

Get Ready! Guide

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II. Our “Most Urgent Need:”
REVIVAL
of Apostolic Faith and Godliness

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1st Level:

Calling the Church

Why God calls disciples
or requires the six marks of discipleship

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A. Sound the Trumpet – 001. Overview

SUMMARY: Theme A shows **why** God requires disciples to practice 1. resolute loyal love, 2. complete self-denial, and 3. perpetual abiding in Jesus.

Theme Details

- A1. Awake to Our Present Time**
- Prophetic Descriptions of Our Time
 - Dimensions of the Great Controversy
- A2. Stand on the Side of Truth**
- The Two Prophetic Movements
 - The Comings of the Two Christs
- A3. Qualify for the Seal of God**
- Purpose and Process of the Sealing
 - Events of the Time of the End

Purpose

To help participants

recognize and properly respond to the prophetic meaning of last day events:

1. **Identify** the levels and dimensions of the Great Controversy and how they impact our life.
2. **Discern** the counterfeit of the Three Angels' Messages and stand up for our prophetic position.
3. **Understand** the crucial role of the sealing process within the sequence of last day events.

PHASE / Section	Need I: REVIVAL – Apostolic Faith and Godliness				
	1st Level: Calling the Church – Why God Calls Disciples = Requires the Marks				I have / do it hardly → daily
	This	Theme	Need	Response	
Awareness and Decision	▶	A. Sound the Trumpet	1st – 3rd Mark of Discipleship		
	▶	1. Awake to Our Present Time	1. win the final battle	1. absolute loyal love	□ □ □ □ □
	▶	2. Stand on the Side of Truth	2. guard against deception	2. complete self-denial	□ □ □ □ □
	▶	3. Qualify for the Seal of God	3. be secure in Jesus	3. perpetual abiding	□ □ □ □ □
Preparedness and Precision		B. Hear the Call	4th – 6th Mark of Discipleship		
		1. Join the Revival and Reformation	4. work with members	4. mutual agape love	□ □ □ □ □
		2. Fulfill the Divine Commission	5. use talents effectively	5. fruit-bearing ministry	□ □ □ □ □
		3. Be Ready to Stand at Last	6. be fully equipped	6. overcoming witness	□ □ □ □ □
	2nd Level: Growing the Church – How We Make Disciples = Acquire the Marks				
	This	Theme	Step	Result	
PHASE 1: Courtyard “Come to Me” = Pardon (Look back to His life & sacrifice) Message → Member (Gather / Gaining) (Reach up)		C. Come to Life	1st Mark of Discipleship: absolute loyal love		
		1. Believe the Gospel of Jesus	(1) believe Gospel	(1) grateful surrender	□ □ □ □ □
		2. Receive Justification by Faith	(2) receive justification	(2) truthful conversion	□ □ □ □ □
		3. Obey Jesus from Love	(3) love commandments	(3) joyful obedience	□ □ □ □ □
		D. Join the Movement	2nd Mark of Discipleship: complete self-denial		
		1. Accept Our Prophetic Identity	(4) accept identity	(4) purposeful membership	□ □ □ □ □
		2. Affirm the SDA Beliefs	(5) grasp teaching	(5) meaningful conviction	□ □ □ □ □
		3. Order Your Life as a Steward	(6) (re)order life	(6) faithful stewardship	□ □ □ □ □
	Need II: REFORMATION – End-Time Lifestyle and Ministry				
PHASE 2: Holy Place “Learn of Me” = Purity (Look up for His presence & Spirit) Member → Maturity (Grow / Training) (Reach Across)		E. Grow in Grace	3rd Mark of Discipleship: perpetual abiding		
		1. Let Jesus Form Within	(7) form Jesus	(7) spiritual growth	□ □ □ □ □
		2. Study the Word of God	(8) study Word	(8) doctrinal purity	□ □ □ □ □
		3. Pray According to God's Will	(9) pray in the Spirit	(9) personal worship	□ □ □ □ □
		F. Share the Love	4th Mark of Discipleship: mutual agape love		
		1. Exercise Christlike Love	(10) practice love	(10) effectual unity	□ □ □ □ □
PHASE 3: Most Holy Place “Go for Me” = Power (Look forward to His work & return) Maturity → Ministry (Go / Retaining) (Reach out)		G. Bear much Fruit	5th Mark of Discipleship: fruit-bearing ministry		
		1. Recognize and Confirm All Talents	(13) recognize talents	(13) doubtless certainty	□ □ □ □ □
		2. Organize and Combine All Talents	(14) organize talents	(14) classless teamwork	□ □ □ □ □
		3. Utilize and Commend All Talents	(15) utilize talents	(15) selfless service	□ □ □ □ □
		H. Tell the World	6th Mark of Discipleship: overcoming witness		
		1. Enable Latter Rain Power	(16) enable power	(16) boundless light	□ □ □ □ □
		2. Reflect the Character of Jesus	(17) reflect Jesus	(17) spotless life	□ □ □ □ □
		3. Spread the Gospel of Jesus	(18) spread Gospel	(18) fearless fight	□ □ □ □ □

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A. Resolute Loyal Love – 1. Awake to Our Present Time – 101. The Blessings of Jesus

SUMMARY: Before we go into details, remember that **whatever** Jesus requires of you as His disciple, is actually meant for your own **happiness**.

Jesus is calling us to discipleship, so we may engage in the inevitable conflict and become more than conquerors through His own love (Rom 8:37). He promises us this victory and shows us how gain it – as the only way to true happiness now and for all eternity.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus gives His inaugural address as the King of His new kingdom of divine grace (Mt 5:1-8:1; Lk 6:17-49). Right at its beginning (Mt 5:1-12), He “proclaims that the main objective of the kingdom is to restore the lost happiness of Eden to the hearts of men, and that those who choose to enter in by the ‘strait’ gate and the ‘narrow’ way (Matt. 7:13, 14) will find true happiness.” (5BC 324).

In the book of Revelation, Jesus announces His soon return as the King of kings finally to establish His eternal kingdom of divine glory (Da 7:14). Throughout the book, He gives some more blessings and instructions to His beloved remnant people in these last days, so they may not only retain their happiness in the present kingdom of grace on earth, but also secure it for the soon coming kingdom of glory.

At the Inauguration of His Kingdom of Grace – Mt 5:1-12		I desire it hardly→strongly
1	1. “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” (Mt 5:3).	
2	Those who are aware of their soul poverty, as opposed to Laodicea (Rev 3:17), are happy to enter the kingdom (MB 8).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
3	2. “Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.” (Mt 5:4).	
4	Those who deeply mourn because their sins brought anguish to Jesus, are being comforted with His pardon (MB 10).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
5	3. “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.” (Mt 5:5; Ps 37:11).	
6	Those who have learned the graces of humility and self-surrender, are happily waiting to inherit the new earth (MB 17).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
7	4. “Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.” (Mt 5:6).	
8	Those whose hearts long for Him, are happy to be filled with the love, holiness, and perfection of Jesus (MB 18-21).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
9	5. “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.” (Mt 5:7; 25:31-46).	
10	Those who love to show His compassion to the poor and the suffering, are happy to find a merciful Savior (MB 22).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
11	6. “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.” (Mt 5:8).	
12	Those of undefiled purposes and motives, are happy to behold by faith and rejoice in God’s true character (MB 25).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
13	7. “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.” (Mt 5:9).	
14	Those who lead others to have peace with God and men as they do, are happy to know they belong to God (MB 28).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
15	8. “Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” (Mt 5:10).	
16	“Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you... for my sake. Rejoice..., for great is your reward in heaven.” (Mt 5:11).	
17	Those who love Jesus and rejoice at sharing His persecution and reproach, are happy about their reward (MB 29-35).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Before the Coming of His Kingdom of Glory – Revelation		
18	1. “Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things...” (Rev 1:3).	
19	Those who proclaim, hear, and act on the messages in Revelation, are happy as they realize the Lord is at hand (8T 302).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
20	2. “Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth...” (Rev 14:13).	
21	Those who die in and for the faith of the Third Angel’s Message, are happy to rest until the special resurrection (GC 637).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
22	3. “Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments...” (Rev 16:15).	
23	Those who remain alert in the little time of trouble, are vigilant and happy to stay pure, obey, and work (Mt 24:46; DA 633).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
24	4. “Blessed are they which are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb.” (Rev 19:9).	
25	Those who wear the robe of Jesus’ righteousness, are happy to participate in His marriage supper (Rev 19:8; COL 311).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
26	5. “Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection...” (Rev 20:6).	
27	Those who remain faithful in trial, are happy and pure to join in the first resurrection and to reign with Jesus (Rev 20:4-6).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
28	6. “Blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of this book...” (Rev 22:7).	
29	Those who heed the messages of Revelation, are happy and love to see Jesus come quickly (Rev 22:6; 2 Ti 4:8; 16MR 179).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
30	7. “Blessed are they that do his commandments...” (Rev 22:14).	
31	Those who exercise the obedience of Jesus, are happy to also share in His immortality in the New Jerusalem (EW 51).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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A. Sound the Trumpet – 1. Awake to Our Present Time – 102. The Ultimate Exodus

SUMMARY: The other good news is that in your **training** as a disciple, Jesus is actually **preparing** you for our ultimate **exodus** from this sinful world.

In anticipation of the rebellion of Lucifer and the resulting great controversy between Jesus and Satan (Eze 28:13-19; Isa 14:12-15; Rev 12:7-9), God conceived His gracious plan of our salvation through His Son (Mt 1:21; Jn 3:16) before Their creation of our world (Eph 1:4; 1 Pe 1:20; Rev 13:8). Ever since Adam's fall it has been God's goal, as illustrated in the earthly sanctuary, to free His people from the penalty, power, and then the presence of sin (Ge 3:15). In order to accomplish this plan, God provides several stages of freedom, each of which involves a delivery, or an exodus, of faithful believers from sin and/or sinners, through several events at different times in world history. Scripture relates these events to each other.

In the first instance, God gave humanity 120 years to repent of their wickedness (Ge 6:3), while faithful Noah was building the ark and warning his contemporaries of the coming destruction of the world through a global flood. Finally eight, this preacher of righteousness and his family, were saved (Ge 7:23; 2 Pe 2:5). The wickedness of humanity just prior to Jesus' second coming will be "as in the days of Noah" (Mt 24:37). Therefore, as the ark saved Noah from the worldwide flood, so today baptism upon conversion saves believers from the coming global fire (1 Pe 3:18-21; 2 Pe 3:9-12). Jesus' remnant has preached His righteousness for 120+ years, and also calls other believers to make their exodus from fallen Babylon.

The second historical event that typifies the plan of salvation, was the exodus of God's people from their slavery in Egypt and their journey to the prosperity and safety of the Promised Land (Ex 3:8, 17; Lev 20:24). But before the Israelites could be free, they were to eat unleavened bread, kill and eat a lamb without blemish, and apply its blood to their doorposts. Only then would the Lord pass over their dwellings, save them from destruction and enable their exodus from national slavery (Ex 12). Today, since Jesus our Passover is sacrificed, only those who claim His blood by faith and purge the old leaven of sin in their lives, are saved from spiritual slavery and final destruction (1 Co 5:7-8; Rom 3:25; 1 Pe 1:19; Rev 7:14; 20:15).

We are now on the verge of the ultimate exodus into freedom from the presence of sin, as we await and hasten the coming of Jesus. He will take His faithful ones to Himself into their eternal Promised Land (Jn 14:1-3; 2 Pe 3:13; Rev 21:1-7). Are we ready for our ultimate exodus?

