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Marshalling the Nations - Part 3

Is. 42:9 - "Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them."

We ended our last newsletter study, by showing that there is a direct relationship/connection between (1) satan pretending to come as Christ (which will deceive the majority of the world, to be led to wonder and worship the beast; and to be lost), and (2) the move by America to assist in establishing Jerusalem as the capital of Israel! What is the connection? This calls for earnest study!

To truly understand this event (America moving her embassy to Jerusalem, and backing it as the capital of Israel; and the development of the soon coming National Sunday Law), and to see where we are today in the rapid fulfillment of end-time, prophetic events of the last days, we must first understand history. Then, we must learn to trace the progress of events from history (step-by-step, or link-by-link) that are leading the nations of our world to the great, and final crisis – over the seal of God, and the mark of the beast.

Notice the following inspired statement. We must become very familiar with this inspired reference, if we want to truly understand the progress of events in the marshalling of the nations:

"There is a **study of history** that is not to be condemned. **Sacred history** was one of the studies in the schools of the prophets. **In the record of His dealings with the nations were traced the footsteps of Jehovah.** **So today we are to consider the dealings of God with the nations of the earth.** We are **to see** (1) **in history the fulfillment of prophecy**, (2) to study the workings of Providence in the great reformatory movements, and (3) **to understand the progress of events in the marshalling of the nations** for **the final conflict** of the great controversy." {8T 307.2}

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God wants us to consider what is happening in the nations of the earth; and to see and understand how the current events of today are progressing and moving us; and marshalling the nations toward the final conflict of the drama of the ages – which will open before us at the implementation of the National Sunday Law.

Question: What does it mean to "marshal the nations"? We don't have time and space to review all that we studied in our newsletter last month; but in short, we found that if you study the word *marshal* (which means "to put in order") or *marshalling*, you will better understand that the "marshalling of the nations" has to do with the development of certain current events in our world, that causes the nations of the earth to get into line so that prophecy is fulfilled. Jerusalem being recognized as Israel's capital is an event that will line up the nations of the world to be deceived by satan. How will this happen? Now, I am getting ahead of our study, but we must understand how the events that are taking place all around us are a piece to the prophetic puzzle (a link in the prophetic chain), that **shows us where we are today in the stream of time!**

If we understand the whole picture of the prophetic puzzle, we can see how the nation of America (backing the movement to make Jerusalem the capital of Israel) is one of the big prophetic pieces that will lead to the passing of the National Sunday Law in America; and the judgment of the living! Time is almost finished!

Someone says, "Are you sure? What makes this significant prophetically?" Well, this is our study this month; but you must be patient, as we seek to put it all together from the Word of God!

The startling thing is, as we showed you last month, that this desire of the president to move America's embassy (thus "throwing our weight" to make Jerusalem the capital of Israel) was to take a few years, when first introduced. Then, it was said that it would be done by the end of 2019... My dear Friends, as I write this Bible study for the newsletter, this event is taking place, and is now a part of prophetic history! It was only a matter of time before Jerusalem was to be recognized as the capital of Israel; and this is to happen just prior to the passing of a National Sunday Law! (*You can find these articles on our website; under the tab for "current events"*).

This means that in 2018, my Friends, we don't have much time! Let us study this together, in the prophetic outline, to understand how all of the pieces of the prophecy fit together! Are you ready to study? (*Please review last month's newsletter study; part 2 of "Marshalling the Nations", to prepare your mind for our study this month.*)

Let us begin by reading Is. 46:9, 10, which tells us God's method of revealing prophetic truth:

Isa 46:9, 10 "Remember the former things of old [*that is history*]: for I *am* God, and *there is* none else; I *am* God, and *there is* none like me, **Declaring the end from the beginning...** " (That's enough of the verse for our study just now.)

This verse explains that God teaches **by declaring the end from the beginning**. So, we shall study in this format, and it will make it easier to understand what is taking place in our world today! We will look at the end of prophetic history; then move backwards, until we get to the present time (2018). You will better understand what I mean as we study; so please be patient, as we put the prophetic pieces together.

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You may have to read this study a couple of times, before you fully understand; but when you understand, you will see that if ever there was a time to enter into a close, intimate, personal relationship with God – the time is now! We are living in the last few months of this earth's history. We should be pleading with God to give us as much time as He possibly can, before the limit is reached. Not so we can waste it on television and Facebook or social media, but so we can prepare and help others, before it is too late!

