

To those who are receiving the seal of the living God.

"This is that which was spoken of by the prophet Joel; And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: And on my servants, and on my handmaidens, I will pour out in those days of my Spirit, and they shall prophesy."

At the commencement of the Holy Sabbath, (Jan. 5,) we engaged in prayer with Bro. Belden's family at Rocky Hill, Ct., and the Holy Ghost fell upon us. I was taken off in vision to the most holy place, where I saw Jesus still interceding for Israel: On the bottom of his garment was a bell and a pomegranate, a bell and a pomegranate. Then I saw that Jesus would not leave the most holy place until every case was decided either for salvation or destruction: and that the wrath of God could not come until Jesus had finished his work in the most holy place—laid off his priestly attire and clothed himself with the garments of vengeance. Then Jesus will step out from between the Father and man, and God will keep silent no longer; but ¹ ~~pour out his wrath upon those who have rejected his truth.~~ I saw that the anger of the nations, the wrath of God; and the time to judge the dead, were separate events, one following the other. I saw that Michael had not stood up, and that the time of trouble, such as never was, had not yet commenced. The nations are now getting angry, but when our High Priest has finished his work in the Sanctuary, he will stand up, put on the garments of vengeance, and then the seven last plagues will be poured out. I saw that the four angels would hold the four winds until Jesus' work was done in the Sanctuary, and then will come the seven last plagues. These plagues enraged the wicked against the righteous, and they thought that we had brought them down upon them, and if they could rid the earth of us, then the plagues would be stayed. A decree went forth to slay the saints, which caused them to cry day and night for deliverance. This was the time of Jacob's trouble. Then all the saints cried out with anguish of spirit, and were delivered by the Voice of God. Then the 144,000 triumphed. Their faces were lighted up with the glory of God. Then I was shown a company who were howling in agony. On their garments was written in large characters—thou art weighed in the balance, and found wanting. I asked who this company were. The angel said, "those are they who have once kept the Sabbath and have given it up." I heard them cry with a loud voice—"we have believed in thy coming, and taught it with energy." And while they were speaking, their eyes would fall ² ~~and see the writing, and then they would wail aloud.~~ I saw they had drunk of the deep waters, and fouled the residue with their feet—trodden the Sabbath underfoot, and that is why they were weighed in the balance and found wanting. Then my attending angel directed me to the city again, where I saw four angels winging their way to the gate of the city, and were just presenting the golden card to the angel at the gate. Then I saw another angel swiftly flying from the direction of the most excellent glory, and crying with a loud voice to the other angels, and waving something up and down in his hand. I asked my attending angel for an explanation of what I saw. He told me that I could see no more then, but he would shortly show me what those things that I then saw meant.

Sabbath afternoon, one of our number was sick, and requested prayers that he might be healed. We all united in applying to the Physician who never lost a case, and while healing power came down, and the sick was healed, the Spirit fell upon me and I was taken off in vision. I saw the state of some who stood on present truth, but disregarded the visions;—the way God had chosen to teach in some cases, those who erred from Bible truth. I saw that in striking against the visions they did not strike against the worm—the feeble instrument that God spake through; but against the Holy Ghost. I saw it was a small thing to speak against the instrument, but it was dangerous to slight the words of God. I saw if they were in error and God chose to show them their errors through visions, and they disregarded the teachings of God through visions, they would be left to take their own way, and run in the way of error, and think they were right, until they would find it out too late. Then in the time of trouble I heard them cry to God in agony—"Why didst thou not show us our wrong, that we might have got right and been ready for this time?" ³ ~~to them and said—~~ My father taught, but you would not be taught.—He spoke through visions, but you disregarded his voice, and he gave you up to your own ways, to be filled with your own doings." Then I saw four angels who had a work to do on the earth, and were on their way to accomplish it. Jesus was clothed with Priestly garments. He gazed in pity on the remnant, then raised his hands upward, and with a voice of deep pity cried—"MY BLOOD, FATHER, MY BLOOD, MY BLOOD, MY BLOOD." Then I saw an exceeding bright light come from God, who sat upon the great white throne, and was shod all about Jesus. Then I saw an angel with a commission from Jesus, swiftly flying to the four angels who had a work to do on the earth, and waving something up and down in his hand, and crying with a loud voice—"HOLD! HOLD! HOLD! HOLD!" until the servants of God are sealed in their foreheads. I asked my accompanying angel the meaning of what I heard, and what the four angels were about to do. He said to me that it was God that restrained the powers, and that he gave his angels charge over things on the earth, and that the four angels had power from God to hold the

four winds, and that they were about to let the four winds go, and while they had started on their mission to let them go, the merciful eye of Jesus gazed on the remnant that were not all sealed, then he raised his hands to the Father and plead with him that he had spilled his blood for them. Then another angel was commissioned to fly swiftly to the four angels, and bid them hold until the servants of God were sealed with the seal of the living God in their foreheads.