		The Days of Noah	Ancient Egypt	Christian History	"As in the Days of Noah"
	Stage Aspect	First Exodus from "Old World" (2 Pe 2:5)	Israel's Exodus from National Slavery	Believers' Exodus from Spiritual Slavery	Ultimate Exodus from End-Time World
1	Time of Event	A.M. 1656 (1BC 185) or ~ 2344 B.C.	A.M. 2513 (1BC 185) or ~ 1445 B.C.	A.D. 31 until sealing before close of probation (Rev 7:3).	~ A.M. 6000 or A.D. 2000+ at second coming of Jesus.
2	Population of World	Cainites (Ge 4:16) spread in plains (Ge 6:1; PP 81).	World: ~ 42 Mill (Wikipedia); Egypt: 3-6 Mill (Wikipedia).	1 st century: ~ 200 Million; 2010: 6.9 Billion (Wikipedia).	1900: 1.65 Billion (Wikipedia); 2010: 6.9 Billion (Wikipedia).
a	Number of Believers	Sethites (Ge 4:26) spread in mountain regions (PP 81).	603,550 men 20+ (Nu 1:46), over 2 Mill total (PP 334).	AD31: ~1000 (Ac1:15; 1Co15:6); 2011: 2.2 Bill (from GC 2010).	2011: 2.2 Bill (<1/3 of world); 2011: 17 Mill SDAs (<1/4%).
4	Wickedness of Unbelievers	Worldliness (PP 81); polygamy (Ge 4:19); violence (Ge 6:11).	Enslaved Israel (Ex 1:8-22); King defies God (Ex 5:2; 7:5).	Atheism, any evil (2 Ti 3:1-5); Persecution (Rev 12:13).	Indulgence, violence (LDE 22-23); unconcern (Mt 24:37-39).
5	Apostasy of Believers	Sethites (sons of God) marry Cainite women (Ge 6:2).	Pagan customs (PP 334); intermarriage (1 SP 243).	Errors (Mt 7:15; Ac 20:29-30); Persecution (Rev 12:14-15).	Error, Adultery (Rev 14:8; 17); SDA shaking (LDE 173-178).
6	Heralds of Righteousness	Methuselah, Noah (2 Pe 2:5) and many others (PP 92).	Moses (Ex 14:13-14; 15:1-19); Miriam (Mic 6:4; PP 382).	Waldensians, Reformers, Pilgrims, W. Miller (GC 317).	James and Ellen G. White; 1888: Jones and Waggoner.
7	Steps of Salvation	Build ark by faith (Ge 6:14-22); in ark on waters (Ge 7:1-5,17).	Passover (Ex 11:4-12:33); sea baptism (v. 22; 1 Co 10:2).	Faith in Lamb (1 Co 5:7) and baptism (Mk 16:16; 1 Pe 3:21).	Faith in Creator (Rev 14:7); Come out of Babylon (18:4).
8	Time of Probation	120 years (Ge 6:3) until ark door sealed (Ge 7:16; PP 98).	During pleadings of Moses to let Israel go (Ex 5:1, etc.).	From personal conversion until before individual death.	During judgment (Rev 14:7) until sealing (Rev 7:3).
9	Testing of Believers	7 days in ark before rain, then 5 months (Ge 7:4; PP 98, 105).	During plagues (Ex 7:14, etc.); at Red Sea (Ex 14:8-31).	All trials (Jas 1:2-4), esp. persecution (1 Pe 1:7; 4:12).	Fiery trials (LDE 180-181); Sunday law (LDE 225-227).
10	Protection of Faithful	Noah's family (and animals) shut in (Ge 7:16; PP 98).	No firstborn died (Ex 12:23); on dry ground (Ex 14:22, 29).	Italian Alps (GC 64-66); then United States (Rev 12:13-16).	Wear armor (Eph 6:11-13); receive seal (5T 212-213).
11	Destruction of Wicked	Global 40 day rain (Ge 7:12); flood for 150 days (Ge 7:24).	Whole army, in the waters of the Red Sea (Ex 14:23-28).	Self at conversion (Rom 6:6); Seven trumpets (Rev 8 & 9).	Disasters (Mt 24:7; LDE 24-27); At 2 nd coming (Rev 19:11-21).
12	Means of Destruction	Sub-terrestrial & atmospheric water (Ge 7:11; 8:2; PP 109).	Divided sea water flowing back (Ex 14:26-28; 15:3-6).	Water & Word (Jn 3:5; Eph 5:26); Fire of Spirit (Jn 3:5; Mt 3:11).	Sub-terrestrial & celestial fire (2 Pe 3:10; Rev 20:9; PP 110).
13	Salvation of Faithful	Noah's family of eight was saved (Ge 7:23; 1 Pe 3:20).	All Israel saved (Ex 14:30); mixed multitude (Ex 12:38).	From <u>penalty</u> & <u>power</u> of sin in kingdom of grace now.	From <u>presence</u> of all sin in kingdom of glory forever.
14	Blessings of Faithful	Noah to replenish earth; God covenants to save it (Ge 9).	Law (Ex 20); sanctuary (Ex 25-31); land (Nu 33:50-56).	Overcome sin (Rev 2 & 3) & world (Mt 16:33; 1 Jn 5:4).	1000 years in heaven, then eternity on the new earth.

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A. Sound the Trumpet – 1. Awake to Our Present Time – 103. Prophetic Descriptions

SUMMARY: First then, you need **absolute loyal love** for Jesus, so you can be **vigilant** and remain **faithful** to Him in all aspects of our present time.

Our present time, the time of the end between 1844 and the close of human probation, has been announced and described prophetically in the Scriptures in various ways. All of these aspects point to a critical time of decision and division among God's people, and in the world due to their global witness (Mt 10:32-36; Lk 12:51; Rev 14:6-12; *LDE* 172-173). Soon the great controversy between Christ and Satan will reach its climax as people decide whether they take the mark of the beast or will be faithful to the end (Rev 14:9-12; 2:10).

We need to be awake to our present time so we will not be taken by surprise, but be found ready to be taken home (Rom 13:11; *PK* 626; Rev 19:7). We need to "be sober, be vigilant" so the roaring lion will not devour us (1 Pe 5:8). As always but especially in the last days, "Satan watches eagerly to find Christians off their guard. O that the followers of Christ would remember that eternal vigilance is the price of eternal life. Many have a slumbering faith. Unless they are invigorated, revived, quickened into action, their souls will be lost." (*UL* 200).

In short, our present time is the most crucial period in the history of the church and the world. The choices we make right now effect us eternally. The Scriptures describe ten aspects of our time relating to our conversion, conflict, and conquest.

Conversion – Receiving and Walking with Jesus		Speaks to me hardly→strongly
1	1. Antitypical Day of Atonement (<i>GC</i> 431, 489-490; <i>5T</i> 520).	
2	Jesus has been cleansing the heavenly sanctuary since 1844 from all sins ever confessed (<i>Da</i> 8:14).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
3	Jesus is engaged in the pre-advent judgment of all who profess to be His people (<i>Da</i> 7:10; <i>Mt</i> 22:11; <i>Rev</i> 14:7).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
4	2. Refining and Purifying (<i>Mal</i> 3:1-3; <i>ML</i> 92).	
5	Jesus is calling His people to repent and be cleansed from all unrighteousness (<i>Joel</i> 2:13; <i>Rev</i> 3:19; <i>Eph</i> 5:22-27).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
6	Jesus is making up His jewels, preparing His bride for the marriage supper of the Lamb (<i>Mal</i> 3:17; <i>Rev</i> 19:7).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
7	3. Final Revival and Reformation (<i>Joel</i> 2:11-29; <i>9T</i> 126).	
8	Jesus is calling His people to participate in the true, divine, final revival and reformation (<i>PK</i> 626; <i>8T</i> 251).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
9	Jesus is calling His people to finish the reformation by restoring every lost truth, especially the Sabbath (<i>Isa</i> 58:12-14).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Conflict – Proclaiming and Working with Jesus		
10	4. Corporate Prophesying (<i>Joel</i> 2:28-29; <i>Ac</i> 2:14-18; <i>GC</i> ix).	
11	Jesus is calling His people to heed His testimony in His Word and thru Ellen G. White (<i>Rev</i> 2 & 3; <i>Eph</i> 4:11; <i>8T</i> 298).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
12	Jesus is calling His people to spread the prophecy of the Three Angels' Messages (<i>Rev</i> 10:11; 14:6-12; 18:1-4).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
13	5. Double Gathering (<i>Jn</i> 11:52; <i>EW</i> 74-75).	
14	Jesus gathers His people from all backgrounds to sanctify and unify them (<i>Mt</i> 22:8-10; <i>Jn</i> 10:16; <i>Rev</i> 14:6-12; 18:1-4).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
15	Satan also gathers a confederacy of followers – for the battle of Armageddon (<i>Rev</i> 16:13-14; <i>GC</i> 624; <i>LDE</i> 249; <i>4BC</i> 1146).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
16	6. Wars and Threats (<i>Mt</i> 24:6-8; <i>5T</i> 450-451).	
17	Satan will make war with the remnant in the fourth and final battle of his great controversy with Christ (<i>Rev</i> 12:17).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
18	Satan will use the papacy and the US government to achieve economic boycotts and death threats (<i>Rev</i> 13:15-18).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Conquest – Trusting and Winning with Jesus		
19	7. Testing of Faith (<i>Rev</i> 3:10; <i>5T</i> 136; <i>9T</i> 17).	
20	Jesus allows fiery trials such as persecution to test the faith of His people (1 <i>Pe</i> 4:12-14; <i>Rev</i> 14:15-17; <i>7BC</i> 983).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
21	Jesus' people will faithfully defend the truth even when the majority is against them (<i>Rev</i> 12:11; <i>LDE</i> 180).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
22	8. Shaking of Unconverted (<i>Heb</i> 12:27; <i>6T</i> 332; <i>9T</i> 15-16).	
23	Jesus gives His testimony to the church, but many will not heed it and be shaken out (<i>Rev</i> 3:14-22; <i>LDE</i> 175-176).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
24	Also persecution and false teachings will cause professed believers to be shaken out (<i>LDE</i> 173-174; 177-178).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
25	9. Standing of Remnant (<i>Joel</i> 2:11; <i>Mal</i> 3:2; <i>Rev</i> 6:17).	
26	Jesus is concerned that His people will stand in the faith and endure to the end (<i>Lk</i> 18:8; <i>Mt</i> 24:13; <i>Rev</i> 14:12).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
27	Jesus has made provision that His people can and will withstand the devil and stand (<i>Mt</i> 16:18; <i>Eph</i> 6:10-18; <i>TMK</i> 34).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
28	10. Sealing of 144,000 (<i>Eph</i> 1:13-14; <i>Eze</i> 9:2-4; <i>Rev</i> 7:1-3).	
29	Jesus wants to settle His people in the truth so they will not be shaken out (<i>FLB</i> 287; <i>LDE</i> 220; <i>4BC</i> 1161 on <i>Rev</i> 7:2).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
30	Jesus will then protect His people from the plagues and secure them for heaven (<i>EW</i> 88-89; <i>7BC</i> 970 on <i>Rev</i> 7:1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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A. Sound the Trumpet – 1. Awake to Our Present Time – 104. Origin of the Great Controversy

SUMMARY: You need vigilance and faithfulness because you and we all **participate** in the Great Controversy. **Remember** briefly its heavenly **origin**.

War in Lucifer (PP 36-37)		I understand hardly → clearly
1	1. Lucifer's Original Position (Eze 28:13-14)	
2	"Lucifer in heaven, before his rebellion, was a high and exalted angel, next in honor to God's dear Son....Yet Christ...had the pre-eminence over all the angelic host. He was one with the Father before the angels were created." (SR 13; TA 27). "Lucifer was the covering cherub, the most exalted of the heavenly created beings; he stood nearest the throne of God, and was most closely connected...with...God's government, most richly endowed with the glory of His majesty and power." (ST 04-28-1890; TA 27). "...foremost in revealing God's purposes to the universe." (DA 758; TA 28).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
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7	2. Lucifer's Growing Self-Centeredness (Eze 28:15-17)	
8	"Little by little, Lucifer came to indulge the desire for self-exaltation....Though all his glory was from God, this mighty angel came to regard it as pertaining to himself." (PP 35; TA 32). "Little by little, he began to seek his own honor, and to employ his powers to attract attention and win praise to himself. He also gradually led the angels over whom he ruled to do him service, instead of devoting all their powers to the service of their Creator." (4SP 317; TA 31).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
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12	3. God's Plan to Create Humanity (Ge 1:26-28)	
13	"Before the fall of Satan, the Father consulted his Son in regard to the formation of man. They purposed to make this world, and create beasts and living things upon it, and to make man in the image of God, to reign as a ruling monarch over every living thing which God should create." (3SG 36).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
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16	4. Lucifer's Jealousy of Christ (Isa 14:13-14)	
17	"When Satan learned the purpose of God, he was envious at Christ, and jealous because the Father had not consulted him in regard to the creation of man. Satan was of the highest order of angels; but Christ was above all....The envy and jealousy of Satan increased...Satan was dissatisfied with his position. Although very exalted, he aspires to be equal with God; and unless the Lord gratifies his ambition, determines to rebel, and refuse submission." (3SG 36).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
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War in Heaven (Rev 12:7-9)		
21	5. Lucifer's Rebellion Against God's Law (Rev 12:7)	
22	"God in His great mercy bore long with Lucifer....Again and again he was offered pardon on condition of repentance and submission." (GC 495-496; TA 40). "To the very close of the controversy in heaven, the great usurper continued to justify himself. When it was announced that with all his sympathizers he must be expelled from the abodes of bliss, then the rebel leader boldly avowed his contempt for the Creator's law." (GC 499; TA 43).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
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26	6. Lucifer and His Angels Expelled from Heaven (Isa 14:12; Rev 12:8-9)	
27	"Then there was war in heaven. The Son of God, the Prince of Heaven, and His loyal angels, engaged in conflict with the arch rebel and those who united with him. The Son of God and true, loyal angels prevailed; ...Satan and his sympathizers were expelled from heaven." (1SP 23; TA 45). "The loyal angels mourned the fate of those who had been their companions in happiness and bliss. Their loss was felt in heaven. The Father consulted Jesus in regard to at once carrying out their purpose to make man to inhabit the earth." (ST 01-09-1879; TA 47).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
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War on Earth (Ge 3:15)		
32	7. God's Purpose in Creating Humanity (Eph 3:15; 5:27)	
33	"Man was to be tested..., and if he should bear the test of God, and remain loyal and true after the first trial, he was not to be beset with continual temptations; but was to be exalted equal with the angels, and henceforth immortal." (RH 02-24-1874; TA 50). "God created man for His own glory, that after test... the human family might become one with the heavenly family. It was God's purpose to repopulate heaven with the human family." (1BC 1082; TA 48). "The vacancies made in heaven by the fall of Satan and his angels will be filled by the redeemed of the Lord." (RH 05-29-1900; TA 49).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
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38	8. Satan's Reaction and Success (Ge 3:1-13; 2 Co 4:4)	
39	"As soon as the Lord through Jesus Christ created our world, and placed Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden, Satan announced his purpose to conform to his own nature the father and mother of all humanity, and to unite them with his own ranks of rebellion. He was determined to efface the image of God from the human posterity, and to trace his own image upon the soul in place of the divine image. He adopted methods of deception by which to accomplish his purpose....He put forth every power at his command to win man to co-operate with him in apostasy, and succeeded in bringing rebellion into our world." (MS 39, 1894; RH 04-14-1896).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
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A. Sound the Trumpet – 1. Awake to Our Present Time – 105. The One Issue of the Great Controversy

