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CHAPTER I. The Fall of Satan. The Lord

has shown me that Satan was once an honored angel in heaven, next to Jesus Christ. His countenance, like those of the other angels, was mild, and expressive of happiness like the other angels. His forehead was high and broad, and showed showing great intelligence. His form was perfect. He had a; his bearing noble, and majestic bearing. And I saw that But when God said to hHis Son, "Let us make man in our image," Satan was jealous of Jesus. He wished to be consulted concerning the formation of man. H, and because he was not, he was filled with envy, jealousy, and hatred. He wished desired to be the highest in heaven, next to God, and receive the highest honors in heaven next to God. {EW 145.1}

Until this time all heaven washad been in order, harmony, and perfect subjection to the government of God. p. 17, Para. 2, [1SG].

It was the highest sin to rebel against theHis order and will of God. All heaven seemed in commotion. The angels were marshaled in companies, each division with a higher commanding angel at their head. All the angels were astir. Satan was insinuating against the government of Godits head. Satan, ambitious to exalt himself, and unwilling to submit to the authority of Jesus, was insinuating against the government of God. Some of the angels sympathized with Satan in his rebellion, and others strongly contended for the honor and wisdom of God in giving authority

to hHis Son. And tThere was contention withamong the angels. Satan and his affected ones, whosympathizers were striving to reform the government of God,. They wished to look into hHis unsearchable wisdom to, and ascertain hHis purpose in exalting Jesus, and endowing hHim with such unlimited

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power and command. They rebelled against the authority of the Son of God, and a. All the angelsheavenly host were summoned to appear before the Father, to have theireach cases decided. And iIt was decidedthere determined that Satan should be expelled from heaven, and thatwith all the angels, all who had joined with Satanhim in the rebellion, should be turned out with him. Then there was war in heaven. Angels were engaged in the battle; Satan wished to conquer the Son of God, and those who were submissive to hHis will. But the good and true angels prevailed, and Satan, with his followers, was driven from heaven. p. 17, Para. {EW 145.2} 3, [1SG].

After Satan was shut out of heaven, withand those who fell with him were shut out of heaven, and he realized that he had forever lost all theits purity and glory of heaven forever. Then, he repented, and wished to be reinstated again in heaven. He was willing to take his proper place, or any placeposition that might be assigned him. But no,; heaven must not be placed in jeopardy. All heaven might be marred should he be taken back; for sin originated with him, and the seeds of rebellion were within

him. Satan had obtained followers, those who sympathized with him in his rebellion. He Both he and his followers repented, wept, and implored to be taken back into the favor of God. But no, their sin, --their hatehatred, their envy and jealousy, --had been so great that God could not blot it out. It must remain to receive its final punishment. p. 18, Para. {EW 146.1} 1, [1SG].

When Satan became fully conscious that there was no possibility of his being brought again into favor with God, then his malice and hatred began to be manifest. He consulted with his angels, and a plan was laid to still work against God's government. When Adam and Eve were placed in the beautiful garden, Satan was laying plans to destroy them. A consultation was held with his evil angels. In no way could this happy couple be deprived of their happiness if they obeyed God. Satan could not exercise his power upon them unless they should first disobey God, and forfeit hHis favor. They must devise sSome plan must therefore be devised to lead them to disobedience that they might incur God's

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frown, and be brought under the more direct influence of Satan and his angels. It was decided that Satan should assume another form, and manifest an interest for man. He must insinuate against God's truthfulness, and create doubt whether God did mean as hjust what He said,; next, he must excite their curiosity, and lead them to pry into the unsearchable plans of God,God-- the very sin of which Satan had been

guilty of, and guilty--and reason as to the cause of hHis restrictions in regard to the tree of knowledge. p. 19, Para. 1, [1SG].

{EW 146.2}

CHAPTER II.

The Fall of Man. I saw

that the h Holy angels often visited the garden, and gave instruction to Adam and Eve concerning their employment, and also taught them concerning the rebellion and fall of Satan and his fall. The angels warned them of Satan, and cautioned them not to separate from each other in their employment, for they might be brought in contact with this fallen foe. The angels also enjoined upon them to follow closely follow the directions God had given them, for in perfect obedience only were they safe. And if they were obedient, Then this fallen foe could have no power over them. p. 20, Para. 1, [1SG].

{EW 147.1}

Satan commenced his work with Eve, to cause her to disobey. She first erred in wandering from her husband, next, in lingering around the forbidden tree, and next in listening to the voice of the tempter, and even daring to doubt what God had said--In said, "In the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." She thought, P that perhaps it doesthe Lord did not mean just as thwhat He Lord said. She ventured to disobey. She, and venturing, she put forth her hand, took of the fruit, and ate. It

was pleasing to the eye, and pleasant to the taste. **S**Then she was jealous that God had withheld from them what was really for their good. **S**he ,
and she

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offered the fruit to her husband, thereby tempting him. She related to Adam all that the serpent had said, and expressed her astonishment that he had the power of speech. **p {EW 147. 20,2} Para. 2, [1SG]**.

I saw a sadness **ca**ome over Adam's countenance. He appeared afraid and astonished. A struggle **appearedseemed** to be going on in his mind. He felt sure that this was the foe **whichagainst whom** they had been warned **against**, and that his wife must die. They must be separated. His love for Eve was strong. **A**, **and** in utter discouragement he resolved to share her fate. He seized the fruit, and quickly ate it. Then Satan exulted. He had rebelled in heaven, and had **gained** sympathizers who loved him, and followed him in his rebellion. He **fell,had fallen** and caused others to fall with him. And he had now tempted the woman to distrust God, to inquire into **h**His wisdom, and to seek to penetrate **h**His all--wise plans. Satan knew **that** the woman would not fall alone. Adam, through his love for Eve, disobeyed the command of God, and fell with her. **p. 21, Para. 1, [1SG]**.

{EW 148.1}

The news of man's fall spread through heaven. Every harp was

hushed. The angels cast their crowns from their heads in sorrow. All heaven was in agitation. A council was held to decide what must be done with the guilty pair. The angels feared that they would put forth the hand, and eat of the tree of life, and become immortal sinners. But God said that He would drive the transgressors from the garden. Angels were immediately commissioned to guard the way of the tree of life. It had been Satan's studied plan that Adam and Eve should disobey God, receive His frown, and then be led on to partake of the tree of life, that they might live forever in sin and disobedience, and thus sin be immortalized. But holy angels were sent to drive them out of the garden, while another company of angels were commissioned to guard their way to the tree of life. Each of these mighty angels appeared to have something in their right hand, which looked like had in his right hand

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something which had the appearance of a glittering sword. p {EW 148. 21,2} Para. 2, [1SG].

Then Satan triumphed. Others He had made to others suffer by his fall. He had been shut out of heaven, they out of Paradise. p. 22, Para. 1, [1SG {EW 149.1}].

CHAPTER III.

The Plan of Salvation.

Sorrow filled heaven, as it was realized that man was lost, and **the** world **that** **which** God **had** created was to be filled with mortals doomed to misery, sickness, and death, and there was no way of escape for the offender. The whole family of Adam must die. I saw the lovely Jesus, and beheld an expression of sympathy and sorrow upon **h**His countenance. Soon I saw **h**Him approach the exceeding bright light which enshrouded the Father. Said my accompanying angel, He is in close converse with **h**His Father. The anxiety of the angels seemed to be intense while Jesus was communing with **h**His Father. Three times **h**He was shut in by the glorious light about the Father, and the third time **h**He came from the Father, **h**His person could be seen. His countenance was calm, free from all perplexity and **troubled** **doubt**, and shone with benevolence and loveliness, such as words cannot express. He then made known to the angelic host that a way of escape had been made for lost man. He told them that **h**He had been pleading with **h**His Father, and had offered to give **h**His life a ransom, **and** **to** take the sentence of death upon **h**Himself, that through **h**Him man might find pardon. **T**; **t**hat through the merits of **h**His blood, and obedience to the law of God, they could have the favor of God, and be brought into the beautiful garden, and eat of the fruit of the tree of life. **p** {**EW 149. 22,2**}

Para. 2, [1SG].

At first the angels could not rejoice,; for their cCommander concealed nothing from them, but opened

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before them the plan of salvation. Jesus told them that hHe would stand between the wrath of hHis Father and guilty man, that hHe would bear iniquity and scorn, and but few would receive hHim as the Son of God. Nearly all would hate and reject hHim. He would leave all hHis glory in heaven, appear upon earth as a man, humble hHimself as a man, become acquainted by hHis own experience with the various temptations with which man would be beset, that hHe might know how to succor those who should be tempted; and that finally, after hHis mission as a teacher shouldwould be accomplished, hHe would be delivered into the hands of men, and endure almost every cruelty and suffering that Satan and his angels could inspire wicked men to inflict; that hHe shouldwould die the cruelest of deaths, hung up between the heavens and the earth as a guilty sinner; that hHe shouldwould suffer dreadful hours of agony, which even angels could not look upon, but would vaeil their faces from the sight. Not merely agony of body would hHe suffer;, but mental agony, that with which bodily suffering could in no wise be compared. The weight of the sins of the whole world would be upon hHim. He told them hHe would die and rise again the third day, and shouldwould ascend to hHis Father to intercede for wayward, guilty man. p. 23, Para. 1, [1SG].

{EW 149.3}

The angels prostrated themselves before hHim. They offered their lives. Jesus said to them that hHe shouldwould by hHis death save many; that the life of an angel could not pay the debt. His life alone could be accepted of hHis Father as a ransom for man. p. 24, Para. 1, [1SG].

Jesus also told them that they shouldwould have a part to act, to be with hHim, and at different times strengthen hHim. T; that hHe shouldwould take man's fallen nature, and hHis strength would not be even equal with theirs. And; that they shouldwould be witnesses of hHis humiliation and great sufferings. A; and that as they shouldwould witness hHis sufferings, and the hate

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hatred of men towards h Him, they would be stirred with the deepest emotions, and through their love for hHim, would wish to rescue, and deliver hHim from hHis murderers; but that they must not interfere to prevent anything they should behold; and that they should act a part in hHis resurrection; that the plan of salvation was devised, and hHis Father had accepted the plan. p. 25, Para. 1, [1SG].

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With a holy sadness Jesus comforted and cheered the angels, and informed them that hereafter those whom hHe should redeem would be with hHim, and ever dwell with him; and that by hHis death hHe should ransom many, and destroy him who had the power of death. And hHis

Father would give hHim the kingdom, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, and hHe shouldwould possess it forever and ever. Satan and sinners shouldwould be destroyed, never morenevermore to disturb heaven, or the purified, new earth. Jesus bidbade the heavenly host be reconciled to the plan that hHis Father had accepted, and rejoice that through His death fallen man could again be exalted again through his death, to obtain favor with God and enjoy heaven. p {EW 151. 25,1} Para. 2, [1SG].

Then joy, inexpressible joy, filled heaven. And the heavenly host suang a song of praise and adoration. They touched their harps and suang a note higher than they had done before, for the great mercy and condescension of God in yielding up hHis dearly Beloved to die for a race of rebels. Praise and adoration were poured forth for the self--denial and sacrifice of Jesus; that hHe would consent to leave the bosom of hHis Father, and choose a life of suffering and anguish, and die an ignominious death to give life to others. p. 26, Para. 1, [1SG].

{EW 151.2}

Said the angel, "Think ye that the Father yielded up hHis dearly beloved Son without a struggle? No, no. It was even a struggle with the God of heaven, whether to let guilty man perish, or to give hHis beloved Son to die for themhim." Angels were so interested for man's

salvation that there could be found among them those who would yield their glory, and give their life for perishing man. , "But," said my accompanying angel, T"that would avail nothing. The transgression was so great that an angel's life would not pay the debt. Nothing but the death and intercessions of hHis Sson would pay the debt, and save lost man from hopeless sorrow and misery. p" {EW 151. 26,3} Para. 2, [1SG].

But the work of the angels was assigned them, to ascend and descend with strengthening balm from glory to soothe the Son of God in hHis sufferings, and administerminister unto hHim. Also, their work would be to guard and keep the subjects of grace from the evil angels, and the darkness constantly thrown around them by Satan. I saw that it was impossible for God to alter or change hHis law, to save lost, perishing man; therefore hHe suffered hHis beloved Son to die for man's transgression. p {EW 152. 26,1} Para. 3, [1SG].

Satan again rejoiced with his angels that he could, by causing man's fall, pull down the Son of God from hHis exalted position. He told his angels that when Jesus should take fallen man's nature, he could overpower hHim, and hinder the accomplishment of the plan of salvation. p. 27, Para. 1, [1SG].

{EW 152.2}

I was **then** shown Satan as he **once** was, a happy, exalted angel. Then I was shown him as he now is. He still bears a kingly form. His features are still noble, for he is an angel fallen. But the expression of his countenance is full of anxiety, care, unhappiness, malice, hate, mischief, deceit, and every evil. That brow which was once so noble, I particularly noticed. His forehead commenced from his eyes to recede **backward**. I saw that he had **demeaned so long bent** himself **so long, to evil** that every good quality was debased, and every evil trait was developed. His eyes were cunning, sly, and showed great penetration. His frame was large, but the flesh hung loosely about his

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hands and face. As I beheld him, his chin was resting upon his left hand. He appeared to be in deep thought. A smile was upon his countenance, which made me tremble, it was so full of evil, and **S**satanic slyness. This smile is the one he wears just before he makes sure of his victim, and as he fastens the victim in his snare, this smile grows horrible. **p{EW 152. 27,3}**

Para. 2, [1SG].

CHAPTER IV.

The First Advent **o**Of Christ. **Then**

I was carried down to the time when Jesus was to take upon **hH**himself man's nature, humble **hH**himself as a man, and suffer the temptations of

Satan. p. 28, Para. 1, [1SG].

{EW 153.1}

His birth was without worldly grandeur. He was born in a stable, and cradled in a manger; yet hHis birth was honored far above that of any of the sons of men. Angels from heaven informed the shepherds of the advent of Jesus, while theand light and glory from God accompanied their testimony. The heavenly host touched their harps and glorified God. They triumphantly heralded the advent of the Son of God to a fallen world to accomplish the work of redemption, and by hHis death to bring peace, happiness, and everlasting life to man. God honored the advent of hHis Son. Angels worshiped hHim. p {EW 153. 28,2} Para. 2, [1SG].

Angels of God hovered over the scene of hHis baptism, and; the Holy Spirit descended in the shapeform of a dove, and lighted upon hHim, and as the people stood greatly amazed, with their eyes fastened upon hHim, the Father's voice was heard from heaven, saying, Thou art mMy beloved Son,; in tThee I am well pleased. p {EW 153. 28,3} Para. 3, [1SG].

John was not certain that it was the Saviour who came to be baptized of him in Jordan. But God had promised him a sign by which he should know the Lamb of God. That sign was given as the heavenly Ddove rested upon Jesus, and the glory of God shone

round about hHim. John reached forth his hand, pointing to Jesus, and with a loud voice cried out, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. p. 29, Para. 1, [1SG].

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John informed his disciples that Jesus was the promised Messiah, the Saviour of the world. As his work was closing, he taught his disciples to look to Jesus, and follow hHim as the gGreat tTeacher. John's life was without pleasure. It was sorrowful and self--denying. He heralded the first advent of Christ, and thenbut was not permitted to witness theHis miracles, and enjoy the power manifested by hHim. He knew that wWhen Jesus should establish hHimself as a teacher, John knew that he himself must die. His voice was seldom heard, except in the wilderness. His life was lonely. He did not cling to his father's family, to enjoy their society, but left them in order to fulfill his mission. Multitudes left the busy cities and villages, and flocked to the wilderness to hear the words of the wonderful, singular P prophet. John laid the axe at to the root of the tree. He reproved sin, fearless of consequences, and prepared the way for the Lamb of God. p {EW 154. 29,1} Para. 2, [1SG].

Herod was affected as he listened to the powerful, pointed testimonies of John. W, and with deep interest he inquired what he must do to become his disciple. John was acquainted with the fact that he was about

to marry his brother's wife, while her husband was yet living, and faithfully told Herod that **itthis** was not lawful. Herod was **not willingunwilling** to make any sacrifice. He married his brother's wife, and, through her influence, seized John and put him in prison. **But Herod intended, intending however** to release him **again**. While there confined, John heard through his disciples of the mighty works of Jesus. He could not listen to **hHis** gracious words. **B; b** but the disciples informed him, and comforted him with what they had heard. Soon John was beheaded, through the influence of Herod's wife. I saw that

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the **leasthumblest** disciple **thats who** followed Jesus, witnessed **hHis** miracles, and heard the comforting words which fell from **hHis** lips, **waswere** greater than John the Baptist. **T; t** that is, they were more exalted and honored, and had more pleasure in their lives. **p. 30, Para. 1, [1SG]**.

{EW 154.2}

John came in the spirit and power of Elijah, to proclaim the first advent of Jesus. I was pointed down to the last days, and saw that John **was to** represented **ed** those who should go forth in the spirit and power of Elijah, to herald the day of wrath, and the second advent of Jesus. **p {EW 155. 30,1} Para. 2, [1SG]**.

After the baptism of Jesus in Jordan, **hHe** was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, to be tempted of the **D**devil. The Holy Spirit had **fitted**

hprepared Him for that special scene of fierce temptations. Forty days hHe was tempted of the DevilSatan, and in those days hHe ate nothing. Everything around JesusHim was unpleasant, from which human nature would be led to shrink. He was with the wild beasts, and the Ddevil, in a desolate, lonely place. I saw that tThe Son of God was pale and emaciated, through fasting and suffering. But hHis course was marked out, and hHe must fulfill the work hwhich He came to do. p. 31, Para. 1, [1SG].

{EW 155.2}

Satan took advantage of the sufferings of the Son of God, and prepared to beset hHim with manifold temptations, hoping he shouldto obtain the victory over hHim, because hHe had humbled hHimself as a man. Satan came with this temptation, : "If tThou be the Son of God, command that this stone that it be made bread." He tempted Jesus to condescend to him, and give him proof of hHis being the Messiah, by exercising hHis divine power. Jesus mildly answered him, "It is written, MThat man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God. p"

{EW 155. 31,3} Para. 2, [1SG].

Satan was seeking a dispute with Jesus concerning hHis being the Son of God. He referred to hHis weak,

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suffering condition, and boastingly affirmed that he was stronger than

Jesus. But the word spoken from heaven, "Thou art **mMy** beloved Son,; in **tThee** I am well pleased," was sufficient to sustain Jesus through all **hHis** sufferings. I saw that **in all his mission heChrist** had nothing to do in convincing Satan of **hHis** power, **and or** of **hHis** being the Saviour of the world. Satan had sufficient evidence of **his**the exalted station and authority **of the Son of God**. His unwillingness to yield to **Jesus'Christ's** authority, **had** shut him out of heaven. p {EW 155. 31,4} Para. 3, [1SG].

Satan, to manifest his **strengthpower**, carried Jesus to Jerusalem, and set **hHim** upon a pinnacle of the temple, and **againthere** tempted **hHim**, **to give evidence** that **if hHe** was the Son of God, **to give him evidence of it** by casting **hHimself** down from **theat** dizzy height **upon which he had placed him**. Satan came with the words of inspiration. : "For it is written, He shall give **hHis** angels charge over **tThee**, **to keep Thee**: and in their hands they shall bear **tThee** up, lest at any time **tThou** dash **tThy** foot against a stone." Jesus answering said unto him, "It is said, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God." Satan wished to cause Jesus to presume upon the mercy of **hHis** Father, and risk **hHis** life before the fulfillment of **hHis** mission. He had hoped that the plan of salvation would fail; but **I saw that** the plan was laid too deep to be **thus** overthrown, or marred by Satan. p. 32, Para. 1, [1SG].

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saw that Christ **was**is the example for all Christians **w**. **When they are**

tempted, or their rights are disputed. T, they should bear it patiently. They should not feel that they have a right to call upon Godthe Lord to display hHis power, that they may obtain a victory over their enemies, unless there is a special object in view, that God can be directly honored and glorified by itthereby. I saw that ifIf Jesus had cast hHimself from the pinnacle of the temple, it would not have glorified hHis Father; for none would have witnessed the act but Satan, and the angels of God. And it would have been tempting the Lord to display hHis power to hHis bitterest foe. It

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would have been condescending to the one whom Jesus came to conquer. p {EW 156. 32,2} Para. 2, [1SG].

"And the Ddevil, taking hHim up into an high mountain, showed unto hHim all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the Ddevil said unto hHim, All this power will I give tThee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it. If tThou, therefore, wilt worship me, all shall be tThine. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind mMe, Satan;: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and hHim only shalt thou serve." p. 33, Para. 1, [1SG {EW 157.1}].

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Satan showedpresented before Jesus the kingdoms of the world. They

were presented in the most attractive light. He offered them to If Jesus if he would there worship him. He told Jesus that, he would offered to relinquish his claims of to the possessions of earth. Satan knew that his power must be limited, and finally taken away, i If the plan of salvation should be carried out. He knew that if, and Jesus should die to redeem man, Satan knew that his own power would end after must be limited and finally taken a season way, and that he would be destroyed. Therefore it was his studied plan to prevent, if possible, the completion of the great work which had been commenced by the Son of God. If the plan of man's redemption should fail, he Satan would retain the kingdom which he then claimed. And if he should succeed, he flattered himself that he would reign in opposition to the God of heaven. p {EW 157. 33,2} Para. 2, [1SG].

Satan exulted when Jesus left heaven, and left h laid aside His power and glory there and left heaven. He thought that the Son of God was then placed in his power. The temptation took so easily with the holy pair in Eden, that he hoped he could with by his satanic power and cunning and power to overthrow even the Son of God, and thereby save his own life and kingdom. If he could tempt Jesus to depart from the will of h His Father, then his object would be gained. But Jesus bid Satan get met the tempter with the rebuke, "Get thee behind him Me, Satan." He was to bow only to h His Father. The time was to come when Jesus should redeem the possessions of Satan by his own life, and, after a season, all in heaven and earth should submit to him.

Satan claimed the kingdoms of earth as his, and he insinuated to Jesus that all hHis sufferings might be saved.: that He need not die to obtain the kingdoms of this world. But he; if He would worship him He might have all the entire possessions of earth, and the glory of reigning over them, if he would worship him.. But Jesus was steadfast. He knew that the time was to come when He would by His own life redeem the kingdom from Satan, and that, after a season, all in heaven and earth would submit to Him. He chose hHis life of suffering, h and His dreadful death, and, inas the way appointed by hHis Father, to that He might become a lawful heir to the kingdoms of earth, and have them given into hHis hands as an everlasting possession. Satan also will be given into hHis hands to be destroyed by death, never morenevermore to annoy Jesus, or the saints in glory. p. 34, Para. 1, [1SG].

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CHAPTER V.

The Ministry of Christ.

After Satan had ended his temptations, he departed from Jesus for a season, and angels prepared hHim food in the wilderness, and strengthened hHim, and the blessing of hHis Father rested upon hHim. Satan had failed in his fiercest temptations,; yet he looked forward to the period of Jesus' ministry, when he should at different times try his

cunning against hHim. He still hoped to prevail against hHim by stirring up those who would not receive Jesus, to hate and seek to destroy hHim. Satan held a special counsecil with his angels. They were disappointed and enraged that they had prevailed nothing against the Son of God. They decided that they must be more cunning, and use their power to the utmost to inspire unbelief in the minds of hHis own nation as to hHis being the Saviour of the world, and in this way discourage Jesus in hHis mission. No matter how exact the Jews might be in their

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ceremonies and sacrifices, if they could keep their eyes be kept blinded as to the prophecies, and be makde them to believe that it was a mighty, worldly king who was to fulfill these prophecies, they would keep their minds on the stretch for a Messiah to come. p. 35, Para. 1, [1SG].

I was then the Messiah was to appear as a mighty worldly king, they might be led to despise and reject Jesus. {EW 158.1}

I was shown that Satan and his angels were very busy during Christ's ministry, inspiring men with unbelief, hate, and scorn. Often when Jesus uttered some cutting truth, reproving their sins, they the people would become enraged. Satan and his angels urged them on to take the life of the Son of God. O More than once they took up stones to cast at hHim, but angels guarded hHim, and bore hHim away from the angry multitude to a place of safety. Again, as the plain truth dropped from hHis holy lips, the multitude laid hold of hHim, and led hHim to the brow of a hill, intending to thrust hcast Him down. A contention arose among

themselves as to what they should do with hHim, when the angels again hid hHim from the sight of the multitude, and hHe, passing through the midst of them, went hHis way. p. 36, Para. 1, [1SG].

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Satan still hoped that the great plan of salvation would fail. He exerted all his power to make the hearts of allthe people hard, and their feelings bitter against Jesus. He hoped that the number whoso few would receive hHim as the Son of God would be so few, that JesusHe would consider hHis sufferings and sacrifice too great to make for so small a company. But I saw that if there had been but two who would have accepted Jesus as the Son of God, to and believe in hd on Him to the saving of their souls, hHe would have carried out the plan. p {EW 159. 36,2} Para. 2, [1SG].

Jesus commenced hbegan His work by breaking theSatan's power which Satan held over the suffering. He healed those who had suffered by his evil power. He restored the sick to health, healed the lame, and caused them to leap in the gladness of their hearts, and glorify God. He gave sight to the blind, and healed the lame, causing them to leap for joy and to glorify God. He restored to health by his power those who had been infirm and bound by Satan's cruel power many years. TWith gracious words

He comforted the weak, the trembling, and desponding, he comforted with gracious words the desponding. The feeble, suffering ones whom Satan held in triumph, Jesus wrenched from his grasp, bringing to them soundness of body and great joy and happiness. He raised the dead to life, and they glorified God for the mighty display of hHis power. He wrought mightily for all who believed on him. And the feeble suffering ones whom Satan held in triumph. Jesus wrenched from his grasp, and brought to them by his power, soundness of body, and great joy and happiness. p. 37, Para. 1, [1SG].

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The life of Christ was fullfilled with words and acts of benevolence, sympathy, and love. He was ever attentive to listen to, and relieve the woes of those who came to hHim. Multitudes carried the evidences, in their own persons the evidence of hHis divine power. Yet many of them soon after the work washad been accomplished, many were ashamed of the humble, yet mighty teacher. Because the rulers did not believe on hHim, theythe people were not willing to suffer withaccept Jesus. He was a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. But fewThey could not endure to be governed by hHis sober, self--denying life. They wished to enjoy the honor which the world bestows. MYet many followed the Son of God, and listened to hHis instructions, feasting upon the words which fell so graciously from hHis lips. His words were full of meaning, yet so plain that the weakest could understand them. p {EW 160. 37,1} Para. 2, [1SG].

Satan and his angels were busy. They blinded the eyes and darkened the understanding of the Jews. Satan, and stirred up the chief of the people and the rulers to take his the Saviour's life. They Others were sent officers to bring Jesus unto them, and; but as they came near where hHe was, they were greatly amazed. They saw Jesus stirred to Him filled with sympathy and compassion, as hHe witnessed human woe. They saw hheard Him in love and tenderness speak encouragingly to the weak and afflicted. They also heard hHim, in a voice of authority, rebuke the power of Satan, and bid the his captives held by him, go free. They listened to the words of wisdom that fell from hHis lips, and they were captivated. T; they could not lay hands on hHim. They

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returned to the priests and elders without Jesus. They inquired of the officers When asked, "Why have ye not brought hHim? T" they related what they had witnessed of hHis miracles, and the holy words of wisdom, love, and knowledge which they had heard, and ended with saying, "Never man spake like this man." The chief priests accused them of being also deceived. S, and some of the officers were ashamed that they had not brought htaken Him. The chief priests inquired in a ridiculingscornful manner if any of the rulers had believed on hHim. I saw that many of the magistrates and elders did believe on Jesus. B; but Satan kept them from acknowledging it. T; they feared the reproach of the people more than they feared God. p. 38, Para. 1, [1SG].

{EW 160.2}

Thus far the cunning and hatred of Satan had not broken up the plan of salvation. The time for the accomplishment of the object for which Jesus came into the world was drawing **on**near. Satan and his angels consulted together, and decided to inspire Christ's own nation to cry eagerly for **h**His blood, and **in**vent**h**heap upon Him cruelty and scorn **to be** heaped upon him. **He**. **They** hoped that Jesus would resent such treatment, and **not**fail **to** maintain **h**His humility and meekness. p. 39, Para. 1, [1SG].

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While Satan was laying his plans, Jesus was carefully opening to **h**His disciples the sufferings **h**through which He must pass **through**. **That** **h**--**that** He **sh**ould**w**ould be crucified, and that **h**He would rise again the third day. But their understanding seemed dull. **T**, **and** they could not comprehend what **h**He told them. p {EW 161. 39, Para. 2, [1SG].

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CHAPTER VI.

The Transfiguration. **I** saw

that t The faith of the disciples was greatly strengthened at the transfiguration, **when they were permitted to behold Christ's glory and to hear the voice from heaven testifying to His divine character**. God chose to give the followers of Jesus strong proof that **h**He was the promised

Messiah, that in their bitter sorrow and disappointment at His crucifixion, they should would not entirely cast away their confidence. At the transfiguration the Lord sent Moses and EliasElijah to talk with Jesus concerning hHis sufferings and death. Instead of choosing angels to converse with hHis Son, God chose those who had anthemselves experience ind the trials of earth. A few of his followers were permitted to be with him and behold his face lighted up with divine glory, and witness his raiment white and glistening, and hear the voice of God, in fearful majesty, saying, This is my beloved Son, hear him. p. 40, Para. 1, [1SG].

{EW 162.1}

Elijah had walked with God. His work had not been pleasant. God, through him, had reproved sin. Hepainful and trying, for the Lord through him had reproved the sins of Israel. Elijah was a prophet of God, and had; yet he was compelled to flee from place to place to save his life. He wasis own nation hunted him like thea wild beasts that they might destroy him. But God translated Elijah. Angels bore him in glory and triumph to heaven. p {EW 162. 40,2} Para. 2, [1SG].

Moses had been a man greatly honored of God. He was greater than any who had lived before him. He washad been highly honored of God, being privileged to talk with Godthe Lord face to face, as a man speakethspeaks with a friend. He was permitted to see the bright light

and excellent glory that enshrouded the Father. **Through The Lord** through Moses **the Lord** delivered the children of Israel from Egyptian bondage. Moses was a mediator for **the children of Israel**. **He his people**, often **stoodstanding** between them and the wrath of God. When the **wrathanger** of **Godthe Lord** was greatly kindled against Israel for their unbelief, their murmurings, and their grievous sins, Moses' love for them was tested. God **promised him that if he would let Israel go, let them be destroyed, he wouldproposed to destroy them**

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and to make of him a mighty nation. Moses showed his love for Israel by his earnest pleading **in their behalf**. In his distress he prayed God to turn from **hHis** fierce anger, and forgive Israel, or blot his name out of **hHis** book. p {EW 162. 40,3} Para. 3, [1SG].

When Israel murmured against God and against Moses, because they could get no water, they accused him of leading them out to kill them and their children. God heard their murmurings, and bade Moses speak to the rock, that the **children of Israelpeople** might have water. Moses smote the rock in wrath, and took the glory to himself. The continual waywardness and murmuring of the children of Israel had caused him the keenest sorrow, and for a little time he forgot how much **Godthe Lord** had borne with them, and that their murmuring was not against **Moseshim**, but against God. He thought only of himself, how deeply he was wronged, and how little gratitude they manifested in return, for his

deep love for them. p. 41, Para. 1, [1SG].

As Moses smote the rock, he failed to honor God, and magnify him before the children of Israel, that they might glorify God. And the Lord was displeased with Moses, and said that he should not enter the promised land. {EW 163.1}

It was God's plan to bring often prove Israel by bringing them His people into strait places, and then in their great necessity exhibit his power, that he might live in their memory, and they glorify him. p. 42, Para. 1, [1SG].

to deliver them by His power, that they might realize His love and care for them, and thus be led to serve and honor Him. But Moses had failed to honor God and magnify His name before the people that they might glorify Him. In this he brought upon himself the Lord's displeasure. {EW 163.2}

When Moses came down from the mount with the two tables of stone, and saw Israel worshipping the golden calf, his anger was greatly kindled, and he threw down the tables of stone, and broke them. I saw that Moses did not sin in this. He was wroth for God, jealous for hHis glory. But when he yielded to the natural feelings of thehis heart, and took glory to himself, the honor which was due to God, he sinned, and for that sin, God would not suffer him to enter the promised land. p. 42, Para. 2, [1SG].