"**God has a people upon the earth** who in faith and holy hope are (1) **tracing down the roll of fast-fulfilling prophecy**, and (2) are **seeking to purify their souls by obeying the truth**, that they may not be found without the wedding garment when Christ shall appear." {4T 307}

Let us turn to Luke chapter 21, and begin to trace down the roll of fast-fulfilling prophecy. Luke 21 gives us the signs of the end, that lead up to the final crisis and the second coming of Jesus Christ. Notice verses 25-27:

Luk 21:25 "And **there shall be signs** in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring;

Luk 21:26 Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

Luk 21:27 **And then shall they see the Son of man coming** in a cloud with power and great glory."

This prophecy in verse 25 takes us from May 19, 1780 (the sign in the sun, which was a dark day) all the way to the second coming of Christ in the clouds of Heaven (which is still future, but not too distant future).

We are still in this prophecy today; howbeit, at the very end! You will remember in our former study, we looked at the quotation that showed us that the Bible contains a prophetic chart, that leads us all the way on our journey to Heaven. Part of the quotation reads concerning what God has placed in the Bible.

"He has **a chart** pointing out **every waymark on the heavenward journey**, and he **ought not to guess at anything.**" {GC 598.1}

We should not guess at where we are in time, as it relates to the second coming of Jesus. We are to know the time, and not guess at anything (please read Rom 13:11; Amos 3:7). Now, it is important to note briefly, in passing, that it is the second coming of Christ that brings an end to time (as we know it). It is the second coming that brings this wicked world to an end!

"And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and **what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?**" Matt. 24:3 (see also 1 Cor. 15:23,24). Yes, it is the second coming of Christ that brings the world to an end; but what happens right before the end, or second coming of Christ?

Notice what the Bible says concerning this in 2 Thess. chapter 2:

"And then shall that Wicked be revealed, **whom the Lord** shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with **the brightness of his coming: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders**" 2 Thess. 2:8,9.

If you read the above verse carefully, you will notice that it brings to view the coming of Christ; but **points out that this will not take place until after the working of satan; with all power, signs and lying wonders!** What is this verse talking about? This verse makes it clear that just prior to the time of the second coming of Jesus, there will be the time of the coming of satan to work (notice: not with part of his power, or with some of his power), "with all power and **signs and lying wonders**!"

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What will satan do to work with signs and lying wonders, just prior to the second coming of Jesus? Jesus does not leave us to doubt, He makes it very plain in Matt. 24. Notice what He says:

"For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if *it were possible*, they shall deceive the very elect." Matt. 24:24

The signs and lying wonders happen through the arising (or coming) of false prophets and false Christs. So then, we found that by working backwards (studying the end from the beginning), that the last great point is the second coming of Jesus. However, just before this happens will be the coming of satan pretending to be Christ!

Notice how the prophet makes these points clear, and shows its place during the last act of the drama:

"The **world is a theater**; the actors, its inhabitants, **are preparing to act their part in the last great drama**. With the great masses of mankind ***there is no unity***, except as men confederate to accomplish their selfish purposes. *God is looking on. His purposes in regard to His rebellious subjects will be fulfilled.* The world has not been given into the hands of men, *though God is permitting the elements of confusion and disorder to bear sway for a season.* **A power from beneath is working to bring about the last great scenes in the drama--Satan coming as Christ**, and **working with all deceivableness** of unrighteousness in those who are binding themselves together in secret societies. Those who are yielding to the passion for confederation are working out the plans of the enemy. The **cause will be followed by the effect.**" {8T 27.4}

And in another place, we read:

"As the crowning act in the great drama of deception, Satan himself will personate Christ.