SUMMARY: Recall also that Satan **hides** his true issue and **pretends** that God's law is at fault. But Jesus and His disciples **disprove** his claims.

"From the very beginning of the great controversy in heaven it has been Satan's purpose to overthrow the law of God. It was to accomplish this that he entered upon his rebellion against the Creator, and though he was cast out of heaven he has continued the same warfare upon the earth. To deceive men, and thus lead them to transgress God's law, is the object which he has steadfastly pursued. Whether this be accomplished by casting aside the law altogether, or by rejecting one of its precepts, the result will be ultimately the same. He that offends 'in one point,' manifests contempt for the whole law; his influence and example are on the side of transgression; he becomes 'guilty of all.' James 2:10."

"In seeking to cast contempt upon the divine statutes, Satan has perverted the doctrines of the Bible, and errors have thus become incorporated into the faith of thousands who profess to believe the Scriptures. The last great conflict between truth and error is but the final struggle of the long-standing controversy concerning the law of God. Upon this battle we are now entering -- a battle between the laws of men and the precepts of Jehovah, between the religion of the Bible and the religion of fable and tradition. The agencies which will unite against truth and righteousness in this contest are now actively at work." (GC 582). Soon they will take legal action against God's law and people (Rev 13:15-17).

The actual issue behind the great controversy is Satan's pride and resulting envy of Christ (Isa 14:12-14; Eze 28:2-17; GC 494-495; DA 21-22). But in order to conceal and defend his true motive for his rebellion, and to gain followers among angelic and human beings, Satan projected his own characteristics on God, thus leading them to doubt His word and to distrust His goodness (Ge 3:1-5; DA 22; GC 495). "Unselfishness, the principle of God's kingdom, is the principle that Satan hates; its very existence he denies. From the beginning of the great controversy he has endeavored to prove God's principles of action to be selfish, and he deals in the same way with all who serve God. To disprove Satan's claim is the work of Christ and of all who bear His name." (Ed 154). The remnant people of God are called to help vindicate God and His law.

"It is only as the law of God is restored to its rightful position that there can be a revival of primitive faith and godliness among His professed people." (GC 478). Will God's people share in Christ's victory over Satan by obedience to His whole law?

	Deception of Satanic Lies by Satan & Apostate Churches	Revelation of Divine Truth by the Son Jesus Christ	Confirmation of Divine Truth by the Remnant Church	I believe / do it hardly → daily
	<i>At the Beginning in Heaven</i>			
1	God's law cannot be obeyed (DA 761).	Jesus was always obedient, without sin (Jn 8:46; Phil 2:8; Heb 4:15; 5:8).	Believers obey law from a loving heart (Eze 36:25-27; Jn 14:15; Rom 8:4; 13:8-10).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
2	Justice is inconsistent with mercy (DA 761).	Christ's righteous life and self-sacrifice satisfies justice and offers mercy (Ps 85:10; Rom 3:26; 2 Co 5:19; DA 762).	Believers accept Jesus' death as theirs. They receive His righteous life by faith. God accounts both (Rom 3:21-26; 4:3-25).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
3	The transgressor cannot be pardoned (DA 761).	It is just of God to pardon the sinner upon confession of sin & faith in Christ (Rom 3:21-26; 1 Jn 1:9; 6BC 1071).	Believers repent of & confess their sins. They ask for forgiveness (Lk 24:47). Then God grants it (1 Jn 1:9; Rom 3:25).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
4	The transgressor must be punished for every sin (DA 761).	Jesus bore our sin and took its wages upon Himself (Rom 6:23; Isa 53:6; Heb 2:9; 1 Pe 2:24; DA 25; GC 502-503).	They claim Christ as their sin bearer. They suffer results of sin (Ge 3:16-19), but not its wages (Rev 2:11; 20:6).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
5	If God pardons, He is not true and just.	God's pardon is true & just (see above).	Believers claim God's promise (1 Jn 1:9).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Since Adam and Eve</i>			
6	God's word is not reliable (GC 532).	God's word is truth (Jn 17:17; Jas 1:18).	Believers know His fulfilled prophecies.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
7	Disobedience liberates (GC 532).	Wages is death (Rom 6:23; Gal 3:13).	All sinners see destruction (Rev 20:9-15).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
8	Adam & Eve's one/first sin proves that a. the law cannot be obeyed; b. man cannot be forgiven (DA 761).	Jesus' obedience unto death proves that a. the law can be obeyed (Heb 4:15); b. sin can & will be forgiven (1 Jn 1:9).	Believers' decreasing sins prove that a. full obedience is the goal (1 Th 5:23); b. sins are forgiven & cleansed (1 Jn 1:9).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
9	As Satan was expelled from heaven, so also must sinful man lose God's favor (DA 761; PK 588-589).	Satan sinned knowing God; humans sin not knowing God, so there is still hope to draw them back to Him (DA 762).	The more believers know & love God, and believe and abide in His Son, the less they sin (1 Jn 1:3-6; 5:3-5).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>After Christ's Life and Death</i>			
10	Mercy destroyed justice: the death of Christ abrogated God's law (DA 762).	Jesus' death proved the law valid, thus the need to obey it (Mt 5:17; DA 763).	Believers stress the continuing validity of God's law (Rom 3:31; 8:4; Jas 1:25).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>The Last Great Deception</i>			
11	God's law is faulty: a specification has been set aside – Sabbath (DA 763).	Jesus upheld the whole law, including the Sabbath (Lk 4:16; Mt 19:17; 24:20).	Believers keep the whole law, incl. the Sabbath (Ac 18:4; Rev 12:17; 14:7, 12).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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A. Sound the Trumpet – 1. Awake to Our Present Time – 106. The Beast of the Great Controversy

SUMMARY: In order to **trace** Satan's activities throughout **history**, you identify him in the prophetic **descriptions** of Daniel and Revelation.

"The world has no just conception of Satan. He is not thought of as the prince of the world, the general of a vast rebellion, a being logical and philosophical, possessing a powerful intellect. But thus it is. The adversary of God and leader in the great controversy waged against the world's Redeemer, his deceptive powers have been sharpened by constant practice; and in the final crisis he will deceive to their own ruin those who do not now seek to understand his methods of working." (RH 07-16-1901). Daniel was shown the "nature of the beast" and his demonic activities as a sequence of 4 beasts, one with 10 horns and a little horn. Revelation depicts Satan three times as a composite beast with 7 heads and 10 horns.

God wants His people to have His wisdom to understand these things (Rev 13:18; 17:9). Are we asking for this wisdom (Jas 1:5)?

Stages	Daniel 2; 7; 11; 12	Revelation 12	Revelation 13	Revelation 17
Heaven (Eternity Past) to Present Earth (~4000 BC)		Satan makes war (v. 7) = Great red dragon w <u>7 heads</u> w crowns, & <u>10 horns</u> (v. 3). Cast out with his angels (4). Cast to the earth (vv. 9, 12).		
1. Egypt	Not mentioned in Daniel and Revelation			
2. Assyria	Not mentioned in Daniel and Revelation			
3. Babylon (605 – 539 BC)	Head of gold (2:32, 38). Lion (7:4).		Beast from the sea, w <u>7 heads</u> of blasphemy, and <u>10 horns</u> w crowns. Like a leopard, Feet of a bear, Mouth of a lion (v. 1).	Scarlet beast, full of blasphemy, with <u>7 heads</u> and <u>10 horns</u> (vv. 3, 7). The beast was, is not, yet is (v. 8):
4. Medo-Persia (539 – 331 BC)	Breast/Arms of silver (2:32, 39). Bear (7:5).			
5. Greece (331 – 168 BC)	Thighs of bronze (2:32, 39); Leopard (7:6).			
6. Pagan Rome 63 BC – AD 476) Divided Kingdom (AD 351 – 2 nd Coming)	Iron legs and feet (2:33, 40). Beast with iron teeth (7:7). Divers from all others (7:19). 10 horns (7:8, 24).	Tries to kill baby Jesus (v. 4). Looses right to accuse the saints (vv. 9, 10).	Dragon gave him his power, seat, and authority (v. 2).	7 heads are 7 mountains on which the woman sits, that is, 7 kings [powers] (vv. 9, 10).
7. Papal Rome (538-1798) a. 1260 years of persecution for the true church (Dark Ages), but also protection.	Little horn (7:8, 24): Speaks great things (7:8, 25; 11:36). Plucks up 3 horns (7:8, 24). Makes war with the saints and prevails (7:21, 25). Thinks to change times and laws (7:25).	Deceives the whole world (v. 9). Persecutes true believers (vv. 13, 15), but God protects them for 1260 years (vv. 6, 14).	Mouth speaks great things and blasphemies for 1260 years (vv. 5, 6). Makes war with the saints and overcomes them (v. 7). Has power over earth (v. 7). His number is 666 (v. 18).	5 kings are <u>fallen</u> (v. 10): Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece. = The beast <u>was</u> (v. 8).
b. Wounded: France (1798) – Italy (1929).			One of heads fatal <u>wound</u> (v. 3) by sword (v. 10).	The beast is <u>not</u> (v. 8).
c. Healed: (1929 – 2 nd coming) 3-fold Union: Sunday laws. Close of probation.	Little horn (7:21, 25). King of North (11:40-43). "History repeated" (LDE 134). "Persecution rekindled" (GC 48; Mar 194; 7BC 974).	Persecutes the remnant (v. 17).	Wound healed (v. 3), did live (v. 14). All the world wonders (v. 3) and worships him (vv. 4, 8).	But yet is (i.e., will be) = <u>comes out</u> of abyss (v. 8). The world wonders (v. 8). 7 th is also 8 th , of the 7 (v. 11).
8. Confederacy World supports union: Global persecution. Destruction of beast. 2 nd Coming of Christ.	Lives of beasts 1-3 prolonged for a season and time (7:12). Beast 4/5 dominion taken, destroyed by fire (7:11, 26). God's people delivered (12:1).			Woman rides beast (vv. 3-6) for a short space (v. 10), with 10 kings for 1 hour (v. 12). Kings destroy her (vv. 16-18). Beast into perdition (8, 11) =
Christ's Kingdom Of Grace (History) Of Glory (Heaven & Eternal New Earth)	Global and everlasting dominion (7:14, 27), given to the saints forever (7:18, 27).			At His 2 nd coming, Christ will destroy all the global powers that crucified Him and killed His people (vv. 8, 11, 14).