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Satan had been trying to find something wherewith to accuse Moses before the angels. Satan triumphedHe exulted at his success in that he had causedleading him to displease God, and he exulted, and told the angels that whenhe could overcome the Saviour of the world when He should come to redeem man, he could overcome him. For thishis transgression, Moses came under the power of Satan--theSatan-- the dominion of death. Had he remained steadfast, and not sinned in taking glory to himself, the Lord would have brought him to the pPromised lLand, and would then have translated him to heaven without his seeing death. p {EW 164. 42,1} Para. 3, [1SG].

I saw that Moses passed through death, but Michael came down and gave him life before he sawhis body had seen corruption. Satan claimedtried to hold the body, claiming it as his,; but Michael resurrected Moses, and took him to heaven. The Devil tried to hold his body, andSatan railed out bitterly against God, denounced hdenouncing Him as unjust, in takingpermitting his prey to be taken from him his prey. B; but MichaelChrist did not rebuke the DevilHis adversary, althoughthough it was through his temptation and power that God'sthe servant of God had fallen. ChristHe meekly referred him to hHis Father, saying, "The Lord rebuke thee. p. 43, Para. 1, [1SG].

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Jesus had told hHis disciples that there were some standing with hHim who should not taste of death till they should see the kingdom of God come with power. At the transfiguration this promise was fulfilled. The fashion of Jesus' countenance of Jesus was there changed, and shone like the sun. His raiment was white and glistening. Moses was present, and to represented those who will be raised from the dead at the second appearing of Jesus. And EliasElijah, who was translated without seeing death, represented those who will be changed to immortality at Christ's second coming, and without seeing death will be translated to heaven without seeing death. The disciples beheld with fear and astonishment and fear the excellent majesty of Jesus, and the cloud that overshadowed them, and heard the voice of God in terrible majesty;, saying, "This is mMy beloved Son,; hear hHim. p" {EW 164. 43, Para. 2, [1SG]. 3}

CHAPTER VII.

The Betrayal of Christ.

I was then carried down to the time when Jesus ate the pPassover supper with hHis disciples. Satan had deceived Judas, and led him to think that he was one of Christ's true disciples; but his heart had ever been carnal. He had seen the mighty works of Jesus, he had been with hHim through hHis ministry, and had yielded to the overpowering

evidences that hHe was the Messiah; but heJudas was close and covetous. H; he loved money. He complained in anger of the costly ointment poured upon Jesus. Mary loved her Lord. He had forgiven her sins, which were many, and had raised from the dead her much -loved brother, and she felt that nothing was too dear to bestow upon Jesus. The more costly and precious the ointment, the better could Maryshe express her gratitude to her Saviour, by devoting it to hHim. Judas, as an excuse for his covetousness, saidurged that the ointment might have been sold and given to the poor. But it was not because he had any care for the poor; for he was selfish, and often appropriated to his own use that which was entrusted to his care to be given tounto the poor. Judas had not been attentiveinattentive to the comforts and even to the wants of Jesus, and to excuse his covetousness, he often referred to the poor. And tThis act of generosity on the part of Mary was a most cutting rebuke of his covetous disposition. p. 44, Para. 1, [1SG].

The way was prepared for theSatan's temptation of Satan to find a ready reception in Judas'the heart of Judas. {EW 165.1}

The priests and rulers of the Jews hated Jesus; but multitudes thronged him to listen to hHis words of wisdom, and to witness hHis mighty works. This drew the attention of the people from the chief priests and elders, for theThe people were stirred with the deepest interest, and anxiously followed Jesus, and listened to hear the instructions of this wonderful teacher. Many of the chief rulers believed on Jesus, but were afraid to confess it, fearing they wouldHim, but

dared not confess their faith lest they should be put out of the synagogue. The priests and elders decided that something must be done to draw the attention of the people from Jesus. They feared that all men would believe on hHim. They could see no safety for themselves. They must lose their position, or put Jesus to death. And after they should put hHim to death, there werewould still be those who were living monuments of hHis power. Jesus had raised Lazarus from the dead. A, and they feared that if they should kill Jesus, Lazarus would testify of hHis mighty power. The people were flocking to see him who was raised from the dead, and the rulers determined to slay Lazarus also, and put down the excitement. Then they would turn the people to the traditions and doctrines of men, to tithe mint and rue, and again have influence over them. They agreed to take Jesus when hHe was alone; for if they should attempt to take hHim in a crowd, when the minds of the people were all interested in hHim, they would be stoned. p. 45, Para. 1, [1SG].

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Judas knew how anxious they were to obtain Jesus, and offered to betray hHim to the chief priests and elders for a few pieces of silver. His love of money led him to agree to betray his Lord into the hands of hHis bitterest enemies. Satan was working directly through Judas, and in the midst of the impressive scene of the last supper, hethe traitor was contrivingdevising plans to betray Jesushis Master. Jesus sorrowfully told hHis disciples that all of them would be offended because of hHim,

that night. But Peter ardently affirmed that although all **others** should be offended because of **hHim**, he would not **be offended**. Jesus said to Peter, : "Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat;: but I have prayed for thee;, that thy faith fail not;: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren. p. 46, Para. 1, [1SG].

I then viewed" Luke 22:31,32.

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I beheld Jesus in the garden with **hHis** disciples. In deep sorrow **hHe** bade them watch and pray, lest they should enter into temptation. **JesusHe** knew that their faith was to be tried, and their hopes disappointed, and that they would need all the strength **which** they could obtain by close watching and fervent prayer. With strong cries and weeping, Jesus prayed, "Father, if **tThou** be willing, remove this cup from **mMe**;: nevertheless, not **mMy** will, but **tThine**, be done." The Son of God prayed in agony. **LargeGreat** drops of **sweat like** blood **came out of hgathered upon His** face, and fell **uponto** the ground. Angels were hovering over the place, witnessing the scene, **whilebut** only one was commissioned to go and strengthen the Son of God in **hHis** agony. The **angelsre was no joy** in heaven. **The angels** cast their crowns and harps from them, and with the deepest interest silently watched Jesus. **There was no joy in heaven**. They wished to surround the Son of God, but the commanding angels suffered them not, lest, as they should behold **hHis** betrayal, they **wouldshould** deliver **hHim**; for the plan **washad been** laid

out, and it must be fulfilled. p {EW 167. 46,1} Para. 2, [1SG].

After Jesus had prayed, hHe came to see hHis disciples. T; but they were sleeping. In that dreadful hour He had not the comfortsympathy and prayers of even hHis disciples in that dreadful hour. Peter, who was so zealous a littleshort time before, was heavy with sleep. Jesus reminded him of his positive declarations, and said untoto him, "What!, could ye not watch with mMe one hour?" Three times the Son of God prayed in agony, when. Then Judas, with his band of armed men, was at handappeared. He met Jesusapproached his Master as usual, to salute hHim. The band surrounded Jesus; but there hHe manifested hHis divine power, as hHe said, "Whom seek ye?" "I am hHe." They fell backward to the ground. Jesus made this inquiry that they might witness hHis power, and have evidence that hHe could deliver hHimself from their hands if hHe would. p. 47, Para. 1, [1SG].

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The disciples began to hope as they saw the multitude

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with their staves and swords fall so quickly. As they arose and again surrounded the Son of God, Peter drew thehis sword and smote a servant of the high priest and cut off an ear. Jesus bidbade him to put up the sword, and said unto him saying, "Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to mMy Father, and hHe shall presently give mMe more than twelve

legions of angels?" I saw that as these words were spoken, the countenances of the angels were animated **with hope**. They wished then, and there, to surround their **cCommander**, and disperse that angry mob. But again sadness settled upon them, as Jesus added, "But how then shall the **sScriptures** be fulfilled, that thus it must be?" The hearts of the disciples **sunk again** **also sank** in despair and bitter disappointment, as Jesus suffered **them** **Himself** to **lead him** **be led** away **by His enemies**. p. 48, Para. 1, [1SG].

{EW 167.3}

The disciples **were afraid** **fear**ed for their own lives, and **fled one this way**, **they all forsook Him** and **the other that**, and **fled**. Jesus was left alone **in the hands of the murderous mob**. Oh, what **a** triumph of Satan then! And what sadness and sorrow with the angels of God! Many companies of holy angels, **each** with **each** a tall commanding angel at their head, were sent to witness the scene. They were to record **every act**, every insult and cruelty imposed upon the Son of God, and to register every pang of anguish which Jesus should suffer; for the very men **should** **who joined in this dreadful scene** **are to** see it all again in living characters. p {EW 168. 48, Para. 2, [1SG].

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CHAPTER VIII.

The Trial of Christ.

The angels as they left heaven, in sadness laid off their glittering crowns. They could not wear them while their cCommander was suffering, and was to wear a crown of thorns. Satan and his angels were busy in thate judgment hall to destroy humanityhuman feeling and sympathy. The very atmosphere was heavy and polluted by their influence. The chief priests and elders were inspired by them to abuse and insult and abuse Jesus, in a manner the most difficult for human nature to bear. Satan hoped that such insultmockery and sufferingsviolence would call forth from the Son of God some complaint or murmur; or that hHe would manifest hHis divine power, and wrench hHimself from the grasp of the multitude, and that thus the plan of salvation might at last fail. p. 49, Para. 1, [1SG].

{EW 169.1}

Peter followed his Lord after hHis betrayal. He was anxious to see what would be done with Jesus. AndBut when he was accused of being one of hHis disciples, he denied it. He was afraid of his life, and when charged with being one of them, he declaredfear for his own safety led him to declare that he knew not the man. The disciples were noted for the purity of their wordslanguage, and Peter, to deceive, and convince themhis accusers that he was not one of Christ's disciples, denied itthe charge the third time with cursing and swearing. Jesus, who was at some distance from Peter, turned a sorrowful, reproving gaze upon him. Then hethe disciple remembered the words which Jesus had spoken to him in the upper chamber, and also his own zealous assertion, "Though all men

shall be offended because of tThee, yet will I never be offended." He had denied his Lord, even with cursing and swearing; but that look of Jesus' melted Peter at once,'s heart and saved him. He wept bitterly wept and repented of his great sin, and

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was converted, and then was prepared to strengthen his brethren. p {EW 169. 49,2} Para. 2, [1SG].

The multitude were clamorous for the blood of Jesus. They cruelly scourged hHim, and put upon Him an old purple, kingly robe upon him, and bound hHis sacred head with a crown of thorns. They put a reed in hto His hand, and bowed to Him, and mockingly bowed to him, and saluted hHim with, "Hail, king of the Jews!" They then took the reed from hHis hand, and smote hHim with it upon the head, causing the thorns to penetrate hHis temples, sending the blood trickling down hHis face and beard. p. 50, Para. 1, [1SG].

{EW 170.1}

It was difficult for the angels to endure the sight. They would have delivered Jesus out of their hands;, but the commanding angels forbade them, and said saying that it was a great ransom thatwhich was to be paid for man; but it would be complete, and would cause the death of him who had the power of death. Jesus knew that angels were witnessing the scene of hHis humiliation. I saw that tThe feeblestweakest angel could

have caused that **multitude** **mocking throng** to fall powerless, and **could have** delivered Jesus. He knew that if **hHe** should desire it of **hHis** Father, angels would instantly release **hHim**. But it was necessary that **JesusHe** should suffer **many things** **the violence** of wicked men, in order to carry out the plan of salvation. p {EW 170. 50,2} Para. 2, [1SG].

There **Jesus** stood **Jesus**, meek and humble before the infuriated multitude, while they offered **hHim** the **meanest vilest** abuse. They spit in **hHis** face----that face **from** which they will one day desire to **be hid fromhide**, which will give light to the city of God, and shine brighter than the **sun--but not an angry look** **sun**. **Christ** did **he not** cast upon the offenders. **He meekly raised his hand, and wiped it off angry look**. They covered **hHis** head with an old garment; **blindfolded h, blindfolding Him**, and then struck **hHim** in the face, and cried out, "Prophesy **unto us**, who **is** it **was** that smote **tThee.?**" There was commotion among the angels. They would have rescued **hHim** instantly; but their commanding angels restrained them. p. 51, Para. 1, [1SG].

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Some of the disciples had gained confidence to enter where Jesus was, and witness **hHis** trial. They expected that **hHe** would manifest **hHis** divine power, and deliver **hHimself** from the hands of **hHis**

enemies, and punish them for their cruelty towards h Him. Their hopes would rise and fall as the different scenes transpired. Sometimes they doubted, and feared that they had been deceived. But the voice heard at the mount of transfiguration, and the glory they there witnessed beheld, strengthened them their faith that hHe was the Son of God. They called to mind the exciting scenes which they had witnessed, the miracles which they had seen Jesus do perform in healing the sick, opening the eyes of the blind, unstopping the deaf ears, rebuking and casting out devils, raising the dead to life, and even rebuking calming the wind, and it obeyed him the sea. They could not believe that hHe would die. They hoped hthat He would yet rise in power, and with hHis commanding voice disperse that bloodthirsty multitude, as when hHe entered the temple and drove out those who were making the house of God a place of merchandise; when they fled before hHim, as though if pursued by a company of armed soldiers were pursuing them. The disciples hoped that Jesus would manifest hHis power, and convince all that hHe was the King of Israel. p {EW 171. 51,1} Para. 2, [1SG].

Judas was filled with bitter remorse and shame at his treacherous act in betraying Jesus. And when he witnessed the abuse he suffered which the Saviour endured, he was overcome. He had loved Jesus, but had loved money more. He did had not think thought that Jesus would suffer hHimself to be taken by the mob which he had led on. He thought that Jesus would had expected Him to work a miracle, and deliver hHimself

from them. But when he saw the infuriated multitude in the judgment hall, thirsting for his blood, he deeply felt his guilt,; and while many were vehemently accusing Jesus, Judas rushed through the multitude, confessing that he had sinned in betraying

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innocent blood. He offered themthe priests the money which they had paid him, and begged ofentreated them to release Jesus, declaring that hHe was entirely innocent. V {EW 171.2}

For a short time vexation and confusion kept the priests for a short time silent. They did not wish the people to know that they had hired one of Jesus'the professed followers of Jesus to betray hHim into their hands. Their hunting Jesus like a thief and taking hHim secretly, they wished to hide. But the confession of Judas, and his haggard and, guilty appearance, exposed the priests before the multitude, showing that it was hatred that had caused them to take Jesus. As Judas loudly declared Jesus to be innocent, the priests replied, "What is that to us? Ssee thou to that." They had Jesus in their power, and they were determined to make sure of hHim. Judas, overwhelmed with anguish, threw the money that he now despised at the feet of those who had hired him, and, in anguish and horror at his crime, went and hunghanged himself. p. 52, Para. 1, [1SG].

{EW 172.1}

Jesus had many sympathizers in thate company about Him, and hHis answering nothing to the many questions put to hHim amazed the

throng. **To**Under all the **insults and** mockery **and violence of the mob,** not a frown, not a troubled expression **was, rested** upon **hHis** features. He was dignified and composed. **He was of perfect and noble form.** The spectators looked upon **hHim** with wonder. They compared **hHis** perfect form, **his and** firm, dignified bearing, with **the appearance of** those who sat in judgment against **hHim**, and said to one another that **hHe** appeared more like a king **to be entrusted with a kingdom** than any of the rulers. He bore no marks of being a criminal. His eye was mild, clear, and undaunted, **hHis** forehead broad and high. Every feature was strongly marked with benevolence and noble principle. His patience and forbearance were so unlike man, that many trembled. Even Herod and Pilate were greatly troubled at **hHis** noble, Godlike bearing. **p. 53, Para. 1, [1SG]**.

Pilate from the first

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From the first, Pilate was convicted that **heJesus** was no common man, **but. He believed Him to be** an excellent character. **He believed him to be, and** entirely innocent **of the charges brought against Him.** The angels who were witnessing the **whole** scene **noticedmarked** the convictions of **Pilate, and marked his sympathy and compassion for Jesus;the Roman governor,** and to save him from engaging in the awful act of delivering **JesusChrist** to be crucified, an angel was sent to Pilate's wife, and gave her information through a dream that it was the Son of

God in whose trial Pilate her husband was engaged, and that hHe was an innocent sufferer. She immediately sent word a message to Pilate, stating that she had suffered many things in a dream on account of Jesus, and warned warning him to have nothing to do with that holy man. The messenger bearing the communication pressed, pressing hastily through the crowd, and placed the letter in the handed it tos of Pilate. As he read it, he trembled and turned pale. He, and at once thought he would determined to have nothing to do in with putting Christ to death. If the matter; that if they Jews would have the blood of Jesus, he would not give his influence to it, but would labor to deliver hHim. p. 54, Para. 1, [1SG].

{EW 173.1}

When Pilate heard that Herod was at in Jerusalem, he was glad, and greatly relieved; for he hoped to free himself from the disagreeable matter altogether, and have nothing to do in condemning Jesus. He sent him, with his all responsibility in the trial and condemnation of Jesus. He at once sent Him, with His accusers, to Herod. Herod was hardened. His murdering John left a stain This ruler had become hardened in sin. The murder of John the Baptist had left upon his conscience a stain from which he could not free himself from, and w. When he heard of Jesus, and the mighty works done by him, he thought it was John risen from the dead. He wrought by Him, he feared and trembled, for he bore a guilty conscience. believing Him to be John the Baptist risen from the dead. When Jesus was placed in Herod's his hands by Pilate., Herod considered

thise act an acknowledgment from Pilate of his power, authority, and judgment. They had previously been enemies, but then they were made friends. Herod was gladThis had the effect to make friends of the two rulers, who had before been enemies. Herod was pleased to see Jesus, for he expected that he wouldexpecting Him to work some mighty miracle for his satisfaction. But it was not the

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work of Jesus to gratify his curiosity or to seek His own safety. His divine and, miraculous power was to be exercised for the salvation of others, but not in hHis own behalf. p. 55, Para. 1, [1SG].

{EW 173.2}

Jesus answered nothing to the many questions put to hHim by Herod; neither did hHe regard hreply to His enemies, who were vehemently accusing hHim. Herod was enraged because Jesus did not appear to fear his power, and with his men of war, he derided, mocked, and abused the Son of God. HerodYet he was astonished at the noble, Godlike appearance of Jesus, when shamefully abused, and fearedfearing to condemn hHim, and he sent hHim again to Pilate. p {EW 174. 55,1} Para. 2, [1SG].

Satan and his angels were tempting Pilate, and trying to lead him on to his own ruin. They suggested to him that if he did not take any part in condemning Jesus, others would; the multitude were thirsting for hHis

blood; and if he did not deliver **JesusHim** to be crucified, he would lose his power and worldly honor, and would be denounced as a believer on the impostor, **as they termed him. Pilate,** **t**Through fear of losing his power and authority, **Pilate** consented to the death of Jesus. And notwithstanding he placed the blood of Jesus upon **hHis** accusers, and the multitude received it, crying, "His blood be on us, and on our children," yet Pilate was not clear; he was guilty of the blood of Christ. For his own selfish interest, **andhis** love of honor from the great men of earth, he delivered an innocent man to die. If Pilate had followed his **own** convictions, he would have had nothing to do with condemning Jesus. p. 56, Para. 1, [1SG].

The trial and condemnation of Jesus were working on {EW 174.2}

The appearance and words of Jesus during His trial made a deep **impression upon** the minds of many; and impressions were being made which were to appear after his resurrection; and many were to be added to the Church whose experience and conviction should be **who were** present on that occasion. The result of the influence thus exerted was apparent after His resurrection. Among those who were then added to the church, there were many whose conviction dated from the time of Jesus' trial. p. 56, Para. 2, [1SG].

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{EW 174.3}

Satan's rage was great as he saw that all the cruelty which he had led the chief priests Jews to inflict on Jesus had not called forth from hHim the least lightest murmur. I saw that, aAlthough JesusHe had taken man's nature, a power and fortitude that was Godlike sustained him, and he did not depart upon Himself man's nature, He was sustained by a Godlike fortitude, and departed not in the least from the will of hHis Father in the least. p. 57, Para. 1, [1SG].

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CHAPTER IX.

The Crucifixion of Christ.

The Son of God was delivered to the people to be crucified. T; with shouts of triumph they led the dear Saviour away. He was weak and feeble through faint from weariness, pain, and suffering, caused loss of blood by the scourging and blows which hHe had received,; yet they laid on him the heavy cross upon which thHey were was soon to be nail hed was laid upon Him. But Jesus fainted beneath the burden. Three times they laid on him the heavythe cross was placed upon His shoulders, and three times hHe fainted. They then seized oOne of hHis followers, a man who had not openly professed faith in Christ, yet believed on hHim, was next seized. They laid onUpon him the cross was laid, and he bore it to the fatal spot. Companies of angels were marshaled in the air above the place. A number of hisChrist's disciples followed hHim to Calvary, in

sorrow, and with bitter weeping. They called to mind **Jesus' riding triumphantly** **His triumphal ride** into Jerusalem **but a few days before,** **and when** they **following h had followed** Him, crying, "Hosanna in the highest!" and strewing their garments **in the way,** and the beautiful palm branches **in the way.** They **had** thought that **hHe** was then to take the kingdom and reign a temporal prince over Israel. How changed the scene! How blighted their prospects! **They followed Jesus; n**Not with rejoicing;, not with **bounding hearts and** cheerful hopes;, but with hearts stricken with fear and despair they **now** slowly, sadly followed **hHim** who had been disgraced and humbled, and who was about to die. **p. 57, Para. 2, [1SG].**

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{EW 175.2}

The mother of Jesus was there. Her heart was pierced with anguish, such as none but a fond mother can feel. **Her stricken heart still hoped;** **yet,** with the disciples, **she still hoped** that **her SonChrist** would work some mighty miracle, and deliver **hHimself** from **hHis** murderers. She could not endure the thought that **hHe** would suffer **hHimself** to be crucified. But the preparations were made, and **theyJesus was** laid **Jesus** upon the cross. The hammer and the nails were brought. The hearts of **hthe** disciples fainted within them. The mother of Jesus was **agonized,bowed with agony** almost beyond endurance, **and as they** stretched **Jesus** upon the cross, and were about to fasten his hands with

the cruel nails to the wooden arms. Before the Saviour was nailed to the cross, the disciples bore the mother of Jesus her from the scene, that she might not hear the crashing of the nails, spikes as they were driven through the bone and muscle of hHis tender hands and feet. Jesus murmured not; but groaned in agony. His face was pale, and large drops of sweat stood upon hHis brow. Satan exulted in the sufferings suffering through which the Son of God was passing through, yet feared that his efforts to thwart the plan of salvation had been in vain, that his kingdom was lost, and that he must die. p. 58, Para. 1, [1SG].

They raised the cross after they had nailed Jesus to it, finally be destroyed. {EW 176.1}

After Jesus had been nailed to the cross, it was raised and with great force thrust it into the place which had been prepared for it in the ground, tearing the flesh, and causing the most intense suffering. They To make his the death of Jesus as shameful as possible. With him they crucified, two thieves were crucified with Him, one on either each side of Jesus. The thieves were taken by force, and after much resistance on their part, their arms were thrust back and nailed to their crosses. But Jesus meekly submitted. He needed no one to force hHis arms back upon the cross. While the thieves were cursing their executioners, Jesus the Saviour in agony prayed for hHis enemies, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." It was not merely agony of body which Jesus Christ endured, but; the sins of the whole world were upon hHim. p. 59, Para. 1, [1SG].

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As Jesus hung upon the cross, some who passed by reviled hHim, wagging their heads, as thoughif bowing to a king, and said to hHim, "Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save tThyself. If tThou be the Son of God, come down from the cross. The Devil" Satan used the same words to Christ in the wilderness, -- "If tThou be the Son of God." The chief priests and, elders, and scribes mockingly said, "He saved others, h; Himself hHe cannot save. If hHe be the King of Israel, let hHim now come down from the cross, and we will believe hHim." The angels who hovered over the scene of Christ's crucifixion were moved to indignation as the rulers derided hHim, and said, "If hHe be the Son of God, let hHim deliver hHimself". They wished there to come to the rescue of Jesus, and deliver hHim; but they were not suffered to do so. The object of hHis mission was almostnot yet accomplished. {EW 177.1}

As Jesus hung upon the cross during those dreadfullong hours of agony, hHe did not forget his mother. She could notHis mother. She had returned to the terrible scene, for she could not longer remain away from the suffering sceneher Son. Jesus'The last lesson of Jesus was one of compassion and humanity. He looked upon hthe grief-stricken face of His mother, whose heart was well nigh bursting with grief, and then upon hHis beloved disciple John. He said to hHis mother, "Woman, behold thy son.!" Then He said he to John, "Behold thy mother.!" And

from that hour John took her to his own house. p {EW 177. 59,2} Para. 2, [1SG].

Jesus thirsted in hHis agony; but, and they heaped upon him additional insult, by giving hgave Him vinegar and gall to drink; but when He tasted it, He refused it. The angels had viewed the horrid scene of the crucifixionagony of their loved cCommander, until they could behold no longer;, and they veiled their faces from the sight. The sun refused to look upon the dreadfulawful scene. Jesus cried with a loud voice, which struck terror to the hearts of hHis murderers, "It is finished. " Then the veil of the temple was rent from the top to the bottom, the

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earth shook, and the rocks rent. Great darkness was upon the face of the earth. The last hope of the disciples seemed swept away as Jesus died. Many of hHis followers witnessed the scene of hHis sufferings and death, and their cup of sorrow was full. p. 60, Para. 1, [1SG].

{EW 177.3}

Satan did not then exult as he had done. He had hoped that he couldto break up the plan of salvation; but it was laid too deep. And now by Jesus'the death, of Christ he knew that he himself must finally die, and his kingdom be taken away and given to Jesus. He held a council with his angels. He had prevailed nothing against the Son of God, and now they must increase their efforts, and with their power and cunning and power turn to Jesus'His followers. They must prevent all whom they

could from receiving **the** salvation purchased for them by Jesus. By so doing Satan could still work against the government of God. Also it would be for his own interest to keep from Jesus **all he could as many as possible**. For the sins of those who are redeemed by the blood of Christ, **and overcome, will** at last **will** be rolled back upon the originator of sin, **the Devil**, and he **will have to must** bear their **sins punishment**, while those who do not accept salvation through Jesus will **bearsuffer the penalty of** their own sins. p. 61, Para. 1, [1SG {EW 178.1}].

Jesus'

The life was of Christ had ever been without worldly **grandeur, or** extravagant show. His humble, self-denying life was a great **wealth, honor, or display**. His **humility and self-denial had been in striking** contrast to the **lives pride and self-indulgence** of the priests and elders, who loved ease and worldly honor, and the strict and holy life of Jesus. **His spotless purity** was a continual reproof **to them, on account** of their sins. They despised **hHim** for **hHis humbleness humility**, holiness, and purity. But those who despised **hHim** here, will one day see **hHim** in the grandeur of heaven, and the unsurpassed glory of **hHis** Father. {EW 178.2}

In the judgment hall He was surrounded **with by** enemies **in the judgment hall**, who were thirsting for **hHis** blood; but those hardened ones who cried out, "His blood be on us, and on our children," will behold **hHim** an honored King. All

the heavenly host will escort hHim on hHis way with songs of victory, majesty, and might, to hHim that was slain, yet lives again, a mighty conqueror. {EW 178.3}

Poor, weak, miserable man spiat in the face of the King of glory, while a shout of brutal triumph arose from the mob at the degrading insult. They marred that face with blows and cruelty that face which filled all heaven with admiration. They will again behold that face again, bright as the noonday sun, and will seek to flee from before it. Instead of that shout of brutal triumph, in terror they will wail because of hHim. {EW 179.1}

Jesus will present hHis hands with the marks of hHis crucifixion. The marks of this cruelty hHe will ever bear. Every print of the nails will tell the story of man's wonderful redemption, and the dear price thatby which it was purchased it. The very men who thrust the spear into the side of the Lord of life, will behold the print of the spear, and will lament with deep anguish the part which they acted in marring hHis body. {EW 179.2}

His murderers were greatly annoyed by the superscription, "The King of the Jews," placed upon the cross above hHis head. But then they will be obliged to see hHim in all hHis glory and kingly power. They will behold on hHis vesture and on hHis thigh, written in living characters, "King of kings, and Lord of lords." They cried to hHim mockingly, as hHe hung upon the cross, "Let Christ, the King of Israel, descend from the cross, that we may see and believe." They will behold hHim then with kingly power and authority. They will demand no evidence then of

hHis being the King of Israel; but overwhelmed with a sense of hHis majesty and exceeding glory, they will be compelled to acknowledge, "Blessed is hHe that cometh in the name of the Lord. p" {EW 179. 61,3} Para. 2, [1SG].

The shaking of the earth, the rending of the rocks,

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the darkness spread over the earth, and the loud, strong cry of Jesus, "It is finished, " as hHe yielded up hHis life, troubled hHis enemies, and made hHis murderers tremble. The disciples wondered at these singular manifestations; but their hopes were all crushed. They were afraid that the Jews would seek to destroy them also. SThey felt assured that such hatehatred as had been manifested against the Son of God they thought would not end therewith Him. Lonely hours the disciplesthey spent in sorrow, weeping over their disappointment. They had expected that heJesus would reign a temporal pPrince;, but their hopes died with JesusHim. They doubted iIn their sorrow and disappointment, they doubted whether JesusHe had not deceived them. Even His mother was humbled, and even her faith wavered in his being the Messiah. p. 63, Para. 1, [1SG].

But notwithstandingwavered in her faith in Him as the Messiah. {EW 179.4}

Notwithstanding the disciples had been disappointed in their hopes

concerning Jesus, yet they yet loved hHim, and respected desired to give His body and honored his bodyburial, but knew not how to obtain it. Joseph of Arimathea, an honorable counsellor, had influence, and was one of Jesus' true disciples. He went privately, yet boldly, Arimathaea, a wealthy and influential councilor of the Jews and a true disciple of Jesus, went privately yet boldly to Pilate and begged hisfrom him the Saviour's body. He dared not go openly; for, because of the hatred of the Jews was so great that t. The disciples feared that an effort would be made by them to prevent the body of JesusChrist from having an honored resting place. But Pilate granted histhe request, and as theythe disciples took the body of Jesuslifeless form down from the cross, their sorrows were renewed, andwhile in deep anguish they mourned over their blighted hopes in deep anguish. TheyCarefully the body was wrapped Jesus in fine linen, and Joseph laid him in his ownlaid in Joseph's new sepulchresepulcher. {EW 180.1}

The women who had been hisChrist's humble followers while hHe lived still kept near him after his death, and would not leave hHim until they saw his sacred bodyHim laid in the sepulchre,tomb and a stone of great weight rolled atplaced before the door, lest hHis enemies should seek to obtain hHis body. But they need not have feared; for I beheldsaw that the angelic host watchingwatched with untold interest in the resting place of Jesus. They guarded the sepulchre, earnestly waiting

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for the command to act their part in liberating the King of glory from hHis prison house. p. 64, Para. 1, [1SG].

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Christ's murderers were afraid feared that hHe might yet come to life and escape them. They begged therefore asked of Pilate a watch to guard the sepulchre sepulcher until the third day. Pilate This was granted them armed soldiers to guard the sepulchre, sealing, and the stone at the door was sealed, lest hHis disciples should steal hHim away, and say that hHe had risen from the dead. p. 65, Para. 1, [1SG].

{EW 181.1}

CHAPTER X.

The Resurrection of Christ.

