

mercy, compassion, and elevating, holy joy. It thrilled through my whole being. Said the angel, "Look ye!" My attention was then turned to the company I had seen, who were mightily **shaken**. I was shown those whom I had before seen weeping and praying in agony of spirit. The 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, 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 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." {EW 270.4} {1T 181.3}

"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 perseveringly plead and agonize for it, did not obtain it, and they were left behind in darkness, and their places were immediately filled by others taking hold of the truth and coming into the ranks. Evil angels still pressed around them, but could have no power over them." {EW 271.1} {1T 182.1}

"I heard those clothed with the armor speak forth the truth with great power. It had effect. Many had been bound; some wives by their husbands, and some children by their parents. The honest who had been prevented from hearing the truth now eagerly laid hold upon it. All fear of their relatives was gone, and the truth alone was exalted to them. 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." {EW 271.2} {1T 182.2}

Will you hear, recognize, and obey the messages leading to the Loud Cry?

I pray we may all continue to seek love, peace, and unity in truth preparing for the soon coming of Iaushua (ee-ah-oo-shoo-ah) Messiah, the Son of God.

Loud Cry

Continuing our Bible Study of Present Truth from a prophetic perspective. The previous Bible Study ended with a reference to the final Loud Cry. Some have questioned my use of this reference. I need only to point to the writings of Ellen White to clear up this point.

Some have responded, "She said the Loud Cry started the Adventist message." This past week I read every one of the 188 references to "loud cry" in "The Complete Published Writings" and I did not find any evidence of this. She did refer to the "Midnight Cry" from a vision.

"... I turned to look for the Advent people in the world, but could not find them, when a voice said to me, "Look again, and look a little higher." At this I raised my eyes, and saw a straight and narrow path, cast up high above the world. On this path the Advent people were traveling to the city, which was at the farther end of the path. They had a bright light set up behind them at the beginning of the path, which an angel told me was the **midnight cry**. This light shone all along the path and gave light for their feet so that they might not stumble..." {EW 14.1}

She used the term "Loud Cry" in reference to a future event associated with the third angel as is shown in this quote. While part of this quote seems to have an application to past events, take careful note of the close association with the plagues which are a final event in the future. Also note, while the third angel's message has been given as a warning, the actual mark of the beast, enforced by civil law, has not yet occurred. The Laodicean church does not want to be called "nominal Adventists" so they will claim this quote is about the past.

"I saw that God has honest children among the nominal Adventists and the fallen churches, and before the plagues shall be poured out, ministers 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 all who are honest will leave the fallen churches, and take their stand with the remnant." {EW 261.1}

She sometimes does not distinguish between the work of the third angel and the fourth angel. She associates the two together which I believe is valid. Notice the important emphasis on knowledge of the truth.

The Loud Cry

"As foretold in the eighteenth of Revelation, the third angel's message is to be proclaimed with great power by those who give the final warning against the beast and his image: "I saw **another angel** come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. And 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..." {8T 118.1}

"This is the message given by God to be sounded forth in the **loud cry** of the third angel." {8T 118.2}

"Those whose faith and zeal are proportionate to their **knowledge of the truth** will reveal their loyalty to God by communicating the truth, in all its saving, sanctifying power, to those with whom they associate. Their lives of holiness and unselfish service will be in conformity with the vital principles of the kingdom of heaven." {8T 118.3}

There is a sequence of prophetic events here. This is important to guide us in knowing the present truth for the present time. The Laodicean Message will grow into the Third Elijah Message and lead to the shaking of the church.

"The message to the church of the Laodiceans is a startling denunciation, and is applicable to the people of God at the present time." {3T 252.1} {RH, September 16, 1873 par. 1}

The shaking will be followed by the Loud Cry, which is associated with the latter rain, a future event.

The Shaking

"I saw some, with strong faith and agonizing cries, pleading with God. Their countenances were pale and marked with deep anxiety, expressive of their internal struggle. Firmness and great earnestness was expressed in their countenances; large drops of

perspiration fell from their foreheads. Now and then their faces would light up with the marks of God's approbation, and again the same solemn, earnest, anxious look would settle upon them." {EW 269.1} {1T 179.3}

"Evil angels crowded around, pressing 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 murmur against Him. Their only safety was in keeping their eyes directed upward. Angels of God had charge over His people, and as the poisonous atmosphere of evil angels was pressed around these anxious ones, the heavenly angels were continually wafting their wings over them to scatter the thick darkness." {EW 269.2} {1T 180.1}

"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 these and went to the aid of the earnest, praying ones. I saw angels of God hasten to the assistance of all who were struggling with all their power to resist the evil angels and trying to help themselves by calling upon God with perseverance. But His angels left those who made no effort to help themselves, and I lost sight of them." {EW 270.1} {1T 180.2}

"I asked the meaning of the **shaking** I had seen and was shown that it would be caused by the straight testimony called forth by the counsel of the True Witness to the **Laodiceans**. This will have its effect upon the heart of the receiver, and will lead him to exalt the standard and pour forth the straight truth. Some will not bear this straight testimony. They will rise up against it, and this is what will cause a **shaking** among God's people." {EW 270.2} {1T 181.1}

"I saw that the testimony of the True 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; all who truly receive it will **obey** it and be purified." {EW 270.3} {1T 181.2}

"Said the angel, "List ye!" Soon I heard a voice like many musical instruments all sounding in perfect strains, sweet and harmonious. It surpassed any music I had ever heard, seeming to be full of