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A. Sound the Trumpet – 1. Awake to Our Present Time – 108. The Seven Powers of the Great Controversy

SUMMARY: As you study the **corporate** level of Satan's rebellion, you see that we live under the **final** powers, 6 to 8. Jesus is **soon** to return!!

God and Satan pursue their great controversy also on the corporate level. Daniel and Revelation together reveal seven political powers before Christ's kingdom is established. Satan uses paganism or idolatrous nations with counterfeit religions, as well as apostasy or corruption of true religion, to try to force or deceive God's people into allegiance to him (4BC 1163-1164). Cooperation between church and state has often been Satan's means to accomplish his rebellious goal. On the other hand, God allows Satan's strategies to affect His people as a test of faith so He can preserve for Himself a faithful remnant, through which He reveals His truth and His power to save (Isa 10:22; Jer 23:3; Joel 2:32; Rom 11:5; Rev 12:17).

In "the rise and fall of empires...above, behind, and through all the play and counterplay of human interest and power and passions," we are to see "the agencies of the all-merciful One, patiently working out the counsels of His own will," the "manifestation of His power who 'removeth kings, and setteth up kings' (Daniel 2:21) – this is to understand the philosophy of history." (Ed 173-175; PK 499-502). But also, "for centuries satanic agencies have been at work. Will they now give up without a struggle?" (7BC 985). "Not without a struggle does Satan allow the kingdom of God to be built up in the earth. The forces of evil are engaged in unceasing warfare against the agencies appointed for the spread of the gospel..." (AA 167).

Therefore, "Let the people of God prepare for what is coming upon the earth." (7BC 985). Are we awake and willing to get ready? Are we equipped to fight the good fight of faith (1 Ti 6:12; Rev 14:12) as we share the last divine message of mercy with a dying world (Rev 14:6-11)?

Seven Powers	Christ & His People	Scriptures & EGW		Satan & His Agents
1. Egypt (3100 BC – AD 969)	Joseph helps Jacob become nation. Moses leads them out of slavery.	Gen 41-50; Ex 3-12	Ex 1 & 2	After Joseph's death, a Pharaoh not knowing Joseph, enslaves Israelites.
2. Assyria (2500 – 605 BC)	10 Northern tribes commit idolatry and revolt against Assyria.	2 Kgs 15:27-17:23	2 Kgs 17:1-23	God allows Samaria to fall, tribes are carried away into Assyria and lost.
3. Babylon (605 – 539 BC) Golden Head (Da 2:32,38) Lion w Wings (Da 7:4)	Jerusalem Israel's capital (1003 BC). Judah Exile 70 Years (605-536 BC). Daniel interprets king's dream, rules. Christ saves 3 Hebrews in furnace.	2 Sa 5:5-10; Jer 25:8-12; Da 9:2; Da 2:26-49; Da 3:19-30	Ge 10:8-10; Isa 14:12; Da 2:1-25; Da 3:1-18; Da 5:1-29	Nimrod founder – Satan true king. Magicians' & Daniel's death decreed. Image worship & death decreed. Belshazzar defiles temple vessels.
4. Medo-Persia (539 – 331 BC) Breast/Arms (Da 2:32,39) Bear w Ribs (Da 7:5)	Babylon taken & Daniel promoted. Jews return & rebuild temple (536 BC). Esther & Mordecai in power (479 BC). Jews restore & rebuild city (457 BC).	Da 5:30-6:3; Isa 44:28; Ezr 1:1-3:13; Est 2:1-23; Ezr 7; Ne 1 & 2	Da 6:4-28; Ezr 4:1-6:22; Est 3:1-10:3; Ne 2:9; 4; 6	Daniel's death decreed & reversed. Work stopped & finished (515 BC). Jews' death decreed & reversed. Attempts to hinder the rebuilding.
5. Greece (331 – 168 BC) Brass Thighs (Da 2:32,39) Leopard w Wings (Da 7:6)	Greek becomes common language. Many people waiting for a Messiah. Hebrew Bible into Greek (Septuagint). Jews much self-rule under Ptolemies.	6BC 188; 5BC 61; DA 33; 3rd to 1st cent. BC; 331-190 BC	Gradual Hellenization: 5BC 29-38; 51 Non-Biblical books: 168 BC: Antiochus IV:	Greek ideas spread among Jews: Immortality of the soul & Gnosticism. Apocrypha & Pseudepigrapha. Persecutes Jews & profanes temple.
6. Pagan Rome (63 BC – AD 476) Iron Legs (Da 2:33,40) Strong Beast (Da 7:7)	Revolt: temple restored (165 BC). Herod (40 BC-AD 4) rebuilds temple. "Roman peace": Gospel spreads. Romans destroy Jerusalem (AD 70).	Hanukkah (Jn 10:22); (19 BC-28) Jn 2:20; Mt-Jn & Ac; 4BC 775; Lk 19:41-44; DA 575-7;	DA 35-36; Mt 2:1-18; Rev 12:4; Mt-Jn & Ac; Shift to Sunday:	Jews are taught salvation by works. Tries to kill Jesus; family to Egypt. Jesus & disciples persecuted & killed. Constantine: 1st Sunday law (AD 321).
Divided (351 – 2nd Cmg) Iron/Clay Feet (Da 2:42-43) 10 Horns (Da 7:7; Rev 17:3)	Invading tribes vary in political power. Empire divided into separate states. 3 tribes hinder rise of papal Rome.	4BC 775; 4BC 826; Da 7:8,24; 4BC 826	4BC 775; 4BC 826; Rev 13:2; 4BC 827	Unions attempted; none permanent. Justinian confirms pope (533-534) as head of churches & corrector of heretics.
7. Papal (538 – 7th Plague) Little Horn (Da 7:8,21,25) Sea Beast (Rev 13:1-10) Whore Babylon (Rev 17)	Believers find refuge in hiding places. Reformation & France limit papal power. France & Italy end power (1798 & 1870). Christ will destroy 1st beast forever.	Rev 12:6, 14; 4BC 837; Rev 13:3a, 10; Da 7:11; Rev 19:20	Da 7:25; 4BC 832; Rev 12:13,15; 13:5-7; Rev 13:3b, 8; Rev 16:13-16	Enforces pagan customs: Sunday etc. Persecutes believers for 1260 years. Italy restores Vatican to beast (1929). Papacy prepares for Armageddon.
8. Confederacy (End Time – 2nd Coming) Not yet come (Rev 17:10) Is also an eighth (17:11)	Before end of probation, believers proclaim 3 A Messages in power. After end of probation, believers are protected from plagues and death.	Rev 10:9-11; 14:6-11; 18:1-4; Rev 7:1-8; GC 634; 7BC 969-970	Rev 16:13-16; Rev 17:12-13; Rev 16:17-21; Rev 17:14-18	Forms 3-fold union: initiates universal Sunday laws. World powers enable global persecution of true believers. Will be destroyed at 2nd Coming.
Christ's Kingdom Of Grace (Since Eden)	Christ took Satan's power thru death. Satan will not prevail against church.	Heb 2:14-15; Mt 16:18	Heb 2:14-15; Mk 13:22	Satan has power thru fear of death. Satan is trying to deceive the elect.
Of Glory (After 2nd Coming) Stone (Da 2:34-35, 44-45) Eternal Kingdom (Da 7:14)	Christ's kingdom is set up by God. His kingdom will never be destroyed. Will be the only and global kingdom.	Da 2:34, 44a; Da 2:44a; 7:14b; Da 2:35b	Da 2:35a; 45b; Da 2:35a; 44c-45; Da 2:44b; 7:14a	Satan cannot hinder Christ's kingdom. All other kingdoms forever destroyed. Satan and his agents have no part in it.

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A. Sound the Trumpet – 1. Awake to Our Present Time – 109. The Two Natures of the Great Controversy

SUMMARY: You then recognize how you **participate** in Satan's rebellion on the **personal** level, until you freely **choose** Jesus' divine nature.

Jesus and Satan fight on the cosmic level in direct confrontation in heaven (Rev 12:7) and on earth (Jude 9; Da 10:13; Mt 4:1-11), on the corporate level through religious idolatry/apostasy (12BC 982-989) and political powers (Rev 13), and on the personal level in each human heart (Ge 3:1-8; Lk 22:3; Jn 8:38-46; 16:8; Jas 1:13-15). "Within the domain of every human heart this controversy is repeated." (DA 116). Each level involves the same "two principles" or "antagonistic motives" that are "contending for supremacy...." (Ed 190). Therefore, every follower of Jesus needs to know "how, whether he will or not, he is even now deciding upon which side of the controversy he will be found." (*ibid.*).

Through fallen churches and political legislation, the arch enemy uses deception and persecution to try to force the whole human race to join his rebellion against God (Rev 12:9, 13, 17; UL 262) and thus deprive Jesus of the joyful reward of His self-sacrifice on Calvary (Isa 53:11; Heb 12:2; GC 647, 652, 671; DA 680). God, however, through preaching the gospel and compassionate service to suffering humanity, uses truth and love to draw all people to Jesus as their crucified Savior (Jn 12:32; DA 759), gives them repentance and forgiveness (Ac 5:31), saves them by grace through faith (Eph 2:8), and makes them children of God and joint-heirs with Christ of His everlasting kingdom (Rom 8:14-17).

In the second battle of the Great Controversy, Christ's death exposed Satan as a liar and murderer (Jn 8:44; DA 57), and so defeated him and destroyed his works (Heb 2:14; 1 Jn 3:8). In the fourth battle, "this last conflict of the great controversy" (PK 627), the faithful remnant of God's people again will overcome Satan "by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death." (Rev 12:11; 2SM 380). Thus, God is revealed and vindicated in His true character of just, merciful, selfless love, first personally and decisively in the physical body of His Son, and now corporately and globally through the spiritual body of Christ, His church (Eph 3:10-11).

God's people overcome Satan in this final battle only as they take seriously that his own nature is expressed on both the corporate level, in fallen Babylon, which has received her "power, seat, and great authority" from him (Rev 13:12), and on the personal level, in the human heart (Jer 17:9). They are determined to fight the battle on both levels: By coming out and staying clear of Babylon (Rev 18:4; 14:4), the "beast without", they overcome confusion and error; and by repentance from dead works and spiritual pride (Rev 3:1-3, 17-19), they overcome sin and selfishness, the "beast within." They clearly recognize that overcoming on both levels is essential to their salvation (Mt 24:9-13; Rev 2 & 3).

Moreover, God's remnant people know that staying away from institutions led by Satan, his "power without", is not the whole battle, since Satan's "power within" must also be overcome (COL 174-175). Martin Luther is quoted as confessing, "I fear the pope *self* more than I fear the pope of *Rome*." (Eli Wigle, *Prevailing Prayer*, Continental Publishing, 1900, p. 75). "A man may be baptized, and his name placed on church rolls, yet his heart may be unchanged. Hereditary and cultivated tendencies may still work evil in the character." (UL 182). Even true believers may still have "corrupt and sinful habits that must be overcome by vigorous warfare. Every soul is required to fight the fight of faith." (6BC 1111).

Will God's people choose to fight the Great Controversy on both levels and strive to overcome in the victorious nature of their Savior and Lord? Will they help other people understand the Great Controversy and how they can participate in the total victory over sin and error? Will they fight the good fight of faith to the very end and remain faithful until Jesus comes to take them home (1 Ti 6:12; Rev 2:10)?