The disciples rested on the Sabbath, sorrowing for the death of their Lord, while Jesus, the King of glory, rested in the sepulchre. The night had worn lay in the tomb. As night drew on, soldiers were stationed to guard the Saviour's resting place, while angels, unseen, hovered above the sacred spot. The night wore slowly away, and while it was yet dark, the watching angels hovering over the sepulchre knew that the time of for the release of God's dear Son, their loved cCommander, had nearly come. And as As they were waiting with the deepest emotion the hour of hHis triumph, a strong and mighty angel came flying swiftly from heaven. His face was like the lightning, and his garments white as snow. His light dispersed the darkness from his track, and caused the evil angels, who had triumphantly claimed the body of Jesus, to flee in terror

from his brightness and glory. One of the angelic host who had witnessed the scene of Jesus'Christ's humiliation, and was watching hHis sacred resting place, joined the angel from heaven, and together they came down to the sepulchresepulcher. The earth shook and trembled and shook as they approached, and there was a mightygreat earthquake. The strong and mighty angel laid hold of the stone and quickly rolled it away from the door of the sepulchre, and sat upon it. p. 65, Para. 2, [1SG].

Terrible fear seized the

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{EW 181.2}

Terror seized the Roman guard. Where was now their power to keep the body of Jesus? They did not think of their duty, or of the disciples' stealing hHim away. They were amazed and affrighted, aAs the exceeding bright light of the angels shone all around, brighter than the sun. The, that Roman guard saw the angels, and fell as dead men to the ground. One angel rolled back the stone in triumph, and with a clear and mighty voice, cried out, Thou Son of God!of the angels laid hold of the great stone and rolled it away from the door of the sepulcher and seated himself upon it. The other entered the tomb and unbound the napkin from the head of Jesus. Then the angel from heaven, with a voice that caused the earth to quake, cried out, "Thou Son of God, Thy Father calls tThee! Come forth!!." Death could hold dominion over hHim no longer. Jesus arose from the dead. The other angel entered the sepulchre, and as Jesus arose in triumph, he unbound the napkin which was about his

head, and Jesus walked forth a victorious, a triumphant conqueror. In solemn awe the angelic host gazed upon the scene. And as Jesus walked came forth from the sepulchre in majesty sepulcher, those shining angels prostrated themselves to the ground and worshiped him; then earth in worship, and hailed hHim with songs of victory and triumph, that death could hold its divine captive no longer. Satan did not now triumph. His angels had fled. {EW 182.1}

Satan's angels had been compelled to flee before the bright, penetrating light of the heavenly angels. T, and they bitterly complained to their king, that their prey had been taken violently taken from them, and that hHe whom they so much hated had risen from the dead. p. 66, Para. 1, [1SG].

Satan and his angels hosts had enjoyed a little moment of triumph exulted that their power over fallen man had caused the Lord of life to be laid in the grave; but short was their hellish triumph. For as Jesus walked forth from hHis prison house a majestic conqueror, Satan knew that after a season he must die, and his kingdom pass unto hHim whose right it was. He lamented and raged that notwithstanding all his efforts and power, Jesus had not been overcome, but had laid opened a way of salvation for man, and whosoever would, might walk in it and be saved. p. 67, Para. 1, [1SG].

For a little, Satan seemed sad and showed distress. He held a council with his angels to consider what they should engage in next to {EW

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The evil angels and their commander met in council to consider how they could still work against the

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government of God. Said Satan, You must hasten bade his servants go to the chief priests and elders. Said he, "We succeeded in deceiving them and, blinding their eyes, and hardening their hearts against Jesus. We made them believe hthat He was an impostor. That Roman guard will carry the hateful news that Christ ishas risen. We led the priests and elders on to hate Jesus, and to murder hHim. Now hold it before them in a bright light, that as they were his murderers, if it becomes known that Jesus is risen, they will be stoned to death by the people, in that they killed for putting to death an innocent man. p. 67, Para. 2, [1SG].

I saw the Roman guard, as the angelic host passed back to heaven,"

{EW 182.3}

As the host of heavenly angels departed from the sepulcher and the light and glory passed away, the Roman guard ventured to raise themselves to see if it were safe for them totheir heads and look aroundabout them. They were filled with amazement as they saw that the great stone washad been rolled from the door of the sepulchre,sepulcher and that the body of Jesus was risengone. They hastened to the chiefcity to make known to the priests and elders with the wonderful story of what they had seen; and a. As those murderers heardlistened to the marvelous report, paleness sat upon every face. Horror seized them at the thought

of what they had done. They then realized that if the report was correct, they were lost. For a little time they were stupefied, and looked one to the others at in silence, looking upon one another's faces, not knowing what to do or say. They were placed where they could not believe unless it be to their own condemnation what to say. To accept the report would be to condemn themselves. They went aside by themselves to consult as to what should be done. They decided that if it should be spread abroad that Jesus had risen, and the report of such amazing glory, which caused the guard to fall like dead men, should come to the people, they would surely be enraged, and would slay them. They reasoned that if the report brought by the guard should be circulated among the people, those who put Christ to death would be slain as His murderers. It was decided to hire the soldiers to keep the matter secret. They The priests and elders offered them much a large sum of money, saying, "Say ye, His disciples came by night, and stole hHim away while we slept." And when the guard inquired what should would be done with them for sleeping at their post, the priests and elders said that they would Jewish officers promised to persuade the governor and save them secure their safety. For the sake of money, the Roman

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guard sold their honor, and agreed to follow the counsel of the priests and elders. p. 68, Para. 1, [1SG].

{EW 183.1}

When Jesus, as hHe hung upon the cross, cried out, "It is finished, "

the rocks rent, the earth shook, and some of the graves where shaken were open; for wed. When Jesus He arose from the dead, and conquered a victor over death and the grave; when he walked forth from his prison house a triumphant conqueror; while the earth was reeling and shaking, and the excellent glory of heaven clustered shone around the sacred spot, obedient to his call, many of the righteous dead, obedient to His call, came forth as witnesses that hHe had risen. Those favored, resurrected risen saints came forth glorified. They were a few chosen and holy ones who had lived in of every age, from creation, down even down to the days of Christ. And Thus while the chief priests and Pharisees Jewish leaders were seeking to cover up conceal the fact of Christ's resurrection of Christ, God chose to bring up a company from their graves to testify that Jesus had risen, and to declare hHis glory. p. 69, Para. 1, [1SG].

{EW 184.1}

Those who were resurrected were of different risen ones differed in stature and form, some being more noble in appearance than others. I was informed that the inhabitants of earth had been degenerating, losing their strength and comeliness. Satan has the power of disease and death, and in with every age the effects of the curse has ve been more visible, and the power of Satan more plainly seen. Some of those raised were more noble in appearance and form than others. I was informed that tThose who lived in the days of Noah and Abraham were more like resembled the angels in form, in comeliness, and strength. But every

succeeding generation hasve been growing weaker, and more subject to disease, and their liveslife has been of shorter duration. Satan has been learning how to annoy men, and to enfeeble the race. p {EW 184. 69,2} Para. 2, [1SG].

Those holy ones who came forth after the resurrection of Jesus appeared unto many, telling them that the sacrifice for man was completed, that Jesus, whom the Jews crucified, had risen from the dead,; and addedin proof of their words they declared, "We be risen with hHim." They bore testimony that it was by hHis mighty power that they had been called forth from their graves.

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Notwithstanding the lying reports circulated, the matterresurrection of Christ could not be concealed by Satan, his angels, or the chief priests; for this holy company, brought forth from their graves, spread the wonderful, joyful news; also Jesus showed hHimself unto hto His sorrowing, heartbroken disciples, dispelling their fears, and causing them joy and gladness and joy. p. 70, Para. 1, [1SG].

{EW 184.3}

As the news spread from city to city, and from town to town, the Jews in their turn were afraidfeared for their lives, and concealed the hatehatred which they cherished towards the disciples. Their only hope was to spread their lying report. And those who wished this lie to be

true, believed accepted it. Pilate trembled as he heard that Christ had risen. He believed could not doubt the strong testimony given, that Jesus was risen from the dead, and that many others he had brought up with him, and his and from that hour peace left him forever. For the sake of worldly honor;, for fear of losing his authority, and his life, he had delivered Jesus to die. He was now fully convinced that it was not merely a common, an innocent man of whose blood he was guilty, but the blood of the Son of God. Miserable to its close was the life of Pilate; miserable to its close. Despair and anguish crushed every hopeful, joyful feeling. He refused to be comforted, and died a most miserable death. p. 70, Para. 2, [1SG].

Herod's heart grew still harder, {EW 185.1}

Herod's [IT WAS HEROD ANTIPAS WHO TOOK PART IN THE TRIAL OF CHRIST, AND HEROD AGRIPPA I WHO PUT JAMES TO DEATH. AGRIPPA WAS NEPHEW AND BROTHER-IN-LAW OF ANTIPAS. THROUGH INTRIGUE HE SECURED THE THRONE OF ANTIPAS FOR HIMSELF, AND ON COMING TO POWER PURSUED THE SAME COURSE TOWARD THE CHRISTIANS THAT ANTIPAS HAD FOLLOWED. IN THE HERODIAN DYNASTY THERE WERE SIX PERSONS WHO BORE THE NAME OF HEROD. IT THUS SERVED IN A MEASURE AS A GENERAL TITLE, THE INDIVIDUALS BEING DESIGNATED BY OTHER NAMES, AS ANTIPAS, PHILIP, AGRIPPA, ETC. SO WE MIGHT SAY CZAR NICHOLAS, CZAR ALEXANDER, ETC. IN THE

PRESENT INSTANCE THIS USE OF THE TERM BECOMES MORE NATURAL AND APPROPRIATE INASMUCH AS AGRIPPA, WHEN HE PUT JAMES TO DEATH, OCCUPIED THE THRONE OF ANTIPAS, WHO A LITTLE BEFORE HAD BEEN CONCERNED IN THE TRIAL OF CHRIST; AND HE MANIFESTED THE SAME CHARACTER. IT WAS THE SAME HERODIAN SPIRIT, ONLY IN ANOTHER PERSONALITY, AS "THE DRAGON" OF REVELATION 12:17 IS THE SAME AS THE DRAGON OF VERSE 3, THE REAL INSPIRING POWER IN EACH BEING THE DRAGON OF VERSE 9. IN THE ONE CASE HE WORKS THROUGH PAGAN ROME; IN THE OTHER THROUGH OUR OWN GOVERNMENT.] heart had grown still harder; and when he heard that JesusChrist had arisenrisen, he was not much

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troubled. He took the life of James; and when he saw that this pleased the Jews, he took Peter also, intending to put him to death. But God had a work for Peter to do, and sent his angel andto delivered him. Herod was visited with judgment.the judgments of God smote him. While exalting himself in the sightpresence of a great multitude as, he was exalting himself before themsmitten by the angel of the Lord, and he died a most horrible death. p. 71, Para. 1, [1SG].

{EW 185.2}

Early in the morning of the first day of the week, before it was yet light, the holy women came to the sepulchresepulcher, bringing sweet

spices to anoint the body of Jesus, when lo! t. They found that the heavy stone had been rolled away from the door of the sepulchresepulcher, and the body of Jesus was not there. Their hearts sunk within them, and they feared that their enemies had taken away the body. And, behold, Suddenly they beheld two angels in white apparel stood by them;, their faces were bright and shining. They These heavenly beings understood the errand of the holy women, and immediately told them that they were seeking Jesus, but he was not there, h; He had risen, andbut they could behold the place where He had layin. They bidbade them go and tell hHis disciples that hHe would go before them into Galilee. But the women were frightened and astonished. They hastily ran to the disciples who were mourning, and could not be comforted because their Lord had been crucified; they hurriedly With fear and great joy the women hurried back to the sorrowing disciples and told them the things which they had seen and heard. {EW 186.1}

The disciples could not believe that heChrist had risen, but, with the women who had brought the report, ran hastily to the sepulchre, andsepulcher. They found that truly Jesus was not there. There were h; they saw His linen clothes, but they could not believe the good news that JesusHe had risen from the dead. They returned home marveling at the thingswhat

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they had seen, also at the report brought them by the women. But Mary chose to linger around the sepulchresepulcher, thinking of what she had seen, and distressed with the thought that she might have been deceived.

She felt that new trials awaited her. Her grief was renewed, and she broke forth in bitter weeping. She stooped down to look again into the **sepulchresepulcher**, and beheld two angels clothed in white. **Their countenances were bright and shining**. One was sitting **atwhere** the head, **the other at the feet, where of** Jesus had lain, **the other where His feet had been**. They spoke to her tenderly, and asked her why she wept. She replied, "They have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid **hHim**. **p**" {EW 186. 71,2} Para. 2, [1SG].

And as **As** she turned from the **sepulchresepulcher**, she saw Jesus standing **by her;near**, but knew **hHim** not. **JesusHe** spoke **to her** tenderly **to Mary, and inquired inquiring** the cause of her sorrow, and **asked herasking** whom she was seeking. **She supposed hSupposing that He** was the gardener, **and****she** begged **of hHim**, if **hHe** had borne away her Lord, to tell her where he had laid **hHim**, **andthat** she **wouldmight** take **hHim** away. Jesus spoke to her with **hHis** own heavenly voice, **and said****saying**, "Mary.!" She was acquainted with the tones of that dear voice, and quickly answered, "Master!" and **within her** joy and gladness was about to embrace **hHim**; but Jesus **stood back, and** said, "Touch **mMe** not,; for I am not yet ascended to **mMy** Father,; but go to **mMy** brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto **mMy** Father, and your Father,; and to **mMy** God, and your God." Joyfully she hastened to the disciples with the good news. Jesus quickly ascended **up** to **hHis** Father to hear from **hHis** lips that **hHe** accepted the sacrifice, **and that he had done all things well**, and

to receive all power in heaven, and upon earth, from his Father. p. 73, Para. 1, [1SG].

{EW 187.1}

Angels like a cloud surrounded the Son of God, and **bidbade** the everlasting gates be lifted up, that the King of glory might come in. I saw that while Jesus was with that bright, heavenly host, **and** in the presence of **his Father**, and the excellent glory of God surrounded him, **he did not forget his poor God, and surrounded by His glory, He did not**

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forget His disciples upon **the** earth;, but received power from **hHis** Father, that **hHe** might return **unto them**, and **while with them** impart power **untoto** them. The same day **hHe** returned, and showed **hHimself** to **hHis** disciples. He suffered them then to touch **hHim**;; for **hHe** had ascended to **hHis** Father, and had received power. p. 74, Para. 1, [1SG {EW 187.2}].

But a At this time Thomas was not present. He would not humbly receive the report of the disciples;, but firmly, and self--confidently affirmed that he would not believe, unless he should put his fingers in the prints of the nails, and his hand in **histhe** side where the cruel spear was thrust. In this he showed a lack of confidence in his brethren. **And i****if** all should require the same evidence, **but fewnone** would **now** receive Jesus, and believe in **hHis** resurrection. But it was the will of God that

the report of the disciples should go from one to the other, and many receive it from the lips of those who had seen and heard. God was not well pleased with such unbelief. And when Jesus met with his disciples again be received by those who could not themselves see and hear the risen Saviour. God was not pleased with the unbelief of Thomas. When Jesus again met with His disciples, Thomas was with them. The moment; and when he beheld Jesus, he believed. But he had declared that he would not be satisfied without the evidence of feeling added to sight, and Jesus gave him the evidence which he had desired. Thomas cried out, "My Lord and my God.!" But Jesus reprov'd Thomashim for his unbelief. He said to him, saying, "Thomas, because thou hast seen mMe, thou hast believed;: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed. p" {EW 188. 74,1} Para. 2, [1SG].

So, I saw, thatn like manner those who have had no experience in the first and second angels' messages must receive them from thoseothers who had an experience, and followed down through the messages. As Jesus was crucifiedrejected, so I saw that these messages have been crucifiedrejected. And as the disciples declared that there wasis salvation in no other name under heaven, given among men;, so, also, should the servants of God faithfully and fearlessly declare thatwarn those who embrace but a part of the truths

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connected with the third message, that they must gladly embracereceive

all the first, second and third messages as God has given them, or have no part nor lot in the matter. p. 75, Para. 1, [1SG {EW 188.2}].

I was shown that w While the holy women were carrying the report that Jesus had risen, the Roman guard were circulating the lie that had been put into their mouths by the chief priests and elders, that the disciples came by night, while they slept, and stole the body of Jesus. Satan had put this lie into the hearts and mouths of the chief priests, and the people stood ready to receive their word. But God had made this matter sure, and placed this important event, upon which hangs our salvation depends, beyond all doubt,; and where it was impossible for priests and elders to cover it up. Witnesses were raised from the dead to testify to Christ's resurrection. p {EW 189. 75,1} Para. 2, [1SG].

Jesus remained with hHis disciples forty days, causing them joy and gladness of heart, and opening as He opened to them more fully the realities of the kingdom of God. He commissioned them to bear testimony to the things which they had seen and heard, concerning hHis sufferings, death, and resurrection,; that hHe had made a sacrifice for sin, and that all who would, might come unto hHim and find life. He wWith faithful tenderness He told them that they would be persecuted and distressed; but they would find relief in referring to recalling their experience, and remembering the words hwhich He had spoken to them.

He told them that **hHe** had overcome the temptations of **the Devil, Satan** and **maintainedobtained** the victory through trials and suffering, **that**. Satan could have no more power over **hHim**, but would **more directly** bring his temptations **and power** to bear **more directly** upon them, and upon all who should believe in **hHis** name. **He told them thatBut** they could overcome, as **hHe** had overcome. Jesus endowed **hHis** disciples with power to **dowork** miracles, and **he** told them that although **wicked men should have power over their bodies**, he would at certain times send **his angels andthey should be persecuted by wicked men**, **He would from time to time send His angels to** deliver them; **that** their

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lives could not be taken **from them** until their mission should be accomplished. **And when their testimony should be finished, their lives;** **then they** might be required to seal **with their blood** the testimonies which they had borne. {EW 189.2}

His anxious followers gladly listened to **hHis** teachings. **They**, eagerly **feastedfeasting** upon every word which fell from **hHis** holy lips. **ThenNow** they certainly knew that **hHe** was the Saviour of the world. **EveryHis** word **sunk withs sank** deep **weight** into their hearts, and they sorrowed that they must **soon** be parted from their **blessed**, heavenly **tTeacher; that after a little they should and no morelonger** hear comforting, gracious words from **hHis** lips. But again their hearts were warmed with love and exceeding joy, as Jesus told them that **hHe** would go and prepare mansions for them, and come again and receive them, that they might **be** ever **be** with **hHim**. He **told them that he**

would promised also to send them the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, to guide, bless and lead them into all truth; a. "And hHe lifted up hHis hands, and blessed them. p. 76, Para. 1, [1SG].

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CHAPTER XI.

The Ascension of Christ.

All heaven was waiting the hour of triumph when Jesus should ascend to hHis Father. Angels came to receive the King of glory, and to escort hHim triumphantly to heaven. After Jesus had blessed hHis disciples, hHe was parted from them, and taken up. And as hHe led the way upward, the multitude of captives who were raised at hHis resurrection followed. A multitude of the heavenly host waswere in attendance;, while in heaven an innumerable numbercompany of angels awaited hHis coming. As they ascended up to the hHoly cCity, the angels who escorted Jesus cried out, "Lift up your heads, O ye gates,; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors,; and the King of glory shall come in. With rapture t" The angels in the city, who awaited his coming, cried out, Who is this King of glory? with rapture, "Who is this

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King of glory?" The escorting angels withanswered in triumph answered, "The Lord strong and mighty! T, the Lord mighty in battle! Lift up your heads, O ye gates!; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors,;

and the King of glory shall come in.!" Again the heavenly host cried outwaiting angels asked, "Who is this King of glory? T" and the escorting angels answered in melodious strains answered, "The Lord of hosts!, He is the King of glory!." And the heavenly train passed into the city of God. Then all the heavenly host surrounded the Son of God, their majestic cCommander, and with the deepest adoration bowed, casting before Him and cast their glittering crowns at hHis feet. And then they touched their golden harps, and in sweet, melodious strains, filled all heaven with their rich music and songs to the Lamb who was slain, yet lives again in majesty and glory. p. 77, Para. 1, [1SG].

Next I was shown the disciples as they sorrowfully gazed towards {EW 190.2}

As the disciples gazed sorrowfully toward heaven to catch the last glimpse of their ascending Lord. T, two angels clothed in white apparel stood by them, and said untoto them, "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? Tthis same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen hHim go into heaven." The disciples, with and the mother of Jesus, who with them had witnessed the ascension of the Son of God, and they spent thatthe following night in talking over hHis wonderful acts, and the strange and glorious thingevents which had transpiredtaken place within a short time. p. 79, Para. 1, [1SG].

{EW 191.1}

Satan **again** counselled with his angels, and with bitter hatred against God's government, told them that while he retained his power and authority upon earth, their efforts must be tenfold stronger against the followers of Jesus. They had prevailed nothing against **Jesus; Christ** but **his followers they** must overthrow **His followers**, if possible, and carry on his work through. **In** every generation, **they must seek** to ensnare those who **should would** believe in Jesus, **his resurrection and ascension**. **Satan** **He** related to his angels

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that Jesus had given **h**His disciples power to **rebuke them and** cast them out, **rebuke them**, and **to** heal those whom **he**they should afflict. Then Satan's angels went forth like roaring lions, seeking to destroy the followers of Jesus. **p {EW 191. 79, Para. 2, [1SG]**
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CHAPTER XII.

The Disciples of Christ.

With mighty power the disciples preached a crucified and risen Saviour. **They healed the sick, even one who had always been lame** **Signs and wonders were wrought by them in the name of Jesus; the sick were healed; and a man who had been lame from his birth** was restored to perfect soundness, and entered with **them** **Peter and John** into the temple, walking and leaping and praising God in the sight of all the people. The

news spread, and the people began to press around the disciples. Many ran together, greatly astonished and amazed at the cure that had been wrought. p. 80, Para. 1, [1SG].

{EW 192.1}

When Jesus died, the chief priests thought that there would be no more miracles wrought would be performed among them, that the excitement would die, out and that the people would again turn to the traditions of men. But, lo! right in their midst, among them the disciples were working miracles, and the people were filled with amazement, and gazed with wonder upon them. Jesus had been crucified, and they wondered where the disciples His followers had obtained this power. When hHe was alive, they thought that hHe imparted power to his disciples; them; but when Jesus He died, they expected those miracles would end to cease. Peter understood their perplexity, and said to them, "Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk? The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified hHis Son Jesus,; whom ye delivered up, and denied hHim in the presence of Pilate, when he

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was determined to let hHim go. But ye denied the Holy One, and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you,; and killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead,; whereof we are witnesses. Peter told them that it was faith in Jesus that had caused this

perfect soundness of a man who was before a cripple. p. 80, Para. 2, [1SG].

And His name through faith in His name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know." {EW 192.2}

The chief priests and elders could not bear these words. They laid hold of, and at the disciples' command Peter and John were seized and put them in confinement/prison. But thousands were had been converted, and led to believe in the resurrection and ascension of Christ, by hearing only one discourse from the disciples. The chief priests and elders were troubled. They had slain Jesus that the minds of the people might be turned to themselves; but the matter was now worse than before. They were openly accused by the disciples of being the murderers of the Son of God, and they could not determine to what extent these things might grow, or how they themselves would be regarded by the people. They would gladly have put the disciples to death; but dared not for fear the people would stone them. They called for the disciples, who Peter and John to death, but dared not, for fear of the people. {EW 193.1}

On the following day the apostles were brought before the council. The very men who had eagerly cried for the blood of the Just One were there. They had heard Peter's cowardly denial of Jesus, Peter deny his Lord with cursing and swearing, as he was accused of being one of his disciples. They thought to intimidate Peter; but he was not converted. An opportunity was here given Peter to exalt Jesus. He once denied him; but

he could now when charged with being one of His disciples, and they hoped again to intimidate him. But Peter had been converted, and he now saw an opportunity to remove the stain of that hasty, cowardly denial, and honor to exalt the name which he had denied dishonored. No cowardly fears reigned in the breast of Peter then; but with holy boldness, and in the power of the Holy Spirit, he fearlessly declared unto them that by, "By the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by Him doth this man stand here before you whole. This is the stone which was set at naught of you builders, which has become the head stone of the

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corner. Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. p. 81, Para. 1, [1SG].

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The people were astonished at the boldness of Peter and John. They and took knowledge of them that they had been with Jesus; for their noble, fearless conduct compared well with the appearance of Jesus when he was persecuted by his murderers was like that of Jesus when before His enemies. Jesus, by one look of pity and sorrow, reproved Peter after when he had denied Him, and now as he boldly acknowledged his Lord, Peter was approved and blessed. As a token of the approbation of Jesus, he was filled with the Holy Spirit. p. 82, Para. 1, [1SG].

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The chief priests dared not manifest the hatehatred which they felt towards the disciples. They commanded them to go aside out of the council, and theyn conferred among themselves, saying, "What shall we do to these men? for that indeed a notable miracle hath been done by them is manifest to all them that dwell in Jerusalem,; and we cannot deny it." They were afraid to have this good work spread. If it should spread, theirthe report of this good deed spread among the people. Should it become generally known, the priests felt that their own power would be lost, and they would be looked upon as the murderers of Jesus. AYet all that they dared to do was to threaten them,the apostles and command them to speak no more in the name of Jesus, lest they die. But Peter declared boldly that they could but speak the things which they had seen and heard. p. 83, Para. 1, [1SG].

{EW 194.2}

By the power of Jesus the disciples continued to heal every one of the afflicted and the sick whichwho were brought to them. Hundreds enlisted daily under the banner of a crucified, risen, and ascended Saviour. The high priests and elders, and those particularly engaged with them, were alarmed. Hundreds were enlisting daily under the banner of a crucified, risen and ascended Saviour. They shutAgain they put the apostles up in prison, and hopedhoping that the excitement would subside. Satan triumphed, and the evilhis angels exulted; but the angels of God were sent and opened the

prison doors, and, contrary to the command of the high priests and elders, bade them go apostles, "Go, stand and speak into the temple, and speak to the people all the words of this life." {EW 194.3}

The council assembled and sent for their prisoners. The officers unclosed the prison doors; but the prisoners those whom they sought were not there. They returned to the priests and elders, and said to them, "The prison truly found we shut with all safety, and the keepers standing without before the doors;: but when we had opened, we found no man within." "Then came one and told them, saying, Behold, the men whom ye put in prison are standing in the temple, and teaching the people. Then went the captain with the officers, and brought them without violence;: for they feared the people, lest they should have been stoned. And when they had brought them, they set them before the council;: and the high priest asked them, saying, Did not we straitly command you, that ye should not teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us. p" {EW 195. 83,1} Para. 2, [1SG].

They Those Jewish leaders were hypocrites, and; they loved the praise of men more than they loved God. Their hearts were had become so hardened, and that the most mighty acts works wrought by the apostles only enraged them. They knew that if the disciples preached Jesus, hHis crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension, it would fasten guilt upon them,

and proclaim them his murderers. They were not as willing to receive the blood of Jesus as when they vehemently cried. , "His blood be on us, and on our children. p. 84, Para. 1, [1SG].

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The apostles boldly declared that they ought to obey God rather than men. Said Peter, "The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree. Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance

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to Israel, and forgiveness of sins. And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Spirit, whom God hath given to them that obey him. Then were those murderers enraged. They wished, and determined to imbrue their hands again in blood again by slaying the apostles. They were planning how to do this, when an angel from God was sent to move upon the heart of Gamaliel to move upon his heart to counsel the chief priests and rulers. Said Gamaliel, : "Refrain from these men, and let them alone; for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to naught; but if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God. Evil angels were moving upon the priests and elders to put the apostles to death; but God sent his angel to prevent it, by raising up among the Jewish leaders themselves a voice in favor of the disciples in their own ranks his servants. p. 85, Para. 1, [1SG].

The work of the apostles was not finished. They were to be brought before kings, to witness to the name of Jesus, and to testify to of the things which they had seen and heard. But before these chief priests and elders let them go, they beat them, and commanded {EW 195.3}

The priests unwillingly released their prisoners, after beating them and commanding them to speak no more in the name of Jesus. T" And they departed from the presence of the council praising God, rejoicing that they were accounted worthy to suffer shame for hHis dear name. They continued their mission, preaching And daily in the temple, and in every house where, they were invited ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ. The" Thus the word of God grew and multiplied. Satan had moved upon the chief priests and elders to hire the Roman guard to falsely say that the disciples stole Jesus while they slept. Through this lie they hoped to conceal the facts; but, lo, springing up all around them were the mighty evidences of Jesus' resurrection. The disciples boldly declared it, and testified to the things which they had seen and heard, and through the name of Jesus they performed mighty miracles. They boldly placed fearlessly charged the blood of Jesus upon those who were had been so willing to receive it, when they were permitted to have power over the Son of God. p {EW 196. 85,1} Para. 2, [1SG].

I saw that the angels of God were commissioned to have a guard with special care, and guard the sacred, important truths which were to serve as an anchor to hold the disciples of

Christ through every generation. p. 86, Para. 1, [1SG].

The Holy Spirit especially rested upon the apostles, who were witnesses of Jesus'our Lord's crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension-- importantascension-- important truths which were to be the hope of Israel. All were to look to the Saviour of the world as their only hope, and walk in the way Jesuswhich He had opened by the sacrifice of hHis own life, and keep God's law and live. I saw the wisdom and goodness of Jesus in giving power to the disciples to carry on the same work for which causedHe had been hated and slain by the Jews to hate and slay him. They. In His name they had power given them over the works of Satan. They wrought signs and wonders through the name of Jesus, who was despised, and by wicked hands slain. A halo of light and glory clusteredcentered about the time of Jesus' death and resurrection, immortalizing the sacred factstruth that hHe was the Saviour of the world. p{EW 196. 86, Para. 2, [1SG].

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CHAPTER XIII.

The Death of Stephen.

Disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem. The word of God increased, and many of the priests were obedient untoto the faith. Stephen, full of

faith, was doing great wonders and miracles among the people.

Many The Jewish leaders were angry; for they stirred to greater anger as they saw priests were turning from their traditions, and from the sacrifices and offerings, and were accepting Jesus as the great sacrifice. Stephen, w With power from on high, Stephen reproved the unbelieving priests and elders, and exalted Jesus before them. They could not withstand the wisdom and power by which he spoke, and as they found that they could prevail nothing against him, they hired men to swear falsely swear that they had heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and against God. They stirred up the people, and took Stephen, and, through false witnesses, accused him of speaking against the temple and the

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law. They testified that they had heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth would destroy the customs which Moses gave them. p. 87, Para. 1, [1SG].

All who sat in judgment against {EW 197.1}

As Stephen saw stood before his judges, the light of the glory of God inrested upon his countenance. His countenance was lighted up like "And all that sat in the council, looking steadfastly on him, saw his face as it had been the face of an angel. He stood up full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and, beginning at the prophets, he brought them down to the advent of Jesus, his crucifixion, his resurrection and ascension, and showed them that the Lord dwelt" When called upon to answer to the

charges brought against him, he began at Moses and the prophets and reviewed the history of the children of Israel and the dealings of God with them and showed how Christ had been foretold in prophecy. He referred to the history of the temple and declared that God dwelleth not in temples made with hands. TheyThe Jews worshiped the temple. Anything spoken against the temple and were filled them with greater indignation at anything spoken against that building than if it had been spoken against God. The spirit ofAs Stephen was stirred with heavenly indignation as he cried out against them for being wicked,spoke of Christ and referred to the temple, he saw that the people were rejecting his words; and he fearlessly rebuked them: "Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart. Y and ears, ye do always resist the Holy SpiritGhost. T" While they observed the outward ordinances of their religion, while their hearts were corrupt, and full of deadly evil. StephenHe referred them to the cruelty of their fathers in persecuting the prophets, saying, Yeand declared that those whom he addressed had committed a greater sin in rejecting and crucifying Christ. "Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and they have slain them which sheowed before of the coming of the Just One,; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers. p. 88, Para. 1, [1SG].

The chief priests and the rulers were enraged as the" {EW 198.1}

As these plain, cutting truths were spoken;, the priests and rulers were enraged, and they rushed upon Stephen, gnashing their teeth. The light"But he, being full of heaven shone upon himthe Holy Ghost, and as

he looked up steadfastly into heaven, a vision of God's glory was given him, and angels hovered around him. He cried out, and saw the glory of God," and said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right

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hand of God." The people would not hear him. "They cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord, and cast him out of the city, and stoned him." And Stephen kneeledhe knelt down, and cried with a loud voice, "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. p" {EW 198. 88,2} Para. 2, [1SG].

