt 1:1-17; Lk 3:23-38)}. So He says: 'I will make mention of Rahab and Babylon to them that know Me: behold Philistia, and Tyre, with Ethiopia; this man was born there. And of **Zion** it shall be said, This and that man was born in her: and the highest Himself shall establish her. The Lord shall count {the 144,000-12,000 from 12 tribes of Israel (Rev 7:4-8), when He writeth up the people, that this man was born there. Selah.' Psa. 87:4-6."-2 Timely Greetings, No. 21, pgs. 6, 7 (bold emphasis, braces added).

"Plainly, then, many {of the Christians} who are taken as Gentiles, are but unidentified descendents of ancient Judah, Israel, and the Jewish Christians. The Christian church herself is, as we have seen, a **Jewish-Christian** church."—2 *Timely Greetings*, No. 6, pg. 16:1 (bold emphasis, braces added).

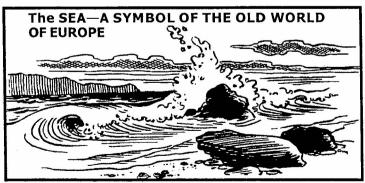
When the Christian Jews took the gospel of Christ to the Gentiles and married their converts, then the blood of Israel was mixed with Gentile blood. Thus it was that during the two thousand years of the New Testament Christian era, they lost their racial identity, while the literal Jews who do not marry Gentiles kept their racial identity to this very day. Yet, tian Jews, the Lord has an accurate genealogical things which anti-Christian orthodox Jews do not do: of the 144,000 from the Seventh-day Adventist church. that God does not recognize a Jew as a Jew if his blood is mixed with Gentile blood, and therefore they teach that the 144,000 must be pure Jews. But they overlook the fact that Jesus was not a pure Jew! He was a descendant of David (Mt 1:1) whose father was Jesse, whose father was Obed, whose father was Boaz who married Ruth the Moabites—a pure Gentile (Ruth 4:21, 22)! The Lord accepted Jesus as His Son even though He was not a pure Jew, because His blood was **mixed** with Gentile blood (Ruth). So, He accepts the 144,000 from the 12 tribes of Israel (Jews), whose blood may be mixed with Gentile blood, because they have received a "spiritual transformation"-being born again!

"This spiritual transformation {a born-again experience, nevertheless, does not fix anyone's racial identity and tribal lineage {it does not literally change a Gentile into a Jew]. It cannot, in other words, make one Judaite, if he is not descended of Judah, or make him Ephraimite, if he is not descended of Ephraim. Consequently, the 144,000 being of the sons of Jacob, cannot be {of pure Gentile blood} of the Gentile nations. They therefore, first of all, are lineal descendants {of the blood-line} of Jacob, though not necessarily of the present identifiable Jewish stock." -8 Tract, pg. 8:1 (bold emphasis, braces added).

This fact proves that in the latter days the Lord will choose the 144,000 saints from among the few pure-blood Christian-Jews, and from the many Jew-Gentile Christians in God's Seventh-day Adventist church. They live among the Protestant Nations either in the "sea" (Europe) or in the "earth" (America).

THE SEA-A SYMBOL OF CHRISTIANS IN THE OLD COUNTRY-EUROPE

The prophet Daniel saw "four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea; and four great beasts came from the sea" (Dan 7:2). The angel Gabriel (Dan 7:16) told him that the "four beasts" represent "four kings" (Dan 7:17), or leaders of different forms of government in the earth, who rule over people and nations. And since "waters" symbolize "peoples and nations" (Rev 17:15), and since all waters come from the sea, then the "sea" must symbolize the kings and peoples of the nations represented as the beasts in the "Old World" (GC 440:1) of Europe where all people originated.



"In Revelation 17 {verse 15}, an angel explained that waters represent 'peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.' Winds are a symbol of strife {wars}. The four winds of heaven striving upon the great **sea**, represent the terrible scenes of conquest

There are, however, some Christians who think have attained to power."-Great Controversy, pg. 440:0 (bold emphasis, braces added).

> The kingdom that wins a war is the victor that comes from the "sea" of peoples as a "beast," which rules the others. When Daniel had a vision of these beasts he was a captive in Babylon (pan 1:1,6), the first kingdom-lion beast (Dan 7:4). It lost a war to Medo-Persia and became the second kingdom-bear beast (Dan 7:5). It lost a war to Grecia and became the third kingdom—leopard beast (Dan 7:6). And it lost a war to the Romans and became the fourth kingdom-nondescript beast (Dan 7:7). These kingdoms are in the old country-the "sea." But there is another "beast," which did not come from the old country (Europe); but from the "earth"—opposite of the sea, a symbol of America.

THE EARTH—A SYMBOL OF CHRISTIANS IN THE **NEW COUNTRY—AMERICA**

"And I beheld another **beast** {symbol of **America**} coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns {two ruling parties-republican and democratic} like a {young} lamb {a new country}, and he spake as a dragon. -Revelation 13:11 (bold emphasis, braces added).

"But the beast with lamb-like horns was seen 'coming up out of the earth.' Instead of overthrowing other powers to establish itself, the **nation** thus represented must arise in territory previously unoccupied, and grow up gradually and peacefully. It could not, then, arise among the crowded and struggling nationalities of the Old World,—that turbutlent sea of 'peoples, and multitudes, and nations, tongues.' It must be sought in the Western Continent {America—earth}.