	Two Natures	Cosmic Level	Corporate Level	Personal Level	Two Choices
	Satan's vs. Jesus'	Satan – Fallen Angel (Isa 14:12) versus Jesus (Rev 12:7)	Babylon – Fallen Churches (Rev 14:8) versus Remnant (Rev 12:17)	Self – Fallen Hearts (Ge 3:17) versus Holy Spirit (Rom 8:5-9)	I have / do it hardly → daily
1	Pride vs. Humility	<i>Exalts himself</i> (Isa 14:14; Eze 28:17) <i>Humbles Himself</i> (Php 2:3-8)	<i>Makes herself God</i> (2 Th 2:4) <i>Repents of all pride</i> (Rev 3:14-22)	<i>Thinks highly</i> (Lk 18:11; Rom 12:3) <i>Humbles him/herself</i> (1 Pe 5:5-6)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
2	Blasphemy vs. Fear of God	<i>Speaks evil of God</i> (Ge 3:4-5) <i>Always honors God</i> (Jn 8:49)	<i>Blasphemes God</i> (Rev 13:1, 6) <i>Fears & worships God</i> (Rev 14:7)	<i>Speaks evil of God</i> (2 Pe 3:3-4) <i>Edifies in speech</i> (Eph 4:29-31)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
3	Lies vs. Honesty	<i>Is a liar & the father of it</i> (Jn 8:44) <i>Is & speaks truth</i> (Jn 4:16; 8:40)	<i>Does lying wonders</i> (2 Th 2:9) <i>Prophecies truth</i> (Rev 10:8-11)	<i>Even believers still lie</i> (Ac 5:1-11) <i>Speaks truth to all</i> (Eph 4:25)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
4	Heresies vs. True Faith	<i>Drew angels</i> (Isa 9:15; Rev 12:4) <i>God's Word is truth</i> (Jn 17:17)	<i>Has false doctrines</i> (1 Ti 4:1-2) <i>Restores truths</i> (Isa 58:12-14)	<i>Does not love truth</i> (2 Th 2:10) <i>Speaks truth in love</i> (Eph 4:15)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
5	Deception vs. Integrity	<i>Deceives world</i> (1 Ti 2:14; Rev 12:9) <i>In Him is no guile</i> (1 Pe 2:22)	<i>Deceives nations</i> (Rev 18:23) <i>Has discernment</i> (Rev 3:18)	<i>Is deceitful</i> (Jer 17:9; Jas 1:22) <i>No deceit</i> (Mk 13:22; Rev 14:5)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
6	Hypocrisy vs. Sincerity	<i>False claims</i> (Mt 4:6, 9; 1 Ti 4:1-2) <i>True claims</i> (Jn 10:24-30; 14:2)	<i>Harlot poses as bride</i> (Rev 18:2-9) <i>True obedience</i> (Rev 12:17; 14:12)	<i>Mere form</i> (Mk 7:6-13; 2 Ti 3:5) <i>True worship</i> (Jn 4:23; Rev 14:7)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
7	Accusation vs. Meekness	<i>Accuser of brethren</i> (Rev 12:10) <i>Is silent</i> (Isa 53:7; 1 Pe 2:23)	<i>Accuses believers</i> (Mt 5:10-12) <i>Relies on Spirit</i> (Mt 10:19-10)	<i>Accuses others</i> (Lk 23:2; 2 Ti 3:3) <i>Reacts meekly</i> (1 Pe 3:15-17)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
8	Anger vs. Peacefulness	<i>Wants to destroy Christ</i> (Rev 12:4) <i>Slow to anger</i> (Ps 145:8; Joel 2:13)	<i>Angry, fights saints</i> (Rev 12:12-17) <i>Proclaims Gospel</i> (Rev 14:6)	<i>Anger causes murder</i> (Mt 5:21-22) <i>Makes peace</i> (Pr 15:18; Eph 4:26)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
9	Coercion vs. Freedom	<i>Controls world</i> (Jn 12:31; 2 Co 4:4) <i>Makes free</i> (Jn 8:36; Rom 8:2)	<i>Legal threats</i> (Rev 13:12, 15-17) <i>Calls to freedom</i> (Rev 18:4; 22:17)	<i>Slave to sin</i> (Rom 7:23; 2 Ti 2:26) <i>Free from sin</i> (Rom 8:16; Gal 5:1)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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A. Sound the Trumpet – 1. Awake to Our Present Time – 110. The Final Crisis of the Great Controversy

SUMMARY: Lastly, you identify the powers in the **final** crisis, and your duty calling for absolute loyal **love** to Jesus, if you are to share in His **victory**.

"As God's people approach the final crisis, they must with increasing power proclaim the message He has given them... God's requirements must be laid before those who are transgressing His law. They must be made to understand that this is a life and death question. God's remnant people are to fill the earth with the cry of the third angel." (RH 07-16-1901). "The great crisis is just before us. To meet its trials and temptations, and to perform its duties, will require persevering faith. But we may triumph gloriously; not one watching, praying, believing soul will be ensnared by the enemy." (6T 404).

Who of God's people are properly preparing for the final crisis as depicted in Rev 17, so they can share in Christ's final victory? Only those who keep all His commandments from loyal loving faith in Him (Jn 14:15; Rev 3:18). We must remember: "The great controversy going on in the world is waging more sharply today than at any period of the world's history..." (UL 20). Satan "knoweth that he hath but a short time" (Rev 12:12).

	The Woman (Rev 17:1-6, 18)			
1	The WOMAN sitting on the beast (17:3-6, 18) is the great whore (v. 1), with whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication (v. 2) =			
2	<i>Political governments have entered illicit alliances with religious powers, that is, apostate churches.</i>			
3	The nations of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication (v. 2) =			
4	<i>They are deceived by satanic falsehoods as their powers of reason, judgment and spiritual perception have been benumbed.</i>			
5	The woman is arrayed in purple and scarlet (v. 4) = <i>colors of royalty or ruling and prostitution or oppression, a satanic mixture.</i>			
6	The golden cup in her hand is full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication (v. 4) = <i>the ungodly alliance between apostate Christianity</i>			
7	<i>and political powers is proposed to be beneficial to all, but is really Satan's deceptive way to unite the world under his leadership.</i>			
8	Her name is written on her forehead; it is a mystery:			
9	BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH (v. 5) =			
10	<i>The woman is the threefold religious union of the papacy, apostate US Protestantism, and spiritualism (institutions and their leaders).</i>			
11	She is drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus (v. 6) =			
12	<i>She is intoxicated with her past and future success at persecuting the true people of God.</i>			
	The Beast (Rev 17:8-17)			
13	The BEAST was (17:8).	And is not (17:8).	Yet is = ascends out of pit (17:8; 11:7) =	Woman sits on beast (17:3-6, 18).
14			World wonders / worships (17:8; 13:3-4,8).	Beast goes into perdition (17:8, 11).
15	605 BC – AD 1798	1798 – 1929	1929 – Close of Probation	Close of Probation – 2 nd Coming
16	History until 1798, when papacy	Beast is not active,	1929: papacy begins to be restored =	Healed Papacy leads global powers,
17	received deadly wound (13:3).	papacy without power.	wound heals (13:3), it lives (13:14).	which Christ will destroy (17:14).
18	The SEVEN HEADS are seven mountains , on which the woman sitteth (17:9) = empires (Jer 51:25; Rev 8:8) of the satanic God-less system.			
19	And they are seven kings : five are fallen, one is, and the other is not yet come... (17:10) = <i>kingdoms, governments.</i>			
20	Some believe that "the beast is not" (17:8) and "one king is" (17:10) refers to 1798, when the papacy received the deadly wound (13:3).			
21	<i>In this case, the 6th king who is, would be atheistic France, the empire that inflicted the deadly wound on the papal power.</i>			
22	<i>However, the favored view is that the "is" of the 6th king is referring to the time of the writing of Revelation, that is, to Imperial Rome.</i>			
23	<i>This means the previous five kings who have fallen (17:10) must be counted backwards from Pagan Rome, starting with Greece, then Medo-</i>			
24	<i>Persia, Babylon, Assyria, and Egypt. All of these past world powers have oppressed and/or attempted to destroy God's OT people.</i>			
25	<i>The 7th king yet to come would be the USA or, as favored, Papal Rome. Either way, the 8th king is the Confederacy led by the healed papacy.</i>			
26	Five are fallen (17:10):	One is (17:10):	The other is not yet come (17:10):	The beast is the eighth (17:11):
27	Past kingdoms, BC	John's time, ca. AD 90	AD 538 – Close of Probation	Close of Probation – 2 nd Coming
28	The 5 fallen kings (beasts):	The 6 th king (beast):	The 7 th King (little horn):	8 th King (of the 7):
29	(Dan 2; 7 & 8).	(Dan 2; 7 & 8).	(Dan 7 & 8; Rev 13:1-10 or 13:11-17).	(Rev 17:11).
30	1. Egypt (or Babylon)	6. Imperial Pagan Rome	7. Papal Rome (or USA)	8. Global Confederacy
31	2. Assyria (or Medo-Persia)	27 BC - AD 476	a. 3-fold union (Papacy, US Protestantism	10 kings = all earthly powers:
32	3. Babylon (or Greece)	(or Atheistic France,	and Spiritualism) (16:13-14) pushes	a. Receive power 1 hour with beast
33	4. Medo-Persia (or Imperial Rome)	1789 - 1871)	US & global Sunday laws (13:15-17).	= Support 3-fold union in global
34	5. Greece (or Papal Rome)		b. Satan fakes 2 nd Coming (Mt 24:26).	persecution of remnant (17:12-14).
35	The TEN HORNS are ten kings (global powers) which have received no kingdom as yet (17:12).			b. Destroy the papacy (17:16-18).
36				c. Lamb overcomes them (17:14)
37				Christ totally destroys them all.

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A. Sound the Trumpet – 2. Stand on the Side of Truth – 201. The Two Last Day Movements

SUMMARY: Second, you need **complete self-denial** in the final crisis to **persevere** against the satanic **counterfeit** of the Three Angels' Messages.

"Before the final visitation of God's judgments upon the earth there will be among the people of the Lord such a revival of primitive godliness as has not been witnessed since apostolic times. The Spirit and power of God will be poured out upon His children.... The enemy of souls desires to hinder this work; and before the time for such a movement shall come, he will endeavor to prevent it by introducing a counterfeit.... There will be manifest what is thought to be great religious interest.... Under a religious guise, Satan will seek to extend his influence over the Christian world.... Yet none need be deceived. In the light of God's word it is not difficult to determine the nature of these movements." (GC 464).

"Two great opposing powers are revealed in the last great battle. On one side stands the Creator of heaven and earth. All on His side bear His signet. They are obedient to His commands. On the other side stands the prince of darkness, with those who have chosen apostasy and rebellion." (7BC 982). "Between the laws of men and the precepts of Jehovah will come the last great conflict of the controversy between truth and error. Upon this battle we are now entering--a battle not between rival churches contending for the supremacy, but between the religion of the Bible and the religions of fable and tradition. The agencies which have united against truth are now actively at work." (PK 625).

The last days of earth's history are of unprecedented spiritual import and impact. Movements of both divine and satanic origins and power are now gathering followers by drawing them into their ranks to get ready for the battle of Armageddon (Rev 16:13-14). Being initiated by opposite spirits, they will necessarily and very soon be on an open collision course (Rev 12:17). By the time probation closes, the human race will have been divided into two distinct and fixed groups with opposite eternal destinies (Rev 22:11). Only those who remain on God's side will finally be saved (Mt 24:13; Rev 2:11). The time is urgent. "Church and state are now making preparations for the last great conflict." (RH 01-23-1908).

Are we making our preparations, both individually and corporately? God is calling on His remnant people now to give humanity, in the power of the latter rain, His final invitation to receive the gospel (Rev 14:6-7; 18:4; 22:17), and His last warning of the tragic results of rejecting it (Rev 14:8-11). The faith of all people will be tested (Rev 3:10; GC 560, 605). Already many depart from it and are shaken out (1 Ti 4:1; Heb 12:27), while others purpose their refining and renewing (Mal 3:2; Rev 3:18). "The Lord is calling for self-denying workers to follow in His footsteps, to walk and work for Him...." (8T 28). His probing question is: Will we persevere in the self-denial needed to stand on the side of truth (Lk 18:8)?