I saw that Stephen was a mighty man of God, especially raised up to fill an important place in the church. Satan exulted as he was stoned toin his death; for he knew that the disciples would greatly feel his loss. But Satan's triumph was short; for there was one standing in that company, witnessing the death of Stephen, there was one to whom Jesus was to reveal hHimself. Although heSaul took no part in casting the stones at Stephen, yet he consented to his death. SaulHe was zealous in persecuting the church of God, hunting them, seizing them in their houses, and delivering them to those who would slay them. Satan was using Saul effectually. But God can break the Devil's power, and set free those who are led captive by him. Saul was a learned man, and Satan was triumphantly employing his talents to help carry outSaul was a man of ability and education; his zeal and learning caused him to be highly

esteemed by the Jews, while he was feared by many of the disciples of Christ. His talents were effectively employed by Satan in carrying forward his rebellion against the Son of God, and those who believed in him. But Jesus Him. But God can break the power of the great adversary and set free those who are led captive by him. Christ had selected Saul as a "chosen vessel" to preach hHis name, to strengthen theHis disciples in their work, and to more than fill the place of Stephen. Saul was greatly esteemed by the Jews. His zeal and his learning pleased them, and terrified many of the disciples. p. 89, Para. 1, [1SG].

CHAPTER XIV. {EW 199.1}

The Conversion of Saul.

As Saul journeyed to Damascus, with letters of authority authorizing him to take men or women who were preaching Jesus, and to bring them bound unto Jerusalem, evil angels exulted around him. But as he journeyed, suddenly a light from heaven shone around about him, which made the evil angels flee, and caused Saul him to fall quickly to the ground. He heard a voice saying, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou mMe?" Saul inquired, "Who art tThou, Lord?" And the Lord said, "I am Jesus whom thou persecutest. I: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks." And Saul, trembling and astonished, said, "Lord, what wilt

tThou have me to do?" And the Lord said, "Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do. p" {EW 200. 90,1}
Para. 1, [1SG].

The men who were with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but sawseeing no man. As the light passed away, and Saul arose from the earth, and opened his eyes, he saw no manfound himself totally deprived of sight. The glory of the light of heaven had blinded him. They led him by the hand, and brought him to Damascus, and he was three days without sight, neither did he eat ornor drink. The Lord then sent hHis angel to one of the very men whom Saul had hoped to maketake captive, and revealed to him in vision that he should go into the street called Straight, "and inquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus;: for, behold, he prayeth, and hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hands on him, that he might receive his sight. p. 90, Para. 2, [1SG].

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Ananias feared that there wasmight be some mistake in this matter, and began to relate to the Lord what he had heard of Saul. But the Lord said unto Ananias,

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"Go thy way;: for he is a chosen vessel unto mMe, to bear mMy name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel. F: for I will show him how great things he must suffer for mMy name's sake."

Ananias followed the directions of the Lord, and entered into the house, and putting his hands on him, said, "Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy SpiritGhost. p" {EW 200. 91,3} Para. 1, [1SG].

Immediately Saul received sight, and arose, and was baptized. He then preached Christtaught in the synagogues, that heJesus was indeed the Son of God. All who heard him were amazed, and inquired, "Is not this he that destroyed them which called on this name in Jerusalem?, and coame hither onfor that intent, that he might bring them bound unto the chief priests.?" But Saul increased the more in strength, and confounded the Jews. They were again in trouble. Saul told his experience in the power of the Holy Spirit. All were acquainted with the fact of Saul's opposition to Jesus, and his zeal in hunting out and delivering up to death all who believed on hHis name. H; and his miraculous conversion convinced many that Jesus was the Son of God. Saul related his experience, that as h in the power of the Holy Spirit. He was persecuting unto the death, binding and delivering into prison, both men and women, when, as he journeyed to Damascus, suddenly a great light from heaven shone round about him, and Jesus revealed hHimself to him, and taught him that hHe was the Son of God. {EW 201.1}

As Saul thus boldly preached Jesus, he carriedexerted a powerful influence with him. He had a knowledge of the sScriptures, and after his

conversion a divine light shone upon the prophecies concerning Jesus, which enabled him to clearly and boldly to present the truth, and to correct any perversion of the sScriptures. With the Spirit of God resting upon him, he would in a clear

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and forcible manner carry his hearers down through the prophecies to the time of Christ's first advent, and show them that the scriptures had been fulfilled, which referred to Christ'sHis sufferings, death, and resurrection. p. 91, Para. 2, [1SG].

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CHAPTER XV.

The Jews Decided to Kill Paul. T

As the chief priests and rulers were moved with hatred against Paul, as they witnessed the effect of the relation of hisPaul's experience, they were moved with hatred against him. They saw that he boldly preached Jesus, and wrought miracles in hHis name, and that multitudes listened to him, and turned from their traditions, and looked upon themthe Jewish leaders as being the murderers of the Son of God. Their anger was kindled, and they assembled to consult as to what was best to be done to put down the excitement. They agreed that the only safe course for them was to put Paul to death. But God knew of their intention, and angels were commissioned to guard him, that he might live to fulfill his

mission, and to suffer for the name of Jesus. p. 93, Para. 1, [1SG].

Paul was informed that the Jews were seeking his life. Satan led. {EW 202.1}

Led by Satan, the unbelieving Jews to watched the gates of Damascus day and night, that as Paul should pass out of the gates;, they might immediately kill him. But Paul had been informed that the Jews were seeking his life, and the disciples in the night let him down byover the wall in a basket. Here the Jews were made ashamed of their failure by night. At this failure to carry out their purposes, the Jews were ashamed and indignant, and Satan's object was defeated. And {EW 202.2}

After this, Paul went to Jerusalem to join himself to the disciples; but they were all afraid of him. They could not believe that he was a disciple. His life had been hunted by the Jews in Damascus, and his own brethren would not receive him; but Barnabas took him, and brought him to the apostles, and declared

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unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. p. 93, Para. 2, [1SG].

{EW 202.3}

But Satan was stirring up the Jews to destroy Paul, and Jesus bade him leave Jerusalem. And asIn company with Barnabas, he went into other citescities, preaching Jesus, and working miracles, and many were converted, and a. As one man was healed who had always been lame, the

people who worshiped idols were about to sacrifice to the disciples. Paul was grieved, and told them that **they** **he and his fellow laborer** were only men, and that **they must worship** **the** God who made heaven and earth, **and** the sea, and all things that are therein, **must alone be worshiped**. **Thus** Paul exalted God before **them** **the people**; but he could scarcely restrain **the people** **them**. The first **knowledge** **conception** of faith in the true God, and **of** the worship and honor due to **h** **Him**, **were** **was** being formed in their minds; and as they were listening to Paul, Satan **urged** **was urging** on the unbelieving Jews of other cities to follow after Paul to destroy the good work wrought through him. **These** Jews stirred up, **and inflamed** the minds of those idolaters by false reports against Paul. The wonder and admiration of the people now changed to hate, and they who a short time before were ready to worship the disciples, stoned Paul, and drew him out of the city, supposing that he was dead. But as the disciples were standing about Paul, and mourning over him, to their joy he rose up, and went with them into the city. p {EW 203. 941}

Again, Para. 1, [1SG].

As **as** Paul **and Silas** preached Jesus, a certain woman possessed with a spirit of divination, followed them, crying, "These men are the servants of the most high God, which show unto us the way of salvation." Thus she followed the disciples many days. But Paul was grieved; for this crying after them diverted the minds of the people from the truth. Satan's object in leading her to do this was to disgust the people,

and destroy the influence of the disciples. But Paul's spirit was stirred within him, and he turned to the woman, and said to the spirit, "I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her,"; and the evil spirit was rebuked, and left her. p {EW 203. 95,2} Para. 1, [1SG].

Her masters were pleased that she cried after the disciples; but when the evil spirit had left her, and they saw her a meek disciple of Christ, they were enraged. They had gathered much money by her fortune-telling, and now the hope of their gain was gone. Satan's object was defeated; but his servants caught Paul and Silas, and drew them into the market place, unto the rulers, and to the magistrates, saying, "These men, being Jews, do exceedingly trouble our city." And the multitude rose up together against them, and the magistrates tore off their clothes, and commanded to beat them. And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely, who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison and made their feet fast in the stocks. But the angels of God the Lord accompanied them within the prison walls. T, and caused their imprisonment to tell to the glory of God, and showed to the people that God was in the work, and with His chosen servants, and that prison walls could be shaken, and strong iron bars could easily be opened by him. p. 95, Para. 2, [1SG].

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At midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and su^uang praises unto God, and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and I saw that immediately the angel of God loosed every one's^{everyone's} bands. The keeper of the prison awoke, upon awaking and was affrighted as he saw^{seeing} the prison doors open, was affrighted. He thought that the prisoners had escaped, and that he must be punished with death. A^{But} as he was about to kill himself, Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, "Do thyself no harm,; for we are all here."

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The power of God there convicted the keeper^{jailer}. He called for a light, and sprang^{springing} in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas, and brought them out, and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." The jailer^{keeper of the prison} then assembled his whole household, and Paul preached unto them Jesus. The^{Thus the} jailer's heart was united to those of his brethren, and he washed their stripes, and he, and all his house, were baptized that night. He then set meat^{food} before them, and rejoiced, believing in God, with all his house. p {EW 205. 96,1} Para. 1, [1SG].

The wonderful news was spread abroad^{of the manifestation} of the glorious power of God which had been manifest in opening the prison doors, and in the conversion and baptism of the jailer^{keeper} and his

family, was soon spread abroad. The rulers heard of these things, and were afraid, and sent to the jailer, requesting him to let Paul and Silas go. But Paul would not leave the prison in a private manner; he was not willing that the manifestation of the power of God should be concealed. He said unto them, "They have beaten us openly uncondemned, being Romans, and have cast us into prison; and now do they thrust us out privily? Nay, verily; but let them come themselves, and fetch us out. Paul and Silas were not willing that the manifestation of the power of God should be concealed. The sergeants told these words unto" When these words were told to the magistrates; and they feared when they heard that they were Romans, and it was known that the apostles were Roman citizens, the rulers were alarmed for fear they would make complaint to the emperor of their unlawful treatment. And they came and besought them, and brought them out, and desired them to depart out of the city. p{EW 205. 97, Para. 1, [1SG].

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CHAPTER XVI.

Paul Visited Jerusalem. Shortly a

After Paul's conversion, he visited Jerusalem, and there preached Jesus, and the wonders of His grace. He related his miraculous conversion, which so enraged the priests and rulers, and that they sought to take his life. But that his life might be saved, Jesus again appeared

to him again in a vision while he was praying, saying and said unto him, "Get thee quickly out of Jerusalem;: for they will not receive thy testimony concerning mMe." Paul earnestly plead with Jesus answered, "Lord, they know that I imprisoned and beat in every synagogue them that believed on tThee. A: and when the blood of tThy martyr Stephen was shed, I also was standing by, and consenting unto his death, and kept the raiment of them that slew him." Paul thought that the Jews in Jerusalem could not resist his testimony; that they would consider that the great change in him could only be wrought only by the power of God. But Jesus said unto him, the reply was more decided than before: "Depart,: for I will send thee far hence unto the Gentiles. p" {EW 206. 98, Para. 1, [1SG]}.

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During Paul's absence from Jerusalem, he wrote many letters to different places, relating his experience, and bearing a powerful testimony. But some strove to destroy the influence of those letters. They hadwere forced to admit that his letters were weighty and powerful;, but they declared that his bodily presence was weak, and his speech contemptible. p. 98, Para. 2, [1SG {EW 206.2}]}.

I saw The facts in the case were that Paul was a man of great learning, and his wisdom and manners charmed his hearers. Learned men were pleased with his knowledge, and many of them believed on Jesus. When

before kings and large assemblies, he would pour forth such eloquence as would **bear down fascinate** all before him. This greatly enraged the priests and elders. Paul could

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readily enter into deep reasoning, and **soar, soaring** up, and carry the people with him, in the most exalted trains of thought, and **bring bringing** to view the deep riches of the grace of God, and **portray portraying** before them the amazing love of Christ. Then with simplicity he would come down to the understanding of the common people, and in a most powerful manner relate his experience, which called forth from them **an ardent desires to be become** the disciples of Christ. p. 99, Para. 1, [1SG].

The Lord revealed to Paul that he must again {EW 206.3}

Again the Lord appeared to Paul and revealed to him that he must go up to Jerusalem; that he would there be bound and suffer for **hHis** name. **And although Although** he was a prisoner for a great length of time, yet the Lord **was carrying carried** forward **hHis** special work through him. **Paul'sHis** bonds were to be the means of spreading the knowledge of Christ, and thus glorifying God. As he was sent from city to city for his trial, **thehis** testimony concerning Jesus, and the interesting incidents of his **own** conversion were related before kings and governors, that they should **not** be left without **testimonyexcuse** concerning Jesus. Thousands believed on **hHim** and rejoiced in **hHis** name. I saw that God's special purpose was fulfilled in the journey of Paul upon the **water, sea; He designed** that the ship's crew might **thus** witness the power of God

through Paul, and that the heathen also might hear the name of Jesus, and **that** many **might** be converted through **his**the teaching, **of Paul** and by witnessing the miracles he wrought. Kings and governors were charmed by his reasoning, and as, with zeal and the power of the Holy Spirit, he preached Jesus, and related the interesting events of his experience, conviction fastened upon them that Jesus was the Son of God; **and w.** While some wondered with amazement as they listened to Paul, one cried out. , "Almost thou persuadest me to be a **c**Christian." Yet **they**the **most of those who heard** thought that at some future time they would

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consider what they had heard. Satan took advantage of the delay, and, as they neglected **that**e opportunity when their hearts were softened, it was forever **lost**. Their hearts became hardened. **p. 99, Para. 2, [1SG]**.

{EW 207.1}

I was shown the work of Satan in first blinding the eyes of the Jews so that they would not receive Jesus as their Saviour; and next in leading them, through envy because of **h**His mighty works, to desire **h**His life. Satan entered one of **Jesus'Christ's** own followers, and led him on to betray **h**Him into their hands **of His enemies**, **and**that they **crucified** **might crucify** the Lord of life and glory. {EW 208.1}

After Jesus arose from the dead, the Jews added sin to sin as they sought to hide the fact of **the**His resurrection, by hiring **for money** the Roman guard to testify to a falsehood. But the resurrection of Jesus was

made doubly sure by the resurrection of a multitude of witnesses **who** **arose with him at the same time**. **After His resurrection**, Jesus appeared to **hHis** disciples, and to above five hundred at once, while those whom **hHe** brought up with **hHim** appeared unto many, declaring that Jesus had risen. p {EW 208. 100,2} Para. 1, [1SG].

Satan had caused the Jews to rebel against God, by refusing to receive **hHis** Son, and **in by** staining their hands with **His** most precious blood **in crucifying him**. No matter how powerful the evidence **given of now produced that** Jesus' **being was** the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world; they had murdered **hHim**, and **could would** not receive any evidence in **hHis** favor. Their only hope and consolation, like **that of Satan's** after his fall, was in trying to prevail against the Son of God. They **therefore** continued their rebellion by persecuting the disciples of Christ, and putting them to death. Nothing fell so harshly on their ears as the name of Jesus whom they had crucified; and they were determined not to listen to any evidence in **hHis** favor. As **in the case of Stephen**, **as when** the Holy Spirit through **him Stephen** declared the mighty evidence of **his Jesus'**

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being the Son of God, they stopped their ears lest they should be convinced. **And while Stephen was wrapped up in God's glory, they stoned him to death**. Satan had the murderers of Jesus fast in his grasp. By wicked works they had yielded themselves his willing subjects, and

through them he was at work to trouble and annoy the believers **of** Christ. He worked through the Jews to stir up the Gentiles against **the name of** Jesus, and against those who followed **h**Him, and **believed on his name**. But God sent **h**His angels to strengthen the disciples for their work, that they might testify of the things they had seen and heard, and at last **in**by their steadfastness, seal their testimony with their blood. **p** {EW 208. 101,3} Para. 1, [1SG].

Satan rejoiced that the Jews were safe in his snare. They still continued their useless forms, their sacrifices, and ordinances. As Jesus hung upon the cross, and cried, "It is finished, " the **v**eil of the temple was rent in twain, from **the** top to **the** bottom, to signify that God would no longer meet with the priests in the temple, to accept their sacrifices and ordinances; and also to show that the partition wall **was broken down** between the Jews and the Gentiles **was broken down**. Jesus had made an offering of **h**Himself for both, and if saved at all, both must believe in **Jesus**Him as the only offering for sin, **and** the Saviour of the world. **p** {EW 209. 102,1} Para. 1, [1SG].

While **When the soldier pierced the side of** Jesus **as He** hung upon the cross, **as the soldier pierced his side with a spear**, there came out **blood and water**, **in** two distinct streams, one of blood, the other of **clear** water. The blood was to wash away the sins of those who should believe in

hHis name. T, and the water was to represents that living water which is obtained from Jesus to give life to the believer. p. 102, Para. 2, [1SG].
{EW 209.2}

CHAPTER XVII.

The Great Apostasy.

I was carried forward to the time when the heathen idolaters cruelly persecuted and killed the Christians, and killed them. Blood flowed in torrents. The noble, the learned, and the common people, were alike slain without mercy. Wealthy families were reduced to poverty, because they would not yield their religion. Notwithstanding the persecution and sufferings which those Christians endured, they would not lower the standard. They kept their religion pure. I saw that Satan exulted and triumphed over their sufferings of God's people. But God looked upon His faithful martyrs with great approbation upon his faithful martyrs, and t. The Christians who lived in that fearful time were greatly beloved of hHim; for, because they were willing to suffer for hHis sake. Every suffering endured by them increased their reward in heaven. But a {EW 210.1}

Although Satan rejoiced because of the sufferings of the saints suffered, yet he was not satisfied. He wanted control of the mind as well as the body. The sufferings those Christians that they endured only drove

them closer to the Lord, and led leading them to love one another, and caused causing them to fear more than ever to offend hHim. Satan wished to lead them to displease God; then they would lose their strength, fortitude, and firmness. Although thousands were slain, yet others were springing up to supply their places. Satan saw that he was losing his subjects, and; for although they suffered persecution and death, yet they were secured to Jesus Christ, to be the subjects of hHis kingdom, and he. Satan therefore laid his plans to fight more successfully fight against the government of God, and overthrow the church. He led on those heathen idolaters to embrace a part of the Christian faith. They professed to believe in the crucifixion

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and resurrection of Christ, without a change of heart, and proposed to unite with the followers of Jesus, without a change of heart. Oh, the fearful danger of the church!. It was a time of mental anguish. Some thought that if they should come down and unite with those idolaters who had embraced a portion of the Christian faith, it would be the means of their full conversion. Satan was seeking to corrupt the doctrines of the Bible. A {EW 210.2}

I saw that at last I saw the standard was lowered, and those that the heathen were uniting with the Christians. They had been Although these worshipers of idols, and although they professed to be Christians, they brought along with them their idolatry. They changed the objects only converted, they brought their idolatry with them into the church, only changing the objects of their worship, to images of saints, and even

of Christ and of Mary His mother. As the imagefollowers of Christ, and Mary the mother of Jesus. Christians gradually united with them, and the Christian religion wasbecame corrupted, and the church lost its purity and power. Some refused to unite, with them and they; such preserved their purity, and worshiped God alone. They would not bow down to any image of any thinganything in the heavens above, or in the earth beneath. p {EW 211. 103,1} Para. 1, [1SG].

Satan exulted over the fall of so many; and then he stirred up the fallen church to force those who would preserve the purity of their religion, to either to yield to their ceremonies and image worship, or tobe put them to death. The fires of persecution were again kindled against the true church of Jesus Christ, and millions were slain without mercy. p {EW 211. 105,2} Para. 1, [1SG].

It was presented before me in the following manner: A large company of heathen idolaters bore a black banner, upon which were figures of the sun, moon, and stars. Theis company seemed to be very fierce and angry. I was then shown another company bearing a pure white banner, and upon itwhich was written, "Purity, and Hholiness unto the Lord." Their countenances were marked with firmness and heavenly

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resignation. I saw the heathen idolaters approach them, and there was a

great slaughter. The Christians melted away before them; and yet the Christian company pressed the more closely together, and held the banner more firmly. As many fell, others rallied around the banner and filled their places. p. 105, Para. 2, [1SG].

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I saw the company of idolaters consulting together. They failedFailing to make the Christians yield, and they agreed to another plan. I saw them lower their banner, and theyn approached that firm Christian company, and madke propositions to them. At first their propositions were utterly refused. Then I saw the Christian company consulting together. Some said that they would lower the banner, accept the propositions, and save their lives, and at last they could gain strength to raise their banner among those heathen idolaters. But some. A few, however, would not yield to this plan, but firmly chose to die holding their banner, rather than to lower it. Then I saw many of that Christian company lower the banner, and unite with the heathen; whilebut the firm and steadfast would again seized the banner, it and borebear it on high again. I saw individualsthat persons were continually leaving the company of those bearingwho bore the pure banner, and joiningwere uniting with the idolaters, and they united together under the black banner, to persecute those bearing the white banner, and m. Many were slain; yet the white banner was held high, and individualsbelievers were raised up to rally around it. p {EW 212. 105,1} Para. 3, [1SG].

The Jews who first **started** **aroused** the rage of the heathen against Jesus, were not to escape **unpunished**. In the judgment hall **the infuriated Jews cried**, as Pilate hesitated to condemn Jesus, **the infuriated Jews cried**, "His blood be on us, and on our children." The **race of the Jews experienced the** fulfillment of this terrible curse which they called down upon their own heads, **the Jewish nation has experienced. H**The heathen and those called Christians **were** alike **have been** their foes. Those professed Christians, in their zeal for **the cross of Christ, because the Jews had crucified Jesus Christ,**

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whom the Jews crucified, thought that the more suffering they could bring upon them, the better **could they would God be** please God; and **md. Many of those** unbelieving Jews were **therefore** killed, while others were driven from place to place, and were punished in almost every manner. p {EW 212. 106,2} Para. 1, [1SG].

The blood of Christ, and of the disciples, whom they had put to death, was upon them, and **in they were visited with** terrible judgments **were they visited**. The curse of God followed them, and they were a by-word and a derision to the heathen and to **so-called** Christians. They were **degraded**, shunned, **degraded** and detested, as **though if** the brand of Cain **was were** upon them. Yet I saw that God **had** marvelously preserved this people, and **had** scattered them over the world, that they might be looked upon as **especiallly specially** visited by **athe** curse **from of** God. I saw that

God has forsaken the Jews as a nation; yet there was a portion of but that individuals among them who would will yet be converted and be enabled to tear away the veil from their hearts. Some will yet and see that the prophecy concerning them has been fulfilled concerning them, and; they will receive Jesus as the Saviour of the world, and see the great sin of their nation in rejecting Jesus, and crucifying him. Individuals among the Jews will be converted; but as a nation they are forever forsaken of God. p. 107, Para. 1, [1SG].

CHAPTER XVIII. Him. {EW 213.1}

The Mystery of Iniquity.

It has ever been the design of Satan to draw the minds of the people from Jesus to man, and to destroy individual accountability. Satan failed in his design when he tempted the Son of God. H; but he succeeded better as when he came to fallen man. The doctrine of Christianity was became corrupted. Popes and priests presumed to take an exalted position, and taught the people to look to them for to he pardon of their sins, instead of looking to Christ for themselves. The Bible was kept from them, in order to conceal the truths which would condemn them. p. 108, Para. 1, [1SG].

The people were **entirely wholly** deceived. They were taught that the popes and priests were Christ's representatives, when in fact they were the representatives of Satan;, and **when they those who** bowed to them, **they** worshiped Satan. The people called for the Bible; but the priests considered it dangerous to let them have **the word of God it** to read for themselves, lest they **should** become enlightened, and **expose the sins of their sins be exposed leaders**. The people were taught to **look to these deceivers, and** receive every word from **them, these deceivers** as from the mouth of God. They held that power over the mind, which God alone should hold. **And i**f any dared to follow their own convictions, the same hate which Satan and the Jews exercised towards **s** Jesus would be kindled against them, and those in authority would thirst for their blood. {EW 214.1}

I was shown a time when Satan especially triumphed. Multitudes of Christians were slain in a dreadful manner, because they would preserve the purity of their religion. **p. 108, Para. 2, [1SG]**.

The Bible was hated, and efforts were made to rid the earth of **the precious word of God it**. The **Bible was people were** forbidden to **be** read **it**, on pain of death,; and all the copies **of the holy Book** which could be found were burned. But I saw that God had a special care for **hHis wWord**. He protected it. At different periods there were but a very few

copies of the Bible in existence, yet **GodHe** would not suffer **hHis** **wWord** to be lost. **And, for** in the last days, copies of **the Bibleit** were to be so multiplied that every family could possess it. I saw that when there were but **a very** few copies of the Bible, it was precious and comforting to the persecuted followers of Jesus. It was read in the most secret manner, and those who had this exalted privilege felt that they had had an interview with God, with **hHis** Son Jesus, and with **hHis** disciples. But this blessed privilege cost many of them their lives. If discovered, they were taken **from reading the sacred Word** to the **choppingheadsman's** block, **to** the stake, or to the dungeon to die **fromof** starvation. p. 109, Para. 1, [1SG].

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Satan could not hinder the plan of salvation. Jesus was crucified, and **aroserose** again the third day. **HeBut Satan** told his angels that he would make **even** the crucifixion and resurrection tell to his advantage. He was willing that those who professed faith in Jesus should believe that the laws regulating the Jewish sacrifices and offerings ceased at the death of Christ, if he could push them **further, farther** and make them believe that the law of ten commandments **also** died **also** with Christ. p. 109, Para. 2, [1SG].

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I saw that many readily yielded to this device of Satan. All heaven was moved with indignation, as they saw the holy law of God trampled under foot. Jesus and all the heavenly host were acquainted with the nature of God's law; they knew that He would not change or abolish it. The hopeless condition of man after the fall caused the deepest sorrow in heaven, and moved Jesus to offer to die for the transgressors of God's holy law. But if that law could be abolished, man might have been saved without the death of Jesus. Consequently His death of Christ did not destroy the law of His Father; but magnified and honored it, and enforces obedience to all its holy precepts. {EW 215.2}

Had the church remained pure and steadfast, Satan could not have deceived them, and led them to trample on the law of God. In this bold plan, Satan strikes directly against the foundation of God's government in heaven and on earth. His rebellion caused him to be expelled from heaven. After he rebelled, in order to save himself, he wished God to change His law; but God was told Satan, before the whole heavenly host, that His law was unalterable. Satan knows that if he can cause others to violate God's law, he is sure of having gained them to his cause; for every transgressor of that law must die. p {EW 215. 110,3} Para. 1, [1SG].

Satan decided to go still further. He told his angels that some would be so jealous of God's law that

they could not be caught in this snare; **that** the ten commandments were so plain that many would believe that they were still binding; **and** therefore he must seek to corrupt **only one of** the **fourth** commandment **which brings to view the living God. Hes. He then** led on his representatives to attempt to change the **fourth, or** Sabbath, **and alter the only** commandment, **thus altering the only one** of the ten which brings to view the true God, the **mMaker** of the heavens and the earth. Satan presented before them the glorious resurrection of Jesus, and told them that by **hHis** rising on the first day of the week, **hHe** changed the Sabbath from the seventh to the first day of the week. {EW 215.4}

Thus Satan used the resurrection to serve his purpose. He and his angels rejoiced that the errors they had prepared took so well with the professed friends of Christ. What one **might** looked upon with religious horror, another would receive. **Theus** different errors **would bewere** received, and **defended** with zeal **defended**. The will of God, **so** plainly revealed in **hHis wWord**, was covered up with errors and traditions, which have been taught as the commandments of God. **But a**Although this heaven--daring deception **was towill** be suffered to be carried on **down through time** until the second appearing of Jesus, yet through all this time of error and deception, God has not been left without **a witness**. **There have been true and faithful** witnesses **keeping all of God's commandments through**. **Amid** the darkness and persecution of the church. p. 111, Para. 1, [1SG].

I saw that angels there have always been true and faithful ones who kept

all of God's commandments. {EW 216.1}

I saw that the angelic host were filled with amazement as they beheld the sufferings and death of the King of glory. But I saw that it was no marvel to the angelic host them that the Lord of life and glory, He who filled all heaven with joy and splendor, should break the bands of death, and walk forth from hHis prison house, a triumphant conqueror.

And Therefore, if either of these events should be commemorated by a day of rest, it is the crucifixion. But, I saw that neither of those events werethese

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events was designed to alter or abolishabrogate God's law; buton the contrary, they give the strongest proof of its immutability. p {EW 216. 112,2} Para. 1, [1SG].

Both of these important events have their memorials. By partaking of the Lord's supper, the broken bread and the fruit of the vine, we show forth the Lord's death until hHe comes. By observing this memorial, tThe scenes of hHis sufferings and death are thus brought fresh to our minds. The resurrection of Christ is commemorated by our being buried with hHim by baptism, and raised up out of the watery grave, in likeness of hHis resurrection, to live in newness of life. p. 112, Para. 2, [1SG].

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I was shown that the law of God would stand fast forever, and exist in

the new earth to all eternity. At the creation, when the foundations of the earth were laid, the sons of God looked with admiration upon the work of the Creator, and all the heavenly host shouted for joy. It was then that the foundation of the Sabbath was laid. At the close of the six days of creation, God rested on the seventh day from all **hHis** work which **hHe** had made; and **hHe** blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because that in it **hHe** had rested from all **hHis** work. The Sabbath was instituted in Eden before the fall, and was observed by Adam and Eve, and all the heavenly host. God rested on the seventh day, and blessed and hallowed it; **and**. I saw that the Sabbath **would** never **will** be done away; but **that** the redeemed saints, and all the angelic host, will observe it in honor of the great Creator to all eternity. p {EW 217. 113, Para. 1, [1SG].

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CHAPTER XIX.

Death, **n** Not Eternal Life in Misery.

Satan commenced his deception in Eden. He said to Eve, **Thou"Ye** shalt**l** not surely die." This was Satan's first lesson upon the immortality of the soul; and he has carried on this deception from that time to the present, and will carry it on until the captivity of God's children shall be turned. I was pointed to Adam and Eve in Eden. They partook of the forbidden tree, and then the flaming sword was placed around the tree of life, and they were driven from the **G**arden, lest they should partake of

the tree of life, and be immortal sinners. The **treefruit** of **lifethis tree** was to perpetuate immortality. I heard an angel ask, "Who of the family of Adam have passed that flaming sword, and have partaken of the tree of life?" I heard another angel answer, "Not one of the family of Adam **haves** passed that flaming sword, and partaken of that tree; therefore there is not an immortal sinner." The soul that sinneth, it shall die an everlasting death;-- a death **that will last forever, wherefrom which** there will be no hope of **a** resurrection; and then the wrath of God will be appeased. **p. 113, Para. 2, [1SG]**.

{EW 218.1}

It was a marvel to me that Satan could succeed so well in making men believe that the words of God, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die," mean that the soul that sinneth it shall not die, but live eternally in misery. Said the angel, "Life is life, whether it is in pain or happiness. Death is without pain, without joy, without hatred. **p" {EW 218. 114,2} Para. 1, [1SG]**.