"What nation of the New World was in 1798 rising into power, giving promise of strength and greatness, and attracting the attention of the world? The application of the symbol admits of no question. One nation, and only one, meets the specifications of this prophecy; it points unmistakably to the United States of America {the beast from the earth}."-Great Controversy, pg. 440:1, 2 (bold emphasis, braces added).

FOUR WINDS OF TROUBLE TO BLOW ON THE TREES **GROWING IN AMERICA**

The "winds" not only blow on the "sea" (Europe) and the "earth" (America), but they also blow on the "trees" (Rev 7:3) which exist in the latter-day sealing time, before the four winds can "hurt" (Rev 7:3) them by a death decree. While the common people are symbolized and revolution {wars} by which kingdoms {as beasts} as "grass" (Isa 40:6,7), the "trees" symbolize kings, rulers,

and leaders (Dan 4:20-22). In this case they are religious leaders, because the "winds" do not blow wind against wind (nation against nation fighting a war).

Instead, it symbolizes religious agents (ministers) in the Seventh-day Adventist church, during the time that the 144,000 are being sealed by the angels (Rev 7:2). The leaders of that church are symbolized by the "trees." And since trees do not grow in the sea (Europe) but in the earth (America), then it is obvious that the Lord is telling His saints in the latter days, through John's prophecy of symbolic "trees," that trees symbolize religious leaders (the ministers) in the Seventh-day Adventist church, whose Headquarters cannot be located in Europe (the "sea"), but in America (the "earth")!

'Although the marking and the slaughter (Ezek 9) include only the church, -Judah and Israel, -the hurting by the winds and the hurting by the angels (Rev 7) include all the world—both 'the earth' and 'the sea, each of which is indicative of a different locality: the sea, in the realm of nature the storehouse (home) of the waters, is therefore in the realm of symbols the birth-place of the nations—the **Old Country**; the earth, the opposite of the sea, is correspondingly a domain away from the Old Country. 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 **rul**ers, therefore the trees in this instance represent 'the ancient men {ministers of the Seventh-day Adventist church \... before the house' (Ezek 9:6)-a fact which reveals that in this period {in the latter days}, the church's headquarters are in the two-horned beast's dominion—the New World {America}, 'the earth.'" -8 Tract, pg. 24:2 (bold emphasis, braces added).

REFORMED SDA LEADERS ARE FAKE TREES TRYING TO GROW IN THE SEA (EUROPE)

There are other Seventh-day Adventists who have split off from the General Conference Headquarters in America, elected new leaders, and set up their own headquarters in Europe (the "sea"). They say that they are Seventh-day Adventists who have been reformed. But they cannot be God's people, because He identified the "trees" as the leaders of the General Conference of His Seventh-day Adventist church in America, because John says (Rev 7:3) that they are growing in the "earth" (Rev 13:11), which is America! This means that these reformed adventists in Europe are trying to plant **new "trees"** (religious leaders) in the "sea" (Europe), and expect them to grow.

Since, however, everyone knows that God did not create trees to grow in the sea, then it is obvious that the "trees" (reformed SDA leaders) in Europe can **not grow**, and will surely come to their end! But if the reformed Seventh-day Adventist laymembers the "grass" (158 40:7) and also their leaders—the "trees" (Dan 4:20-22), would accept the John's symbolism in the Bible (Rev 7:1-4), then they could see that the only religious leaders God recognizes in His Seventh-day Adventist church are the "trees"-the leaders of the General Conference, which are growing in the "earth"-America, at the time the 144,000 saints are being saints, to make it say that the Seventh-day Adventist sealed by the message of Elijah (TM 475:3) since 1929. church is Babylon! They do this by teaching errors:



SYMBOLIC TREES IN EARTH, NOT SEA, PROVES SDA CHURCH IS NOT BABYLON

While the 144,000 are being sealed (Rev 7:4-8) in the Seventh-day Adventist church, the Lord has designated the symbolic "trees" (Rev 7:3) as the religious leaders of His church with its General Conference Headquarters in America (the "earth") where "trees" the leaders (Dan 4:20-22) grow. They cannot be the Seventh-day Adventist Reformed leaders in Europe (the "sea") where the "trees" (leaders) can not grow.

This fact proves that the movement of **Reformed** Seventh-day Adventists is a counterfeit church, and that their accusation that God's church in America (the "earth") is Babylon, must be a false doctrine perpetrated by the enemy (Rev 12:9) of the SDA church. The laity of the Reformed Seventh-day Adventist church who refuse to believe that God's Headquarters must be in America (the "earth"), will continue to be deceived by their leaders, whose headquarters is in Europe (the "sea"). They teach God's SDA church in America is Babylon, and that every member must come out of her to join and support their false movement in Europe! Now you readers know from SECTION 1 why the Seventh-day Adventist church is not Babylon.

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SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH IS NOT BABYLON—SECTION 2

REFORMERS USE ANGEL'S REPORT TO SAY **BABYLON IS THE SDA CHURCH**

The Reformed Seventh-day Adventist leaders use Ezekiel's description of a "man"—an angel (Gen 19:1,5) who marks the saints (Ezek 9:3,4), and afterwards "reported the matter" (Ezek 9:11) to Jesus that he had "done as thou hast commanded me" (Ezek 9:11)—that is, report that he had finished marking the 144,000 saints.