	The Genuine Movement	Scriptures & EGW		The Counterfeit Movement
1	The Heavenly Trio (Mt 28:19; Ev 615)	(Divine Powers)	(Demonic Powers)	The Earthly Trio (Rev 16:13; 20:10)
2	The Father (The everlasting God):	Jn 20:17; Rom 16:25;	Rev 12:9; 2 Co 4:4;	The Dragon (Satan – god of this world):
3	Plan of Salvation – Eternal life by faith:	1 Pe 1:2-5; Rev 20:6;	Rev 17:1-2; GC 588 ff.;	Plan of Delusion – Global Spiritualism:
4	Humans are mortal; dead will be raised.	1 Co 15:54; Jn 6:40;	GC 533; 545-562;	Souls are immortal; dead are appearing.
5	Gives all power in heaven & earth to Son.	Mt 28:18	Rev 13:2	Gives his power and seat to sea beast.
6	The Son (Jesus the Lord and Christ):	Jn 20:31; Ac 2:36;	Rev 13:1-10; 17:1-6;	The Beast (Babylon – Papacy leads):
7	Looks like the Father; dies and resurrects.	Heb 1:3; Rev 1:18	Rev 12:3; 13:1, 3	Looks like the dragon; is slain and healed.
8	Reveals the Father: Truth, Word of God.	Jn 1:14; 17:17;	1 Ti 4:1-2; Rev 18:2;	Reveals dragon: Error, Doctrines of devils.
9	Head of His remnant church in the world.	Eph 5:23; Col 1:18	Rev 17:5; GC 382	Mother of all fallen churches of the world.
10	The Holy Spirit (The Other Comforter):	Jn 14:16, 26; 15:26;	Rev 16:13; Mar 182;	The False Prophet (Apostate Protestantism):
11	Promotes Jesus; genuine fire & miracles.	Jn 16:14; Ac 2:3, 22, 43;	Rev 13:12-14; 19:20;	Promotes beast; deceiving fire & miracles.
12	Restores individuals to image of Christ.	Jn 16:8; Rom 8:29;	Rev 13:15; LDE 131;	Causes USA to make image to beast.
13	Gives love to obey all Commandments.	Rom 5:5; 1 Jn 5:3	Rev 13:15-17	Enforces law to break 4 th Commandment.
14	The 3 Angels' Messages (Rev 14:6-11):	(Last offer of mercy prior	(Last deception prior	The 3 Frogs' Messages (Rev 16:13):
15	Go to all <u>people</u> of the world (Rev 14:6)	to COP, ST 01-25-1910)	to Exodus, Ex 8:7)	Go to all <u>rulers</u> of the world (Rev 16:14)
16	Fear the God of judgment, give glory to Him.	Mt 10:28; Rev 14:7;	2 Th 2:4; Rev 13:5-6;	The Beast blasphemes the true God, is God.
17	His pre-Advent judgment has come.	Dan 8:14; Rev 14:7;	Internet;	Second chance after secret rapture.
18	Worship the Creator! (Return to <u>Sabbath</u>)	Ex 20:8-11; Rev 14:7	Rev 13:4, 12, 15	<u>Worship the beast!</u> (<u>Sunday Movements</u>)
19	Babylon is fallen, is fallen (emphatic):	Rev 14:8; 18:2;	Rev 13:4; 18:7;	Babylon is worshiped, sits as queen:
20	Made people disregard the Sabbath.	Ex 20:8-11; Da 7:25	Dan 7:25; RC Sources	Claims power to change law to Sunday.
21	All who do take the mark of the beast, will	Rev 14:9-11;	Rev 13:15-17;	All who do not take the mark of the beast,
22	receive the plagues and be annihilated.	GC 383	GC 446-449	cannot buy or sell, and must be killed.
23	Final Warning (Loud Cry):	Ps 75:8; Rev 16:2;	5T 81, 152; AH 141;	"Final Whoring (Proud Lie)":
24	Babylon is fallen and full of demons:	Rev 18:1-3;	2 Th 2:9-12;	Babylon is alive and full of the Spirit:
25	Christianity full of false doctrines & vices.	GC 604; 8T 118;	EW 261; GC 464-5;	(Pentecostal & Charismatic Movements)
26	Come out of her, my (individual) people!	Rev 18:4; Mar 163;	Rev 13:3, 8; GC 588;	Come (back) to me, all faiths & pagans!
27	(Seventh-day Adventist Movement)	4T 13; PP 124	Internet	(Ecumenical & Interfaith Movements)

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A. Sound the Trumpet – 2. Stand on the Side of Truth – 202. The End-Time Elijah

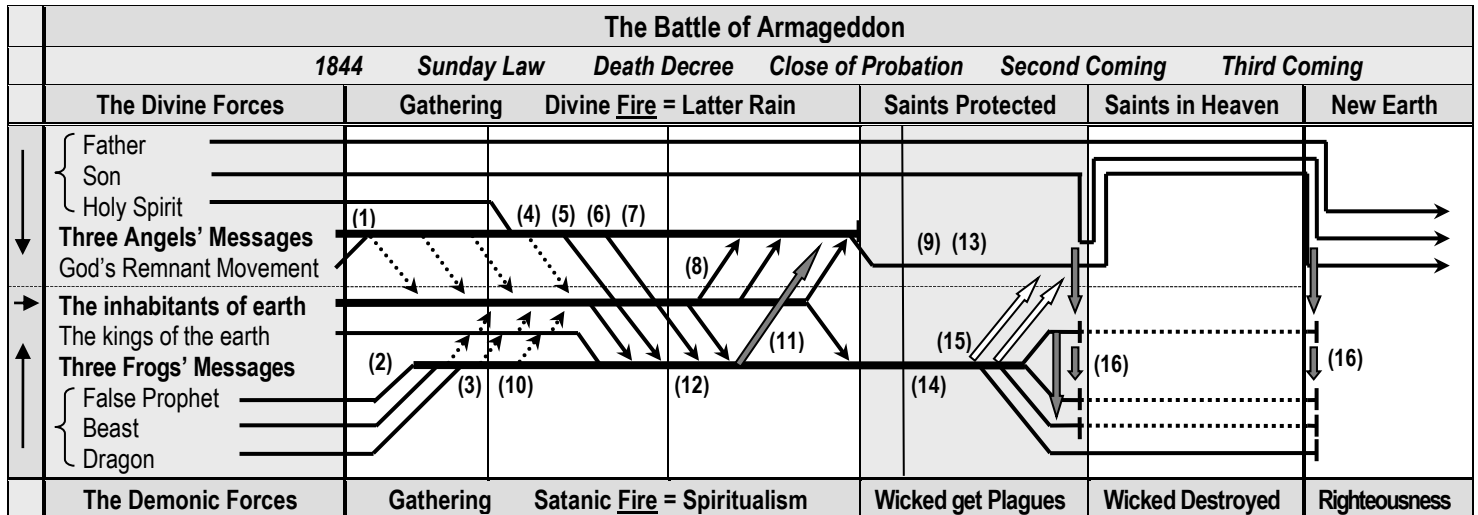
SUMMARY: Here you can see how, by **spreading** these messages, you help **prepare** a people for the Lord as did Elijah and John the Baptist.

The prophetic Three Angels' Messages preached in the power of Holy Spirit (Rev 14:6-12; 18:1-4), directly contradict the three demons' messages of the counterfeit trinity (Rev 16:13). As both messages go out to and gather followers from the whole world (Rev 14:6; 16:14), the great controversy between Christ and Satan comes to a climax in the spiritual "Battle of Armageddon" (Rev 16:14-16). Christ, the true High Priest (Heb 6:20) and King of kings (Rev 17:14), and His followers of pure faith, His virgin bride (Rev 14:4; 19:7-9), fight against prostitute Babylon, which is posing as a High Priest (Rev 17:4-5; Ex 28; 39) and a queen (Rev 18:7), and her followers of corrupt faith, her illicit lovers (Rev 17:1-2, 14).

"Armageddon" means "mountain of Megiddo", but there is no mountain by that name, nor was Megiddo itself on a mountain. However, the city is reminiscent of two decisive historic battles: Israel's dramatic victory over Canaanite kings "by the waters of Megiddo" (Jdg 4; 5:19), and Elijah's victory over the priests of Baal on nearby Mount Carmel (1 Ki 18:16-46). Both battles are types of the two aspects of the Battle of Armageddon: 1. As God gave His people of Israel physical victory over kings at Megiddo (Jdg 5:19), so Christ assures His remnant people that when He comes He will destroy the "kings of the earth" and Babylon, which had united to destroy them (Rev 6:14-17; 16:18-21; 17:14-16; 19:19-21).

2. But before "that great day of God Almighty" (Rev 16:14), a spiritual victory is to be gained, a decision secured: As on Mount Carmel the prophet Elijah called the Israelites to follow the true God, so in the Battle of Armageddon God's remnant, through the prophetic Three Angels' Messages (Rev 16:14-16; 18:1-4), calls the end-time world to worship Him. Carmel and Armageddon urge the same decision: Who will you follow or worship, the true Creator God or an idol (1 Ki 18:21; Rev 13:8; 14:7)? It is a matter of life or death (1 Ki 18:37-40; Rev 19:19-21; 20:15). By calling everyone on earth to worship God, "for the hour of His judgment is come" (Rev 14:6), God's remnant acts as His end-time Elijah (7T 141).

This is still our mission. "Thousands were led to embrace the truth preached by William Miller, and servants of God were raised up in the spirit and power of Elijah to proclaim the message." (EW 233; 1SG 133). "Those who are to prepare the way for the second coming of Christ are represented by faithful Elijah, as John came in the spirit of Elijah to prepare the way for Christ's first advent. The work of John the Baptist, and the work of those who in the last days go forth in the spirit and power of Elijah to arouse the people from their apathy, are in many respects the same." (Mar 22). It is to globally "make straight the way of the Lord" (Isa 40:3-5; Mt 3:3) by making "ready a people prepared for the Lord" (Lk 1:17).



Time of Gathering → Close of Probation	Spiritual Victory → Second Coming	Physical Victory → Third Coming
<p>(1) In 1844, Remnant begins to proclaim Three Angels' Messages globally, thus gathering new believers (Mt 22:8-10; Jn 10:16; Rev 14:6-12), and preparing for the Latter Rain and Time of Trouble (6T 42-43; EW 85-86).</p> <p>(2) Counterfeit Trinity begins to spread Three Frogs' Messages globally, thus gathering new adherents from among the kings of the world, and training them for Armageddon (Rev 12:17; 16:13-14; 17:1-3, 12-13).</p>	<p>(3) Land Beast works lying wonders, including fire from heaven (Rev 13:13-14; 1 Th 2:9).</p> <p>(4) Spirit Fire: Believers proclaim final warning in Latter Rain power, true miracles follow (Rev 18:1-4; 6T 16; GC 604-612; 9T 126).</p> <p>(5) Heed prophetic guidance (Jdg 4:8; EGW).</p> <p>(6) Persevere in battle (Jdg 4:16; Rev 14:12).</p> <p>(7) Overcome love of life (Jdg 5:18; Rev 12:11).</p> <p>(8) People decide for God (1 Ki 18:39; Rev 14:7).</p> <p>(9) Saints endure Jacob's trouble (GC 615-621).</p>	<p>(10) 2nd Beast enacts Sunday Law with threat of economic boycott (Rev 13:16-17).</p> <p>(11) Believers face death decree (Rev 13:15).</p> <p>(12) Are overcome, martyrs (Rev 13:7; 3SM 397).</p> <p>(13) God cares for survivors as for Elijah (GC 629).</p> <p>(14) Death decree enforced, date for believers' death set as for Elijah (1 Ki 19:2; GC 631).</p> <p>(15) God prevents their death (GC 626, 631-5).</p> <p>(16) God destroys their enemies (Jdg 5:19-22; Rev 17:14-17; 19:11-21; 20:9-15).</p>

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A. Sound the Trumpet – 2. Stand on the Side of Truth – 203. The Comings of the Two Christs

SUMMARY: You also **prepare** yourself and others for the Lord's return, as you **discern** Satan's deception when he **counterfeits** Jesus' coming.

The second coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ has been the "blessed hope" (Tit 2:13) of all true believers who have looked for their final deliverance for centuries (Da 12:1; Heb 11:39-40; Mt 6:10). As this most climactic event of earth's history is drawing closer, Satan knows he has but a short time left (Rev 12:12) to achieve his devious goal to deceive the whole human race into deifying him instead of worshipping the Creator (Isa 14:13-15; Mt 4:9; LDE 168). He will attempt this, not just by claiming to be the Christ as many others have before him (Mt 24:5), but by actually personating Him, thereby counterfeiting the coming of the true Christ (2 Th 2:9; LDE 162-164).

This will be Satan's greatest delusion, the "crowning act in the drama of deception" (GC 624), by which he will mislead almost all the people of the world and attempt to deceive, if it were possible, even the very elect (Mt 24:24). However, the elect are able to discern Satan's trickery. They know that he is not permitted to counterfeit the manner of Jesus' coming and the events associated with it (LDE 165-166). They have identified the exact points by which to distinguish between the genuine and the false Christ, and are committed to endure to the end and patiently wait for their true great God and Savior (Mt 24:13; Isa 64:4; 25:9; Tit 2:13), even if they are in the minority (5T 136).

God's remnant people look for the glorious future, which their divine Lord has prepared for those who love Him (1 Co 2:9; Jas 2:5). That is why, in the power of the latter rain, they faithfully and powerfully proclaim the true Savior and the true Sabbath, calling people out of Babylon (Rev 18:1-4). This constitutes "the final warning to be given to the inhabitants of the earth." (GC 604).