Satan told his angels to make a special effort to spread the **deception and** lie first repeated to Eve in Eden, **Thou"Ye shaltl not surely die."** And as the error was received by the people, and they **were led to** believed that man was immortal, Satan led them **still furtheron** to believe that the sinner

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would live in eternal misery. Then the way was prepared for Satan to

work through his representatives, and hold up God before the people as a revengeful tyrant; that tyrant--one who plunges all those into hell who do not please hHim, he will plunge into hell, and causes them ever to feel hHis wrath; and that while they will suffer unutterable anguish, while he will look and writhe in the eternal flames, He is represented as looking down upon them with satisfaction, as they writhe in horrible sufferings and eternal flames. Satan knew that if this error should be received, God would be dreaded and hated by very many, instead of being loved and admired; and that many would be led to believe that the threatenings of God's wWord would not be literally fulfilled; for it would be against hHis character of benevolence and love, to plunge beings whom he had created into eternal torments the beings whom He had created. {EW 218.3}

Another extreme which Satan has led them the people to another extreme, to adopt is entirely to overlook the justice of God, and the threatenings in hHis Word, and to represent hHim as being all mercy, and so that not one will perish, but that all, both saint and sinner, will at last be saved in hHis kingdom. {EW 219.1}

In consequence of the popular errors of the immortality of the soul, and endless misery, Satan takes advantage of another class, and leads them on to regard the Bible as an uninspired book. They think it teaches many good things; but they cannot rely upon it and love it; because they have been taught that it declares the doctrine of eternal misery. p. 114, Para. 2, [1SG].

Satan takes advantage of still another class, and leads them still further
{EW 219.2}

Another class Satan leads on still further, even to deny the existence of God. They can see no consistency in the character of the God of the Bible, if hHe will tormentinfect horrible tortures upon a portion of the human family to all eternity in horrible tortures; and. Therefore they deny the Bible and its Author, and regard death as an eternal sleep. p
{EW 219. 116,3} Para.
1, [1SG].

Then Satan leadsre is still another class who are fearful and

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timid. These Satan tempts to commit sin;, and after they have sinned, he holds up before them that the wages of sin is (not death, but) an eternal life in horrible torments, to be endured throughthroughout the endless ages of eternity. Satan improves the opportunity, and magnifiesBy thus magnifying before their feeble minds the horrors of an endless hell, andhe takes chargepossession of their minds, and they lose their reason. Then Satan and his angels exult, and the infidel and atheist join in casting reproach upon cChristianity. They regardclaim that these evil consequences of the reception of popular heresy, asevils are the natural results of believing in the Bible and its Author. p. 116, Para. 2, [1SG].

, whereas they are the results of the reception of popular heresy. {EW 219.4}

I saw that the heavenly host **waswere** filled with indignation at this bold work of Satan. I inquired why all these delusions should be suffered to take effect upon the minds of men, when the angels of God were powerful, and if commissioned, could easily break the enemy's power. Then I saw that God knew that Satan would try every art to destroy man; therefore **hHe** had caused **hHis Wword** to be written out, and had made **hHis designs purposes in regard to manthe human race** so plain that the weakest need not err. **Then, aAfter he hadhaving** given **hHis Wword** to man, **hHe** had carefully preserved it, **so that from destruction by Satan andor** his angels, **throughor by any of his agents or representative, could not destroy itrepresentatives**. While other books might be destroyed, this **holy Book** was to be immortal. And **down** near the close of time, when the delusions of Satan should increase, **the copies of this Book wereit was** to be so multiplied, that all who desired **it** might have a copy of **God's revealed will to man**, and, if they would, might arm themselves against the deceptions and lying wonders of Satan. **p {EW 220. 116,1} Para. 3, [1SG]**.

I saw that God had especially guarded the Bible,; yet **when copies of it were few**, learned men, **when the copies were few**, had **in some instances** changed the words **in some instances**, thinking that they were making it more plain, when **in reality** they were mystifying that which was plain, **inby** causing it to lean

to their established. views, **which were** governed by tradition. But I saw that the **w**Word of God, as a whole, is a perfect chain, one portion of **scripture linking into and** explaining another. True seekers for truth need not err; for not only is the **w**Word of God plain and simple in declaring the way **to of** life, but the Holy Spirit is given **to as a** guide in understanding the way **of to** life **therein** revealed **in his Word**. p {EW 220. 117,2} Para. 1, [1SG].

I saw that the angels of God **were are** never to control the will. God sets before man life and death. He can have his choice. Many desire life, but **still** continue to walk in the broad road, **because they have not chosen life**. p. 117, Para. 2, [1SG].

I saw **the**. **They choose to rebel against God's government, notwithstanding His great** mercy and compassion **of God** in giving **h**His Son to die for **guilty man them**. Those who **will do** not choose to accept **of the** salvation **which has been** so dearly purchased **for them**, must be punished. **Beings whom God created have chosen to rebel against his government; but** But I saw that God **did would** not shut them up in hell to endure endless misery., **neither will** He **could not** take them to heaven; for to bring them into the company of the pure and holy would make them **perfectly miserable**. **God will not take them to heaven, neither will he cause them to suffer eternally. exceedingly miserable. But** He will destroy them utterly, and cause them to be as **though if** they had not been,

and; then hHis justice will be satisfied. He formed man out of the dust of the earth, and the disobedient and unholy will be consumed by fire, and return to dust again. I saw that the benevolence and compassion of God in this, matter should lead all to admire hHis character, and to adore him; and aHis holy name. After the wicked shall beare destroyed from off the earth, all the heavenly host will say, "Amen! p" {EW 221. 118,1} Para. 1, [1SG].

Satan lookeds with great satisfaction upon those who professed the name of Christ, and wereyet closely adheringadhere to these delusions formed by himself. His work is to still form new delusions. His power increases, and he grows more artful. He led onwhich he himself has originated. His work is still to devise new delusions, and his power and art in this direction continually increase. He led his representatives, the popes and the priests, to exalt themselves, and to stir up the people to bitterly persecute

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and destroy those who loved God, and were not willing to yield to his delusions, introduced through them. Satan moved upon his agents to destroy Christ's devoted followers. Oaccept his delusions. Oh, the sufferings and agony, which they made the precious followers of GodChrist were made to endure! Angels have kept a faithful record of it all. But Satan and his evil angels exulted, andexultingly told the angels who administeredministered to, and strengthened those these suffering saints, that they would kill themwere all to be killed, so that there would

not be left a true Christian upon the earth. I saw that the church of God was then pure. There was no danger of men with corrupt hearts coming into **the church of God then**; for the true Christian, who dared to declare his faith, was in danger of the rack, the stake, and every torture which Satan and his evil angels could invent, **and put into or inspire in** the mind of man. p. 118, Para. 2, [1SG].

{EW 221.2}

CHAPTER XX.

The Reformation. **But n**

Notwithstanding all the persecution **and the putting to death** of the saints, **yet** living witnesses **for God's truth** were raised up on every hand. **The a**Angels of **Godthe Lord** were doing the work committed to their trust. They were searching in the darkest places, and **were** selecting out of the darkness, men who were honest **at** heart. **Theyse** were all buried up in error, yet God **selectedcalled** them, as **hHe** did Saul, **asto be** chosen vessels to bear **hHis** truth, and raise their voices against the sins of **hHis** professed people. **The a**Angels of God moved upon **the hearts of** Martin Luther, Melanc**h**thon, and others in different places, **and caused them** to thirst for the living testimony of the **w**Word of God. The enemy had come in like a flood, and the standard must be raised **up** against him. Luther was **the one** chosen to breast the storm, **and** stand up against the ire of a fallen church, and strengthen the few who were faithful to their

holy profession. He was ever fearful of offending God. He tried through works to obtain **theHis favor of God;** but **he** was not satisfied until a gleam of light

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from heaven drove the darkness from his mind, and led him to trust, not in works, but in the merits of the blood of Christ; **and to. He could then** come to God for himself, not through popes **nor** confessors, but through Jesus Christ alone. {EW 222.1}

Oh, how precious **was this knowledge** to Luther! **He prized was** this new and **preciousglorious** light which had dawned upon his dark understanding, and **had** driven away his superstition, **! He prized it** higher than the richest earthly treasure. The **wWord** of God was new. **Every thingEverything** was changed. The **Bbook** he had dreaded because he could not see beauty in it, was **now** life, **Lifeeternal life,** to him. It was his joy, his consolation, his blessed teacher. Nothing could induce him to leave its study. He had feared death; but as he read the **wWord** of God, all his terrors disappeared, and he admired the character of God, and loved **hHim**. He searched the **word of GodBible** for himself. **He and** feasted upon the rich treasures it contained, **and;** then he searched it for the church. He was disgusted with the sins of those in whom he had trusted for salvation. **H, and as he** saw **very** many **others** enshrouded in the same darkness which had covered him. **H, he** anxiously sought an opportunity to point them to the Lamb of God, who alone taketh away the sin of the world. **He raised** {EW 223.1}

Raising his voice against the errors and sins of the **Ppapal** church,

and he earnestly longed endeavored to break the chain of darkness which was confining thousands, and causing them to trust in works for salvation. He longed to be enabled to open to their minds the true riches of the grace of God, and the excellence of salvation obtained through Jesus Christ. He raised his voice zealously, and in the power of the Holy Spirit, he cried out against the existing sins of the leaders of the church; and as he met the storm of opposition from the priests, his courage did not fail; for he firmly relied upon the strong arm of God, and confidently trusted in Him for victory. And as he pushed

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the battle closer and closer, the rage of the priests was kindled still hotter against him. They did not wish to be reformed. They chose to be left in ease, in wanton pleasure, in wickedness. T; and they wished the church also to be kept in darkness. p {EW 223. 119,2}

Para. 1, [1SG].

I saw that Luther was ardent and zealous, fearless and bold, in reproving sin, and advocating the truth. He cared not for wicked men and devils. H; he knew that he had One with him mightier than they all. Luther possessed fire, zeal, courage, and boldness, and at times might go as in danger of going too far; b extremes. But God raised up Melancthon, who was just the opposite in character, to aid Luther, and carry in carrying on the work of reformation. Melancthon was timid, fearful, cautious, and possessed great patience. He was greatly beloved of God. His knowledge was great in of the Scriptures was great, and his

judgment and wisdom was excellent. His love for the cause of God was equal to Luther's. These hearts, of these men the Lord knit together; they were inseparable friends which were never to be separated. Luther was a great help to Melancthon when he was in danger of being fearful and slow, and Melancthon in turn was also a great help to Luther to keep him from when in danger of moving too fast. Melancthon's far-seeing cautiousness caution often averted trouble which would have come upon the cause, if had the work had been left alone to Luther; and oftentimes the work would often not have failed in being been pushed forward, if it had it been left to Melancthon alone. I was shown the wisdom of God in choosing these two men, of different characters to carry on the work of reformation. p. 122, Para. {EW 224.1} 1, [1SG].

I was then carried back to the days of the apostles, and saw that God chose as companions an ardent and, zealous Peter, and a mild, patient, meek John. Sometimes Peter was impetuous. A, and often when this was the case the beloved disciple often checked Peter, when his zeal and ardor led would check him too far; but it. This, however, did not reform him. But after Peter he had denied his Lord, and repented, and was been converted, all he needed

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to check his ardor and zeal was a mild caution from John to check his ardor and zeal. The cause of Christ would often have suffered had it been left alone to John alone. Peter's zeal was needed. His boldness and

energy often delivered them from difficulty, and silenced their enemies. John was winning. He gained many to the cause of Christ by his patient forbearance, and deep devotedness. p. 122, Para. {EW 224.2} 2, [1SG].

God raised up men to cry against the existing sins of the Ppapal church, and carry forward the rReformation. Satan sought to destroy these living witnesses; but Godthe Lord made a hedge about them. Some, for the glory of hHis name, were permitted to seal with their blood the testimony they had borne with their blood; but there were other powerful men, like Luther and Melanchthon, who could best glorify God by living and crying aloud againstexposing the sins of popes, priests, popes, and kings. Theyse trembled before the voice of Luther, and his fellow laborers. Through those chosen men, rays of light began to scatter the darkness, and very many joyfully received the light and walked in it. And when one witness was slain, two or more were raised up to filltake his place. p {EW 225. 123,1} Para. 1, [1SG].

But Satan was not satisfied. He could only have power over the body. He could not make believers yield their faith and hope. And even in death they triumphed with a bright hope of immortality at the resurrection of the just. They had more than mortal energy. They dared not sleep for a moment. They, but kept the cChristian armor girded about them, prepared for a conflict, not merely with spiritual foes, but with

Satan in the form of men, whose constant cry was, "Give up your faith, or die." Those few Christians were strong in God, and more precious in His sight than half a world bearing who bear the name of Christ, and yet are cowards in His cause. While the church was persecuted, their members were united and loving. They were strong in God. Sinners were not permitted to unite themselves with it; neither the deceiver nor the deceived

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unite with the church. Those only who were are willing to forsake all for Christ could be His disciples. They loved to be poor, humble, and Christlike. p {EW 225. 124, Para. 1, [1SG].

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CHAPTER XXI.

The Church and the World United.

After this I saw Satan then consulted consulting with his angels, and they there considered considering what they had gained. It was true that, they had kept some timid souls, through fear of death, kept some timid souls from embracing the truth; but many, even of the most timid, had received the truth, and immediately thereupon their fears and timidity immediately left them, and a. As they witnessed the death of their brethren, and saw beheld their firmness and patience, they knew that God and angels assisted them to endure such sufferings, and they grew bold

and fearless. And when called to yield their own lives, they maintained their faith with such patience and firmness as caused even their murderers to tremble. Satan and his angels decided that there was a more successful way to destroy souls, **and one that would be** more certain in the end. **They saw that a** Although **they caused** Christians **were made** to suffer, their steadfastness, and the bright hope that cheered them, caused the weakest to grow strong, and **that enabled them to approach** the rack and the flames **could not daunt them undaunted**. They imitated the noble bearing of Christ when before **h**His murderers, and **many were convinced of the truth** by **witnessing** their constancy, and the glory of God which rested upon them, **they convinced many others of the truth.**
{EW 226.1}

Satan **therefore** decided that he must come in a milder form. He had **already** corrupted the doctrines of the Bible, and traditions which were to ruin millions were taking deep root. **He restrained** **Restraining** his hate, **and he** decided not to urge on his subjects to such bitter persecution, but lead **on** the church to contend **for various traditions**, **not instead of** for the faith once delivered to

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the saints, **but, for various traditions**. As he **led** **prevailed** on the church to receive favors and honors **offrom** the world, under the **false** pretense of **benefiting them** **receiving benefits**, she began to lose favor with God. **Gradually the church lost her power, as she shunned** **Shunning** to declare the straight truths which shut out the lovers of pleasure and friends of the world, **she gradually lost her power.** p. 124, Para. 2, [1SG].

{EW 226.2}

The church is not **now** the separate and peculiar people she was when the fires of persecution were kindled against her. How is the gold become dim? **H!** how is the most fine gold changed?! I saw that if the church had always retained her **holy and** peculiar, **holy** character, the power of the Holy Spirit which was imparted to the disciples would **still** be with her. The sick would be healed, devils would be rebuked and cast out, and she would be mighty, and a terror to her enemies. p {EW 227. 126,1} Para. 1, [1SG].

I saw **that** a very large company **professed****professing** the name of Christ, but God **does****did** not recognize them as **h****His**. He **has****d** no pleasure in them. Satan seemed to assume a religious character, and was very willing that the people should think they were Christians. He was **very willing****even** **anxious** that they should believe in Jesus, **h****His** crucifixion, and **h****His** resurrection. Satan and his angels fully believed **all** this themselves, and trembled. But if this faith does not provoke to good works, and lead those who profess it to imitate the self--denying life of Christ, **he****Satan** is not disturbed; for they merely assume the Christian name, while their hearts are still carnal; and he can use them in his service **even** better than if they made no profession. **U****Hiding their deformity** under the name of Christian, they **hide their deformity**. They pass along with their unsanctified natures, and their evil passions unsubdued. This gives occasion for the unbeliever to **throw****reproach**

Christ with their imperfections in the face of Jesus Christ, to reproach him, and to causes those who do possess pure and undefiled religion to be brought into disrepute. p. 126, Para. 2, [1SG].

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The ministers preach smooth things to suit carnal professors. This is just as Satan would have it. They dare not preach Jesus and the cutting truths of the Bible; for if they should, these carnal professors would not hear them remain in the church. MBut as many of them are wealthy, and they must be retained in the church, although they are no more fit to be there than Satan and his angels. This is just as Satan would have it. The religion of Jesus is made to appear popular and honorable in the eyes of the world. The people are told that those who profess religion will be more honored by the world. Very widely do sSuch teachings differ very widely from the teachings of Christ. His doctrine and the world could not be at peace. Those who followed hHim had to renounce the world. These smooth things originated with Satan and his angels. They formed the plan, and nominal professors have carried it out. Hypocrites and sinners unite with the church. Pleasing fables arewere taught, and readily received, and hypocrites and open sinners united with the church. But iIf the truth shouldhad been en preached in its purity, it would soon have shut out hypocrites and sinnersthis class. But there iswas no difference between the professed followers of Christ and the

world. I saw that if the false covering could had been torn off from the members of the churches, there would have been revealed such iniquity, vileness, and corruption, that the most diffident child of God would have had no hesitancy in calling them these professed Christians by their right name, children of their father, the Devil; for his works they do id. {EW 228.1}

Jesus and all the heavenly host looked with disgust upon the scene; yet God had a message for the church that was sacred and important. If received, it would make a thorough reformation in the church, revive the living testimony that would purge out hypocrites and sinners, and bring the church again into favor with God. p. 127, Para. 1, [1SG].

CHAPTER XXII. William Miller. I saw that God sent his {EW 228.2}

William Miller

[SEE APPENDIX.]

God sent His angel to move upon the heart of a farmer who had not believed the Bible, and to lead him to search the prophecies. Angels of God repeatedly visited that chosen one, and to guided his mind, and opened to his understanding to prophecies which had ever been dark to God's people. The commencement of the chain of truth was given to him, and he was led on to search for link after link, until he looked with wonder and admiration upon the w Word of God. He saw there a perfect

chain of truth. That Word which he had regarded as uninspired, now opened before his vision **within its** beauty and glory. He saw that one portion of **sScripture explaineds** another, and when one **portionpassage** was closed to his understanding, he found in another **portionpart** of the Word that which explained it. He regarded the sacred **wWord** of God with joy, and with the deepest respect and awe. p {EW 229. 128,1} Para. 1, [1SG].

As he followed down the prophecies, he saw that the inhabitants of **the** earth were living in the closing scenes of this world's history, **andyet** they knew it not. He looked at the **corruptions of the** churches, and saw that **their love was taken from Jesus, and placed on the world, and thatthey were corrupt; they had taken their affections from Jesus and placed them on the world;** they were seeking for worldly honor, instead of that honor which cometh from above; **ambitiousgrasping** for worldly riches, instead of laying up their treasure in heaven. **HypocrisyHe could see hypocrisy,** darkness, and death **he could see** everywhere. His spirit was stirred within him. God called him to leave his farm, as **Elisha wasHe** called **Elisha** to leave his oxen and the field of his labor to follow Elijah. With trembling, William Miller began to unfold **to the people** the mysteries of the kingdom of God **to the people.** **He gained strength with every effort. He carried the people, carrying his hearers** down through the prophecies to the second advent of

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Christ. **With every effort he gained strength.** As John the Baptist

heralded the first advent of Jesus, and prepared the way for hHis coming, so also, Wm. William Miller and those who joined with him, proclaimed the second advent of the Son of God. p. 129, Para. {EW 229.2} 1, [1SG].

I was carried back to the days of the disciples, and was shown the beloved John, that God had a special work for himthe beloved John to accomplish. Satan was determined to hinder this work, and he led on his servants to destroy John. But God sent hHis angel and wonderfully preserved him. All who witnessed the great power of God manifested in the deliverance of John, were astonished, and many were convinced that God was with him, and that the testimony which he bore concerning Jesus was correct. Those who sought to destroy him were afraid to again attempt again to take his life, and he was permitted to suffer on for Jesus. He was falsely accused by his enemies, and was shortly banished to a lonely island, where the Lord sent hHis angel to reveal to him thingevents which were to take place upon the earth, and the state of the church down through to the end; her --her backslidings, and the position the churchwhich she should occupy if she would please God, and finally overcome. {EW 230.1}

The angel from heaven came to John in majesty. H, his countenance beamedbeaming with the excellent glory of heavenGod. He revealed to John scenes of deep and thrilling interest concerningin the history of the church of God, and brought before him the perilous conflicts theywhich Christ's followers were to endure. John saw them passpassing through

fiery trials, and made white and tried, and, finally, victorious
overcomers, gloriously saved in the kingdom of God. The countenance
of the angel grew radiant with joy, and was exceeding glorious, as he
showed to John the final triumph of the church of God. John was
enraptured as the apostle beheld the final deliverance of the church,
and as he was carried away with the glory of the scene, and

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with deep reverence and awe he fell at the feet of the angel to worship
him. The angel heavenly messenger instantly raised him up, and gently
reproved him, saying, "See thou do it not; I am thy fellow-servant fellow
servant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus; worship
God; for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy." The angel
then showed John the heavenly city with all its splendor and dazzling
glory. John was, and he, enraptured and overwhelmed with the glory,
and forgetful of the city. He did not bear in mind his former reproof
from the angel, but again fell to worship before the feet of the
angel, who again gave the gentle reproof was given, "See thou do it
not; for I am thy fellow-servant fellow servant, and of thy brethren the
prophets, and of them that which keep the sayings of this book; worship
God. p. 130, Para." {EW 230.2} 1,
[1SG].

Preachers and people have looked upon the book of Revelation as
mysterious, and of less importance than other portions of the sSacred
Scriptures. But I saw that this book is indeed a revelation given for the

especial benefit of those who should live in the last days, to guide them in ascertaining their true position, and their duty. God **led** directed the mind of **Wm. William** Miller **into** the prophecies, and gave him great light upon the book of Revelation. p. 131, Para. {EW 231.1} 1, [1SG].

If Daniel's visions had been understood, the people could better have understood the visions of John. But at the right time, God moved upon **h**His chosen servant, who, with clearness and in the power of the Holy Spirit, opened the prophecies, and showed the harmony of the visions of Daniel and John, and other portions of the Bible, and pressed home upon the hearts of the people the sacred, fearful warnings of the Word, to prepare for the coming of the Son of man. Deep and solemn convictions rested upon the minds of those who heard him, and ministers and people, sinners and infidels, turned to the Lord, **to seek and sought** a preparation to stand in the judgment. p. 132, Para. 1, [1SG].

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{EW 231.2}

Angels of God accompanied **Wm. William** Miller in his mission. He was firm and undaunted. **He**, fearlessly **proclaimed** **proclaiming** the message committed to his trust. A world lying in wickedness, and a cold, worldly church were enough to call into action **all his energy, energies** and lead him **to** willingly **to** endure toil, privation, and suffering.

Although opposed by professed cChristians and the world, and buffeted by Satan and his angels, he ceased not to preach the everlasting gospel to crowds wherever he was invited, and soundsounding far and near the cry, "Fear God, and give glory to hHim; for the hour of hHis judgment is come. p. 132, Para. 2, [1SG].

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CHAPTER XXIII.

The First Angel's Message

[SEE APPENDIX.]

I saw that God was in the proclamation of the time in 1843. It was hHis design to arouse the people, and bring them to a testing point, where they should decide for or against the truth. Ministers were convicted and convinced of the correctness of the positions taken on the prophetic periods, and they leftsome renounced their pride, and left their salaries, and their churches, to go forth from place to place and proclaimto give the message. But as the message from heaven could find a place in the hearts of but a very few of the professed ministers of Christ, the work was laid upon many who were not preachers. Some left their fields to sound the message, while others were called from their shops and their merchandise. And even some professional men were compelled to leave their professions to engage in the unpopular work of giving the first angel's message. {EW 232.2}

Ministers laid aside their sectarian views and feelings, and united in proclaiming the coming of Jesus. The people were moved everywhere. Wherever the message reached them was given, it moved the people. Sinners repented, wept, and prayed for forgiveness,

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and those whose lives had been marked with dishonesty, were anxious to make restitution. p. 133, Para. 1, [1SG].

Parents felt the deepest solicitude for their children. Those who received the message, labored with their unconverted friends and relatives, and with their souls bowed with the weight of the solemn message, warned and entreated them to prepare for the coming of the Son of man. Those cases were the most hardened that would not yield to such a weight of evidence set home by heart-felt warnings. This soul--purifying work led the affections away from worldly things, to a consecration never before experienced. {EW 232.3}

Thousands were led to embrace the truth preached by Wm. William Miller, and servants of God were raised up in the spirit and power of Elijah to proclaim the message. TLike John, the forerunner of Jesus, those who preached this solemn message, like John the forerunner of Jesus, felt compelled to lay the axe at the root of the tree, and call upon men to bring forth fruits meet for repentance. Their testimony was calculated to arouse and powerfully affect the churches, and manifest their real character. And as they raised the solemn warning to flee from the wrath to come was sounded, many who were united with the

churches received the healing message; they saw their backslidings, and, with bitter tears of repentance, and deep agony of soul, humbled themselves before God. And as the Spirit of God rested upon them, they helped to sound the cry, "Fear God, and give glory to hHim,; for the hour of hHis judgment is come. p. 133, Para." {EW 233.1} 2, [1SG].

The preaching of definite time called forth great opposition from all classes, from the minister in the pulpit, down to the most reckless, heaven--daring sinner. "No man knoweth the day andnor the hour," was heard from the hypocritical minister and the bold scoffer. Neither would be instructed and corrected on the use made of the text by those who were pointing to the year when they believed the

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prophetic periods would run out, and to the signs which showed Christ near, even at the doors. Many shepherds of the flock, who professed to love Jesus, said that they had no opposition to the preaching of Christ's coming,; but they objected to the definite time. God's all--seeing eye read their hearts. They did not love Jesus near. They knew that their unchristian lives would not stand the test,; for they were not walking in the humble path laidmarked out by hHim. These false shepherds stood in the way of the work of God. The truth spoken in its convincing power toaroused the people aroused them, and like the jailer, they began to inquire, "What must I do to be saved.?" But these shepherds stepped in between the truth and the people, and preached smooth things to lead

them from the truth. They united with Satan and his angels, and cried crying, "Peace, peace," when there was no peace. Those who loved their ease and were content with their distance from God would not be aroused from their carnal security. I saw that angels of God had marked it all, and; the garments of those unconsecrated shepherds were covered with the blood of souls. Those who loved their ease, and were content with their distance from God, would not be aroused from their carnal security. p. 134, Para. 1, [1SG].

Many ministers {EW 233.2}

Ministers who would not accept this saving message themselves, and hindered those who would have received it, they hindered. The blood of souls is upon them. Preachers and people joined to oppose this message from heaven. They and to persecuted Wm. William Miller, and those who united with him in the work. Falsehoods were circulated to injure his influence,; and at different times after he had plainly declared the counsel of God, applying cutting truths to the hearts of his hearers, great rage was kindled against him, and as he left the place of meeting, some way-laid him in order to take his life. But angels of God were sent to preserve his lifeprotect him, and they led him safely away from the angry mob. His work was not yet finished. p. 136, Para. 1, [1SG].

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{EW 234.1}

The most devoted gladly received the message. They knew **that** it was from God, and that it was delivered at the right time. Angels were watching with the deepest interest the result of the heavenly message, and when the churches turned from and rejected it, they in sadness consulted with Jesus. He turned **hHis** face from the churches, and **bid hbade** His angels **to** faithfully watch over the precious ones who did not reject the testimony, for another light was yet to shine upon them. p. 136, Para. 2, [1SG].

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I saw that if professed Christians had loved their Saviour's appearing, if **they had placed** their affections **were placed** on **hHim**, **if they and had** felt that there was none upon **the** earth to be compared with **hHim**, they would have hailed with joy the first intimation of **hHis** coming. But the dislike **which** they manifested, as they heard of their Lord's coming, was a decided proof that they did not love **hHim**. Satan and his angels triumphed, and cast it in the face of **Jesus** Christ and **hHis** holy angels, that **hHis** professed people had so little love for Jesus that they did not desire **hHis** second appearing. p {EW 235. 136,2} Para. 3, [1SG].

I saw the people of God, joyful in expectation, looking for their Lord. But God designed to prove them. His hand covered a mistake in the reckoning of the prophetic periods. Those who were looking for their Lord did not discover **itthis mistake**, and the most learned men who

opposed the time also failed to see **the mistake**it. God designed that **hHis** people should meet with a disappointment. The time passed, and those who had looked with joyful expectation for their Saviour were sad and disheartened, while those who had not loved the appearing of Jesus, but embraced the message through fear, were pleased that **hHe** did not come at the time of expectation. Their profession had not affected **their** hearts, and purified **their lives** **life**. The passing of the time was well calculated to reveal such hearts.

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They were the first to turn and ridicule the sorrowful, disappointed ones, who really loved the appearing of their Saviour. I saw the wisdom of God in proving **hHis** people, and giving them a searching test to discover those who would shrink and turn back in the hour of trial. **p {EW 235. 137,3} Para. 1, [1SG]**.

Jesus and all the heavenly host looked with sympathy and love upon those who had with sweet expectation longed to see **hHim** whom their souls loved. Angels were hovering around them, to sustain them in the hour of their trial. Those who had neglected to receive the heavenly message were left in darkness, and God's anger was kindled against them, because they would not receive the light **hwhich He** had sent them from heaven. Those faithful, disappointed ones, who could not understand why their Lord did not come, were not left in darkness. Again they were led to their Bibles to search the prophetic periods. The

hand of the Lord was removed from the figures, and the mistake was explained. They saw that the prophetic periods reached to 1844, and that the same evidence **which** they had presented to show that the prophetic periods closed in 1843, proved that they would terminate in 1844. Light from the **w**Word of God shone upon their position, and they discovered a tarrying **time**.--**If time**--"**Though it** [the vision] tarry, wait for it.--**In**" **In** their love for **Jesus'Christ's** immediate coming, they had overlooked the tarrying of the vision, which was calculated to manifest the true waiting ones. Again they had a point of time. Yet I saw that many of them could not rise above their severe disappointment, to possess that degree of zeal and energy which had marked their faith in 1843. p {EW 236. 138,1}

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1, [1SG].

Satan and his angels triumphed over them, and those who would not receive the message, congratulated themselves upon their far-seeing judgment and wisdom

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in not receiving the delusion, as they called it. They **realized** **notdid not realize** that they were rejecting the counsel of God against themselves, and **that they** were working in union with Satan and his angels to perplex God's people, who were living out the **heaven-bornheaven-sent** message. p {EW 236. 139,2} Para.

1, [1SG].

The believers in this message were oppressed in the churches. Fear had held them for a time, so that they did those who would not receive the message were restrained by fear from acting out the sentiments of their hearts; but the passing of the time revealed their true feelings. They wished to silence the testimony which the believers waiting ones felt compelled to bear, that the prophetic periods extended to 1844. With clearness they the believers explained their mistake, and gave their reasons why they expected their Lord in 1844. Their opposers could not bring any arguments against the powerful reasons offered. Yet the anger of the churches was kindled against them. They; they were determined not to listen to any evidence, and to shut their testimony out of the churches, so that others could not hear it. Those who dared not withhold from others the light which God had given them, were shut out of the churches; but Jesus was with them, and they were joyful in the light of His countenance. They were prepared to receive the message of the second angel. p. 139, Para. 2, [1SG].

{EW 237.1}

CHAPTER XXIV.

The Second Angel's Message

[SEE APPENDIX. T]

As the churches would not refused to receive the light of the first angel's message, and as they rejected the light from heaven they and fell

from the favor of God. They trusted **into** their own strength, and **placed themselves** by **their opposition to opposing** the first message **placed themselves** where they could not see the light of the second angel's message. But the beloved of God, who were oppressed, **answered to accepted** the message, "Babylon is fallen, **and left the fallen churches.** p. 140, Para. 1, [1SG].

" **and left the churches.**

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{EW 237.2}

Near the close of the second angel's message, **[SEE APPENDIX.]** I saw a great light from heaven shining upon the people of God. The rays of this light seemed bright as the sun. And I heard the voices of angels crying, "Behold, the Bridegroom cometh,; go ye out to meet **hHim!** p. 140, Para. 2, [1SG].