The church has long professed to look to the Saviour's advent as the consummation of her hopes. **Now the great deceiver will make it appear that Christ has come...** The ***glory that surrounds him is unsurpassed by anything that mortal eyes have yet beheld***. The shout of triumph rings out upon the air: "Christ has come! Christ has come!" The people prostrate themselves in adoration before him, while he lifts up his hands, and pronounces a blessing upon them, as Christ blessed his disciples when he was upon the earth. His voice is soft and subdued, yet full of melody. In gentle, compassionate tones he presents some of the same gracious, heavenly truths which the Saviour uttered; he heals the diseases of the people, **and then, in his assumed character of Christ, he claims to have changed the Sabbath to Sunday**, and commands all to hallow the day which he has blessed. He declares that those who persist in keeping holy the seventh day are blaspheming his name by refusing to listen to his angels sent to them with light and truth. This is the strong, almost overmastering delusion. Like the Samaritans who were deceived by Simon Magus, the multitudes, from the least to the greatest, give heed to these sorceries, saying, This is "the great power of God." [Acts 8:10.] {GC88 624.1}

So, we can see that satan coming to personate Christ is the crowing act, or last thing, he does to deceive the world! The quotation brings out that satan, pretending to be Christ, will say that he changed the Sabbath to Sunday; and by this deceptive act, the world will be deceived! Now, at first glance, it would appear that satan coming as Christ will happen before the National Sunday Law is passed in America; but we will show from the study, of both the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy, that this Sunday law referred to here is not the National Sunday Law – but the Universal Sunday Law! Someone says, "Universal Sunday Law? I have never heard of that! I only knew of the National Sunday Law." Notice the following quotation, right on this point:

"This earth has almost reached the place where God will permit the destroyer to work his will upon it.

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The substitution of the laws of men for the law of God, the exaltation, by merely human authority, of Sunday in place of the Bible Sabbath, is the last act in the drama. When this substitution becomes universal, God will reveal Himself. He will arise in His majesty to shake terribly the earth. He will come out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the world for their iniquity, and the earth shall disclose her blood and shall no more cover her slain." {7T 141.1}

So, this is clear that the Sunday law that starts in the United States of America, as a National Sunday Law (see Rev. 13:11-17), will become universal! We are not to expect for God to reveal Himself the second time, until after the Universal (or international) Sunday Law is passed. Let us notice from inspiration, that it is after the coming of false prophets and the false Christ, that we are to expect a Universal (or international) Sunday Law:

"As **the second appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ draws near**, satanic agencies are moved from beneath. **Satan will not only appear as a human being, but he will personate Jesus Christ**, and **the world that has rejected the truth will receive him** as the Lord of lords and King of kings.--5BC 1105, 1106 (1900)." {LDE 168.3}

What will happen to the law of God universally, when the world accepts satan, who is the leading and greatest anti-Christ? Notice the following inspired reference; again, right on this point:

"In this age **antichrist will appear as the true Christ**, and **then the law of God will be fully made void in the nations of our world**. *Rebellion against God's holy law will be fully ripe. **But the true leader of all this rebellion is Satan clothed as an angel of light**.* Men will be deceived and will exalt him to the place of God, and deify him. But Omnipotence will interpose, and to the apostate churches that unite in the exaltation of Satan, the sentence will go forth, **"Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her"** [Revelation 18:8].--TM 62 (1893)." {LDE 168.2}

This quotation is too clear to be misunderstood! When satan (clothed as an angel of light) pretends to be Christ, then all the nations of our world will make void the law of God, by passing a Universal (international) Sunday Law. When all the world has been tested by the Universal Sunday Law, then Michael will stand up (Daniel 12:1), and probation will close for the entire world! Then, the seven last plagues will fall; and at the end of the 7th plague, Jesus will announce that all is finished, and will come the second time (see Rev. 16:17)!

Notice how it is brought to view in The Great Controversy, in the chapter entitled "The Time of Trouble". After quoting Daniel 12:1, the prophet states:

"When the third angel's message closes, mercy no longer pleads for the guilty inhabitants of the earth. The people of God have accomplished their work. They have received "the latter rain," "the refreshing from the presence of the Lord," and they are prepared for the trying hour before them. Angels are hastening to and fro in heaven. An angel returning from the earth announces that his work is done; **the final test has been brought upon the world**, and all who have proved themselves loyal to the divine precepts have received "the seal of the living God." **Then Jesus ceases His intercession in the sanctuary above**. He lifts His hands and with a loud voice says, "It is done;" and all the angelic host lay off their crowns as He makes the solemn announcement: "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still." Revelation 22:11. ***Every case has been decided for life or death. Christ has made the atonement for His people and blotted out their sins. The number of His subjects is made up; ...When He leaves the sanctuary, darkness covers the inhabitants of the earth. In that fearful time the righteous must live in the sight of a holy God without an intercessor***. The restraint which has been upon the wicked is removed, and Satan has entire control of the finally impenitent.