	The Actual Appearing/Return of the True Christ, the God and Savior, Jesus Christ (Tit 2:13)		Comparison	The Counterfeit Coming of the False "Christ", the god of this World, Satan (2 Co 4:4)	
1	Christ comes after the little and great times of trouble and the seven last plagues.	Mt 24:23-30; Rev 16	Timing differs	Satan comes during the little and before the great time of trouble and the plagues.	Mt 24:23 GC 625
2	The "sign of the Son of man" appears, a small black cloud changing into a big white cloud on which Jesus comes.	Mt 24:30; EW 15; GC 640-1	No counterfeit permitted	"Satan is not permitted to counterfeit the manner of Christ's advent." He will not come on a cloud or in any other way.	GC 625; LDE 165; 4SP 443
3	Jesus comes with great power and His Father's glory, with all holy angels.	Mk 13:26; Mt 16:27; 24:30	No counterfeit	Satan not permitted to counterfeit the glory of Christ's advent; he is all by himself.	LDE 165; 163
4	Jesus never touches the earth but stays in the air, after visible and audible arrival.	Mt 24:27; 1 Th 4:17	Arrival opposite	Satan appears as already walking on the earth, without noticeable prior arrival.	Mt 24:26; LDE 163
5	Every eye will see Him around the world (without the help of media coverage).	Rev 1:7	Visibility opposite	Satan will be seen only locally wherever he appears (and maybe in the media).	LDE 163
6	Faithful disciples of Jesus will not go where Satan is seen, or believe reports.	Mt 24:26	Interest opposite	Unbelievers and deceived disciples of Jesus go and see where "Christ" is reported to be.	LDE 163
7	Believers will recognize the voice of the true Shepherd, when He comes.	Jn 10:1-5; LDE 165	Reaction opposite	Believers will flee from the false Christ; only deceived people will go hear him.	Jn 10:5; LDE 164
8	When the saints see Jesus come closer, they shout, "Behold, this is our God."	Isa 25:9	Greeting similar	When Satan appears, the deceived shout, "Christ has come! Christ has come!"	LDE 163-164
9	Jesus appears with white hair and fiery eyes and feet.	EW 15	Looks similar	Satan imitates Christ's appearance, as it is also described in Rev 1:13-15.	LDE 163
10	Christ descends with a shout, a loud voice, and the sound of a trumpet.	1 Th 4:16	Sounds opposite	Satan speaks some heavenly truths in a soft, subdued, and gentle voice.	LDE 163-164
11	Believers keep the true Sabbath of the Lord; they will not obey the Sunday law.	Mt 12:8; Rev 20:4	Worship opposite	Satan claims to have changed the Sabbath; the deceived will obey Sunday law.	LDE 164
12	Christ performs true divine miracles: resurrects the dead believers of all ages; translates the living saints in a moment; they all receive immortal bodies and are caught up to meet Christ in the air.	Mt 24:26; 1 Co 15:51-55; 1 Th 4:16-17	Nature of miracles of Christ and Satan opposite	Satan performs lying wonders: apparent healings from sickness which he inflicted; these "will bring SDAs to the test"; he causes fire to come down from heaven to "prove" his claim that he is Christ/God.	2 Th 2:9; LDE 166-7; 2SM 53; Rev 13:13; LDE 167
13	All unbelievers around the world will mourn as they witness the power and glory of Christ, and will then be destroyed by it.	Mt 24:30; 2 Th 2:8; Rev 14:18-20	Response of wicked opposite	All unbelievers around the world will fall for Satan, deify and exalt him as their god and make God's law void.	LDE 166, 168
14	Faithful believers, having prayed and waited for their deliverance, will meet Jesus in the air and be taken to heaven.	Isa 25:9; Da 12:1; 1 Th 4:15-17	Experience of believers opposite	Faithful believers who recognized Satan's deception and refused the false Sabbath, will be hated, persecuted, and many killed.	Mt 24:9; Rev 13:15

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A. Sound the Trumpet – 3. Qualify for the Seal of God – 301. The Purposes and Phases of the Sealing

SUMMARY: Third, you need **perpetual abiding** in Jesus through His Spirit, since without Him you cannot **qualify** for or **benefit** from His sealing.

The sealing of God's faithful people is the means by which the Lord achieves His divine plan for them (Isa 55:11; Jer 27:11).

A seal is a literal impression on a document (Est 3:12) or a spiritual sign for its recipients (Ex 31:13). It contains the name, title, and jurisdiction of its author, thereby declares the authority of the owner, and gives authority to the messenger to share and act on the message.

In the Scriptures any sealing has three purposes. They apply to the written document such as a letter or a book, to a message such as a law to be proclaimed, as well as to its messenger. This is particularly true for the Ten Commandments and God's people in the last days.

The sealing of God's people is not simply a single one-time occurrence, but a process in four phases. It comes at crucial points in their lives, and will be completed only on the faithful who endure unto the end and are then delivered and saved (Da 12:1; Mt 24:13; Mk 13:13).

Who of God's people are committed to qualify for all stages of the sealing?

The Three Purposes of Any Sealing	
1	The Three Purposes (Biblical examples)
2	1. To <u>enable</u> the messenger to be sent out and the message to be proclaimed (1 Ki 21:8; Est 3:13; 8:13; Jn 6:27; 20:21-23; Ac 1:8; AA 30).
3	2. To <u>authenticate</u> , validate, endorse, or approve of the content or message/messenger (1 Ki 21:8; Ne 9:38; Est 3:12; 8:8, 10; Da 6:17; Jn 3:33; Rom 4:11; 1 Co 9:2; Eph 4:30; 2 Ti 2:19; PP 376; PK 335; AA 96; DA 529; Ev 329; 19MR 281-282).
4	3. To <u>protect</u> the substance and thus secure the objective of: a) a legal document, political or religious (1 Ki 21:8; Ne 9:38; Isa 8:16);
5	b) a book (Da 9:24; 12:4, 9; Rev 5:1-9; 6:1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 12; 8:1; 9:4; 10:4; 20:3; 22:10); c) a person (2 Co 1:22; Eph 1:13-14; 4:30).
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7	Application to the Ten Commandments (seal is in the Sabbath commandment, Ex 20:11)
8	1. Moses, the prophets, Jesus, His apostles, and all the faithful proclaimed the <u>content</u> of God's law (Ex 20:1-17; Mt 5:21-48; Rom 13:8-10).
9	2. Moses, the prophets, Jesus, His apostles, & all the faithful upheld the <u>authority</u> of God's law (Dt 10:4; Isa 1:10; Jn 10:35; Rom 7:12; Jas 2:12).
10	3. All called for the keeping of God's law (Dt 11:1; 2 Ki 17:13; Lk 6:46; Jas 1:22; 1 Jn 5:3) and defended its <u>immutability</u> (Mt 5:17; Ro 3:31).
11	Application to God's End-Time Remnant (seal is in the law in the heart, Dt 5:29; Jer 31:33)
12	The three purposes of any sealing apply in a special way to God's remnant people in the last days: They are sealed
13	1. because God wants to <u>enable</u> them to be His witnesses in the power of His Holy Spirit (Ac 1:8; Rev 14:6-12; 18:1-4);
14	2. because God wants to <u>authenticate</u> and approve of their godly lives and testimony (Matt 25:21, 23; 3T 267);
15	3. because God wants to <u>protect</u> them from the plagues and from death during the great time of trouble (EW 43, 71).
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The Four Phases of the Sealing of Believers	
16	1. Initial Sealing (at the beginning of the life of faith) as
17	circumcision, seal of righteousness by faith: of the flesh (Rom 4:11), or of the heart (Dt 30:6; Col 2:10-12);
18	Sabbath keeping, sign of sanctification and loyalty to God's covenant (Ex 31:13-17; Eze 20:12; LDE 225);
19	the " <u>earnest of the Spirit</u> " to secure their inheritance until redemption (2 Co 1:22; 5:5; Eph 1:13-14; 4:30).
20	2. Occasional Sealing (at various points during the life of faith) as
21	empowerment for service (Jn 6:27; Lk 24:49; Ac 1:5, 8; AA 30);
22	validation of service (Jn 6:27; 1 Co 9:2; PP 376; PK 335; AA 96; DA 529; Ev 329; 19MR 281-282);
23	the " <u>settling into the truth</u> " before the shaking, to secure faithfulness (EW 43-44; 4BC 1161 on Rev 7:2; 8MR 220).
24	3. One-Time Sealing (the "seal of the living God", just before the close of probation, 7BC 968 on Rev 7:1-3) as
25	for those only who "sigh and cry for the abominations done in the land" (5T 212; CET 187);
26	the " <u>pure mark of truth</u> " on those who "sigh and cry for" the sins done in the church (Eze 9:4; 3T 266-267);
27	the " <u>mark of deliverance</u> " on those who keep the Commandments and "sigh and cry" (5T 451; GC 656);
28	the sign of truly keeping the Sabbath (7BC 981 on Rev 14:12; GC 640; 15MR 15, 225);
29	for those who have passed the great test and proved loyal to God (7BC 976 on Rev 13:14-17; GC 613; LDE 229);
30	for those who are "without spot before God – candidates for heaven" (5T 216; FLB 288; LDE 221).
31	recognition of their likeness to Christ (7BC 970 on Rev 7:1-3; Mar 241; 3T 267; 5T 214; TM 446);
32	protection during the great time of trouble (Zep 2:3; 7BC 969 on Rev 7:1-3; EW 43, 71; Mar 242; LED 221);
33	securing them for heaven (7BC 970 on Rev 7:1-3; EW 89; TM 446; 15MR 225).
34	4. Ultimate Sealing ("His seal of final triumph", at the return of the Lord)
35	(LS 438; AG 200, 326; HP 341; 2SM 407).
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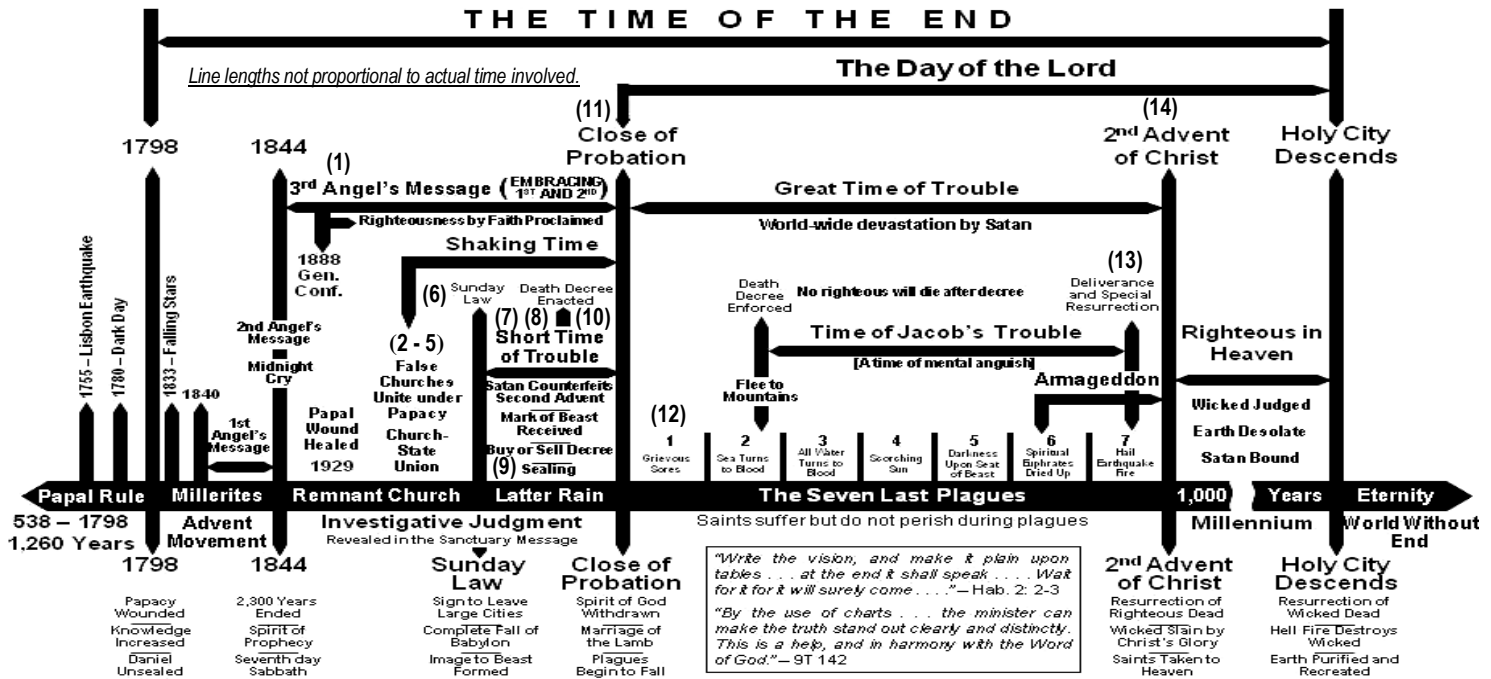
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A. Sound the Trumpet – 3. Qualify for the Seal of God – 302. Events of the Time of the End

SUMMARY: Only as you **abide** in Jesus and are **sealed**, can you remain **faithful** through the prophesied sequence of the rapid final events.