These facts are well understood by Seventh-day Adventists who have been guided by Sis. White's writings (3T 266,267; 5T 211), the Spirit of prophecy (Rev 19:10), when they study the prophecy of Ezekiel 9. But the **Reformed** Seventh-day Adventists try to use this part of the prophecy about the angel who "reported the matter" (Ezek 9:11) to Jesus, that he had marked (sealed) 144,000 They say this truth: "The people marked by this angel is the 144,000 in the Seventh-day Adventist church (EW.13,14);" but also teach this error: "No others are marked." Then they misapply the loud cry command: "come out of her {Babylon}, My people {Seventh-day Adventists}' (Rev. 18:4) into the Reformed Seventh-day Adventist church"! To some in the SDA church (who study very little) this error is so convincing, that they are deceived into leaving the SDA church.



Let the readers note the second part of this study, and learn, according to Ezekiel's prophecy, why the **Seventh-day Adventist church is** not **Babylon!**

THE LORD JESUS COMES TO THE EARTH ON HIS TRAVELING THRONE

"'I looked, and, behold, a whirlwind {God's throne} came out of the north {Isa 14:13}.' Ezek 1:4. The fact that the 'whirlwind,' enveloping the throne, 'came,' says Ezekiel, shows that this {traveling} throne, just as with the one of Isaiah 6, is a moving one, and that it came {traveled} to the banks of the river Chebar."—1 Tract, pg. 10:1 (bold emphasis, braces added).

This throne of God which travels like a "whirl-wind" has been recognized by many as a "unidentified flying object" (UFO); because this is how Ezekiel described it: It had "four wings" (Ezek1:6) which proves that it flys, as David said that God flys: "And He {God} rode upon a cherub, and did fly: yea, He did fly upon the wings of the wind." (PS 18:10). The appearance of God's traveling throne is more like a "living creature" (Ezek 1:13), rather than mechanical. It appears as if it had a "wheel in the middle of a wheel" (Ezek 1:16).

This shows it to be designed by a power far beyond what man has, because it moves (**flys**) like a "**flash** of **lightning**" (Ezek 1:14). It has the "likeness of a **throne**" with the "appearance of a **man**" on it (EZEK 1:26), which was the "glory of the **Lord**" (EZEK 1:28). These facts would prove that Ezekiel's unidentified flying object (not every UFO seen today), which travels like a "whirlwind" and like a "flash of lightning," is the "glory of the **Lord**" (**Jesus**) coming invisibly to visit the earth.

But when does He come? The fact that Ezekiel saw the "likeness of a throne" (Ezek 1:26), which had the "appearance of a man" (Ezek 1:26), which travelled as the "appearance of a flash of lightning" (Ezek 1:14), and which had the "appearance of the glory of the Lord" (Ezek 1:28), proves that he only saw a vision—an "appearance" of the Lord coming to the earth, not a literal coming in his day. This would place the vision of the coming of the Lord far beyond Ezekiel's day on into the distant future; because the "testimony of Jesus (Rev 19:10) in Sis. White's writings said this:

"In Ezekiel's vision God had His hand {Ezek 1:8} beneath the wings of the cherubim {traveling throne like a whirlwind}. This is to teach His {SDA} servants that it is divine power that gives them success....The bright light {Ezek 1:13} going among the living creatures with the swiftness of lightning {Ezek 1:14} represents the speed with which this work {loud cry of the SDA church} will finally go forward to completion."—5 Testimonies, pg. 754:1, 2 (bold emphasis, braces added)

Jesus said in Sis. White's writings that Ezekiel's vision chapter one about the "work" for the SDA church is fulfilled in the last days; especially Ezek 9 about the angel who marks the 144,000 in the SDA church. Thus, the vision is a futuristic prophecy that applies to our day, not to Ezekiel's day.

God told Ezekiel to go to the "children of Israel" (Ezek 2:3), which was an impossibility. When he had his vision he was among the Jewish "captives" (Ezek 1:1) in Babylon, which was 126 years after Assyria scattered Israel (2K(18:11), and which caused to "cease the kingdom of the house of Israel" (Hos 1:4) so they "be not a people" (Isa 7:8)! This means God was to tell antitypical Ezekiel (Ezek 2:5) in the last days to take a message to Israel—the SDA church (15R 121:3).



"...Seventh-day Adventists must have the Holy Spirit in their hearts...when the Israel of today humble themselves...He will hear their prayers..."—9 Testimonies, pg. 164:1 (bold emphasis, braces added)

Furthermore, the message that the Lord was to give to antitypical Ezekiel for the "house of **Israel**" (Ezek 3:1)—the Seventh-day Adventist church in the latter days, was as "honey for sweetness" (Ezek 3:3). That sweet message of truth is revealed by the symbolic grains of spiritual food (Biblical doctrines)—wheat, barley, beans, lentils, millet and fitches (Ezek 4:9), which were to be put into "one vessel" (Ezek 4:9)—the Seventh-day Adventist church (15R 121,122).