⁴ Dec. 16, 1848, the Lord gave me a view of the shaking of the powers of the heavens. I saw that when the Lord said "heaven" (in giving the signs recorded by Matt., Mark and Luke,) he meant heaven, and when he said "earth" he meant earth. The powers of heaven are the Sun, Moon and Stars: they rule in the heavens. The powers of earth are those who bear rule on the earth.—The powers of heaven will be shaken at the voice of God. Then the Sun, Moon and Stars will be moved out of their places. They will not pass away, but be shaken by the voice of God.

Dark, heavy clouds came up, and clashed against each other. The atmosphere parted and rolled back, then we could look up through the open space in Orion, from whence came the voice of God. The Holy City will come down through that open space. I saw that the powers of earth are now being shaken, and that events come in order. War, and rumors of war, sword, famine and pestilence, are first to shake the powers of earth, then the voice of God will shake the Sun, Moon and Stars, and this earth also. I saw that the shaking of the powers in Europe is not (as some teach) the shaking of the powers of heaven, but it is the shaking of the angry nations.

I have seen the tender love that God has for his people, and it is very great. I saw an angel over every saint, with their wings spread about them; and if the saints wept through discouragement, or were in danger, the angel that ever attended them would fly quickly upward to carry the tidings, and the angels in the city would cease to sing. Then Jesus would commission another angel to descend to encourage, watch over and to keep them from going out of the narrow path: but, if they did not take heed to the counsel of the angels, and continued to go astray, the angels would look sad and weep. Then they would bear the tidings upward, and all the angels in the city would weep, and then with a loud voice say, Amen. But if the saints fixed their eyes on the prize before them, and glorified God by praising him, then the angels would bear the glad tidings to the city, and the angels in the city would touch their golden harps and sing with a loud voice—Alleluia! and the heavenly arches would ring with their lovely songs. I will here state, that there is perfect order and harmony in the holy city.

All the angels that are commissioned to visit the earth hold a golden card, which they present to the angels at the gates of the city as they pass in and out. Heaven is a good place. I long to be there, and behold my lovely Jesus, who gave his life for me, and be changed into his glorious image. Oh! for language to express the glory of the bright world to come. I thirst for the living streams that make glad the city of our God.

The Lord has given me a view of other worlds. Wings were given me, and an angel attended me from the city to a place that was bright and glorious. The grass of the place was living green, and the birds there warbled a sweet song. The inhabitants of the place were of all sizes, they were noble, majestic and lovely. They bore the express image of Jesus, and their countenances beamed with holy joy, expressive of the freedom and happiness of the place. I asked one of them why they were so much more lovely than those on the earth. The reply was—"we have lived in strict obedience to the commandments of God, and have not fallen by disobedience." I saw two trees, one looked like the tree of life in the city. The fruit of both looked beautiful; but of one they could not eat. They had power to eat of both, but were forbidden to eat of one. Then my attending angel said to me—"none in this place have tasted of the forbidden tree; but if they should eat they would fall." Then I was taken to a world which had seven moons. There I saw good old Enoch, who had been translated. On his right arm he bore a glorious palm, and on each leaf was written Victory. Around his head was a dazzling white wreath, and leaves on the wreath, and in the middle of each leaf was written Purity; and around the leaf were stones of various colors, that shone brighter than the stars, and cast a reflection upon the leaves, and magnified them. On the back part of his head was a bow that contained the seven wrath, and upon the bow was written Holiness. Above the wreath was a lovely crown that shone brighter than the sun. I asked him if this was the place he was taken to from the earth. He said "it is not; but the city is my home, and I have come to visit this place." He moved about the place as if perfectly at home. I begged of my attending angel to let me remain in that place. I could

not bear the thought of coming back to this dark world again. Then the angel said—"you must go back, and if you are faithful, you, with the 144,000 shall have the privilege of visiting all the worlds and viewing the handy work of God."