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This was the midnight cry, **which** was **given** to give power to the second angel's message. Angels were sent from heaven to **wake uparouse** the discouraged saints, and prepare them for the great work before them. The most talented men were not the first to receive this message. Angels were sent to the humble, devoted ones, and constrained them to raise the cry, "Behold, the Bridegroom cometh,; go ye out to meet **hHim.!**" Those entrusted with the cry made haste, and in the power of the Holy Spirit **spread sounded** the **cry message**, and aroused their

discouraged brethren. This crywork did not stand in the wisdom and learning of men, but in the power of God, and hHis saints who heard the cry could not resist it. The most spiritual received this message first, and those who had formerly led in the work were the last to receive and help swell the cry, "Behold, the Bridegroom cometh,; go ye out to meet hHim!" {EW 238. p.2} 140, Para. 3, [1SG].

In every part of the land, light was given upon the second angel's message, and the cry was melting downmelted the hearts of thousands. It went from city to city, and from village to village, until the waiting people of God were fully aroused. MIn many wouldchurches the message was not permit this messagepermitted to enter the churchesbe given, and a large company who had the living testimony within them left these fallen churches. A mighty work was accomplished by the midnight cry. The message was heart--searching, and ledleading the believers to seek a living experience for themselves. They knew that they could not lean upon one another. p {EW 238. 141,3} Para. 1, [1SG].

The saints anxiously waited for their Lord with fasting, watching, and almost constant prayer. Even some sinners looked forward to the time with terror, while the great mass seemed to be stirred against this message, and ;

but the great mass manifested the spirit of Satan in their opposition to the message. They mocked and scoffed, and repeating everywhere was heard, "No man knoweth the day and nor the hour." Evil angels exulted around them, urging them on to harden their hearts, and to reject every ray of light from heaven, that they might fasten themselves fastened in the snare of Satan. Many who professed to be looking for their Lord, who Christ had neither no part nor lot in the matterwork of the message. The glory of God which they had witnessed, the humility and deep devotion of the waiting ones, and the overwhelming weight of evidence, caused them to profess to receive the truth. B; but they were had not been converted. T; they were not ready for the coming of their Lord. {EW 238.4}

A spirit of solemn and earnest prayer was everywhere felt by the saints. A holy solemnity was resting upon them. Angels were watching with the deepest interest had watched the effect of the result message, and were elevating those who received the heavenly message it, and were drawing them from earthly things to obtain large supplies from salvation's fountain. God's people were then accepted with his of Him. Jesus looked upon them with pleasure., for His image was reflected in them. They had made a full sacrifice, an entire consecration, and expected to be changed to immortality. But they were destined again to be again sadly disappointed. The time to which they looked, expecting deliverance, passed. T; they were still upon the earth, and the effects of the curse never seemed more visible. They had placed their affections on heaven, and in sweet anticipation, had tasted immortal deliverance; but

their hopes were not realized. p. 141, Para. 2, [1SG].

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The fear that had rested upon many of the people did not at once disappear. T; they did not immediately triumph over the disappointed ones. But as no visible **wrathtokens** of God **was felt by them's wrath appeared**, they recovered from the fear **which** they had felt, and commenced their ridicule, **their mocking**, and scoffing. The people of God were again

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proved, and tested. The world laughed, and mocked, and reproached them; and those who had believed without a doubt that Jesus would **ere** then **have** come **andto** raise the dead, and change the living saints, and take the kingdom, **andto** possess it forever, felt **likeas did** the disciples **at the sepulcher** of Christ.--**They**, "**They** have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid **hHim. p**" {EW 239. 143, Para. 1, [1SG].
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CHAPTER XXV.

The Advent Movement Illustrated.

I saw a number of companies **whothat** seemed to be bound together by cords. Many in these companies were in total darkness. T; their eyes were directed downward to the earth, and there seemed to be no

connection between them and Jesus. I saw individuals But scattered through these different companies were persons whose countenances looked light, and whose eyes were raised upward to heaven. Beams of light from Jesus, like rays of light from the sun, were imparted to them. An angel bid bade me look carefully, and I saw an angel watching over every one of those who had a ray of light, while evil angels surrounded those who were in darkness. I heard the voice of an angel cry, "Fear God, and give glory to hHim,; for the hour of hHis judgment is come. p" {EW 240. 144,1} Para. 1, [1SG].

A glorious light then rested down upon these companies, to enlighten all who would receive it. Some of those who were in darkness received the light and rejoiced; while o. Others resisted the light from heaven, and said saying that it was deceptionsent to lead them astray. The light passed away from them, and they were left in darkness. Those who had received the light from Jesus, joyfully cherished the increase of precious light which was shed upon them. Their faces lighted up, and beamed with holy

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joy, while their gaze was directed upward to Jesus with intense interest, and their voices were heard in harmony with the voice of the angel, "Fear God, and give glory to hHim,; for the hour of hHis judgment is come." As they raised this cry, I saw those who were in darkness thrusting them with side and with shoulder. Then many of those who

cherished the sacred light, broke the cords which confined them, and stood out separated from those companies. And as many As they were breaking the cords which bound them doing this, men belonging to these different companies, who were and revered by them, passed through the companies, and some with pleasing words, and others with wrathful looks and threatening gestures, and fastened the cords which were weakening, and. These men were constantly saying, "God is with us. We stand in the light. We have the truth." I inquired who these men were. I, and was told that they were ministers, and leading men, who had rejected the light themselves, and were unwilling that others should receive it.

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I saw those who cherished the light looking upward with interest and ardent desire upward, expecting Jesus to come and take them to hHimself. Soon a cloud passed over those who rejoiced in the light them, and their faces looked were sorrowful. I inquired the cause of this cloud. I and was shown that it was their disappointment. The time when they expected their Saviour had passed, and Jesus had not come. DAs discouragement settled upon them, and those men I had before noticed waiting ones, the ministers and leading men whom I had before noticed, rejoiced. T, and all those who had rejected the light, triumphed greatly, while Satan and his evil angels also exulted around them. p. 144, Para. 2, [1SG].

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Then I heard the voice of another angel, saying, "Babylon is fallen!,

is fallen!" A light shone upon those desponding ones, and with ardent desires for **h**His appearing, they again fixed their eyes upon Jesus. **Then** I saw a number of angels conversing with the **second angel,one** who had cried, "Babylon is fallen, **is fallen,**" and these **angels raised their voices with the second angel, and cried, Behold****united with**

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him in the cry, "Behold, the Bridegroom cometh!; go ye out to meet **h**Him!." The musical voices of these angels seemed to reach everywhere. An exceedingly **bright** and glorious light shone around those who had cherished the light which had been imparted to them. Their faces shone with excellent glory, and they united with the angels in the cry, "Behold, the Bridegroom cometh! **And as."** **As** they harmoniously raised the cry among **these** different companies, those who rejected the light, pushed them, and with angry looks, scorned and derided them. But **the** angels of God wafted their wings over the persecuted ones, while Satan and his angels were seeking to press their darkness around them, to lead them to reject the light from heaven. **p {EW 241. 146,2} Para.**
1, [1SG].

Then I heard a voice saying to those who had been pushed and derided, "Come out from among them, and touch not the unclean. **A" In obedience to this voice,** a large number broke the cords which bound them, and **they obeyedleaving** the **voice, and left those whocompanies that** were in darkness, **and united withjoined** those who had previously **broken****gained** the **cordsir freedom,** and **they** joyfully united their voices

with them. I heard the voice of earnest, agonizing prayer from a few who still remained with the companies **whothat** were in darkness. The ministers and leading men were passing around in these different companies, fastening the cords **strongermore firmly**; but still I heard this voice of earnest prayer. Then I saw those who had been praying reach out their hands for help towards **thate** united company who were free, rejoicing in God. The answer from them, as they earnestly looked to heaven, and pointed upward, was, "Come out from among them, and be separate." I saw individuals struggling for freedom, and at last they broke the cords that bound them. They resisted the efforts which were made to fasten the cords tighter, and **would notrefused to** heed the repeated assertions, : "God is with us, ." "We have the truth with us. **Individuals continued to leave the companies who"**

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Persons were continually leaving the companies that were in darkness, and **joinedjoining** the free company, who appeared to be in an open field raised above the earth. Their gaze was **directed** upward, **and** the glory of God rested upon them, and they **joyfully** shouted **the praises of GodHis praise**. They were **closely** united, and seemed to be **wraptwrapped** in the light of heaven. Around this company were some who came under the influence of the light, but who were not particularly united to the company. All who cherished the light shed upon them were gazing upward with intense interest., **and** Jesus looked upon them with sweet approbation. They expected **JesusHim** to come. **They and** longed

for hHis appearing. They did not cast one lingering look to earth. ABut again I saw a cloud settled upon the waiting ones., and I saw them turn their weary eyes downward. I inquired the cause of this change. Said my accompanying angel, "They are again disappointed in their expectations. Jesus cannot yet come to earth. They must yet suffer for Jesus and endure greater trials for His sake. They must give up errors and traditions received from men, and turn wholly to God and hHis wWord. They must be purified, made white, and tried. And tThose who endure that bitter trial will obtain an eternal victory. p. 146, Para. 2, [1SG].

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Jesus did not come to the earth as the waiting, joyful company expected, to cleanse the Ssanctuary, by purifying the earth by fire. I saw that they were correct in their reckoning of the prophetic periods. P; prophetic time closed in 1844, and Jesus entered the most holy place to cleanse the sanctuary at the ending of the days. Their mistake consisted in not understanding what the Ssanctuary was, and the nature of its cleansing. Jesus did enter the Most Holy place to cleanse the Sanctuary at the ending of the days.As I looked again at the waiting, disappointed company. T, they lookedappeared sad. They carefully examined the evidences of their faith, and followed down through the reckoning of the prophetic periods, andbut

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could discover no mistake. Time wasThe time had been fulfilled, but where was their Saviour? They had lost hHim. p {EW 243. 148,2} Para.

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I was **then** shown the disappointment of the disciples as they came to the **sepulchresepulcher** and found not the body of Jesus. **Said** Mary **said**, "They have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid **hHim**." Angels told the sorrowing disciples that their Lord had risen, and would go before them into Galilee. p. 149, Para. 1, [1SG].

I saw that as Jesus looked upon the disappointed ones {EW 244.1}

In like manner I saw that Jesus regarded with the deepest compassion, **he the disappointed ones who had waited for His coming; and He** sent **hHis** angels to direct their minds that they might **find him, and follow hHim** where **hHe** was;. **He showed them** that **they might understand that thethis** earth is not the **Ssanctuary;**, **but** that **hHe** must **needs** enter the **Mmost Hholy** place of the heavenly **Ssanctuary** to **cleanse it; to make a specialan** atonement for **Israel,His people** and to receive the kingdom of **hfrom** His Father, and **that He would** then return to **the** earth and take them to dwell with **hHim** forever. The disappointment of the **first** disciples well represents the disappointment of those who expected their Lord in 1844. {EW 244.2}

I was carried back to the time when Christ **rode** triumphantly **rode** into Jerusalem. The joyful disciples believed that **hHe** was then to take the kingdom, and reign a temporal prince. They followed their King with high hopes. They cut down the beautiful palm branches, and took off their outer garments, and with enthusiastic zeal spread them in the way;

and some went before, and others followed, crying, "Hosanna to the Son of David!: Blessed is hHe that cometh in the name of the Lord!; Hosanna in the highest!." The excitement disturbed the Pharisees, and they wished Jesus to rebuke hHis disciples. But hHe said unto them, "If these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out." The prophecy of Zech. arix,ah 9,:9 must be fulfilled,; yet, I saw, the disciples were doomed

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to a bitter disappointment. In a few days they followed Jesus to Calvary, and beheld hHim bleeding and mangled upon the cruel cross. They witnessed hHis agonizing death, and laid hHim in the tomb. Their hearts suank with grief. T; their expectations were not realized in a single particular. T, and their hopes died with Jesus. But as hHe arose from the dead, and appeared to hHis sorrowing disciples, their hopes revived. They had lost their Saviour; but again they had found him. p. 149, Para. 2, [1SG].

found Him again. {EW 244.3}

I saw that the disappointment of those who believed in the coming of the Lord in 1844, was not equal to the disappointment of the first disciples. Prophecy was fulfilled in the first and second angels' messages. They were given at the right time, and accomplished the work which God designed they shouldto accomplish by them. p {EW 245. 150, Para. 1, [1SG].

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CHAPTER XXVI.

Another Illustration.

I was shown the interest which all heaven had taken in the work which had been going on upon the earth. Jesus commissioned a strong and mighty angel to descend and warn the inhabitants of the earth to get ready prepare for hHis second appearing. I sawAs the mighty angel leaveleft the presence of Jesus in heaven. Before him went, an exceedingly bright and glorious light went before him. I was told that his mission was to lighten the earth with his glory, and warn man of the coming wrath of God. Multitudes received the light. Some of these seemed to be very solemn, while others were joyful and enraptured. The lightAll who received the light turned their faces toward heaven and glorified God. Though it was shed upon all, but some merely came under theits influence of the light, andbut did not heartily receive it. But all who received it, turned their faces upward to heaven, and glorified God. Many were filled with great wrath. Ministers and people united with the vile, and stoutly resisted the

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light shed by the mighty angel. But all who received it withdrew from the world, and were closely united togetherwith one another. p {EW 245. 151,2}
Para. 1, [1SG].

Satan and his angels were busily engaged in seeking to attract the minds of all **they could** **many as possible** from the light. The company who rejected it were left in darkness. I saw the angel **of God** watching with the deepest interest **the****His** professed people **of God**, to record the character **which** they developed, as the message of heavenly origin was **introduced****presented** to them. And as very many who professed love for Jesus turned from the heavenly message with scorn, derision, and hatred, an angel with a parchment in his hand, made the shameful record. All heaven was filled with indignation, **because that** Jesus **was****should be thus** slighted by **h****His** professed followers. p. 151, Para. 2, [1SG].

{EW 246.1}

I saw the disappointment of the trusting ones. **T**, **as** they did not see their Lord at the expected time. It **was****had been** God's purpose to conceal the future, and **to** bring **h****His** people to a point of decision. Without **this** **pointe** **preaching** of **definite** time **for the coming of Christ**, the work designed of God would not have been accomplished. Satan was leading **the minds of** very many **to look** far **ahead** in the future. **A period of time** proclaimed for Christ's appearing must bring the mind to earnestly seek **for the great events connected with the judgment and the end of probation. It was necessary that the people be brought to seek earnestly** for a present preparation. {EW 246.2}

As the time passed, those who had not fully received the light of the angel, united with those who had despised the **heavenly** message, and they turned upon the disappointed ones **in****with** ridicule. **I saw the**

aAngels in heaven consulting with Jesus. They had marked the situation of Christ's professed followers. The passing of the definite time had tested and proved them, and very many were weighed in the balance and found wanting. They all loudly professed claimed to be Christians, yet failed in following Christ in almost every particular failed to follow Christ. Satan exulted at the state of the professed followers of Christ.Jesus.

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He had them in his snare. He had led the majority to leave the straight path, and they were attempting to climb up to heaven some other way. Angels saw the pure, the clean, and holy, all mixed up with sinners in Zion, and thewith world--loving hypocrites. They had watched over the true loversdisciples of Jesus; but the corrupt were affecting the holy. p. 152, Para. 1, [1SG].

Those whose hearts burned with a longing,an intense desire to see Jesus, were forbidden by their professed brethren to speak of hHis coming. Angels viewed the whole scene, and sympathized with the remnant, who loved the appearing of Jesustheir Lord. {EW 246.3}

Another mighty angel was commissioned to descend to earth. Jesus placed in his hand a writing, and as he came to the earth, he cried, "Babylon is fallen!, is fallen!." Then I saw the disappointed ones again look cheerful, and raise their eyes to heaven, looking with faith and hope for their Lord's appearing. But many seemed to remain in a stupid state, as if asleep; yet I could see the trace of deep sorrow upon their

countenances. The disappointed ones saw from the Bible Scriptures that they were in the tarrying time, and that they must patiently wait the fulfillment of the vision. The same evidence which led them to look for their Lord in 1843, led them to expect hHim in 1844. Yet I saw that the majority did not possess that energy which marked their faith in 1843. Their disappointment had dampened their faith. But a {EW 247.1}

As the disappointed ones people of God united in the cry of the second angel, the heavenly host looked marked with the deepest interest, and marked the effect of the message. They saw those many who bore the name of Christians turn with scorn and derision and scorn upon those who had been disappointed. As the words fell from the mocker's mocking lips, "You have not gone up yet!" an angel wrote them. Said the angel, "They mock God. p. 153, Para. 1, [1SG].

" I was pointed back to the translation of Elijah. His mantle fell on Elisha, and wicked children (or young people) followed him, mocking, crying, Go up thou bald head! Go up thou bald head! They mocked God, a similar sin committed in ancient times. Elijah had been translated

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to heaven, and his mantle had fallen upon Elisha. Then wicked youth, who had learned from their parents to despise the man of God, followed Elisha, and mockingly cried, "Go up, thou bald head; go up, thou bald head." In thus insulting His servant, they insulted God and met their punishment then and there. They had learned it of their parents. And In like manner, those who have scoffed and mocked at the idea of the

saints' going up, will be visited with the **plagueswrath** of God, and will **realizebe made to feel** that it is not a **smalllight** thing to trifle with **himtheir Maker**. p {EW 247. 154,2} Para. 1, [1SG].

Jesus commissioned other angels to fly quickly to revive and strengthen the drooping faith of **hHis** people, and prepare them to understand the message of the second angel, and **of** the important move which was soon to be made in heaven. I saw these angels receive great power and light from Jesus, and fly quickly to earth to fulfill their commission to aid the second angel in his work. A great light shone upon the people of God as the angels cried. , "Behold, the Bridegroom cometh,; go ye out to meet **hHim**." Then I saw **thoese** disappointed ones rise, and in harmony with the second angel, proclaim, "Behold, the Bridegroom cometh,; go ye out to meet **hHim**." The light from the angels penetrated the darkness everywhere. Satan and his angels sought to hinder this light from spreading, and having its designed effect. They contended with the angels **of Godfrom heaven**, and **toldtelling** them that God had deceived the people, and that with all their light and power, they could not make the **people believe that Jesus was coming**. **The angels of God continued their work, althoughworld believe that Christ was coming. But notwithstanding** Satan strove to hedge up the way, and draw the minds of the people from the light, **the angels of God continued their work**. {EW 248.1}

Those who received **it lookedthe light appeared** very happy. They

fixed their eyes up to looked steadfastly toward heaven, and longed for the appearing of Jesus. Some were in great distress, weeping and praying

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in great distress. Their eyes seemed to be fixed upon themselves, and they dared not look upward. p. 154, Para. 2, [1SG].

A precious light from heaven parted the darkness from them, and their eyes, which had been fixed in despair upon themselves, were turned upward, while gratitude and holy joy were expressed upon every feature. Jesus and all the angelic host looked with approbation upon the faithful, waiting ones. p {EW 248. 155,2} Para. 1, [1SG].

Those who rejected and opposed the light of the first angel's message, lost the light of the second, and could not be benefited by the power and glory which attended the message, "Behold, the Bridegroom cometh." Jesus turned from them with a frown. T; for they had slighted and rejected hHim. Those who received the message were wraptwrapped in a cloud of glory. They greatly feared to offend God, and waited and watched and prayed to know theHis will of God. They greatly feared to offend him. I saw Satan and his angels seeking to shut this divine light from the people of God; but as long as the waiting ones cherished the light, and kept their eyes raised from earth to Jesus, Satan could have no power to deprive them of thisits precious lightrays. The message given from heaven enraged Satan and his angels, and led those who professed

to love Jesus, but despised hHis coming, to scorned and derided the faithful, trusting ones. But an angel marked every insult, every slight, every abuse they wrong, which the children of God received from their professed brethren. {EW 249.1}

Very many raised their voices to cry, "Behold, the Bridegroom cometh,!" and left their brethren who did not love the appearing of Jesus, and who would not suffer them to dwell upon hHis second coming. I saw Jesus turn hHis face from those who rejected and despised hHis coming, and then hHe bade angels lead hHis people out from among the unclean, lest they should be defiled. Those who were obedient to the messagesmessage

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stood out free and united. A holy and excellent light shone upon them. They renounced the world, tore their affections from it, and sacrificed their earthly interests. They, gave up their earthly treasures, and directed their anxious gaze was directed to heaven, expecting to see their loved Deliverer. A sacred, holy joylight beamed upon their countenances, and toldtelling of the peace and joy which reigned within. Jesus bade hHis angels go and strengthen them, for the hour of their trial drew on. I saw that these waiting ones were not yet tried as they must be. They were not free from errors. And I saw the mercy and goodness of God in sending a warning to the people of the earth, and repeated messages to bring them up to a point of time, to lead them to a diligent searchsearching of heart, and study of themselves the Scriptures, that they might divest themselves of errors which have been handed down from the heathen and papists.

Through these messages God has been bringing out hHis people where hHe can work for them in greater power, and where they can keep all hHis commandments. p. 155, Para. 2, [1SG].

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CHAPTER XXVII.

The Sanctuary.

I was then shown the grievous disappointment of the people of God. T that they did not see Jesus at the expected time. They knew not why their Saviour did not come. T; for they could see no evidence whythat prophetic time had not ended. Said anthe angel, "Has God's word failed? Has God failed to fulfill hHis promises? No: h; He has fulfilled all hthat He promised. Jesus has risen up, and has shut the door of the Hholy place of the heavenly Ssanctuary, and has opened a door into the Mmost Hholy place, and has entered in to cleanse the Ssanctuary. Said the angel, All who wait patiently shall understand the mystery. Man has erred; but there has been no failure on the part of God. All was accomplished that God promised; but

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man erroneously looked tobelieved the earth, believing it to be the Ssanctuary to be cleansed at the end of the prophetic periods. MIt is man's expectations have failed; but God's, not the promise not at allof God, that has failed." {EW 250.1}

Jesus sent hHis angels to direct the minds of the disappointed ones, to lead their minds into to the Mmost Hholy place, where hHe had gone to cleanse the Ssanctuary, and make a special atonement for Israel. Jesus told the angels that all who found hHim would understand the work which hHe was to perform. I saw that while Jesus was in the Mmost Hholy place hHe would be married to the New Jerusalem,; and after hHis work should be accomplished in the Hholiest, hHe would descend to the earth in kingly power and take to Himself the precious ones to himself who had patiently waited hHis return. p {EW 251. 157,1} Para. 1, [1SG].

I was then shown what did take place in heaven asat the close of the prophetic periods ended in 1844. I saw that aAs theJesus ended His ministration of Jesus in the Hholy place ended, and he closed the door of that apartment, a great darkness settled upon those who had heard, and had rejected the messages of Christ'sHis coming, and they lost sight of hHim. Jesus then clothed hHimself with precious garments. Around the bottom of hHis robe was a bell and a pomegranate, a bell and a pomegranate. He had suspended from his shoulders aA breastplate of curious work was suspended from His shoulders. And as hAs He moved, itthis glittered like diamonds, magnifying letters which looked like names written, or engravend upon the breastplate. AfterUpon His head was something which had the appearance of a crown. When fully attired, with something upon his head which looked like a crown, angels surrounded himHe was surrounded by angels, and in a flaming chariot

hHe passed within the second vaeil. {EW 251.2}

I was then bidbidden to take notice of the two apartments of the heavenly Ssanctuary. The curtain, or door, was opened, and I was permitted to enter. In the first apartment I saw the candlestick with seven lamps, which looked rich and glorious; also the table on which was theof shew-bread, and the altar of incense, and the

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censer. All the furniture of this apartment looked like purest gold, and reflected the image of the one who entered thate place. The curtain which separated these two apartments looked glorious. It was of different colors and material, with a beautiful border, within which were figures wrought of gold wrought upon it, representingto represent angels. The vaeil was lifted, and I looked into the second apartment. I saw there an ark which had the appearance of being of the finest gold. As a border around the top of the ark, was most beautiful work representing crowns. It was of fine gold. In the ark were the tables of stone containing the ten commandments. O {EW 251.3}

Two lovely cherubs, one on each end of the ark was a lovely cherub, stood with their wings spread out overoutstretched above it. Their wings were raised on high, and touchedtouching each other above the head of Jesus, as hHe stood bybefore the arkmercy seat. Their faces were turned towards each other, and they looked downwards to the ark, representing all the angelic host looking with interest at the law of God. Between the cherubim was a golden censer. A, and as the prayers of the saints, offered in faith, came up to Jesus, and hHe offeredpresented them to

hHis Ffather, a sweetcloud of fragrance arose from the incense. It looked, looking like smoke of most beautiful colors. Above the place where Jesus stood, before the ark, I saw anwas exceedingly bright glory that I could not look upon. I; it appeared like athe throne whereof God dwelt. As the incense ascended up to the Father, the excellent glory came from the Father's throne to Jesus, and from JesusHim it was shed upon those whose prayers had come up like sweet incense. Light and glory poured upon Jesus in rich abundance, and overshadowed the mercy seat, and the train of the glory filled the temple. I could not long look upon the glorysurpassing brightness. No language can describe it. I was overwhelmed, and turned from the majesty and glory of the scene. p {EW 252. 158,1} Para.

1, [1SG].

I was also shown a Ssanctuary upon the earth containing two apartments. It resembled the one in heaven., and I was told that it was the earthly Sanctuary, a figure of the

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heavenly. The furniture of the first apartment of the earthly Ssanctuary was like that in the first apartment of the heavenly. The veil was lifted, and I looked into the Hholy of Hholies, and saw that the furniture was the same as in the Mmost Hholy place of the heavenly Ssanctuary. The priests ministered in both apartments of the earthly. InHe went daily into the first apartment he ministered every day in the year, andbut entered the Mmost Hholy butonly once in a year, to cleanse it from the sins

which had been conveyed there. I saw that Jesus ministered in both apartments of the heavenly Sanctuary. **H**es **sanctuary**. **The priests entered into the earthly with the blood of an animal as an offering for sin. Christ entered into the heavenly Ssanctuary by the offering of hH**is own blood. The earthly priests were removed by death,; therefore they could not continue long; but Jesus, **I saw**, was a priest forever. Through the sacrifices and offerings brought to the earthly **S**sanctuary, the children of Israel were to lay hold of the merits of a Saviour to come. And in the wisdom of God the particulars of this work were given us that we might **look back, by looking** to them, **and** understand the work of Jesus in the heavenly **S**sanctuary. p {EW 252. 160,2} Para. 1, [1SG].

At the crucifixion, as **As** Jesus died on Calvary, **hH**e cried, "It is finished," and the **v**eil of the temple was rent in twain, from the top to the bottom. This was to show that the services of the earthly **S**sanctuary were forever finished, and that God would no more meet with **themthe priests** in their earthly temple, to accept their sacrifices. The blood of Jesus was then shed, which was to be **ministeredoffered** by **hH**imself in the heavenly **S**sanctuary. As the **priests in the earthly Sanctuary****priest** entered the **M**most **H**oly once a year to cleanse the **S**earthly sanctuary, **so** Jesus entered the **M**most **H**oly of the heavenly, at the end of the 2300 days of **Dan, viiiDaniel 8**, in 1844, to make a final atonement for all who could be benefited by **hH**is mediation, and **thus** to cleanse the **S**sanctuary. p {EW 253. 161, Para. 1, [1SG].

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CHAPTER XXVIII.

The Third Angel's Message

[SEE APPENDIX.]

As the ministration of Jesus closed in the **H**oly place, and **h**He passed into the **H**oliest, and stood before the ark containing the law of God, **h**He sent another mighty angel **to earth** with **the** third message **to the world**. **He placed a** parchment **was placed** in the angel's hand, and as he descended to **the** earth in **power and** majesty **and power**, he proclaimed a fearful warning, **with** the most terrible threatening ever borne to man. This message was designed to put the children of God upon their guard, **and show** **by showing** them the hour of temptation and anguish that was before them. Said the angel, "They will be brought into close combat with the beast and his image. Their only hope of eternal life is to remain steadfast. Although their lives are at stake, **yet** they must hold fast the truth." The third angel closes his message **with these words, thus:** "Here is the patience of the saints; here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." As he repeated these words, he pointed to the heavenly **S**anctuary. The minds of all who embrace this message are directed to the **M**ost **H**oly place, where Jesus stands before the ark, making **h**His final intercession for all those for whom mercy still lingers, and for those who have ignorantly broken

the law of God. This atonement is made for the righteous dead as well as for the righteous living. Jesus makes an atonement for thoseIt includes all who died trusting in Christ, but who, not receiving having received the light upon God's commandments, whohad sinned ignorantly in transgressing its precepts. p {EW 254. 162,1} Para. 1, [1SG].

After Jesus opened the door of the Mmost Hholy, the light of the Sabbath was seen, and the people of God were to be tested and proved, as God proved the children of Israel were tested anciently, to see if they would keep hisGod's law. I saw

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the third angel pointing upward, showing the disappointed ones the way to the Hholiest of the heavenly Ssanctuary. TAs they followed Jesus by faith intoenter the Mmost Hholy. Again, they have fouind Jesus, and joyhope and hopejoy spring up anew. I saw them looking back, reviewing the past, from the proclamation of the second advent of Jesus, down through their travelsexperience to the passing of the time in 1844. They see their disappointment explained, and joy and certainty again animate them. The third angel has lighted up the past, the present, and the future, and they know that God has indeed led them by hHis mysterious providence. p {EW 254. 163,2} Para. 1, [1SG].

It was represented to me that the remnant followed Jesus into the

Mmost Hholy place, and beheld the ark, and the mercy seat, and were captivated with their glory. Jesus then raised the cover of the ark, and behold! the tables of stone, with the ten commandments written upon them. They trace down the lively oracles; but they start back with trembling when they see the fourth commandment among the ten holy precepts, whilewith a brighter light shineshining upon it than upon the other nine, and a halo of glory is all around it. They find nothing there informing them that the Sabbath has been abolished, or changed to the first day of the week. ItThe commandment reads as when spoken by the mouthvoice of God in solemn and awful grandeur upon the mount, while the lightnings flashed and the thunders rolled; it is the same ands when written with hHis own holy finger inon the tables of stone. : "Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work; but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God." They are amazed as they behold the care taken of the ten commandments. They see them placed close by Jehovah, overshadowed and protected by hHis holiness. They see that they have been trampling upon the fourth commandment of the decalogue, and have observed a

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day handed down by the heathen and papists, instead of the day sanctified by Jehovah. They humble themselves before God, and mourn over their past transgressions. p {EW 255. 164,1} Para. 1, [1SG].

I saw the incense in the censer smoke as Jesus offered their

confessions and prayers to hHis Father. And as it ascended, a bright light rested upon Jesus, and upon the mercy seat; and the earnest, praying ones, who were troubled because they had discovered themselves to be transgressors of God's law, were blestblessed, and their countenances lighted up with hope and joy. They joined in the work of the third angel, and raised their voices andto proclaimed the solemn warning. But few at first received the message,it; yet theythe faithful continued with energy to proclaim the warningmessage. Then I saw many embrace the message of the third angel, and unite their voices with those who had first proclaimedgiven the warning, and they exaltedhonored God and magnified him by observing hHis sanctified Rest-dayrest day. p {EW 256. 165,1} Para. 1, [1SG].

Many who embraced the third message had not had an experience in the two former messages. Satan understood this, and his evil eye was upon them to overthrow them; but the third angel was pointing them to the Mmost Hholy place, and those who had had an experience in the past messages were pointing them the way to the heavenly Ssanctuary. Many saw the perfect chain of truth in the angels' messages, and gladly received it. They embraced them in their order, and followed Jesus by faith into the heavenly Ssanctuary. These messages were represented to me as an anchor to hold the body. And as individuals receive and understand them, they are shielded againstthe people of God. Those who understand and receive them will be kept from being swept away by the

many delusions of Satan. p. 165, Para. 2, [1SG].

