



"Watchman, what of the night?"

The watchman said, The morning cometh, and also the night: if ye will enquire, enquire ye: return, come. Isaiah 21:11-12

JUST OFF THE PRESS!

The Thought Paper for this month is a reproduction of a section from the first monograph to be produced by the "embryo" Institute of Doctrinal Inquiry. The same paging is retained as will be found in the monograph itself. The title of this inquiry is - THE TIMES OF THE GENTILES FULFILLED - A Study in Depth of Luke 21:24. The footnotes and documentation are complete so that the reader can check and study for himself. Three letters which cannot be obtained except through private reproduction are photocopied and entered as Exhibits A & B. The Froom letter which is a part of Exhibit B is his reply when the misrepresentation as found in Movement of Destiny was exposed in a letter to Elder R. H. Pierson. Pierson himself did not reply, but had his assistant acknowledge a second letter to him.

The 38 page monograph will include all the basic material which was found in the thought papers issued in 1975 on the subject of Luke 21:24. Other material from prior research and publication is also included.

Already an Adventist couple have ordered a copy sent to every family in the Church where they reside. 'God's professed people' (3T:266) need to understand the truth as taught by Jesus in His word, and prophecies.

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Another Prediction

In December of 1892, an article in two parts was published in the Review from the pen of Ellen G. White. The doctrine of the Sabbath was being discussed. In the midst of this discussion, she wrote:

After the truth has been proclaimed as a witness to all nations, every conceivable power of evil will be set in operation, and minds will be confused by many voices crying, "Lo, here is Christ, Lo he is there. This is the truth; I have a message from God; He has sent me with great light." Then there will be a removal of the landmarks, and an attempt to tear down the pillars of our faith.¹

If language means anything, "the witness to all nations," must come during the times of the Gentiles or nations. These words indicate that "after" this witness is given, "then" an attempt will be made to remove the landmarks and tear away the pillars of our faith. A frontal attack on the pillars of our faith would be too obvious, but an attempt to remove or alter them under the guise of building up the Movement of 1844 as a coming movement of destiny would be most deceptive.

More documentation of this prediction in its entirety is needed than can be covered within the scope of this monograph. Bearing upon this prophecy is the thrice repeated axiom of the servant of the Lord. She wrote - "Coming events cast their shadows before"² How does this interrelate with the prophecy of Jesus in Luke 21:24?

In 1948, the new state of Israel was established. Anyone cognizant of the aspirations of the Jewish people could have known that they never would be content until the area of Old Jerusalem most sacred to them would once again be

¹ Ellen G. White, Review & Herald, December 13, 1892
² Ellen G. White, Education, pp. 179-180; Testimonies to Ministers, p. 364; The Desire of Ages, p. 636

under their control. We refused to see the shadows being cast athwart our pathway. We contented ourselves with the fallacious reasoning that since Israel as a nation was no longer the chosen people of God, and had not been so since 34 A. D., nothing that would happen in their history would be of any prophetic significance. By so concluding, we put out our spiritual eyesight, and have thus become blinded to the decision of Heaven in regard to the Church as evidenced in the fulfillment of the prophecy of Luke 21:24 in 1967.

A quick resume of our own church history since 1948 is most revealing, and gives force to the prediction which Sister White made in 1892. Prior to 1948, every heresy which sought to disrupt the Church was met head-on, with the basic doctrines of the church such as the Godhead, Incarnation, Final Atonement, and the Sanctuary teaching intact. The Holy Flesh Movement of Indiana which sought to alter our understanding of sanctification and the incarnation was aborted at the General Conference Session in 1901.¹ The Kellogg apostasy which introduced fanciful ideas in regard to nature and nature's God was declared to be "the alpha of deadly heresies."² Other doctrinal innovations introduced by such men as Ballenger, Houteff, and others were successfully resisted.

Following 1948 the pattern changed, and heresies entered the Church with the sanction and approval of the hierarchy - coming events were casting their shadow before. In 1949, the standard evangelistic publication - Bible Readings for the Home Circle - was altered in the area of Christian perfection as it related to the doctrine of the Incarnation. The alteration was ever so slight - a

¹See The Holy Flesh Movement 1899 - 1901 by Wm. H. Grotheer. This manuscript is available through the Adventist Laymen's Foundation of Mississippi.

²Ellen G. White, Special Testimonies, Series B, No. 2, p. 50.

few words deleted; a note of explanation rewritten mitigating the force of the historical position of the Church.¹

God did not leave His Church without a witness. In 1950 two missionaries on furlough from Africa presented a document to the General Conference leadership calling attention to the rejection of the 1888 Message by the Church, and where such a rejection was leading.² Major areas of doctrine were noted and a warning sounded. This warning appeal was rejected by a committee appointed by the Church to consider the charges made in the manuscript.³

In 1955 the fateful eighteen conferences with Evangelical representatives began.⁴ The results of this Barnhouse-Martin dialogue with some of the leaders of the Church produced the book Questions on Doctrine in 1957. While the "Editorial Committee" declared this book to be "truly representative of the faith and beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church,"⁵ and while it was published by the Review and Herald Publishing Association, the writers remained anonymous. No official nihil obstat or imprimatur appeared in the book. Altering the teachings of the Church in the areas of the Atonement, Incarnation, and the concept of the Remnant, it was so written that sentences and quotations could be referred to in support of the historical position of the Church. It contained "double talk."

But a coming event was casting its darkening shadow before!

¹See Movement of Destiny by L. E. Froom, pp. 427-428 for official version; see An Interpretive History of the Doctrine of the Incarnation as Taught by the Seventh-day Adventist Church by Wm. H. Grotheer, pp. 64-66, 100, 102 for an analysis and comparison. The new paperback edition still contains the deviation.