For two years past, the Lord has shown me in vision, repeatedly, that it is contrary to the Bible to make any provision for our temporal wants in the time of trouble. I saw that if the saints have food laid up by them, or in the fields, in the time of trouble when sword, famine, and pestilence are in the land, it will be taken from them by violent hands, and strangers will be taken from them by violence. It will be the time for us to trust wholly in God, and he will sustain us. I saw that our bread and water would be sure at that time, and we should not lack, or suffer hunger.—The Lord has shown me that some of his children would fear when they see the price of food rising, and they would buy food and lay it by for the time of trouble. Then in a time of need, I saw them go to their food and look at it, and it had bred worms, and was full of living creatures, and not fit for use. About one week since, the Lord showed me in vision, that houses and lands would be of no use in the time of trouble, and in that time they could not be disposed of. I saw it was the will of God that the saints should cut loose from every encumbrance—dispose of their houses and lands before the time of trouble comes, and make a covenant with God by sacrifice. I saw they would sell if they laid their property on the altar, and earnestly inquired for duty. Then God will teach them when to dispose of these things. Then they will be free in the time of trouble, and have no clogs to weigh them down.

I saw if any held on to their property, and did not inquire duty of the Lord, he would not make duty known, and they would be permitted to keep their property, and then in the time of trouble their property would come up before them like a mountain to crush them. Then they tried to get rid of it, but could not. I heard them mourn like this,—the cause was languishing—God's people were suffering for truth, and we made no effort to supply the lack, and now our property is useless. Oh! that we had let it go, and laid up treasure in heaven. I saw a sacrifice did not increase, but decrease, and was consumed. I also saw that God had not required all of his people to dispose of their property at the same time, but in a time of need he would teach them, if they desired to be taught, when to sell, and how much to sell. I saw that some had been required to dispose of their property in past times, to sustain the advent cause, while he permitted others to keep theirs until a time of need. Then as the cause needs it, their duty is to sell.

Now is the time to lay up treasure in heaven, and to set our hearts in order, ready for the time of trouble. Those only who have clean hands and a pure heart will stand that trying time. Now is the time for the law of God to be in our minds (foreheads), and written in our hearts. The Lord has shown me the danger of letting our minds be filled with worldly thoughts and cares. I saw that some minds were led away from present truth and a love of the holy Bible, by reading other exciting books, and were filled with perplexity and care for what they shall eat, drink and wear. I saw some, looking too far off for the coming of the Lord. Time has continued on a few years longer than they expected, therefore they think it may continue a few years more, and in this way their minds are being led from present truth, out after the world. In these things I saw great danger; for if the mind is filled with other things, present truth is shut out, and there is no place in our foreheads for the seal of the living God. This seal is the Sabbath. I saw that the time for Jesus to be in the most holy place was nearly finished, and that time can last but a very little longer, and what leisure time we have should be spent in searching the Bible, which is to judge us in the last day.

My Dear Brethren and Sisters:—Let the commandments of God, and the testimony of Jesus Christ be in your minds continually, and let them crowd worldly thoughts and cares from the mind. When you lie down, and when you rise up, let them be your meditation. Live, and act wholly in reference to the coming of the Son of Man. The sealing time is very short, and soon will be over. Now is the time to make our calling and election sure, while the four angels are holding the four winds.

If any among us are sick, let us not dishonor God by applying to earthly physicians, but apply to the God of Israel. If we follow his directions (James 5: 14, 15,) the sick will be healed. God's promise cannot fail. Have faith in God, and trust wholly in him, that when Christ who is our life shall appear we may appear with him in glory.

Topsham, Jan. 31, 1849. E. G. WHITE.

- ① Pour out his wrath on those who have rejected his truth.
- ② Then an angel pointed to them and said—
- ③ The signs recorded by Matt., Mark and Luke, he meant heaven,
- ④ first to shake the powers of earth, then
- ⑤ The watchful care of these angels, and would not be comforted by
- ⑥ fallen by disobedience, like those on the earth. Then I saw
- ⑦ Upon the bow was written Holiness.
- ⑧ By violent hands and strangers would reap their fields. Then will be
- ⑨ I also saw that God had not required all of his people to dispose of their property at the same time,
- ⑩ the testimony of Jesus Christ be in your minds

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music was both vocal and instrumental. It was unlike any thing earth ever knew.