Moreover, it is after antitypical Ezekiel saw the "abominations" (EZEK 8:6), which were the "idols of the **house** of **Israel**" (EZEK 8:10)—the Seventh-day Adventist church, he saw that God was still on the earth: For His glory "was gone up from the cherub"—His traveling throne, "to the threshold of the **house**" (EZEK 9:3) of **Israel**—the Seventh-day Adventist church (97164:1).

"Continuing to behold in vision the cherubim and the glory of God's {travelling} throne, the prophet saw the Lord {on earth} come to the threshold of the house {Seventh-day Adventist} (church), and as He gave charge to His angel who was 'clothed with linen' and who 'had the writer's inkhorn by his side,' Ezekiel heard Him command the man: 'Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men {144,000} that

sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be the matter" that he had **marked** the 144,000 saints, done in the midst thereof {in Laodicea, SDA church}."— and after the angels had **slain** all the wicked in the 1 Tract, pgs. 17, 18 (bold emphasis, braces added). SDA church, then Jesus "**mounted up** from the **earth**"!

"Especially in the **closing work** for the {SDA church}. in the sealing time of the one hundred and fortyfour thousand {saints} who are to stand without fault before the throne of God {Rev 14:5}, will they feel most deeply the wrongs of God's professed people. This is forcibly set forth by the prophet's illustration of the last work under the figure of the men {who are angels} each having a slaughter weapon in his hand. One man {God's angel (Gen 19:1,5; TM 431:3)} among them was clothed with linen, with a writer's inkhorn by his side. 'And the Lord said unto him, Go through the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men {144,000} that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof' {in Laodicea, the SDA church\\\ "-3 Testimonies, pg. 266:2 (bold emphasis, braces added).

The angel with the "writer's inkhorn" (Ezek. 9:3) marked the 144,000 saints, and the other five angels "slew"

(Ezek 9:6,7) all of the wicked in the Seventh-day Adventist church. This slaughter of people is literal, not spiritual, because these SDA people "conform to the world ... and become spiritually dead" (1T 608,609). Besides, "What is a spiritual slaughter?—no one knows." (1TG 45:18:4). That is why Sis. E.G. White said to "Study the 9th chapter of Ezekiel. These words will be literally fulfilled"! (1MR 260:2). This, therefore,

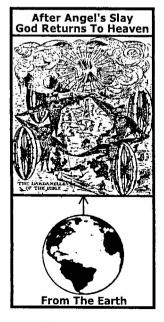


is the main reason why the Lord is to come to the earth in the latter days—to command His **angels** ($\epsilon_{\text{Ezek 9:4,5}}$) to mark the 144,000 and those "with" them, and literally **slay** all the rest—the wicked people in the Seventh-day Adventist church; then He returns to heaven.

GOD RETURNED BACK TO HEAVEN AFTER THE SLAUGHTER OF EZEK. 9

Then after the angel "set a mark" (Ezek 9:4) on the 144,000 saints, and after he "reported the matter" (Ezek 9:11) to Jesus who was on the earth, and the angels "slew" (Ezek, 9:6,7) all the wicked in the SDA church, then the "glory of the Lord departed from off the threshold of the house" {church of Seventh-day Adventists), and stood over the cherubims" (Ezek 10:18)—the traveling throne of "the Lord" (Ezek 1:28). "And the cherubims {God's traveling throne} lifted up their wings, and mounted {flew} up from the earth in my sight" (Ezek 10:19) and **returned** to heaven!

Did you comprehend that fact? Let us repeat it for clarity sake: After the angel "**reported**



the matter" that he had **marked** the 144,000 saints, and after the angels had **slain** all the wicked in the SDA church, then Jesus "**mounted up** from the **earth**"! Now why is this fact so important? Because after John saw the sealing of the 144,000 saints from the Seventh-day Adventist church (which Ezekiel saw as a mark), then he saw the sealing of a "great multitude" (Rev 73:9) who come from Babylon (Rev 18:4)! This irrefutable fact proves that there are **two** different compapnies of **saints** who come from **two** different **places**.

TWO COMPANIES OF SAINTS—144,000 AND THE GREAT MULTITUDE

- 1. First Report: While Jesus is still on the earth, before He has "mounted up from the earth" (EZEK 10:19) to return to heaven, the first company of numbered saints—the 144,000 (REV 7:4-8) in the SDA church (EW 14:1; 42:3; 43:0) is marked by the angel. Afterwards the angel reports (EZEK 9:11) to Jesus the first time that the 144,000 saints have all been marked.
- 2. Second Report: Later, after Jesus has returned to heaven, the angel marks the second company of saints, the "great multitude" (Rev 7:9) in the churches of Babylon (tre). They are called out of Babylon (Rev 18:4) by the 144,000 who escaped the slaughter of Ezek. 9. After the marking of the great multitude, while Jesus is still in heaven, the angel reports to Him the second time that he has marked these saints!

"After this I beheld, and, lo, a **great multitude** {from the **churches** of **Babylon** (Rev 18:4)}, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands." —Rev 7:9 (bold emphasis, braces added).

TWO SEALING (MARKING) REPORTS

"The fact therefore that there is an ingathering of two fruits, shows that the marking or sealing is in two sections—two periods—and that there are **two sealing reports**."—1 *Tract*, pgs. 20:2 (bold emphasis added).