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After the great disappointment in 1844, Satan and his angels were busily engaged in laying snares to unsettle the faith of the body. He was affecting the minds of individuals who had a personal affected the minds

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of persons who had had an experience in these things. They the messages, and who had an appearance of humility. TSome pointed to they changed future for the fulfillment of the first and second messages, and pointed to the future for their fulfillment, while others pointed far back into the past, declaring that they had been there fulfilled. These individuals were drawinggaining an influence over the minds of the inexperienced away, and unsettling their faith. Some were searching the Bible to try to build up a faith of their own, independent of the body. Satan exulted in all this; for he knew that those who broke loose from the anchor, he could affect by different errors and drive about with divers winds of doctrine. Many who had led in the first and second messages, now denied them, and there was division and scattering wasconfusion throughout the body. I {EW 256.3}

My attention was then saw Wm.called to William Miller. He looked perplexed, and was bowed with sorrowanxiety and distress for his people. He saw tThe company who werehad been united and loving in 1844, were losing their love for each other, and opposing one another. He saw them fall back, and falling into a cold, backslidden state. GAs he

beheld this, grief wasted his strength. I saw leading men watching Wm. Millerhim, and fearing lest he should embracereceive the third angel's message and the commandments of God. And as he would lean towards the light from heaven, these men would lay some plan to draw his mind away. I saw aA human influence was exerted to keep his mindhim in darkness, and to retain his influence among themthose who opposed the truth. At length Wm. William Miller raised his voice against the light from heaven. He failed in not receiving the message which would have fully explained his disappointment, and cast a light and glory on the past, which would have revived his exhausted energies, brightened up his hope, and led him to glorify God. But hHe leaned to human wisdom instead of divine, andbut being broken with arduous labor in his Master's cause, and

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by age, he was not as accountable as those who kept him from the truth. They are responsible, and; the sin rests upon them. {EW 257.1}

If Wm. William Miller could have seen the light of the third message, many things which looked dark and mysterious to him would have been explained. HBut his brethren professed suchso deep love and interest for him, that he thought he could not tear away from them. His heart would incline towards the truth; but, and then he looked at his brethren. T; they opposed it. Could he tear away from those who had stood side and shoulderby side with him in proclaiming Jesus'the coming of Jesus? He thought they surely would not lead him astray. p {EW 258. 166,1} Para. 1, [1SG].

God suffered him to **comefall** under the power of Satan, **and death to have** the dominion **over him**. **Heof death, and** hid him in the grave, **away** from those who were constantly drawing him from **Godthe truth**. Moses erred **just** as he was about to enter the **pPromised lLand**. So also, I saw that **Wm. William** Miller erred as he was soon to enter the heavenly Canaan, in suffering his influence to go against the truth. Others led him to this. **O; o**thers must account for it. But angels watch the precious dust of this servant of God, and he will come forth at the sound of the last trump. **p{EW 258. 168, Para. 1, [1SG]**.

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CHAPTER XXIX.

A Firm Platform.

I saw a company who stood well guarded and firm, **and would givegiving** no countenance to those who would unsettle the established faith of the body. God looked upon them with approbation. I was shown three **steps--one, two and three--steps--** the first, second, and third angels' messages. Said **themy accompanying** angel, "Woe to him who shall move a block, or stir a pin **inof** these messages. The true understanding of these messages is of vital importance.

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The destiny of souls hangs upon the manner in which they are received." I was again brought down through these messages, and saw how dearly

the people of God had purchased their experience. It had been obtained through much suffering and severe conflict. **S**God had led them along step by step **had God brought them along**, until **h**He had placed them upon a solid, immovable platform. **Then** I saw individuals **as they** approached the platform, **before stepping upon it and** examine the foundation. Some with rejoicing immediately stepped upon it. Others commenced to find fault with the **laying of the foundation of the platform**. They wished improvements made, and then the platform would be more perfect, and the people much happier. Some stepped off the platform **and to** examined it, **then found fault with it, declaring and declared** it to be laid wrong. **But** I saw that nearly all stood firm upon the platform, and exhorted **others those** who had stepped off to cease their complaints,; for God was the **Master-Builder Master Builder**, and they were fighting against **h**Him. They recounted the wonderful work of God, which had led them to the firm platform, and in union **nearly all** raised their eyes to heaven, and with a loud voice glorified God. This affected some of those who had complained, and left the platform, and **again** they with humble look **again** stepped upon it. p. 168, Para. 2, [1SG].

{EW 258.3}

I was pointed back to the proclamation of the first advent of Christ. John was sent in the spirit and power of Elijah to prepare the way **for Jesus' coming of Jesus**. Those who rejected the testimony of John were not benefited by the teachings of Jesus. Their opposition to the **proclamation of hmessage that foretold His first advent coming** placed

them where they could not readily receive the strongest evidence of his being that He was the Messiah. Satan led on those who rejected the message of John to go still further, to reject Jesus and crucify him Christ. In doing this, they placed themselves where they could not receive the blessing on the day of Pentecost, which would have taught them the way into the heavenly Sanctuary. The rending

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of the veil of the temple showed that the Jewish sacrifices and ordinances would no longer be received. The great Sacrifice had been offered, and had been accepted, and the Holy Spirit which descended on the day of Pentecost carried the minds of the disciples from the earthly Sanctuary to the heavenly, where Jesus had entered by His own blood, and shed upon His disciples the benefits of His atonement. But the Jews were left in complete deception and total darkness. They lost all the light which they might have had upon the plan of salvation, and still trusted in their useless sacrifices and offerings. They could not be benefited by the mediation of Christ in the Holy place. The heavenly Sanctuary had taken the place of the earthly, yet they had no knowledge of the way to the heavenly. p. 169, Para. 1, [1SG].

change. Therefore they could not be benefited by the mediation of Christ in the holy place. {EW 259.1}

Many look with horror at the course of the Jews pursued toward Jesus in rejecting and crucifying him. A Christ; and as they read the history of His shameful abuse, they think they love Christ Him, and would not

have denied hHim likeas did Peter, or crucified hHim likeas did the Jews. But God who has witnessed their professed sympathy for his Son, has proved them,reads the hearts of andll, has brought to the test that love for Jesus which they professed for Jesusto feel. p. 170, Para. 1, [1SG].

All heaven watched with the deepest interest the reception of the first angel's message. But many who professed to love Jesus, and who shed tears as they read the story of the cross, iderided the good news of His coming. Instead of receiving the message with gladness, are stirred, with anger, and deride the good news of Jesus' coming, and declare it to bethey declared it to be a delusion. They would not fellowshiphated those who loved hHis appearing, but hated them, and shut them out of the churches. Those who rejected the first message could not be benefited by the second, and; neither were notthey benefited by the midnight cry, which was to prepare them to enter with Jesus by faith into the Mmost Hholy place of the heavenly Ssanctuary. And by rejecting the two former messages, they have so darkened their understanding that they can see no light in the third angel's

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message, which shows the way into the Mmost Hholy place. I saw that the nominal churches, as the Jews crucified Jesus, so the nominal churches had crucified these messages, and therefore they have no knowledge of the move made in heaven, or of the way into the Mmost Hholy, and they cannot be benefited by the intercession of Jesus there.

Like the Jews, who offered their useless sacrifices, they offer up their useless prayers to the apartment which Jesus has left,; and Satan, pleased with the deception of the professed followers of Christ, fastens them in his snare, and assumes a religious character, and leads the minds of these professed Christians to himself, and works working with his power, his signs and lying wonders, to fasten them in his snare. Some he deceives in one way, and some in another. He has different delusions prepared to affect different minds. Some look with horror upon one deception, while they readily receive another. Satan deceives some with Spiritualism. He also comes as an angel of light, and spreads his influence over the land. I saw by means of false reformations everywhere. The churches were are elated, and considered that God was is working marvelously working for them, when it was is the work of another spirit. It The excitement will die away and leave the world and the church in a worse condition than before. p {EW 260. 171,1} Para. 1, [1SG].

I saw that God had s honest children among the nominal Adventists, and the fallen churches, and ministers and people will yet be called out from these churches, before the plagues shall be poured out, and they will gladly embraceministers and people will be called out from these churches and will gladly receive the truth. Satan knows this,; and before the loud cry of the third angel is given, he raises an excitement in these religious bodies, that those who have rejected the truth may think that God is with them. He hopes to deceive the honest, and lead them to think

that God is still working for the churches. But the light will shine, and every one of the all who are honest ones will leave the fallen churches, and take their stand with the remnant. p {EW 261. 172, Para. 1, [1SG]. 1}

CHAPTER XXX.

Spiritualism. I saw t

The rapping delusion. was presented before me, and I saw that Satan has power to bring before us the appearance of forms before us purporting to be our relatives and or friends that now who sleep in Jesus. It will be made to appear as if they these friends were actually present, the words they uttered while here, with which we were familiar with, will be spoken, and the same tone of voice which that they had while living will fall upon the ear. All this is to deceive the world, and ensnare them into the belief of this delusion. p {EW 262. 173,1} Para. 1, [1SG].

I saw that the saints must have a thorough understanding of the present truth, which they will have be obliged to maintain from the Scriptures. They must understand the state of the dead; for the spirits of devils will yet appear to them, professing to be beloved friends and relatives or friends, who will declare to them unscriptural doctrines. They will do all in their power to excite sympathy, and will work miracles before them,

to confirm what they declare. The people of God must be prepared to withstand these spirits with the Bible truth that the dead know not anything, and that they **who thus appear** are the spirits of devils. p. 173, Para. 2, [1SG {EW 262.2}].

I saw that w **We** must examine well the foundation of our hope,; for we shall have to give a reason for it from the Scriptures; **for we shall see t.** This delusion **spreading will spread**, and we shall have to contend with it face to face. **A;** and unless we are prepared for it, we shall be ensnared and overcome. But if we do what we can on our part to be ready for the conflict that is just before us, God will do **hHis** part, and **hHis** all-powerful arm will protect us. He would sooner send every angel out of glory to make a hedge about faithful souls, than **that they should behave them** deceived and led away by the lying wonders of Satan. p. 174, Para. 1, [1SG].

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{EW 262.3}

I saw the rapidity with which this delusion was spreading. A train of cars was shown me, going with the speed of lightning. The angel bade me look carefully. I fixed my eyes upon the train. It seemed that the whole world was on board. Then he showed me the conductor, **who looked like aa fair**, stately **fair** person, whom all the passengers looked

up to and revered. I was perplexed, and asked my attending angel who it was. **S**He said **he**, "It is Satan. He is the conductor, in the form of an angel of light. He has taken the world captive. They are given over to strong delusions, to believe a lie that they may be damned. His agent, the **next** highest in order **next** to him, is the engineer, and others of his agents are employed in different offices as he may need them, and they are all going with lightning speed to perdition." {EW 263.1}

I asked the angel if there were none left. He bade me look in **an**the opposite direction, and I saw a little company traveling a narrow pathway. All seemed to be firmly united, **and bound together** by the truth. p. 174, Para. 2, [1SG].

This little company looked careworn, as **though**if they had passed through severe trials and conflicts. And it **seemed**appeared as if the sun had just **appeared**arisen from behind **the**a cloud, and shone upon their countenances, **and caused**causing them to look triumphant, as **though**if their victories were nearly won. p {EW 263. 175,2} Para. 1, [1SG].

I saw that the Lord had**s** given the world opportunity to discover the snare. This one thing **was**is evidence enough for the Christian if there were no other. **T**; there is no difference made between the precious and the vile. p. 175, Para. 2, [1SG].

Thomas Paine, whose body has **now** mouldered to dust, and who is to

be called forth at the end of the 1000one thousand years, at the second resurrection, to receive his reward, and suffer the second death, is purportedrepresented by Satan to beas being in heaven, and highly exalted there. Satan used him on earth as long as he could, and now he is carrying on the same work

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through pretensions of having Thomas Paine so much exalted and honored in heaven; and as he taught on earthhere, Satan is makingwould make it appear that he is teaching in heaventhere. And some on earth who have looked with horror at his life and death, and his corrupt teachings while living, now submit to be taught by him who was onehim--one of the vilest and most corrupt of men;, one who despised God and hHis law. p {EW 263. 175,3} Para. 3, [1SG].

He who is the father of lies, blinds and deceives the world by sending forth his angels forth to speak for the apostles, and to make it appear that they contradict what they wrote when on earth, which was dictated byby the dictation of the Holy Ghost when on earth. These lying angels make the apostles to corrupt their own teachings and to declare them to be adulterated. By so doing he can, Satan delights to throw professed Christians, who have a name to live and are dead, and all the world, into uncertainty about the wWord of God; for t. That holy Book cuts directly across his track, and is likely to thwarts his plans. T; therefore he gets themleads men to doubt the divine origin of the Bible, and t. Then he

sets up the infidel Thomas Paine, as **though if when he died** he **was were** ushered into heaven **when he died**, and **now, united** with the holy apostles whom he hated on earth, **is united, and appears to be were engaged in** teaching the world. p {EW 264. 176,1} Para. 1, [1SG].

Satan assigns **to** each **one** of his angels **their a** part to act. He enjoins upon them **all** to be **cunningsly**, artful **and sly, cunning**. He instructs some of them to act the part of the apostles, and **to** speak for them, while others are to act **the part out f** infidels and wicked men who died cursing God, but now appear to be very religious. There is no difference made between the most holy apostles and the vilest infidels. They are both made to teach the same thing. It matters not whom **m** Satan makes to speak, if his object is only accomplished. He was **so** intimately connected with Paine upon earth, **and so aided aiding him in his work, that and** it is an easy thing for him to know the very words **he used**, and the **very** handwriting of one **of his devoted children** who

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served him so faithfully, and accomplished his purposes so well. Satan dictated much of **his Paine's** writings, and it is an easy thing for him to dictate sentiments through his angels now, and make it appear that **it they** comes through Thomas Paine, **who was his devoted servant while he lived. But t** This is the masterpiece of Satan. All this teaching, purporting to be from apostles, and saints, and wicked men who have died, comes directly from his **S** satanic majesty. p. 176, Para. 2, [1SG].

This should be enough to remove the veil from every mind and discover unto all the dark, mysterious works of Satan;- -that he has got {EW 264.2}

The fact that Satan claims that one whom he loved so well, and who hated God so perfectly, is now with the holy apostles and angels in glory: virtually saying, should be enough to remove the veil from all minds and discover to them the dark, mysterious works of Satan. He virtually says to the world and to infidels, "No matter how wicked you are;, no matter whether you believe or disbelieve in God or the Bible, or disbelieve; live as you please, heaven is your home;--for every one for all knows that if Thomas Paine is in heaven, and so exalted, they will surely get there." This is so glaring that all may see if they will. Satan is now doing now, through individuals like Thomas Paine, what he has been trying to do since his fall, through individuals like Thomas Paine. He is, through his power and lying wonders, tearing away the foundation of the Christians'Christian's hope, and putting out their sun that is to lighten them inlight the narrow way to heaven. He is making the world believe that the Bible is uninspired, no better than a storybook, uninspired, while he holds out something to take its place; namely, Sspiritual Mmanifestations! p. {EW 265.177, Para.} 1, [1SG].

Here is a channel wholly devoted to himself, under his control, and he can make the world believe what he will. The Bbook that is to judge him and his followers, he puts back into the shade, just where he wants it.

The Saviour of the world he makes to be no more than a common man; and as the Roman guard that watched the tomb of Jesus, spread the **false and** lying report that the chief priests and elders put **into** their

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mouths, so will the poor, deluded followers of these pretended spiritual manifestations, repeat, and try to make it appear, that there is nothing miraculous about our Saviour's birth, death, and resurrection; **and they put Jesus with the Bible, back into the shade, where they want him, and then get the world to look to them and their lying wonders and miracles, which they declare. After putting Jesus in the background, they attract the attention of the world to themselves and to their miracles and lying wonders, which, they declare,** far exceed the works of Christ. Thus the world is taken in the snare, and lulled to **a feeling of security**;, not to find out their awful deception, until the seven last plagues **are shall be** poured out. Satan laughs as he sees his plan succeed so well, and the whole world **taken** in the snare. p. 178, Para. 1, [1SG].

CHAPTER XXXI. Covetousness. I saw Satan and his angels consulting together. He {EW 265.2}

Covetousness

I saw that Satan bade his angels **go and** lay their snares especially for

those who were looking for Christ's second appearing, and **who were** keeping all **God's**the commandments **of God**. Satan told his angels that the churches were **all** asleep. He would increase his power and lying wonders, and he could hold them. **"But," he said,** "the sect of Sabbathkeepers we hate. **T**; they are continually working against us, and taking from us our subjects, to keep **that**e hated law of God. **p. 179, Para. 1, [1SG]**.

Go, make the possessors of lands and money drunk with cares. If you can make them place their affections upon these things, we **shall** have them yet. They may profess what they please, only make them care more for money than **for** the success of Christ's kingdom, or the spread of the truths we hate. Present the world before them in the most attractive light, that they may love and idolize it. We must keep **in our ranks** all the means **in our ranks**of **which** we can **gain control**. The more means **they have**the followers

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of Christ devote to His service, the more will they injure our kingdom by getting our subjects. **And as**As they appoint meetings in different places, **then** we are in danger. Be very vigilant then. Cause **all the distraction you can**disturbance and confusion if possible. Destroy love for **each other**one another. Discourage and dishearten their ministers; for we hate them. **Hold up**Present every plausible excuse to those **that**who have means, lest they hand it out. Control the money matters if you can, and drive their ministers to want, and distress. This will weaken their

courage and zeal. Battle every inch of ground. Make covetousness and love of earthly treasures the ruling traits of their character. As long as these traits rule, salvation and grace stand back. Crowd **all you can every attraction** around **them to attract** them, and they will be surely ours. **N****And** not only are we sure of them, but their hateful influence will not be exercised **toward to lead** others to **lead them to** heaven. **And those who** **When any** shall attempt to give, put within them a grudging disposition, that it may be sparingly. p. 179, Para. 2, [1SG].

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I saw that Satan carried **s** out his plans well. **And as** **As** the servants of God appointed meetings, Satan **and with** his angels **understood their business, and were** **is** on the ground to hinder the work of God, and **h**. **He was** **is** constantly putting suggestions into the minds of God's people. **Some h** **He** leads **some** in one way, and some in another, always taking advantage of evil traits in the brethren and sisters, exciting and stirring up their natural besetments. If they are disposed to be selfish and covetous, Satan **is well pleased to** takes **is** his stand by their side, and **then** with all his power **he** seeks to lead them to **manifest** **indulge** their besetting sins. **If t** **The** grace of God and the light of truth **may** melt away **these** **is** covetous, selfish feelings for a little, **and but if** they do not obtain entire victory **over them,**, **Satan comes in** when they are not under a saving influence, **Satan comes in** and withers **up** every noble, generous principle, and they think that **they have to do** too much **is required of them**. They become weary of **well-doing, and forget all about the great**

sacrifice Jesus made for them, well-doing and forget the great

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sacrifice which Jesus made to redeem them from the power of Satan, and from hopeless misery. p {EW 267. 180,1} Para. 1, [1SG].

Satan took advantage of Judas' the covetous, selfish disposition, of Judas and led him to murmur against when Mary poured the costly ointment Mary dedicated to upon Jesus. Judas looked upon it this as a great waste; it, and declared that the ointment might have been sold and given to the poor. He cared not for the poor, but considered the liberal offering to Jesus extravagant. Judas prized his Lord just enough to sell h Him for a few pieces of silver. And I saw that there were some like Judas among those who profess to be waiting for their Lord. Satan has the control over controls them, but they know it not. N God cannot a particle approve of the least degree of covetousness or selfishness can God approve. He hates it, and h He despises abhors the prayers and exhortations of those who possess it indulge these evil traits. As Satan sees that his time is short, he leads them men on to be more and more selfish, more and more covetous, and then exults as he sees them wrapt wrapped up in themselves, close, penurious, and selfish. If the eyes of such could be opened, they would see Satan in hellish triumph, exulting over them, and laughing at the folly of those who accept his suggestions, and enter his snares. Then he {EW 268.1}

Satan and his angels take mark all the mean and covetous acts of these

individuals, persons and present them to Jesus and the His holy angels, and saying reproachfully say, "These are Christ's followers! They are getting ready preparing to be translated! Satan marks their deviating course, and then compares it with the Bible, with passages which plainly rebuke such things, and then presents it to annoy" Satan compares their course with passages of Scripture in which it is plainly rebuked and then taunts the heavenly angels, saying, "These are following Christ and hHis wWord! These are the fruits of Christ's sacrifice and redemption!" Angels turn in disgust from the scene. God requires a constant doing on the part of hHis people,; and when they become weary of well and generous doing well-doing, hHe becomes weary of them. I saw that God was He is greatly displeased with the least manifestation

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of selfishness on the part of hHis professed people, for whom Jesus has not spared hnot His own precious life. Every selfish, covetous individual person will fall out by the way. Like Judas, who sold his Lord, they will sell good principles, and a noble, generous disposition for a little of earth's gain. All such will be sifted out from God's people. Those who want heaven, must, with every all the energy which they possess, be encouraging the principles of heaven. And iInstead of their soul's withering up with selfishness, they their souls should be expanding with benevolence, and e. Every opportunity should be improved in doing good to one another, and increasing and growing more and more into thus cherishing the principles of heaven. Jesus was held up presented to me as the perfect pattern. His life was without selfish interest, and

wasbut ever marked with disinterested benevolence. p{EW 268. 181,
Para. 1, [1SG].

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CHAPTER XXXII.

The Shaking.

I saw some, with strong faith and agonizing cries, pleading with God. Their countenances were pale, and marked with deep anxiety, which expressedexpressive of their internal struggle. There were fFirmness and great earnestness was expressed in their countenances, while; large drops of perspiration rose uponfell from their foreheads, and fell. Now and then their faces would light up with the marks of God's approbation, and again the same solemn, earnest, anxious look would settled upon them. p

{EW 269. 183,1}

Para. 1, [1SG].

Evil angels crowded around them, pressing their darkness upon them, to shut out Jesus from their view, that their eyes might be drawn to the darkness that surrounded them, and thus they be led to distrust God, and next murmur against hHim. Their only safety was in keeping their eyes directed upward. Angels were having theof God had charge over theHis people of God, and as the poisonous atmosphere from theseof evil angels was pressed around these anxious ones, the

heavenly angels, which had the charge over them, were continually wafting their wings over them to scatter the thick darkness that surrounded them. p. 183, Para. 2, [1SG].

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As the praying ones continued their earnest cries, at times a ray of light from Jesus came to them, to encourage their hearts and light up their countenances. Some, I saw, did not participate in this work of agonizing and pleading. They seemed indifferent and careless. They were not resisting the darkness around them, and it shut them in like a thick cloud. The angels of God left them, ~~se~~ and went to the aid of those earnest, praying ones. I saw the angels of God hasten to the assistance of all those who were struggling with all their ~~energies~~power to resist those evil angels, and trying to help themselves by calling upon God with perseverance. But theHis angels left those who made no effort to help themselves, and I lost sight of them. p. 184, Para. 1, [1SG].

As these praying ones continued their earnest cries, at times a ray of light from Jesus came to them, and encouraged their hearts, and lighted up their countenances. p. 184, Para. 2, [1SG].

{EW 270.1}

I asked the meaning of the shaking I had seen. I and was shown that it would be caused by the straight testimony called forth by the counsel of

the tTrue Witness to the Laodiceans. ItThis will have its effect upon the heart of the receiver of the testimony, and it will lead to him to exalt the standard and pour forth the straight truth. TSome will not bear this straight testimony some will not bear. They will rise up against it, and this is what will cause a shaking among God's people. p {EW 270. 184,2} Para. 3, [1SG].

I saw that the testimony of the tTrue Witness has not been half heeded. The solemn testimony upon which the destiny of the church hangs, has been lightly esteemed, if not entirely disregarded. This testimony must work deep repentance, and; all thatwho truly receive it, will obey it, and be purified. p {EW 270. 185,3} Para. 1, [1SG].

Said the angel, "List ye!" Soon I heard a voice that sounded like many musical instruments, all sounding in perfect strains, sweet and harmonious. It surpassed any music I had ever heard. It seemed, seeming to be so full of mercy, compassion, and elevating, holy joy. It thrilled through

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my whole being. Said the angel, "Look ye!" My attention was then turned to the company I had seen before, who were mightily shaken. I was shown those whom I had before seen weeping, and praying within agony of spirit. I saw that tThe company of guardian angels around them

had **been** doubled, and they were clothed with an armor from their head to their feet. They moved in exact order, **firm** like a company of soldiers. Their countenances expressed the severe conflict which they had endured, the agonizing struggle they had passed through. Yet their features, marked with severe internal anguish, **now** shone **now** with the light and glory of heaven. They had obtained the victory, and it called forth from them the deepest gratitude, and holy, sacred joy. p. 185, Para. 2, [1SG].

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The numbers of this company had lessened. Some had been shaken out, and left by the way. The careless and indifferent, who did not join with those who prized victory and salvation enough to **agonize**, **persevere**, and **perseveringly** plead **and agonize** for it, did not obtain it, and they were left behind in darkness, and their **numbersplaces** were immediately **made upfilled** by others taking hold of the truth, and coming into the ranks. **Still the eEvil** angels **still** pressed around them, but **they** could have no power over them. p {EW 271. 186,1} Para. 1, [1SG].

I heard those clothed with the armor speak forth the truth **inwith** great power. It had effect. **I saw those who** **Many** had been bound; some wives **had been bound** by their husbands, and some children **had been bound** by their parents. The honest who had been **held or** prevented from hearing the truth, now eagerly laid hold **of the truth spokenupon it**. All

fear of their relatives was gone. T, and the truth alone was exalted to them. It was dearer and more precious than life. They had been hungering and thirsting for truth; it was dearer and more precious than life. I asked what had made this great change. An angel answered, "It is the latter rain; the refreshing from the presence of the Lord; the loud cry of the third angel. p. 186, Para. 2, [1SG].

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{EW 271.2}

Great power was with these chosen ones. Said the angel, "Look ye!" My attention was turned to the wicked, or unbelievers. They were all astir. The zeal and power with the people of God had aroused and enraged them. Confusion, confusion, was on every side. I saw measures taken against this company, who were having had the light and power and light of God. Darkness thickened around them; yet there they stood firm, approved of God, and trusting in hHim. I saw them perplexed. N; next I heard them crying unto God earnestly. Through the dDay and night their cry ceased not. I heard these words, : "Thy will, O God, be done! If it can glorify tThy name, make a way of escape for tThy people! Deliver us from the heathen roundaround about us!. They have appointed us unto death; but tThine arm can bring salvation." These are all the words which I can bring to mind. TheyAll seemed to have a deep sense of their unworthiness, and manifested entire submission to the will of God. Y; yet, like Jacob, every one, without an exception, was

earnestly pleading, and wrestling like Jacob for deliverance. p {EW 272. 186,1} Para. 3, [1SG].

Soon after they had commenced their earnest cry, the angels, in sympathy would have, desired to gone to their deliverance. But a tall, commanding angel suffered them not. SHe said he, "The will of God is not yet fulfilled. They must drink of the cup. They must be baptized with the baptism. p" {EW 272. 187,2} Para. 1, [1SG].

Soon I heard the voice of God, which shook the heavens and the earth. There was a mighty earthquake. Buildings were shaken down, and fell on every side. I then heard a triumphant shout of victory, loud, musical, and clear. I looked upon thise company, who, a short time before, were in such distress and bondage. Their captivity was turned. A glorious light shone upon them. How beautiful they then looked.! All weariness and marks of care and weariness were gone. H, and health and beauty were seen in every countenance. Their

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enemies, the heathen around them, fell like dead men. T; they could not endure the light that shone upon the delivered, holy ones. This light and glory remained upon them, until Jesus was seen in the clouds of heaven, and the faithful, tried company waswere changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, from glory to glory. And the graves were opened,

and the saints came forth, clothed with immortality, crying v, "Victory over death and the grave,"; and together with the living saints, they were caught up to meet their Lord in the air;, while the rich, musical shouts of glory and victory were upon every immortal tongue, and proceeding from every sanctified, holy lip. p. 187, Para. 2, [1SG].

CHAPTER XXXIII.. {EW 272.3}

The Sins of Babylon.

I saw the state of the different churches that since the second angel proclaimed their fall. T of the churches, they have been growing more and more corrupt; yet t. They bear the name of being Christ's followers. I; yet it is impossible to distinguish them from the world. Their mMinisters take their texts from the Word of God, but preach smooth things. TheTo this the natural heart feels no objection to this. It is only the spirit and power of the truth, and the salvation of Christ, that isare hateful to the carnal heart. There is nothing in the popular ministry that stirs the wrath of Satan, makes the sinner tremble, or applies to the heart and conscience the fearful realities of a judgment soon to come. Wicked men are generally pleased with a form of piety without true godliness, and they will aid and support such a religion. {EW 273.1}

Said the angel, "Nothing less than the whole armor of righteousness

can enable man to overcome, the powers of darkness and retain the victory over the powers of darkness them. Satan has taken full possession of the churches as a body.

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The sayings and doings of men are dwelt upon instead of the plain, cutting truths of the wWord of God. Said tThe angel, The spirit and friendship and spirit of the world are at enmity with God. When the truth in its simplicity and strength, as it is in Jesus, is brought to bear against the spirit of the world, it at once awakens the spirit of persecution at once. Many, vVery many, who profess to be Christians, have not known God. The character of the natural heart has not been changed, and the carnal mind remains at enmity with God. They are Satan's own faithful servants, notwithstanding they have assumed another name. p" {EW 273. 189,2} Para. 1, [1SG].

I saw that since Jesus had left the Hholy place of the heavenly Ssanctuary, and had entered within the second vaeil, the churches were left as were the Jews; and they have been filling up with every unclean and hateful bird. I saw great iniquity and vileness in the churches; yet theytheir members profess to be Christians. Their profession, their prayers, and their exhortations, are an abomination in the sight of God. Said the angel, "God will not dwellsmell in their assemblies. Selfishness, fraud, and deceit are practiced by them without the reprovings of conscience. And over all these evil traits they throw the cloak of

religion." I was shown the pride of the nominal churches. God **was** not in their thoughts; **but** their carnal minds dwell upon themselves. **T**; they decorate their poor mortal bodies, and then look upon themselves with satisfaction and pleasure. Jesus and the angels **looked** upon them in anger. Said the angel, "Their sins and pride have reached unto heaven. Their portion is prepared. Justice and judgment have slumbered long, but will soon awake. Vengeance is **m**Mine, **and** I will repay, saith the Lord." The fearful threatenings of the third angel are to be realized, and **all** they **will wicked are to** drink **of** the wrath of God. An innumerable host of evil angels are spreading **themselves** over the whole land. **T and crowding** the churches **and religious bodies are crowded with them. And they. These agents of Satan** look upon the religious bodies

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with exultation; for the cloak of religion covers the greatest crimes and iniquity. **p {EW 274. 190,1} Para. 1, [1SG]**.

All heaven beholds with indignation, human beings, the workmanship of God, reduced **by their fellow men** to the lowest depths of degradation, and placed on a level with the brute creation **by their fellow men. And p**Professed followers of that dear Saviour whose compassion was ever moved **as he witnessed the sight of** human woe, heartily engage in this enormous and grievous sin, and deal in slaves and souls of men. **Human agony is carried from place to place and bought and sold.** Angels have recorded it all. **I;** it is written in the book. The tears of the pious

bondmen and bondwomen, of fathers, mothers, and children, brothers and sisters, are all bottled up in heaven. Agony, human agony, is carried from place to place, and bought and sold. God will restrain hHis anger but a little longer. His angerwrath burns against this nation, and especially against the religious bodies whothat have sanctioned, this terrible traffic and have themselves engaged in this terrible merchandiseit. Such injustice, such oppression, such sufferings, are looked upon with heartless indifference by many professed followers of the meek and lowly Jesus can witness with heartless indifference. And many of them can themselves inflict, with hateful satisfaction, all this indescribable agony themselves,; and yet they dare to worship God. It is solemn mockery, and; Satan exults over it, and reproaches Jesus and hHis angels with such inconsistency, saying, with hellish triumph, "Such are Christ's followers! p" {EW 275. 191,1} Para. 1, [1SG].