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God's long-suffering has ended. The world has rejected His mercy, despised His love, and trampled upon His law. The wicked have passed the boundary of their probation; the Spirit of God, persistently resisted, has been at last withdrawn. Unsheltered by divine grace, they have no protection from the wicked one. **Satan will then plunge the inhabitants of the earth into one great, final trouble.** As the angels of God cease to hold in check the fierce winds of human passion, all the *elements of strife will be let loose.* **The whole world will be involved in ruin more terrible than that which came upon Jerusalem of old.** {GC 614.1}

This time is right upon us, dear Reader. Are you ready? May God help us to seek for an experience with Jesus today!

Let's quickly review: The end is brought about by the second coming of Jesus; but before this comes, the 7 last plagues; and before this comes the standing of Michael, and the close of probation for the entire world. However, before this, comes the Universal (international) Sunday Law, that allows all the world to be tested concerning the true Sabbath. But before this, comes satan, personating Christ, and deceiving the world to pass an International Sunday Law.

Well, that's clear; but, does anything happen *before* satan comes as Christ, to set all of this in motion? Oh, yes! The National Sunday Law sets all of this in motion! In fact, it is the National Sunday Law that brings us to the time of satan pretending to be Christ (this is why the NSL is referred to by the pen of inspiration as "the last act in the drama" - 7T 141)! Notice the following quotation:

"By the decree enforcing the institution of the papacy in violation of the law of God, our nation [this makes it clear that we are dealing with the National Sunday Law, vs. the International Sunday Law] will disconnect herself fully from righteousness. When Protestantism shall stretch her hand across the gulf to grasp the hand of the Roman power [this has already happened; especially since "the death of Protestantism", in 2017], when she shall reach over the abyss to clasp hands with spiritualism, when, under the influence of this threefold union, our country shall repudiate every principle of its Constitution as a

Protestant and republican government, and shall make provision for the propagation of papal falsehoods and delusions, then we may know ..." {5T 451.1}

In short, when the National Sunday Law is passed in America, we may know two things. What two things? Well, let's finish the quotation. Reading on (watch for the two things):

"... then we may know that (1) the time has come **for the marvelous working of Satan** and (2) that the end is near." {5T 451.1}

What two things may we know, when the United States of America passes a National Sunday Law? Looking at the 2nd point first, we may know that the end is near (the limit for Christ to be in the Most Holy Place is almost reached). What was the first thing? We can know at the National Sunday Law that the time has come for something. Time for what? The time has come for the marvelous working of satan. Well, what is the **marvelous** working of satan? I already showed you: It is satan coming as an angel of light – as Jesus Christ! Focus on that word *marvel*, and then let us let the Bible show us **the marvelous workings of satan**. Turn to 2 Cor. 11:13,14

"For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light."

The transforming of satan himself into Christ is the marvelous working of satan! The time for this comes when? After the Sunday law is passed, then we may know it is time for satan to come as Christ! But, what happens just before this (because this will bring us to where we are today, in 2018)? When satan comes, where will he come? Let's review a quotation that we read in The Great Controversy, to help us get the subject before us:

"As the crowning act in the great drama of deception, Satan himself will personate Christ. The church has long professed to look to the Saviour's advent as the consummation of her hopes. Now the great deceiver will make it appear that Christ has come. In different parts of the earth, Satan will manifest himself among men as a majestic being of dazzling brightness, resembling the description of the Son of God given by John in the Revelation." {GC 624.2}

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Where will he come? Inspiration says, "in different parts of the earth". Now, this calls for earnest study, because of all the parts of the earth that satan will appear, there is one place in the earth that satan **must** appear, in order to successfully deceive the entire world. It is the place that all three of the world's major religions (Judaism, Christianity, and Islam) find as their birthplace. It is at this place, where all of the world will be made to accept the Sunday law. Haven't you ever wondered why the Jew, or the Muslim, or the Hindu (and their respective nations) will pass a Sunday law? The majority of the world is not Christian; so why an International Sunday Law? Well, we will see that this last crowing act of satan in the drama of the ages will deceive the entire world (Rev. 12:9; 13:3). What place will he appear, and what will he do? Do you want to know? Do you want to really understand? Well, I want you to truly understand, but we have run out of space in this newsletter (and to just rush and tell you would not help you to truly understand). This is oh so serious!

