**These Perilous Times**

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**“Enmity Against God”**

One of God’s first prophecies is found in Genesis 3:15. “And I will put enmity between you and the woman (God’s church) and between your seed (Satan and his followers) and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heal”

**What does this mean for us?**

**Obvious Signs Do Tell The Season**

According to the New Lexicon Webster’s Dictionary, 1989 ed., p. 314, ***enmity*** means: a state or feeling of hatred or hostility shared by two parties…”

“**Between thy seed and her seed**. Reference is made to the agelong struggle between Satan’s “seed” or followers (John 8:44; Acts 3:10; I John 3:10) and the woman’s seed. The Lord Jesus Christ is styled by pre-eminence “the seed” (Rev. 12:1-5; Gal. 3:16, 19). It was He who came to “destroy the works of the devil” (Hebrews 2:14; I John 3:8). [[1]](#footnote-1) We know that the victory over sin was won at the cross between Jesus and Satan, when Jesus died to redeem us. However, we cannot serve two masters and continue to be friends with the world and its alluring attractions and remain friends with God!

“Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know ***that friendship with the world is enmity with God***? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world ***makes himself an enemy of God.***” James 4:4 NKJV (Emphasis supplied).

“One of the sins that constitute one of the signs of the last days, is that professed Christians are lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God. Deal truly with your own souls. Search carefully. How few, after a faithful examination can look up to heaven and say “… I’m not a lover of pleasure more than a lover of God…” How few can say, “I’m dead to the

world…” [[2]](#footnote-2)

“Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man loves the world, the love of the father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof; but he that doeth the

will of God abideth forever.” I John 2:15-17 KJV

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1. SDA Bible Commentary, Vol. 1, 1878 ed,. pp.232, 233. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. E. G. White. Marantha, p. 49. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)