²See 1888 Re-Examined by R. J. Wieland and D. K. Short

³A Warning and Its Reception, pp. 245-255. A collection of documents published by the A. L. Hudson Printing Company, Baker, Oregon.

⁴See Movement of Destiny by L. E. Froom, pp. 476-481 for official version.

⁵Questions on Doctrine, p. 9.

A voice was again heard in the Church. Elder M. L. Andreasen, dean of modern Adventist theologians, sent forth his Letters to the Churches.¹ His pleas were likewise rejected, and personal action was taken against him by the hierarchy of the Church. Then came the year, 1967, and the fulfillment of the prophecy of Luke 21:24. According to the prediction of Ellen G. White, a major assault would be made upon the pillars of our faith after this date. In 1971, Dr. Leroy E. Froom published with the approbation of least sixty of "the ancient men of the house of Israel" his monumental work, Movement of Destiny.² This book received the imprimatur of the President of the General Conference, and the Chairman of the Guiding Committee, who was and is the President of the North American Division.³ This book contains doctrinal alterations of our basic faith in the areas of the Atonement, Incarnation, and actually misrepresents what Waggoner was supposed to have taught at the 1888 Session of the General Conference.⁴ Further, this book is historically inaccurate, and thus misleading. This, too, has been documented.⁵ This cap-sheaf of apostasy was not the work of a moment, but resulted from long laid plans. Froom himself reveals the background. In his own preface to

¹M. L. Andreasen, Letters to the Churches, Series A, Nos. 1-6

²See Exhibit B

³See Movement of Destiny, p. 13. Foreword written by Robert H. Pierson, President, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists; pp. 15-16 - Preface written by Neal C. Wilson, Vice-President, General Conference for the North American Division, Chairman of Guiding Committee for Movement of Destiny.

⁴Movement of Destiny, L. E. Froom, pp. 188-189. For comparison between what Elder E. J. Waggoner actually wrote, and what Froom said he wrote see An Interpretive History of the Doctrine of the Incarnation as Taught by the Seventh-day Adventist Church by Wm. H. Grotheer, pp. 83-87.

⁵R. J. Wieland and D. K. Short, "An Explicit Confession. . . Due the Church" November, 1972

the book, Movement of Destiny, he wrote:

Back in the spring of 1930, Arthur G. Daniells, for more than twenty years president of our General Conference, told me he believed that, at a later time, I should undertake a thorough survey of the entire plan of redemption - its principles, provisions, and divine Personalities - as they unfolded to our view as a Movement from 1844 onward, with special emphasis upon the developments of "1888", and its sequel.

Elder Daniells recognized the serious problems involved, and sensed almost prophetically certain difficulties that would confront. He knew that time would be required for certain theological wounds to heal, and for attitudes to modify on the part of some. Possibly it would be necessary to wait until certain individuals had dropped out of action, before the needed portrayal could wisely be brought forth. He likewise envisioned the vast toil and time involved. He pressed me to lay long-range plans to that end, and never to give up. Such was the solemn charge in 1930.¹

Compare this admission of the deep-seated plans to rewrite our history with this divine insight as portrayed by the servant of the Lord:

The patience of God has an object, but you are defeating it. He is allowing a state of things to come that you would fain see counteracted by and by, but it will be too late. . . . Who knows but that the preachers who are faithful, firm, and true may be the last who shall offer the gospel of peace to our unthankful churches? It may be that the destroyers are already training under the hand of Satan and only wait the departure of a few more standard-bearers to take their places, and with the voice of the false prophet cry, Peace, peace, when the Lord has not spoken peace. . . . It may be that ere long all prophesyings among us will be at an end, and the voice which has stirred the people may no longer disturb their carnal slumbers.

When God shall work His strange work on the earth, when holy hands bear the ark no longer, woe will be upon the people. Oh, that thou hadst known, even thou, in this thy day, the things that belong unto thy peace! Oh, that our people may, as did Ninevah, repent with all their might and believe with all their heart, that God may turn away His fierce anger from them!²

L. E. Froom, Movement of Destiny, pp. 17-18

Ellen G. White, Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 5, 77-78

The most revealing factor in this whole picture is the way the sequence fits into what has now become fulfilled prophecy. Conceived in 1930, the apostasy did not begin to surface until the year following 1948 when the founding of the new State of Israel was a foreshadowing of the fulfillment of Luke 21:24. It reached its climax after 1967 as indicated would be the case by the servant of the Lord in 1892. Truly as Jesus said - "I have told you before, that, when it come to pass, ye might believe." (John 14:29)

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NOTES AND COMMENTS

Number One News in Mississippi - The first news item of the Telex Notes for the Alabama-Mississippi Conference in the August issue of the Southern Tidings, official organ of the Souther Union read:

Pastor Tony Russo of the Vicksburg and Greenville, Mississippi churches has been ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE 43-MEMBER WARREN COUNTY MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION. He will serve as president from August, 1975, to June, 1976. (p. 18, emphasis theirs.)

A spot check with a local Vicksburg minister verified that the Catholic priests of the County are members of the Association. Do we no longer know what constitutes "Babylon" in Bible prophecy? Amos well asked - "Can two walk together, lest they be agreed?" Amos 3:3. Interestingly the Adventist pastor is not yet ordained. Will this be his credentials for ordination as was similarly reported from Arizona? If so, he should be ordained at the next campmeeting or sooner if his work with the Ministerial Association demands such recognition. The Bible pre-requisit for ordination is given by Paul - "Do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry." II Tim. 4:5. BUT - how can one on "chummy" terms with the priests and prophets of Baal hold full-message evangelistic meetings in his community?

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