ANGEL'S FIRST REPORT TO JESUS ON EARTH

"'And behold,' says Ezekiel, 'the man clothed with linen, which had the inkhorn by his side, **reported** the matter [while on **earth**] {where Jesus was}, saying, I have done as Thou hast commanded me.' Ezek 9:11. Here is the **first report**, made at the completion of the sealing in the {**SDA**} church—the sealing of the firstfruits, the **144,000**."—1 Tract, pgs. 20, 21 (brackets belong) (bold emphasis, braces added).

ANGEL'S SECOND REPORT TO JESUS IN HEAVEN

"'I saw,' says the servant of the Lord {E.G. White}, '...an angel with a writer's inkhorn by his side returned from the **earth**, and **reported** to Jesus {up in **heaven**} that his work was done, and the saints were numbered and sealed.'—Early Writings, p. 279. Here is his **second report**, made at the completion of the sealing in the {Babylon churches of the} world—the sealing of the second fruits, the **great multitude**.

"Comparing both reports, each is seen to be of a different event: At the **first report** {of the angel}, the Lord {Jesus} was on 'the threshold of the house' on **earth** (Ezek 9:3); at the **second** {**report** of the angel}, He was in the heavenly sanctuary {in **heaven**}."—1 Tract, pg. 21:1, 2 (bold emphasis, braces added).

There are **two sealing reports** by the angel, but the Reformed SDA leaders reject the great multitude as the second group of living saints translated with the 144,000 saints. The reason why is because they say only **one group** of saints (144,000) are **marked** in the SDA church by the angel, so that they can read *Early Writings*, pg. 279:2 and say these words:

ERRONEOUS TEACHING OF SDA REFORMERS

"You see," they say, "the angel only marks 144,000 from the SDA church, afterwhich he **reports** to Jesus while He is in **heaven**." Therefore, they say, "This would prove that the 144,000 are the saints who are called out of **Babylon**—the Seventh-day Adventist **church**"!

REFORMED SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS ARE WRONG-SDA CHURCH IS NOT BABYLON

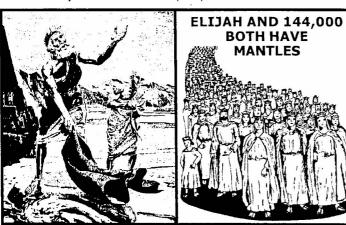
But they are dead wrong; the Seventh-day Adventist church is <u>not Babylon</u>. That is because the 144,000 are marked in the **SDA** church while Jesus is on the **earth** (Ezek 10:19); whereas the great multitude will be marked in **Babylon** while Jesus is in **heaven**. This proves irrefutably that the saints called out by the loud cry (Rev 18:4), are not called from the Seventh-day Adventist church, but from Babylon—the fallen churches (GC 383:1)! This means there must be **two** groups of living saints who will be translated **without dying** (1Thess 4:17); and they are typified (1COr 10:11) by **Elijah** and **Enoch**.

GROUP 1: ELIJAH—A TYPE OF THE 144,000

"And **Elijah** {a Tishbite of Gilead in Israel} took his **mantle**, and wrapped it together, and smote the waters, and they were divided hither and thither, so that they two {Elijah with Elisha} went over on dry ground."—2 Kings 2:8 (bold emphasis, braces added).

"We all entered the cloud together, and were seven days ascending to the sea of glass, when Jesus brought the crowns, and with His own right hand placed them on our heads....Here on the sea of glass the **144,000** stood in a perfect square. Some of them had very bright crowns, others not so bright. Some crowns appeared heavy with stars, while others had but few. All were perfectly satisfied with their crowns. And they {144,000} were all clothed with a **glorious white mantle** from their shoulders to their feet."—*Early Writings*, pgs. 16, 17 (bold emphasis, braces added).

The fact that **Elijah** was an Israelite, a Tishbite of Gilead (1861-17:1), and that he wore a "mantle" (2861-12:8), proves irrefutably that he is the **type** of **GROUP** 1—the 144,000 from Israel (Rev.7:4) who also wear mantles.



"And it came to pass, when they {Elijah with Elisha}, as they still went on, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven."—2 Kings 2:11. (bold emphasis, braces added).

"Elijah was a type {1cor10:11} of the {144,000} saints who will be living on 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 death**. 1Corinthians 15:51, 52." —*Prophets and Kings*, pg. 227:2 (boldings, braces added).

GROUP 2: ENOCH—TYPE OF GREAT MULTITUDE

"And all the days of **Enoch** was three hundred sixty and five years: and Enoch walked with God: and he was **not** {translated}, for God took him {to heaven}."—Genesis 5:23, 24 (bold emphasis, braces added).

"By faith **Enoch** was translated that he should **not see death**; and was **not found** {on earth}, because God had **translated** him {to **heaven**}: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God."—Hebrews 11:5 (bold emphasis, braces added).

"Like **Enoch** they {**God's people**} will warn the world of the Lord's second coming, and of the judgments to be visited upon transpression, and by their holy conversation, and example they will condemn the sins of the ungodly. As **Enoch** was translated to heaven before the destruction of the world by water, so the living righteous {**great multitude**} will be **translated** from the earth before its destruction by fire."—*Patriarchs and Prophets*, pgs. 88, 89 (bold emphasis and braces added).