Her statement is without any affectation. Her spirit seems as pure as an angel—She is, I think she said, without temptation. I have found a few others who seem in the same moral and religious condition,—pure and artless and innocent as Eden! She wants patience to wait for the glory she saw; but has the assurance of it, if faithful, soon. Has faith now that she shall not "sleep" but be "alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord." To sustain her faith I gave her John II: 26, in which she was interested.

She asked what I thought of the state of the dead, I gave her 1st Thess. 4: 13, 18. The word "sleep" is employed four times, and then the idea is again expressed by the term "dead in Christ." The "dead"—those asleep are placed in contrast with those who are "alive" in Christ, at his coming. She thought it was so because prior to her death she knew all that was passing and after she came out of that state, but knew "nothing at all" during that period. "The dead know not any thing," they shall "not awake nor be raised out of their sleep" till the resurrection, Job 14 & 19th chapters, Ps. 16 & 17th; Acts 2: 29-34; Heb. 11: 13-32, 29; Rev. 11: 17; Acts 26, 27; Titus 2: 11-14. 2nd Tim. 4: 1, 8.

I am in health on my way to see Bro. F. G. Brown and others. Adieu.

Yours in the blessed hope,

J. B. COOK.

Letter from Bro. Lyford.

Thornton, N. H., Feb. 15, 1846.

And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of Man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the Ark, and the flood came & destroyed them all. Likewise also, as it was in the days of Lot, they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted; but the same day that Lot went "out of Sodom, it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed. Luke 17: 26-30.

Here we see Jesus telling his disciples in what state he should find the world in the day when he should be revealed. They will be eating, marrying wives, and giving in marriage, buying, selling, planting and building. How many perished that were found doing these things! But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Well, it follows that God's children will not be found doing these things as the nations of the world do. The little flock all understand that to be consistent in this day of the Lord, while we are commanded to wait the return of our Lord from the wedding, we cannot marry wives, or plant, or build; and only sell, that we may give alms, as Christ commands in Luke 12: and buy not to traffic and increase our substance but feed the flock, both temporally and spiritually. Doubtless the little flock all believe this, and in this, we see a wide contrast between us and the world. But there is another point which I plead guilty in. Perhaps some will cry out fanaticism, when you come near their appetites. They did eat, they drank; This is the point I want to come at. Shall we be eating and drinking like unto this wicked world, and escape? I think not, according to the scripture. Let us go back to the 10th day of 7th month, to our experience: Did we then eat and drink like the wicked? No. And God was with us. There was not a dog to move his tongue. We were truly wondered at. And I believe the time has come when we should not seek nor take thought for our life what we shall eat, or drink, or wherewith we shall be clothed; but to seek the Kingdom of God and his righteousness and all things we need God will give us; and God knows what we need before we ask him.

My object in writing these few lines is to glorify God and encourage the little remnant to hold on their way, and not begin to murmur, as did the ancient Israelites. They said, We remember the fish, which we did eat in Egypt freely, the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and

the onions, and the garlicks. Nu. 11: 5, read the whole chapter.

I will now quote a few texts of scripture showing the dealings of God with his people, believing all scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable. Gen. 1: 29. And God said, behold I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed, to you it shall be for meat. 1st Ki. 19: 6. And he looked, and, behold, there was a cake baken on the coals, and a cruse of water at his head: Read the whole chap. Dan. 1: 12-25. Prove thy servants, I beseech thee, ten days, and let them give us pulse to eat, and water to drink.—Then let our countenances be looked upon before thee and the countenances of the children that eat of the portion of the Kings meat, and as thou seest, deal with thy servants. So he consented to them in this matter, and proved them ten days. And at the end of ten days their countenances appeared fairer and fatter in flesh than all the children which did eat the portion of the kings meat. Matt. 3: 4. And the same John had his raiment of camels hair, and a leather girdle about his loins: and his meat was locusts and wild honey.

And Christ says, Take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that day come upon you unawares, Luke 21: 34.

Bro. Jacobs, will the consistent Adventists, (as they call themselves) love this doctrine! And shall begin to smite his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken, Matt. 24: 49.

Yours praying the Lord to direct me into the patient waiting for Christ.

ALBERT LYFORD.

Letter from Sister Harmon.

