

# Questions About the Shaking, “Probation” and the “Close of Probation”

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In this lesson, the pastor said..."before probation closes"...what is "probation"? Earlier, in this seminar, pastor Ed Anderson mentioned "shaking"...what does "shaking" mean?

## Answer:

Great questions! Let's explore both terms—“**probation**” and “**shaking**”—as they are used in the context of Bible prophecy and Seventh-day Adventist teaching, especially as shared in Pastor Ed Anderson's Revelation Seminar.

## What Is “Probation” in Bible Prophecy?

**Probation** refers to a *limited period of grace* in which individuals have the opportunity to choose Jesus, repent, and be sealed for salvation before final judgment is executed.

## Biblical Support:

- **Genesis 6:3** – “*My Spirit shall not strive with man forever...*” — shows a *time limit* on God's striving with humanity.
- **Revelation 22:11** – “*He that is unjust, let him be unjust still... he that is holy, let him be holy still.*” — This verse describes the moment when human decisions are fixed; **probation closes**.
- **Daniel 12:1** – “*At that time shall Michael stand up...*” — This signals the end of intercession by Christ as High Priest in the heavenly sanctuary. Probation has closed and judgment follows.

## Key Concept:

Probation is **not** about “earning” salvation, but about having time to *accept or reject God's grace*. Once probation closes:

- No further decisions for or against Christ will be made.
- The seven last plagues fall (Revelation 16).
- Jesus soon returns in glory.

**This is a solemn, urgent call** to surrender now while the door of mercy is still open.

## What Is the “Shaking”?

The **shaking** is a powerful spiritual test and separation that occurs **within the church**, not the world. It reveals who is truly grounded in Christ and His Word—and who is not.

### Biblical Support:

- **Hebrews 12:26–27** – *“Yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also heaven... that the things which cannot be shaken may remain.”*
- **Amos 9:9** – *“For lo, I will command, and I will sift the house of Israel among all nations...”*
- **Luke 22:31–32** – Jesus tells Peter that Satan desired to “sift” him like wheat—a shaking of faith.

### What Causes the Shaking?

- Rejection of truth (especially new light)
- Worldliness creeping into the church
- Persecution or pressure to compromise
- **False teachings**, spiritual laziness, or resistance to reform

### ✨ Result of the Shaking:

- Those truly anchored in Christ and His Word will **remain and shine brighter**.
- Those who are superficial, lukewarm, or unwilling to obey God fully may **leave the faith**, fall into deception, or oppose God’s message.

🔍 **Ellen G. White** says the shaking is caused by the “straight testimony” (bold truth) going forth to the church (see *Early Writings*, p. 270–273).

### Final Thoughts

These two concepts—**probation** and **shaking**—are God’s way of **both warning and preparing His people**. He lovingly urges us:

- To surrender fully to Jesus now
- To study the Word deeply
- To stand firm in truth when the tests come

And remember, **the goal of both is redemption**, not fear. God wants you sealed, secure, and victorious in Christ.