"After this I beheld, and, lo, a **great multitude**, which no man can number, of all bations, and kindreds, and peoples, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and **palms** in their **hands**."—Revelation 7:9 (bold emphasis and braces added).

"Then I was taken to a world which had seven moons. There I saw good old **Enoch**, who had been translated {type of the **great multitude** who will also be translated}. On his right arm he bore a glorious **palm**, and on each leaf was written 'victory'."— Early Writings, pg. 40:0 (bold emphasis, braces added).

Enoch could not be a type of the 144,000 from the twelves tribes of Israel (Rev 7:4), because he was born and translated long before Abraham and Israel existed. This proves that he is a type of the great multitude who will be translated as he was without dying. Moreover, neither he or the great multitude will have a mantle, but a "glorious palm"!

These facts prove irrefutably that there will be two groups of living saints—**Elijah** typifying the **144,000** marked by the angel who **reports** this to Jesus while He is on the **earth** (Ezek 9:3,11); and **Enoch** typifying the **great multitude** marked by the angel who **reports** this to Jesus while He is in **heaven** (EW 279:2)!

jected the second group of saints, the great multitude (Rev 7:9), who will **not die**, but be translated along with the 144,000, must be those who will be deceived by the Reformed Seventh-day Adventist leaders into believing that **Babylon** is the Seventh-day Adventist church, and that they must be called to come out of her and join with these so-called reformers. And now you readers know from this SECTION 2 why the members of the Seventh-day Adventist church are **not Babylon**.

There are three sections to this study. To understand the purpose of the second part of the study, you must read "SECTION 3" to learn at its end why the Seventh-day Adventist church is not Babylon.

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH IS NOT BABYLON—SECTION 3

DAVIDIANS CANNOT UNITE WITH THE REFORMED SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

"The Davidian Seventh-day Adventists and the Movement { Reformed Seventh-day Adventists } do not unite because, unfortunately, they do not agree. Their being in wide variance on some doctrinal issues, makes union under the circumstances impossible.

"One such doctrinal difference, for instance, is that the_ _Movement { Reformed Seventh-day Adventists? teach that the sins in the Mother Seventh-day Adventist church make her a part of Babylon, whereas the Davidians teach that though she is in a sad condition, yet she is not, and indeed can never be, Babylon: for the sins do not make the name anymore than the name makes the sins. Babylon is not so named because of its sins; neither is it condemned because of being named Babylon, but because of having fallen and having 'become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.' Rev 18:2.

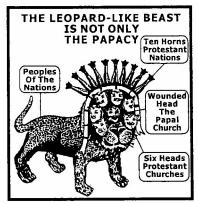
"The Seventh-day Adventist church may be in an even worse condition, -so much worse, in fact, that she does not even know that she is 'wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked' (Rev 3:17); yet in spite of it all, she is called 'Laodicea,' not Babylon. And her members stand, not to be called out as do those {great multitude} in Babylon, but rather to be left in {SDA church}, and her 'angel' (leadership) stands to be spued out {which means to die in the slaughter of Ezekiel 9}. The Davidians are laboring to save both from this tragedy, to renew them in the favor of God and thus keep them in the Mother {SDA} church; whereas the_ _Movement {**Reformed** Seventh-day Adventists}, having no remedy for the Laodicean malady, is laboring to draw {call} them out {which cannot save them}."-4 Answerer Book, pgs. 78, 79 (bold emphasis, braces added).

"The reason that the church is figuratively **not** 'Babylon' is that it is called Jerusalem (Ezek 9:4, 8), and from among the **good** therein {144,000}, the pocrisy means an attempt to mix the sacred {God's wicked (the tares) are destroyed, taken out, by the church with the common (worldliness (2cor 4:4)). But six men with the slaughter weapons (Ezek 9:6-9), and the Lord says: 'I know the blasphemy of them which then afterward the good (the wheat) are gathered in say they are Jews [or Christians from Jews], and are 'the barn;' while from among the wicked in Babylon, not {which is hypocrisy}, but are the synagogue the just ('My people') {great multitude (Rev 18:4; Rev of Satan.' (Rev 2:9)."-2 Shepherd's Rod book, pg.

Those Seventh-day Adventists, however, who re- the seven angels pour out the seven last plagues {on Babylon}, and the remaining wicked are destroyed." -3 Tract, pg. 71:2 (bold emphasis, braces added).

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH **IS NOT BABYLON**

Some members of the church of Seventh-day Adventists teach that the entire leopard-like beast with its seven heads and ten horns (Rev 13:1) is the papacy, because Sis. E.G. White says to "study the characteristics of the beast itself,—the papacy (GC 443:2)." But they have failed to notice that she also says the "nations" are "represented by the



dragon and the leopard-like beast (GC 442:1)." The "nations," of course, must be the ten horns having crowns of authority (Rev 13:1); while the seven heads are the Christian churches—one Catholic and six Protestant. This shows the world of today being ruled by the Christian Protestant Nations (ten horns), because the papacy lost its power when it was wounded and separated from the state (horn). This means that the entire leopard-like beast cannot be the papacy, because the papacy is only the wounded head—a church.