We will have to add one more part to this study, to allow all the pieces of the puzzle to fall into place. Let me say this: The place above every place on the earth that satan must appear, in order to deceive the world and all of her religions, is in JERUSALEM! We will prove this from the Bible! Just as the true Messiah had to appear in Jerusalem, at the first coming of Christ,

the false messiah must appear in Jerusalem, before the second coming of Christ! This is why this move of America, to re-establish Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, is something that must happen before the Sunday law, and the personation of satan as Christ. Then, we will understand why, for the evangelical world, this is not about politics – but about prophecy!

Why is this? What is satan trying to do to deceive the whole world? We will pick up right here in our next newsletter. This will help us to see that the movements that have now been set in motion is the signal to us that now it is time for the National Sunday Law; and for satan to come as Christ!

"To all the testing time will come. By the sifting of temptation the genuine Christian will be revealed. Are the people of God now so firmly established upon His word that they would not yield to the evidence of their senses? Would they, in such a crisis, cling to the Bible and the Bible only? Satan will, if possible, prevent them from obtaining a preparation to stand in that day. He will so arrange affairs as to hedge up their way, entangle them with earthly treasures, cause them to carry a heavy, wearisome burden, that their hearts may be overcharged with the cares of this life and the day of trial may come upon them as a thief." {GC 625.3}

Until our next newsletter – **GET READY, GET READY, GET READY!!!**

Amiah's Nature Lesson

One day, as I was finishing up with having my time outside with God, it got very windy. I felt impressed to look up 'wind' in the Bible, and see what I could learn. As I looked it up, I saw that it was likened to God's Word. So, I thought about this, and then said to God, "Ok, I don't understand. However, I'm sure you'll help me to understand." A few days later I was having my time with God outside again, and it was getting very hot outside. As I was in the middle of reading, it started getting windy. I thought to myself, *What did wind represent again?* Then I remembered that it was likened to the Word of God, and at that moment God gave me the meaning of what I had learned a few days ago: The sun is like the fiery trials and persecutions, and the wind is like the Word of God. When we are going through these trials, the Word of God can comfort us in these hard times. I want to have the Bible stored in my mind, and also have it around me; so that whenever I am tempted I can run to it, and get help and comfort. Don't you?

“Come & See”

“Many people had assembled where John was baptizing in Jordan. As Jesus walked among them, the observing eye of John recognized him as the Saviour, and with kindling eye and earnest manner he cried, “Behold the Lamb of God.” Two of John's disciples, whose attention was thus directed to Jesus, followed Him. Seeing them following Him, He turned and said, “**What seek ye?** They said unto Him,” “Master, **where dwellest Thou?** He saith unto them, **Come and see.**” And when they had come and seen where He dwelt, **He opened to them the great plan of salvation.**” {HS 149}

Come and see! In like manner, many have been seeking to find out more about the **Eden Way Outpost**; where it is, what it is about, and so forth.



Currently, we are seeking to build up the outpost, by faith. Very soon, training programs will be set in motion, and offered to all those who are seeking to learn a better system of living – through Jesus Christ! Are you ready for practical end-time preparation, and knowledge on how to establish and maintain outpost

centers (in all parts of the world), based on the redemption plan?

First things first: Building up the Eden Way headquarters! This building will be the host center for the institution of learning. Like the sanctuary, this project is set up in three phases. The first phase, is to establish the rooms in the building, for lodging, and the Eden Way School. After this step is done, classes shall be in session for all! This is an exciting time – a time to understand how to live when no man can buy or sell; a time to finish the work! Do you want to be a part of the team? Are you ready to come and see!?

By God's grace, you can join in with your prayers and free-will offerings! Enclosed is a building fund donation envelope. Please contribute, as the Lord impresses your heart. It may be, that the very ark that you help to build, may be the ark that saves you. May God bless you!

“...for the advancement of His cause and the building of His work...we should exert every energy to secure the free will offerings of God's people for the support of these new plants.” {9T 272}