"We are living in the time of the end. The fast-fulfilling signs of the times declare that the coming of Christ is near at hand." (9T 11).



James L. Hayward, Sr., *Chronology of Last Day Events Chart*, personal file. Used and adapted by permission.

Time of Preparation → Sunday Law	Little Time of Trouble → Close of Probation	Great Time of Trouble → 2nd Coming
<p>(1) Third Angel's Message: Given from 1844 (EW 254) to close of probation (GC 613). Embraces the 1st & 2nd messages (8T 197). 1888: Righteousness by Faith is "3rd angel's message in verity" (LDE 199), commanded by God "to be given to the world." (TM 92).</p> <p>(2) Sealing: Settling into the truth (4BC 1161 on Rev 7:2): Prepares believers for shaking and the Latter Rain (Mar, chs. 192 & 193).</p> <p>(3) Counterfeit Revivals: In fallen churches, before Loud Cry (EW 261). Started by Satan to prevent the coming true revival (GC 464).</p> <p>(4) True Revival/Reform: Among God's people. Has 2 phases; 1st is prerequisite for 2nd: 1. Enabled by Former Rain (LDE 187-196). 2. Enabled by Latter Rain (9T 126; GC 464).</p> <p>(5) Shaking Time: Already begun (4BC 1161). Caused by straight testimony (LDE 175), false theories (LDE 177) & persecution (173-4).</p> <p>(6) US & Global Sunday Laws: Image to beast & death threat (Rev 13:15-17; GC 445; 6T 18). Final test for humanity (Rev 14:12; GC 605).</p>	<p>(7) Satan works miracles & disasters (GC 588-9). Sunday Law (Rev 13:16-17; GC 449; 604-5). Believers persecuted (GC 607-8): scatters, unifies, sanctifies (6T 401; LDE 145-154). Satan counterfeits 2nd Coming (GC 625).</p> <p>(8) Latter Rain (Joel 2:23; Ac 3:19; EW 86): Swells 3rd angel's message to Loud Cry (Rev 18:1-4; EW 277). Prepares believers for plagues (EW 86), fits them for translation (1T 187). Final warning heeded; unconverted shaken out & replaced (4T 89; GC 604-612).</p> <p>(9) Seal of the living God (Eze 9:2-4; Rev 7:1-3; EW 38, 48): All who fully reflect the image of Christ (EW 71) & truly keep Sabbath (GC 640). Their sins blotted out (Ac 3:19; GC 485, 620). Protected from 7 last plagues (EW 43, 71).</p> <p>(10) Marriage of the Lamb: Christ receives His kingdom (Da 7:13-14; GC 428, 480) in the Most Holy Place (EW 251, 280). Believers attend by faith (Mt 25:10; GC 427-428).</p> <p>(11) Close of probation: Holy Spirit withdrawn, door of mercy shut (Rev 22:11; GC 428, 614).</p>	<p>(12) The 7 last plagues (GC 614). During 2nd: Death decree against the remnant starts time of <i>Jacob's trouble</i> (GC 615-620). Saints are protected, will not die (EW 283; GC 629-631). During 6th: Battle of Armageddon (Rev 16:16).</p> <p>(13) During 7th: Special Resurrection (Da 12:2; Mt 26:64) of all who pierced Christ (Rev 1:7), derided and opposed Him the most (GC 637), and all who died in the faith of the third angel's message, to behold Him coming in His glory, with terror (Rev 6:16) or joy (LDE 271-278).</p> <p>(14) Second Coming (Da 12:1): Death decree not executed, but Christ delivers saints at midnight (GC 636). The 144,000 receive "His seal of final triumph" (AG 200). The wicked are destroyed (Jer 25:33), the dead saints raised and the living translated; all meet Jesus in the air to ever be with Him (1 Th 4:15-17).</p> <p>"And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." (Lk 21:28)</p>

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A. Sound the Trumpet – 1. Awake to Our Present Time – 107. The Four Battles of the Great Controversy

SUMMARY: Now, look closer at Satan's rebellion: he fights on three **levels**. Rev 12 describes the **cosmic** level as four battles. Jesus **wins** them all.

Every student of the Bible is called to "gain a knowledge of its grand central theme, of God's original purpose for the world, of the rise of the great controversy, and of the work of redemption. He should understand the nature of the two principles that are contending for supremacy, and should learn to trace their working through the records of history and prophecy, to the great consummation. He should see how this controversy enters into every phase of human experience; how in every act of life he himself reveals the one or the other of the two antagonistic motives; and how, whether he will or not, he is even now deciding upon which side of the controversy he will be found." (Ed 190).

In short, the Great Controversy, this "unrelenting war between God and Satan," is fought on three levels, on the "cosmic and the personal levels" (12BC 969), and on the corporate level of both political and spiritual powers. Thus, the age-old conflict provides the Biblical key to the history of nations and religions and their interactions with God's people. Revelation 12 outlines the cosmic level in four major battles. Satan fights against Christ in direct and often unseen confrontations, both in heaven (Rev 12:7; Job 1:6-12) and on earth (Jude 9; Da 10:13; Mt 4:1-11; 16:23). Every one of these battles reveals Jesus and His faithful ones (angelic and human) as overcoming Satan and his followers.

This means, "The last great conflict between truth and error [the fourth battle] is but the final struggle of the long-standing controversy concerning the law of God. Upon this battle we are now entering -- a battle between the laws of men and the precepts of Jehovah, between the religion of the Bible and the religion of fable and tradition. The agencies which will unite against truth and righteousness in this contest are now actively at work." (GC 582). Moreover, Satan is very angry with God's people, for he knows he has "but a short time." (Rev 12:12, 17). For this reason, "The great controversy going on in the world is waging more sharply today than at any period of the world's history..." (UL 20).

Are God's people ready for this final battle? And will they remain faithful to Jesus (Lk 18:8)?

Four Battles	Jesus & Angels	God's People	Scriptures & EGW		Fallen People	Satan & Demons
1. In Heaven Eternity – Creation of Earth (Rev 12:4a, 7-9)	God plans creation of earth and man's salvation in Jesus. Son is confirmed in His supremacy.	<u>God's Goals:</u> (DA 764) • Vindicate His law. • Redeem humanity. • Destroys sin & sinners. • Secure universe.	3SG 36-38; 6BC 1070; Eph 1:4-10; DA 22-23; PP 36, 63	Eze 28:2-17; Isa 14:12-14; DA 21-22; 761; 2 Pe 2:4; Jude 6; PP 33-43	<u>Satan's Goals:</u> (DA 763) • Prove law faulty. • Force humanity. • Deceive into sin. • Control the world.	Envies Jesus: Discontent. Rebels. <i>Justice excludes mercy.</i> Cast out physically: Lost favor & position.
4000 BC – 4 BC	Gospel. Man mortal. Covenants, 10 Comm, Sanctuary, Nation.	Adam & Eve, Abel, Noah, Abram, Prophets: True faith & reforms.	Ge 2; 3; 6; 8; 12-25; OT history.	Ge 3; 4; 7; 11; Dt 32:17-18; Rom 1:20-28	Adam & Eve, Cain, Flood, Babel, Exile: Idolatry & injustice.	Lies: <i>God is selfish.</i> <i>Law broken, man lost.</i> Rules & deceives.
2. Jesus' Life 4 BC – AD 31: Birth – Ascension (Rev 12:4b, 9-12)	Lives without sin: <i>Law valid; can be kept.</i> Dies bearing all sin: <i>God is just & merciful.</i> Secures salvation.	They follow Christ: Go preach & heal. Commissioned to spread the gospel in the whole world.	Heb 4:15; 2 Co 5:21; 1 Pe 2:24; 3:18; Rom 3:25-26; Mt 10; 28:16-20	Lk 22:53; 10:18; Jn 8:44; GC 502; Jn 12:31; Heb 2:14; Jn 5:40; Mt 23:38; 21:43	Israel rejects Jesus: House left desolate. Kingdom taken from them & given to all faithful Christians.	Crucifies Jesus: Is liar & murderer. Cast out spiritually: Lost way to accuse. <i>Jesus abrogated law.</i>
AD 31 – AD 538	Scatters disciples. Grows His church. Guides churches.	Preach in His power. Are persecuted by pagan & papal Rome.	Ac 1:8; 2:4; 8:1-4; 9:31; 28:28; Rev 2; 3	Ac 8:1; 20:30; Mt 24:15-20; Rev 13:1-2	Stephan & Jerusalem. Sabbath to Sunday. Papal supremacy.	Persecutes church. Infiltrates pagan doctrines & practices.
3. 1260 Years 538 – 1798: Dark Ages (Rev 12:6, 13-16)	Preserves remnant. Starts reformation. Shortens tribulation. Opens US as refuge. Shows signs of end.	Rome is Babylon. <i>Truth in Bible alone.</i> Translate Bible. Keep the Sabbath. <i>Saved by faith alone.</i>	Rev 12:6, 14; Rev 11:2-3; Mt 24: 21-22; Rev 12:11, 16; Mt 24:29	Da 7:25; DA 763; 2 Th 2:1-7; Rev 13:2, 5-7; Rev 12:15; GC 120-170	Papal oppression: Suppresses Bible. Enforces Sunday. Persecutes church. Rejects reformation.	Replaces Jesus: <i>Truth in tradition.</i> Saints & images. Priests & indulgences. <i>Saved by faith & works.</i>
1789 – 1929	Opens up Daniel. Awakens reform. Ignites mission.	Interest in prophecy. Bible Societies. Global missions.	Da 12:4, 10; Rev 11:11-12; Mt 24:14; 28:19	Rev 13:3, 10; Rev 11:7-10; 2 Th 2:3-4	Deadly wound. French Revolution. Papal infallibility.	Destroys faith: Atheism. Evolutionism.
4. Last Days 1844 – 2 nd Coming (Rev 12:17-14:20)	Calls the remnant. Gives Latter Rain. 1) Judges believers. Wins Armageddon. 2) Saves His faithful.	Preach 3 A Messages. True revival. Sabbath. Loud Cry. Sealing. Endure time of trouble. Immortal & caught up.	Rev 10:8-11; 14; 14:12; Da 8:14; Rev 18:1-4; 7:1-3; 16:19; Mt 24:13; Da 12:1; 1 Th 4:17	Rev 13:17:3-6; 13:13; Mt 24:24; Rev 13:8, 15-18; 16:1-21; 20:1-3; 14:20; 19:17-21	Beast: wound healed. Have false revivals. <i>Sabbath set aside.</i> Receive last plagues. Are Slain & devoured.	Defies Jesus: Global spiritualism. Global Sunday law. Global blasphemy. Is on desolate earth.
Millennium – Lake of Fire	3) Judges wicked. Convicts wicked. 4) Destroys wicked.	Co-judge wicked. Surround white throne. Look for new earth.	1 Co 6:2-3; Rev 20:4, 11-13; 20:9; 21:1	Jn 5:29; Rev 20:5; 20:8-9; Ro 14:11; Rev 20:10, 14, 15	Dead, then raised. Fight, confess Jesus. Suffer & die in fire.	Ponders work & future. Fights, bows to Jesus. Suffers & dies in fire.

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A. Sound the Trumpet – 401. Commitment

Summary: Knowing now *why* God requires **1. absolute loyal love, 2. complete self-denial, and 3. perpetual abiding**, you **commit** to these marks.

Upon working and praying through this theme I commit and pledge allegiance to the following, by the grace of God and according to His will:

My Commitment Pledge of Allegiance	I make it hesitantly → decidedly
A1. Awake to our Present Time	
I commit to preparing for the final corporate battle of the Great Controversy against Babylon, the “beast without”. I commit to engaging in the daily personal battle of the Great Controversy against self, the “beast within”.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
A2. Stand on the Side of Truth	
I commit to helping to spread the prophetic Three Angels’ Messages, and to reject any lies of the counterfeit. I commit to waiting for the glorious return of the true Christ, and to resist any deception of the false Christ.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
A3. Qualify for the Seal of God	
I commit to accepting all three purposes and to qualify for all four stages of the divine sealing process. I commit to remaining alert to and faithful during all end time events, rejoicing that our salvation is drawing near.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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