Furthermore, the papacy cannot have a wound with-out the **2nd head**—the Luthern church whose doctrine is about faith (preached by Luther). Then came the Presbytarian church (**3rd head**) whose doctrine is about the Holy Spirit (preached by Knox); next came the Methodist church (4th head) whose doctrine is about grace (preached by Wesley). Next came the Baptist church (5th head) whose doctrine is about true baptism (preached by Campbell); next came the First-day Adventist church (6th head) whose doctrine is about the 1st and 2nd angel's messages (preached by Miller). And finally came the Seventh-day Adventist church (7th head) whose doctrine is about the sanctuary and Sabbath (preached by Sis. E.G. White). It is these six Protestant Christian Churches (heads) that have kept the wound on the papacy (1st head).

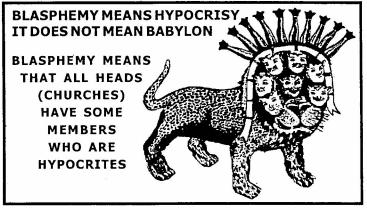
BLASPHEMY UPON THE SEVEN HEADS

But note that all 7 heads (churches) have "blasphemy" upon their heads (Rev 13:1); and this is how the meaning of this word is explained:

"John says: 'The {fifth leopard-like} beast having seven heads and ten horns and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.' The fact that there is the name of **blasphemy** on the {seven} heads is an additional proof that they can only represent religious organizations (churches), for blasphemy is equivalent to hypocrisy, and hy-7:9)} are called out and gathered into the barn, and then 89:1 (brackets belong) (bold emphasis, braces added).

"Disobedience to the Word of God is blasphemy, and blasphemy is hypocrisy; that is to say, they are not what they **profess** to be."-2 Shepherd's Rod book, pgs. 94, 95 (bold emphasis added).

To say that you are a Catholic (wounded head) or that you are a Christian (6 Protestant heads) when you are **not**, makes you are a **hypocrite**, which is blasphemy! Now which of the 7 heads (the Catholics and the Protestants) can boast that all their members are saints, and that there are no hypocrites in their memberships? Absolutely none! Therefore, since the Seventh-day Adventist church (7th head) has hyp**ocrites** in their membership, then they, too, have **blasphemy** upon their heads as do all the other heads!



The Catholic church (the 1st head) was wounded by the doctrines of the major churches (four heads)the Lutherns, Presbyterians, Methodists, and Baptists. These four have become a **Babylon** of confusion (GC 383:1), but that does not mean the First-day Adventists (sixth head) and Seventh-day Adventists (the seventh head) are included with the other churches of Babylon, just because they all have "blasphemy" upon their heads. It simply means that the first four heads are called Babylon, while the First-day Adventists (6th head) and Seventh-day Adventists (7th head) can **not** be a part of that **Babylon** of confusion.

FIRST-DAY ADVENTISTS NOT PART OF BABYLON



It was William **Miller** who founded the First-day Adventist church—the sixth "candlestick" church (Rev 1:20) named "Philadelphia" (Rev 3:7). It means "brotherly love" (2Tr 31:1), and love is what they had, because they were "more free from human imperfections and the {seven} heads {assembled on the leopard-like beast wiles of Satan" (60 4013) than the other churches. And it make the SDA church Babylon}?"-1 Symbolic Code,

Babylon, by preaching (GC 389:2) the second angel's message: "Babylon is fallen" (Rev 14:8). Therefore, they could not be a part of the Babylon churches at that time. And since the SDA church does not teach the false doctrines of Babylon (TM 61:3), then neither can they be Babylon, or any part of Babylon (TM 36,37)!

Yet, all the Christian churches (seven heads), including First-day Adventists (sixth head) and Seventhday Adventists (seventh head), have hypocritical members, and that is why they all have "blasphemy" on their heads; but this does not make the SDA church Babylon. Yet in spite of these irrefutable facts, some say if Davidians teach that the SDA church is the last church (seventh head) on the leopard-like beast, and that the others are called Babylon, then the "blasphemy" upon all their heads would make all seven heads become **Babylon**—which would include Seventhday Adventists! But this is not true, because it is erroneous to say that the word "blasphemy" means "Babylon," especially since the dictionary's definitions of these two words are **not** synonymous!

Moreover, it would be illogical to say that because one denomination of Babylon is a **church** (head) and the SDA church is a **church** (head), then they are both **Babylon!** And it is just as illogical to say the Babylon churches **sing** religious songs, and the SDA church **sings** the same religious songs, so that makes them both Babylon! This fact is proof that though some people in the Seventh-day Adventist church may do some things which the churches of Babylon may do, this does not make them **Babylon!**

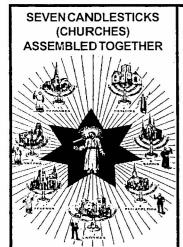
SEVEN CANDLESTICKS (CHURCHES) ARE NOT ALL BABYLON

As the Lord assembled the Christian churches (the seven heads) on the leopard-like beast (Rev 13:1) into one prophecy; so He also assembled other symbols together into one prophecy to show the same churches. In the Revelation He says: "The seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven **churches**" (Rev 1:20).