These professed Christians read of the sufferings of the martyrs, and tears course down their cheeks. They wonder that men could ever possess heartsbecome so hardened as to practice such inhuman crueltiescruelty towards their fellowmen, whilefellow men. Yet those who think and speak thus are at the same time they hold their fellowmenholding human beings in slavery. And this is not all. T; they sever the ties of nature, and cruelly oppress from day to day their fellowmenfellow men. They can inflict most inhuman tortures with the same relentless cruelty, which would well compare with the cruelty

manifested by

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papists and heathens exercised heathen towards Christ's followers. Said the angel, "It will be more tolerable for the heathen and for papists in the day of the execution of God's judgment than for such men." The cries and sufferings of the oppressed have reached unto heaven, and angels stand amazed at the hardhearted, untold, agonizing, suffering, sufferings which man, formed in the image of his Maker, causes his fellowman fellow man. Said the angel, "The names of such the oppressors are written in blood, crossed with stripes, and flooded with agonizing, burning tears of suffering. God's anger will not cease until hHe has caused the is land of light to drink the dregs of the cup of hHis fury, and until hHe has rewarded unto Babylon double. Reward her even as she rewarded you, double unto her double according to her works; in the cup which she hath filled, fill to her double. p" {EW 275. 192,2} Para. 1, [1SG].

I saw that the slave-master would slave master [SEE APPENDIX.] will have to answer for the soul of his slave whom he has kept in ignorance; and all the sins of the slave will be visited upon the master. God cannot take to heaven the slave to heaven, who has been kept in ignorance and degradation, knowing nothing of God, or the Bible, fearing nothing but his master's lash, and not holding so elevated aa lower position as his master's brute beasts than the brutes. But hHe does the best thing for him that a compassionate God can do. He lets permits him to be as though if

he had not been; while the master has to suffer must endure the seven last plagues, and then come up in the second resurrection, and suffer the second, most awful death. Then the wrath justice of God will be appeased satisfied. p{EW 276. 193, Para. 1, [1SG].

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CHAPTER XXXIV.

The Loud Cry.

I saw angels hurrying to and fro in heaven. They were, descending to the earth, and again ascending to heaven, preparing for the fulfillment of some important event. Then I saw another mighty angel commissioned to descend to the earth, and to unite his voice with the third angel, and give power and force to his message. Great power and glory were imparted to the angel, and as he descended, the earth was lightened with his glory. The light which went before and followed after attended this angel, penetrated everywhere, as he cried mightily, with a strong voice, saying, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird." The message of the fall of Babylon, as given by the second angel, is again given repeated, with the addition additional mention of the corruptions which have been entering the churches since 1844. The work of this angel comes in at the right time, and to joins in the last great work of the third angel's message, as it swells into a loud

cry. And the people of God are fitted up everywhere thus prepared to stand in the hour of temptation, which they are soon to meet. I saw a great light resting upon them, and they united in the message, and to fearlessly proclaimed with great power proclaim the third angel's message. p. 193, Para. 2, [1SG].

{EW 277.1}

Angels were sent to aid the mighty angel from heaven, and I heard voices which seemed to sound everywhere, "Come out of her, mMy people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues; f. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities." This message seemed to be an addition to the third message, and joined joining it, as the midnight cry joined the second angel's message in 1844. The glory of God rested upon the

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patient, waiting saints, and they fearlessly gave the last solemn warning, proclaiming the fall of Babylon, and calling upon God's people to come out of her; that they might escape her fearful doom. p {EW 277. 194,2}

Para.

1, [1SG].

The light that was shed upon the waiting ones penetrated everywhere, and those in the churches who had any light in the churches, who had not heard and rejected the three messages, answered to obeyed the call, and left the fallen churches. Many had come to years of accountability

since these messages had been given, and the light shone upon them, and they were privileged to choose life or death. Some chose life, and took their stand with those **who were** looking for their Lord, and keeping all **hHis** commandments. The third message was to do its work; all were to be tested upon it, and the precious ones were to be called out from the religious bodies. A compelling power **movesd** the honest, while the manifestation of the power of God **holds inbrought** a fear and restraint **upon their unbelieving** relatives and friends, **and so that** they dared not, neither **haved** they **the** power to, hinder those who **feelfelt** the work of the Spirit of God upon them. The last call **iswas** carried even to the poor slaves, and the pious among them, **with humble expressions**, **poured** forth their songs of **extravagantrapturous** joy at the prospect of their happy deliverance, **and t.** Their masters **cannotcould not** check them; **for** a fear and astonishment **keepkept** them silent. Mighty miracles **arewere** wrought, the sick **arewere** healed, and signs and wonders followed **ed** the believers. God **iswas** in the work, and every saint, fearless of consequences, followed **sed** the convictions of his own conscience, and **unitesd** with those who **arewere** keeping all the commandments of God; and **with power** they **sounded** abroad the third message **with power**. I saw that **the thirds** message **wouldwill** close with power and strength far exceeding the midnight cry. p {EW 278. 195,1} Para. 1, [1SG].

Servants of God, endowed with power from on high,

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with their faces lighted up, and shining with holy consecration, went forth fulfilling their work, and proclaiming to proclaim the message from heaven. Souls that were scattered all through the religious bodies answered to the call, and the precious were hurried out of the doomed churches, as Lot was hurried out of Sodom before her destruction. God's people were fitted up and strengthened by the excellent glory which fell rested upon them in rich abundance, preparing and prepared them to endure the hour of temptation. AI heard everywhere a multitude of voices I heard everywhere, saying, "Here is the patience of the saints; here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. p" {EW 278. 196, Para. 1, [1SG].

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CHAPTER XXXV.

The Third Message Closed.

I was pointed down to the time when the third angel's message was closing. The power of God had rested upon hHis people. T; they had accomplished their work, and were prepared for the trying hour before them. They had received the latter rain, or refreshing from the presence of the Lord, and the living testimony had been revived. The last great warning had sounded everywhere, and it had stirred up and enraged the inhabitants of the earth, who would not receive the message. p {EW 279. 197,1}

Para. 1, [1SG].

I saw angels hurrying to and fro in heaven. An angel returned from the earth with a writer's inkhorn by his side, returned from the earth and reported to Jesus that his work was done, thatand the saints were numbered and sealed. Then I saw Jesus, who had been ministering before the ark containing the ten commandments, throw down the censer. He raised hHis hands upward, and with a loud voice said, "It is done. " And all the angelic host laid off their crowns as Jesus made the solemn

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declaration, "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still;: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still;: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still;: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. p. 197, Para. 2, [1SG" {EW 279.2}].

I saw that e Every case was thenhad been decided for life or death. Jesus had blotted out the sins of his people. He had received his kingdom, and the atonement had been made for the subjects of his kingdom. While Jesus had been ministering in the Ssanctuary, the judgment had been going on for the righteous dead, and then for the righteous living. Christ had received His kingdom, having made the atonement for His people and blotted out their sins. The subjects of the kingdom were made up. The marriage of the Lamb was

finished consummated. And the kingdom, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, was given to Jesus, and the heirs of salvation, and Jesus was to reign as King of kings, and Lord of lords. p {EW 280. 197,1} Para. 3, [1SG].

As Jesus moved out of the Mmost Hholy place, I heard the tinkling of the bells upon hHis garment,; and as hHe left, a cloud of darkness covered the inhabitants of the earth. There was then no mediator between guilty man, and an offended God. While Jesus had been standing between God and guilty man, a restraint was upon the people; but when JesusHe stepped out from between man and the Father, the restraint was removed, and Satan had theentire control of manthe finally impenitent. It was impossible for the plagues to be poured out while Jesus officiated in the Ssanctuary; but as hHis work there is finished, as hnd His intercession closes, there is nothing to stay the wrath of God, and it breaks with fury upon the shelterless head of the guilty sinner, who has slighted salvation, and hated reproof. The saints iIn that fearful time, after the close of Jesus' mediation, the saints were living in the sight of a holy God, without an intercessor. Every case was decided, every jewel numbered. Jesus tarried a moment in the outer apartment of the heavenly Ssanctuary, and the sins which had been confessed while he was in the Most Holy place, he placed back uponHe was in the most holy place were placed upon Satan, the originator of sin, the Devil.

He who must suffer their punishment of these sins. p {EW 280. 198,2}
Para.
1, [1SG].

Then I saw Jesus lay off hHis priestly attire, and clothe hHimself with hHis most kingly robes--upon hrobes. Upon His head were many crowns, a crown within a crown--and scrown. Surrounded by the angelic host, hHe left heaven. The plagues were falling upon the inhabitants of the earth. Some were denouncing God, and cursing hHim. Others rushed to the people of God, and begged to be taught how they should might escape theHis judgments of God. But the saints had nothing for them. The last tear for sinners had been shed, the last agonizing prayer offered, the last burden had been borne, the last warning given. The sweet voice of mercy was no more to invite them. The last note of warning had been given. When the saints, and all heaven, were interested for their salvation, they had no interest for themselves. Life and death had been set before them. Many desired life;, but did not make any made no effort to obtain it. They did not choose life, and now there was no atoning blood to cleanse the sinner. No guilty, no compassionate Saviour to plead for them, and cry, "Spare, spare the sinner a little longer." All heaven had united with Jesus, as they heard the fearful words, "It is done,. It is finished." The plan of salvation had been accomplished. B, but few had chosen to accept the plan it. And as mercy's sweet voice died away, a fearfulness fear and horror seized them the wicked. With terrible distinctness they hear heard the words, "Too late! too late! p" {EW 281.

199,1} Para.

1, [1SG].

Those who had not prized God's wWord were hurrying to and fro. They wandered, wandering from sea to sea, and from the north to the east, to seek the wWord of the Lord. Said the angel, "They shall not find it. There is a famine in the land; not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but offor hearing the words of the Lord. What would they not give for one word of approval from God?! but no, they must hunger and thirst on. Day after day have they slighted salvation, and prized

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prizing earthly riches and earthly pleasure, and earthly riches, higher than any heavenly treasure or inducement and treasure. They have rejected Jesus, and despised hHis saints. The filthy must remain filthy forever. p. 200, Para. 1, [1SG].

A great portion" {EW 281.2}

Many of the wicked were greatly enraged, as they suffered the effects of the plagues. It was a scene of fearful agony. Parents were bitterly reproaching their children, and children reproaching their parents, brothers their sisters, and sisters their brothers. Loud, wailing cries were heard in every direction, "It was you who kept me from receiving the truth, which would have saved me from this awful hour." The people turned upon their ministers with bitter hate, and reproached them, telling themsaying, "You have not warned us. You told us that all the world was

to be converted, and cried, Peace, peace, to quiet every fear that was aroused. You have not told us of this hour; and those who warned us of it you said were declared to be fanatics, and evil men, who would ruin us." But I saw that the ministers, I saw, did not escape the wrath of God. Their sufferings were ten fold was tenfold greater than that of their people's. p. 200, Para. 2, [1SG].

{EW 282.1}

CHAPTER XXXVI.

The Time of Jacob's Trouble.

I saw the saints leaving the cities and villages, and associating together in companies together, and living in the most solitary places. Angels provided them food and water; but, while the wicked were suffering withfrom hunger and thirst. Then I saw the leading men of the earth consulting together, and Satan and his angels were busy around them. I saw a writing, and copies of itwhich were scattered in different parts of the land, giving orders, that unless the saints should yield their peculiar faith, give up the Sabbath, and observe the first day of the

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week, theythe people were at liberty, after such aa certain time, to put them to death. But in this timehour of trial the saints were calm and composed, trusting in God, and leaning upon hHis promise, that a way of escape would be made for them. In some places, before the time for

the writing decree to be executed, the wicked rushed upon the saints to slay them; but angels in the form of men of war fought for them. Satan wished to have the privilege of destroying the saints of the Most High; but Jesus bade hHis angels watch over them, for. God would be honored by making a covenant with those who had kept hHis law, in the sight of the heathen round about them; and Jesus would be honored by translating the faithful, waiting ones, who had so long expected him, without their seeing death. p. 201, Para. 1, [1SG].

, the faithful, waiting ones who had so long expected Him. {EW 282.2}

Soon I saw the saints suffering great mental anguish. They seemed to be surrounded withby the wicked inhabitants of the earth. Every appearance was against them. Some began to fear that God had at last left them at last to perish by the hand of the wicked. But if their eyes could have been opened, they would have seen themselves surrounded by angels of God. Next came the multitude of the angry wicked, and next a mass of evil angels, hurrying on the wicked to slay the saints. But asbefore they would attempt tocould approach themGod's people, they would wicked must first have to pass this company of mighty, holy angels, which. This was impossible. The angels of God were causing them to recede, and also causing the evil angels who were pressing around them, to fall back. {EW 283.1}

It was an hour of fearful, terrible, fearful agony to the saints. They cried dDay and night they cried unto God for deliverance. To outward appearance, there was no possibility of their escape. The wicked had

already commenced their triumphing begun to triumph, and were crying out, "Why doesn't your God deliver you out of our hands? Why don't you go up, and save your lives? T" But the saints heeded them not. They,

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Like Jacob, they were wrestling with God like Jacob. The angels longed to deliver them; but they must wait a little longer, and; the people of God must drink of the cup, and be baptized with the baptism. The angels, faithful to their trust, kept their watch. The time had about come when God was to manifest his mighty power, and gloriously deliver them. continued their watch. God would not suffer hHis name to be reproached among the heathen. The time had nearly come when He was to manifest His mighty power and gloriously deliver His saints. For hHis name's glory hHe would deliver every one of those who had patiently waited for hHim, and whose names were written in the book. p. 202, Para. {EW 283.2} 1, [1SG].

I was pointed back to faithful Noah. TWhen the rain descended, and the floods came, Noah, and his family had entered the ark, and God had shut them in. Noah had faithfully warned the inhabitants of the oldantediluvian world, while they had mocked and derided him. And as the waters descended upon the earth, and as one after another were being drownedwas drowning, they beheld that ark that, of which they had made so much sport of, riding safely upon the waters, preserving the faithful Noah and hHis family. So I saw that the people of God, who had

faithfully warned the world of hHis coming wrath, would be delivered. They had faithfully warned the inhabitants of the earth, and God would not suffer the wicked to destroy those who were expecting translation, and who would not bow to the decree of the beast, or receive his mark. I saw that if the wicked were permitted to slay the saints, Satan and all his evil host, and all who hate God, would be gratified. And Ooh, what a time of triumph it would be for his Ssatanic majesty, to have power, in the last closing struggle, over those who had so long waited to behold Him whom they loved.! Those who have mocked at the idea of the saints' going up, will witness the care of God for hHis people, and behold their glorious deliverance. p. 203, Para. {EW 284.1} 1, [1SG].

As the saints left the cities and villages, they were pursued by the wicked. They raised their swords to kill the saints, but they broke,, who sought to slay them. But

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the swords that were raised to kill God's people broke and fell as powerless as a straw. Angels of God shielded the saints. As they cried day and night for deliverance, their cry came up before Godthe Lord. p. 204, Para. 1, [1SG].

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CHAPTER XXXVII.

Deliverance of the Saints.

It was at midnight that God chose to deliver hHis people. As the wicked were mocking around them, suddenly the sun appeared, shining in his strength, and the moon stood still. The wicked beheldlooked upon the scene with amazement, while the saints beheld with solemn joy the tokens of their deliverance. Signs and wonders followed in quick succession. Every thingEverything seemed turned out of its natural course. The saints beheld the tokens of their deliverance with solemn joy. p. 205, Para. 1, [1SG].

The streams ceased to flow. Dark, heavy clouds came up, and clashed against each other. But there was one clear place of settled glory, from whence came the voice of God, like many waters, which shookshaking the heavens and the earth. There was a mighty earthquake. The graves were shaken opened, and those who had died in faith under the third angel's message, keeping the Sabbath, came forth from their dusty beds, glorified, to hear the covenant of peace that God was to make with those who had kept hHis law. p. 205, Para. {EW 285.1} 2, [1SG].

The sky opened and shut, and was in commotion. The mountains shook like a reed in the wind, and cast out ragged rocks all around. The sea boiled like a pot, and cast out stones upon the land. And as God spaoke the day and the hour of Jesus' coming, and delivered the everlasting covenant to hHis people, hHe spaoke one sentence, and then

paused, while the words were rolling through the earth. The Israel of God stood with their eyes fixed upwards, listening to

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the words as they came from the mouth of Jehovah, and rolled through the earth like peals of loudest thunder. It was awfully solemn. At the end of every sentence the saints shouted, "Glory! Hallelujah!" Their countenances were lighted up with the glory of God; and they shone with the glory as did Moses' face the face of Moses when he came down from Sinai. The wicked could not look upon them for the glory. And when the never--ending blessing was pronounced on those who had honored God, in keeping hHis Sabbath holy, there was a mighty shout of victory over the beast, and over his image. p. 205, Para. {EW 285.2} 3, [1SG].

Then commenced the jubilee, when the land should rest. I saw the pious slave rise in victory and triumph and victory, and shake off the chains that bound him, while his wicked master was in confusion, and knew not what to do; for the wicked could not understand the words of the voice of God. {EW 286.1}

Soon appeared the great white cloud. O, upon it which sat the Son of man. p. 206, Para. 1, [1SG].

This cloud wWhen it first appeared in the distance, this cloud looked very small. The angel said that it was the sign of the Son of man. And as the cloud approached As it drew nearer to the earth, we could behold the

excellent glory and majesty of Jesus as **hHe** rode forth to conquer. A **holy** retinue of **holy** angels, with **their** bright, glittering crowns upon their heads, escorted **hHim** on **hHis** way. No language can describe the glory of the scene. The living cloud of majesty, and unsurpassed glory, came still nearer, and we could clearly behold the lovely person of Jesus. He did not wear a crown of thorns, but a crown of glory **decked hrested upon His** holy brow. Upon **hHis** vesture and thigh was a name written, King of kings, and Lord of lords. His **countenance was as bright as the noonday sun**, His eyes were as a flame of fire, **hand His** feet had the appearance of fine brass, **and h. His** voice sounded like many musical instruments. **His countenance was as bright as the noonday sun. The. The**

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earth trembled before **hHim**, **and** the heavens departed as a scroll when it is rolled together, and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. "And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every freeman, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains. **A;** **and** said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of **hHim** that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: for the great day of **hHis** wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand? p. 206, Para. 2, [1SG].

" Those who a **littleshort time** before would have destroyed God's faithful children from the earth, **had tonow** witnessed the glory of God

which rested upon them. They had seen them glorified. And amid all the terrible scenesir terror they had heard the voices of the saints in joyful strains, saying, "Lo, this is our God,; we have waited for hHim, and hHe will save us." {EW 286.2}

The earth mightily shook as the voice of the Son of God called forth the sleeping saints. They responded to the call, and came forth clothed with glorious immortality, crying, "Victory!, victory!, over death and the grave.! O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" Then the living saints, and the resurrectedrisen ones, raised their voices in a long, transporting shout of victory. Those sickly bodies that had gone down into the grave bearing the marks of disease and death came up in immortal health and vigor. The living saints wereare changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, and caught up with the resurrectedrisen ones, and together they meet their Lord in the air. Oh, what a glorious meeting.! Friends whom death had separated, were united, never more to part. p. 207, Para. {EW 287.1} 1, [1SG].

On eithereach side of the cloudy chariot were wings, and beneath it were living wheels; and as the cloudy chariot rolled upward, the wheels cried, "Holy," and the wings, as they moved, cried, "Holy," and the retinue of holy

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angels around the cloud cried, "Holy, Hholy, Hholy, Lord God Almighty.!" And the saints in the cloud cried, "Glory,! Alleluia.!" And

the chariot rolled upward to the hHoly cCity. Before entering the holy city, the saints were arranged in a perfect square, with Jesus in the midst. He wasstood head and shoulders high above the saints, and head and shoulders above the angels. His majestic form, and lovely countenance, could be seen by all in the square. p. 208, Para. 1, [1SG].

{EW 287.2}

CHAPTER XXXVIII.

The Saints' Reward.

Then I saw a very great number of angels bring from the city glorious crowns; --a crown for every saint, with his name written thereon; and a. As Jesus called for the crowns, angels presented them to hHim, and the lovely Jesus, with hHis own right hand, the lovely Jesus placed the crowns on the heads of the saints. In the same manner, the angels brought the harps, and Jesus presented them also to the saints. The commanding angels first struck the note, and then every voice was raised in grateful, happy praise, and every hand skillfully swept over the strings of the harp, sending forth melodious music in rich and perfect strains. Then I saw Jesus lead the redeemed company to the gate of the city. He laid hold of the gate and swung it back on its glittering hinges, and bade the nations whothat had kept the truth to enter in. TWithin the city there was every thing in the cityeverything to feast the eye. Rich glory they beheld everywhere. Then Jesus looked upon hHis redeemed saints; their

countenances were radiant with glory; and as **hHe** fixed **hHis** loving eyes upon them, **hHe** said, with **hHis** rich, musical voice, "I behold the travail of **mMy** soul, and am satisfied. This rich glory is yours to enjoy eternally. Your sorrows are ended. There shall be

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no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain." I saw the redeemed host bow and cast their glittering crowns at the feet of Jesus, and then, as **hHis** lovely hand raised them up, they touched their golden harps, and filled all heaven with their rich music, and songs to the Lamb. p. 209, Para. {EW 288.1} 1, [1SG].

I then saw Jesus leading **the redeemed hostHis people** to the tree of life, and again we heard **hHis** lovely voice, richer than any music that ever fell on mortal ear, saying, "The leaves of this tree are for the healing of the nations. Eat ye all of it." Upon the tree of life was most beautiful fruit, **of** which the saints could partake **of** freely. **ThereIn the city** was a most glorious throne **in the City**, and from **under the throne** which proceeded a pure river of water of life, **as** clear as crystal. On **either** each side of this river **of life** was the tree of life. **O, and** on the banks of the river were **other** beautiful trees bearing fruit which was good for food. {EW 289.1}

Language is altogether too feeble to attempt a description of heaven. As the scene rises before me, I am lost in amazement; **and c.** Carried away with the surpassing splendor and **the** excellent glory, I lay down

the pen, and exclaim, "Oh, what love! **W**what wondrous love!" The most exalted language **cannot fails to** describe the glory of heaven, **nor or** the matchless depths of a Saviour's love. p. 210, Para. 1, [1SG].

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CHAPTER XXXIX.

The Earth Desolated. I then beheld

My attention was again directed to the earth. The wicked **were dead had been destroyed**, and their **dead** bodies were lying upon **the face of the earth its surface**. The **inhabitants of earth had suffered the** wrath of God in the seven last plagues. **They had been visited upon the inhabitants of the earth, causing them to** gnawed their tongues **for from** pain and **had to** cursed God. The false shepherds **were had been the** signal objects of Jehovah's wrath. Their eyes had consumed away in their holes, and their tongues

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in their mouths, while they stood upon their feet. After the saints **were had been** delivered by the voice of God, the **rage of the** wicked multitude **was** turned **their rage** upon **each other one another**. The earth seemed to be deluged with blood, and dead bodies were from one end of **the earth it** to the other. p. 211, Para. {EW 289.3} 1, [1SG].

The earth **was in** looked like a most desolate **condition** wilderness. Cities and villages, shaken down by the earthquake, lay in heaps. Mountains **were had been** moved out of their places, leaving large caverns. **The sea had** Ragged rocks, thrown out **ragged rocks upon by** the **earth sea**, and rocks **had been or** torn out of the earth **itself**, and were scattered all over its surface. **The earth looked like a desolate wilderness.** Large trees **were rooted up, had been uprooted** and were strewn over the land. Here is **Satan's home, to be the home of Satan** with his evil angels, **through the 1000 for a thousand** years. Here **they he** will be confined, **and to** wander up and down over the broken surface of the earth, and see the effects of his rebellion against God's law. **The effects For a thousand years he can enjoy the fruit** of the curse which he has caused, **he can enjoy through the 1000 years.** Limited alone to the earth, he will **not** have **no the** privilege of ranging **around** to other planets, to tempt and annoy those who have not fallen. **During this time,** Satan suffers **in this time** extremely. Since his fall his evil traits have been in constant exercise. **H But he** is then **to be** deprived of his power, and left to reflect upon the part **which** he has acted since his fall, and to look forward with trembling and terror to the dreadful future, when he must suffer for all the evil **that** he has done, and be punished for all the sins **that** he has caused to be committed. p. 211, Para. {EW 290.1} 2, [1SG].

Then I heard shouts of triumph from the angels, and from the redeemed saints, which sounded like ten thousand musical instruments,

because they were to be no more annoyed and tempted by the Devil, Satan and because the inhabitants of other worlds were delivered from his presence and his temptations. p. 212, Para. {EW 290.2} 1, [1SG].

Then I saw thrones, and Jesus and the redeemed saints sat upon them; and the saints reigned as kings

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and priests unto God. Christ, and in union with His people, judged the wicked dead were judged, and comparing their acts were compared with the statute book, the Word of God, and they were judged deciding every case according to the deeds done in the body. Jesus, in union with the saints, Then they meted out to the wicked the portion which they must suffer, according to their works; and it was written against their names in the book of death, and set off against their names. Satan also and his angels were also judged by Jesus and the saints. Satan's punishment was to be far greater than that of those whom he had deceived. It His suffering would so far exceeded their punishment that it could not be compareds as to bear no comparison with theirsit. After all those whom he had deceived had perished, Satan was to still to live and suffer on much longer. p. 212, Para. {EW 290.3} 2, [1SG].

After the judgment of the wicked dead washad been finished, at the end of the one thousand years, Jesus left the Ccity, and the saints and a

train of the angelic host followed him. The saints also went with hHim. Jesus descended upon a great and mighty mountain, which, as soon as hHis feet touched it, parted asunder, and became a mighty plain. Then we looked up and saw the great and beautiful Ccity, with twelve foundations, and twelve gates, three on each side, and an angel at each gate. We cried out, "The Ccity! Tthe great Ccity! Iit is coming down from God out of heaven!" And it came down in all its splendor, and dazzling glory, and settled in the mighty plain which Jesus had prepared for it. p. 213, Para. 1, [1SG].

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CHAPTER XL.

The Second Resurrection.

Then Jesus and all the holy retinue of holy angels, and all the redeemed saints, left the Ccity. The holy angels surrounded Jesus, their Commander and escorted hHim on hHis way, and the train of redeemed saints followed. Then Jesus, in terrible, fearful majesty, Jesus called forth the wicked dead; and as they came up with the same feeble, sickly bodies that went into the grave, w. What a spectacle! what a scene! At the first resurrection all came forth in immortal bloom; but at the second, the marks of the curse are visible on all. KThe kings and the noble mennoblemen of the earth come forth with, the mean and the low, the learned and unlearned, come forth together. All behold the Son of man;

and those very men who despised and mocked JesusHim, and smote him with the reed, and thatwho put the crown of thorns upon hHis sacred brow, and smote Him with the reed, behold hHim in all hHis kingly majesty. Those who spit upon hHim in the hour of hHis trial, now turn from hHis piercing gaze, and from the glory of hHis countenance. Those who drove the nails through hHis hands and his feet, now look upon the marks of hHis crucifixion. Those who thrust the spear into hHis side, behold the marks of their cruelty on hHis body. And they know that hHe is the very Oone whom they crucified, and derided in hHis expiring agony. And then there arises one long protracted wail of agony, as they flee to hide from the presence of the King of kings and Lord of lords. p. 214, Para. {EW 292.1} 1, [1SG].

All are seeking to hide in the rocks, andto shield themselves from the terrible glory of hHim whom they once despised. As all areAnd, overwhelmed and pained with hHis majesty and his exceeding glory, they with one accord raise their voices, and with terrible distinctness exclaim, "Blessed is hHe whothat cometh in the name of the Lord. p. 215, Para. 1, [1SG].

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Then Jesus and the holy angels, accompanied by all the saints, again

go to the Ccity, and the bitter lamentations and wailings of the doomed wicked fill the air. Then I saw that Satan again commenced his work. He passed around among his subjects, and made the weak and feeble and weak strong, and then he told them that he and his angels were powerful. He then pointed to the countless millions who had been raised. There were mighty warriors and kings who were well skilled in battle, and who had conquered kingdoms. And there were mighty giants, and valiant men who were valiant, and had never lost a battle. There was the proud, ambitious Napoleon, whose approach had caused kingdoms to tremble. There stood men of very highlofty stature, and of dignified, lofty bearing, who had fallen in battle. They fell while thirsting to conquer. As they come forth from their graves, they resume the current of their thoughts where it ceased in death. They possess the same spiritdesire to conquer which ruled when they fell. Satan consults with his angels, and then with those kings and conquerors and mighty men. Then he looks over the vast army, and tells them that the company in the Ccity is small and feeble, and that they can go up and take that Cityit, and cast out its inhabitants, and possess its riches and glory themselves. p. 215, Para. {EW 293.1} 2, [1SG].

Satan succeeds in deceiving them, and all immediately commencebegin to fitprepare themselves for battle. They construct weapons of war; for thereThere are many skillful men in that vast army. A, and thenthey construct all kinds of implements of war. Then with

Satan at their head, the multitude move on. Kings and warriors follow close after Satan, and the multitude follow after in companies.

EveryEach company has aits leader, and order is observed as they march over the broken surface of the earth to the hHoly City. Jesus closes the gates of the Ccity, and this vast army surround it, and place themselves in battle array. They have prepared all kinds of implements of war, expecting to have a fierce conflict. They arrange themselves around the City. Jesus and all the angelic host and

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all the saints, with the glittering crowns upon their heads, and all the saints with their bright crowns, ascend to the top of the wall of the Ccity. Jesus speaks with majesty and says, saying, "Behold, ye sinners, the reward of the just! And behold ye m, My redeemed, the reward of the wicked!" The vast multitude behold the glorious company on the walls of the Ccity. And as they witness the splendor of their glittering crowns, and see their faces radiant with glory, expressingreflecting the image of Jesus, and then behold the unsurpassed glory and majesty of the King of kings, and Lord of lords, their courage fails. TheA sense of the treasure and glory which they have lost, rushes upon them, and they have a realizing senserealize that the wages of sin is death. They see the holy, happy company whom they have despised, clothed with glory, honor, immortality, and eternal life, while they are outside of the Ccity with every mean and abominable thing. p. 216, Para. 1, [1SG].

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CHAPTER XLI.

The Second Death.

Satan rushes into the midst, **of his followers** and tries to stir up the multitude to action. But fire from God out of heaven is rained upon them, and the great men, and **the mighty men**, **and the noble**, **and the poor** and miserable **men**, are all consumed together. I saw that some were quickly destroyed, while others suffered longer. They were punished according to the deeds done in the body. Some were many days consuming, and just as long as there was a portion of them unconsumed, all the sense of suffering **was thereremained**. Said the angel, "The worm of life shall not die; their fire shall not be quenched as long as there is the least particle for it to prey upon. **p. 217, Para.**" {EW 294.1} 1, [1SG].

But Satan and his angels suffered long. Satan **bore** not only **bore** the weight and punishment of his **sins, but the sins of all own sins, but**

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also of the sins of the redeemed host, **which** had been placed upon him; and he must also suffer for the ruin of **the** souls which he had caused.

Then I saw that Satan, and all the wicked host, were consumed, and the justice of God was satisfied; and all the angelic host, and all the redeemed saints, with a loud voice said, "Amen! **p. 218, Para.**" {EW 294.2} 1,

[1SG].

Said the angel, "Satan is the root, his children are the branches. They are now consumed root and branch. They have died an everlasting death. They **willare** never **to** have a resurrection, and God will have a clean universe." I then looked, and saw the fire which had consumed the wicked, burning up the rubbish and purifying the earth. Again I looked and saw the earth purified. There was not a single sign of the curse. The broken **up**, **and** uneven surface of the earth now looked like a level, extensive plain. God's entire universe was clean, and the great controversy was forever ended. **EverywhereWherever** we looked, **every thingeverything upon which** the eye rested **upon**, was beautiful and holy. And all the redeemed host, old and young, great and small, cast their glittering crowns at the feet of their Redeemer, and prostrated themselves in adoration before **hHim**, and worshiped **hHim** that liveth forever and ever. The beautiful **Nnew Eearth**, with all its glory, was the eternal inheritance of the saints. The kingdom, and dominion, and **the** greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, was then given to the saints of the Most High, who were to possess it forever, even forever and ever. **p. 218, Para. 2, [1SG]. {EW 295.1}**

