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"Biblical Warning Signs" Part II

Friends, God's "**remnant people**" ¹ are living in some very exciting, yet spiritually dangerous and evil times. ² The Great Controversy is soon to end, and Satan and his army of angels know it! Do we?

A Brief history lesson

The starting point of the "time of the end" began <u>after the reign</u> of the "Little Horn" {after the 1260 day/year prophecy 538-1798} power. ³

The "end time" began on Oct 22, 1844 at the culmination of the 2300 day/year prophecy, ⁴ {when the judgment hour began; when Jesus entered the Most Holy Place in heaven, for His final work of intercession}! To make it plain-Time Is Short!

There is only one prophecy left to be fulfilled, Christ's Second Coming! Therefore it is of the utmost urgency that God's "remnant people" be more vigilant than ever before!

Why mention this? There are independent ministers, and ministries going rogue, {former Seventh-day Adventists} who are claiming to advocate "present truth," {the call out of spiritual Babylon}. They also claim to be part of God's remnant people, but are not in harmony with sound Biblical teachings of God's World-Wide Church.

FYI All Seventh-day Adventist Divisions, Unions, Conferences, and Churches, in good standing, come under the auspices of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

¹ Rev. 12:17

² Eph. 5:9-16

³ Rev. 12:6, 14; 13:5

⁴ Daniel 8:14; Rev. 14:6, 7

"The General Conference in session, and the Executive Committee between sessions, is the highest organization in the administration of the churches' world-wide work, and is authorized by its constitution to create "subordinate" organizations {not insubordinate}, to promote specific interest in various sections of the world; it is therefore understood that all "subordinate" organizations and institutions throughout the world will recognize the General Conference as the highest authority, under God, among Seventh-day Adventist," ⁵ {emphasis provided}.

What does this mean for us?

Obvious Signs Do Tell the Season

We know that God's "remnant church" is <u>at war with Satan</u> <u>and his</u> <u>army of followers</u>.

"And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ."

Revelation 12:17

There is a host of self-proclaimed social media, preachers that are calling God's "remnant church/people" Babylon. Apparently they are not following the historicist's view of "Bible Prophecy" interpretation.

Please read Revelation 14:6-12; 17:1-5; 18:1-5, if you haven't, and re-read it if you have read it before.

Symbolically there is only one church on earth that represents "MYSTERY BABYLON, THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH, "that is the papal church of Rome. Her daughters are the nominal Sunday-keeping churches that follow their mother! However, God has people in "spiritual Babylon," and is calling them out of Babylon, through the ministry of His "remnant church" which

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⁵ Seventh-day Adventist Church Manual, Revised 1995, 15th ed., p. 25.

does not implicate the Seventh-day Adventist church with being part of "spiritual Babylon."

Counsel from God's inspired messenger

"Those who assert that the Seventh-day Adventist churches constitutes Babylon, or any part of Babylon, might better stay at home. Let them stop and consider what the message to be proclaimed at this time is.

In place of working with divine agencies to prepare a people to stand in the day of the Lord, they have taken their stand with him who is an accuser of the brethren..." ⁶

"...My brother, I learn that you are taking the position that the Seventh-day Adventist Church is Babylon, and that all that would be saved must come out of her. You are not the only man the devil has deceived in this matter. For the last forty years, one man after another has arisen, claiming the Lord has sent him with the same message; but let me tell you, as I have told them, that this message you are proclaiming is one of the Satanic delusions designed to create confusion among the churches...⁷

...If you are teaching that the Seventh-day Adventist church is Babylon, you are wrong. God has not given you any such message to bear.

Satan will use every mind to which he can attain access, inspiring men to originate false theories or go off on some wrong tangent that he may create a false excitement, and thus divert souls from the true issue for this time," 8 {emphasis provided}.

According to Acts 20:28-31, Paul gave a stern warning to the leadership of the church in his time to take heed, {as we must do now} that after his departure many grievous wolves would enter in among the flock speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after themselves.

That's exactly what the critics of God's "remnant church" are doing-looking for a following, an audience to support their erroneous claims, and perverse teachings!

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⁶ E. G. White. Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers, p. 37.

⁷ E. G. White. "A Letter to Brother S., Napier, New Zealand, March 23, 1893," <u>Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers</u>, PP. 58, 59.

⁸ Ibid. p. 59.

"God *is not* the author of confusion, but of peace. But Satan is a vigilant, unsleeping foe, ever at work upon human minds, seeking a soil in which he can sow his tares. If he finds any whom he can press into his service, he will suggest ideas and false theories, and make them zealous in advocating error.

The truth not only converts, but works the purification of its receiver. Jesus has warned us to beware of false teachers... They are to be met and opposed, not because they are bad men, but because they are teachers of falsehood and are endeavoring to put upon falsehood the stamp of truth..." ⁹ {emphasis provided}.

"Seventh-day Adventist have been chosen by GOD as a peculiar people, separate from the world. By the great cleaver of truth He has cut them from the quarry of the world and brought them into connection with Himself. He has made them His representatives and has called them to be ambassadors for Him in the last work of salvation. The greatest wealth of truth ever entrusted to mortals, the most solemn and fearful warnings ever sent by GOD to man, have been committed to them to be given to the world." 10

My Brothers, and Sisters in Christ, please spend quality time studying your Bible, and the Spirit of Prophecy. Spend much more time in fervent prayer-so when Mr. Counterfeit comes dressed up in Mr. Truth's clothing, God, through the study of His Word, will reveal the true character of Mr. Counterfeit's phony wardrobe.

AMEN!

⁹ E. G. White. <u>Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers</u>, pp. 54, 55.

¹⁰ White. Testimonies For the Church, Vol. 7, p. 138.