"If Christ by assembling these seven churches in a group of seven {symbolic} candlesticks and giving the blackest record {Rev 3:15-17} to the last one, is not calling the Laodiceans {people of the SDA church} **Babylon**, then neither is the interpretation of the {seven} 'heads' {on the leopard-like beast} doing so. It is not because the Laodiceans are better that they are not called **Babylon**, for their record is worse, but it is to show that on account of their increased light, He is to deal differently with them."—2 Shepherd's Rod book, pg. 94:2 (bold emphasis, braces added).

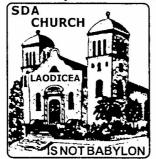
"Moreover, as the churches are symbolized in 'The Revelation' by seven candlesticks (Rev 1:20), the symbolism must include the early Christians, later the Protestants {Babylon}, and at last the Seventh-day Adventists, or the Laodiceans. These churches are not only symbolized by candlesticks of the same likeness, but are also grouped together as are the seven heads on the leopard-like beast. If the assemblage of the candlesticks does **not** make the Laodiceans {members of the SDA church} Babylon, why will the was Miller who identified all the other churches as No. 4, pg. 8:5 (bold emphasis and braces added).

Revelation? John saw seven candlesticks with Christ would join the Sunday-keeping churches of Babylon. standing in the "midst" of them (Rev 1:13). Some of them are the "candlesticks"—churches of Babylon; but this does not make the last seventh candlestick (Rev 3:14), the Laodicean church (Seventh-day Adventists), also Babylon, because they are assembled together.



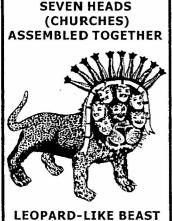
ASSEMBLEDTOGETHER

Some candlesticks symbolize the churches of Babylon. The last is Laodicea—the SDA church. But their being assembled together does not make Babylon the SDA church!



SEVEN HEADS (CHURCHES) ARE NOT ALL BABYLON

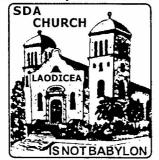
So likewise, John saw seven heads on the leopard-like beast (Rev 13:1). Some of them are the "heads" churches of Babylon; but this does **not** make Babylon the last and seventh head, the Laodicean church (Seventhday Adventists), simply because they are **assembled** together with "blasphemy" (Rev 13:1) over their heads.



THE WORLD OF TODAY

ASSEMBLED TOGETHER

Some heads are symbolized by the churches of Babylon. The last head is the SDA church—Laodicea. But their being assembled together does not make Babylon the SDA church!



"Furthermore, for them {the leaders} to persist in accusing us of calling the {SDA} church Babylon, when they know all too well that we not only cannot be driven from the denomination, thus proving that we do not call it **Babyion**, but also that our every publication proves that it cannot be Babylon,—thus for them to persist in this accusation is to engage themselves in misrepresenting us to the people and tempting us to commit wrong-leave the denomination."-7 Tract, pg. 57:1 (bold emphasis, braces added).

Do you see the logic? If we Davidians really do teach that the Seventh-day Adventist church is Babylon, then why do we keep our membership there? And why do we refuse to leave God's church? If they really were Babylon, why would we want to be mem-

Do you see what God has done in the book of bers of Babylon? If we wanted to be with **Babylon**, we

Furthermore, if we really do teach, as the Reformed Seventh-day Adventists teach, that the SDA church is Babylon then wouldn't we leave the SDA church as they do? And if we did leave the SDA church, where would we go? Isn't that what Peter asked Jesus? which we would also ask: "to whom shall we go?" (in 6:68). Since we teach that the SDA church is God's church and **not Babylon**, then we could not join the **Reformed** Seventh-day Adventists, because they teach the error that the SDA church is Babylon! Thus, the fact that we do **not leave** the SDA church proves irrefutably that we teach the Seventh-day Adventist church is God's church, not Babylon.

In conclusion, let it said here for the record: the Davidians do **not teach** that the Seventh-day Adventist church is **Babylon**; nor do they voluntarily leave it or tell others to leave it. If there are any who have lost their membership in the Seventh-day Adventist church, it is because some well-meaning brethren have believed the **lie** that the Davidians teach to others that the SDA church is Babylon, and have cast them out (15a 66:5)! Now you readers know from SECTION 3 why the Seventh-day Adventist church is <u>not</u> Babylon.

BEWARE OF THOSE WHO TEACH THAT THE SDA CHURCH IS BABYLON

The warning in Sis. White's writings that the SDA church is **not Babylon**, as quoted on the first page (par. 2, 3) of this Bible study, is very clear, and should be **heeded** by all Seventh-day Adventists who expect to be sealed among the 144,000 saints. Those who reject this clear warning will use "crooked" ways to make it appear that the SDA church is **Babylon!**

"Truth is straight, plain, clear, and stands out boldly in its own defense; but it is not so with error. It is so winding and twisting that is needs a multitude of words to explain it in its crooked form."-Early Writings, pg. 96:1 (bold emphasis added).

'Error requires {deceptive} disguise and {crooked} concealment. It clothes itself in angel robes, and every manifestation of its real character lessens its chance of success."-5 Testimonies, pg. 454:0 (bold emphasis, braces added).

"Let these 'ensamples' {1cor 10:11} be our constant reminder that anyone {such as the **Reformed** SDA church) who undertakes to work against the Lord's revealed will {that the SDA church is not Babylon} is doomed to failure and shame."-1Answerer, pg. 43:2 (bold emphasis, braces added).

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