Falmouth Mass., Feb., 15, 1846.

BRO. JACOBS:—

My vision which you published in the Day-Star was written under a deep sense of duty, to you, not expecting you would publish it. Had I for once thought it was to be spread before the many readers of your paper, I should have been more particular and stated some things which I left out. As the readers of the Day-Star have seen a part of what God has revealed to me, and as the part which I have not written is of vast importance to the Saints; I humbly request you to publish this also in your paper. God showed me the following, one year ago this month:—I saw a throne, and on it sat the Father and his Son Jesus Christ. I gazed on Jesus' countenance and admired his lovely person. The Father's person I could not behold for a cloud of glorious light covered him. I asked Jesus if his Father had a form like himself; He said he had, but I could not behold it; for, said he, if you should for once see the glory of his person, you would cease to exist. Before the throne was the Advent people, the Church, and the world. I saw a company bowed down before the throne, deeply interested while most of them stood up disinterested and careless. Those who were bowed before the throne would offer up their prayers and look to Jesus, then he would look to his Father and appeared to be pleading with him. Then a light came from the Father to his Son and from him to the praying company. Then I saw an exceeding bright light come from the Father to the Son and from the Son it waved over the people before the throne. But few would receive this great light. Many came out from under it and immediately resisted it. Others were careless and did not cherish the light and it moved off from them. Some cherished it and went and bowed down before the throne with the little praying company. This company all received the light, and rejoiced in it as their countenances shone with its glory. Then I saw the Father rise from the throne and in a flaming chariot go into the Holy of Holies within the veil, and did sit. There I saw thrones which I had not seen before. Then Jesus rose up from the throne, and most of those who were bowed down rose up with him. And I did not see one ray of light pass from Jesus to the care-

less multitude after he rose up, and they were left in perfect darkness. Those who rose up when Jesus did, kept their eyes fixed on him as he left the throne, and led them out a little way, then he raised his right arm and we heard his lovely voice saying, wait ye, I am going to my Father to receive the Kingdom. Keep your garments spotless and in a little while I will return from the wedding, and receive you to myself.— And I saw a cloudy chariot with wheels like flaming fire. Angels were all about the chariot as it came where Jesus was; he stepped into it and was borne to the Holiest where the Father sat. Then I beheld Jesus as he was before the Father a great High Priest. On the hem of his garment was a bell and a pomgranite, a bell and a pomgranite. Then Jesus shewed me the difference between faith and feeling. And I saw those who rose up with Jesus send up their faith to Jesus in the Holiest, and praying, Father give us thy spirit. Then Jesus would breathe on them the Holy Ghost. In the breath was light, power and much love, joy and peace. Then I turned to look at the company who were still bowed before the throne. They did not know that Jesus had left it. Satan appeared to be by the throne trying to carry on the work of God. I saw them look up to the throne and pray, My Father give us thy spirit. Then Satan would breathe on them an unholy influence. In it there was light and much power, but no sweet love, joy and peace. Satan's object was to keep them deceived and to draw back and deceive God's children. I saw one after another leave the company who were praying to Jesus in the Holiest, go and join those before the throne and they at once received the unholy influence of Satan.

About four months since, I had a vision of events, all in the future. And I saw the time of trouble, such as never was,—Jesus told me it was the time of Jacob's trouble, and that we should be delivered out of it by the voice of God. Just before we entered it, we all received the seal of the living God. Then I saw the four Angels cease to hold the four winds. And I saw famine, pestilence and sword, nation rose against nation, and the whole world was in confusion.— Then we cried to God for deliverance day and night till we began to hear the bells on Jesus' garment. And I saw Jesus rise up in the Holiest, and as he came out we heard the tinkling of the bells, and knew our High Priest was coming out. Then we heard the voice of God which shook the heavens and earth, and gave the 144,000 the day and hour of Jesus' coming. Then the saints were free, united and full of the glory of God, for he had turned their captivity. And I saw a flaming cloud come where Jesus stood and he laid off his priestly garment and put on his kingly robe, took his place on the cloud which carried him to the east where it first appeared to the saints on earth, a small black cloud, which was the sign of the Son of Man. While the cloud was passing from the Holiest to the east which took a number of days, the Synagogue of Satan worshiped at the saints feet.

ELLEN G. HARMON.

Letter from Bro. Crozier.

Rochester N. Y., Feb., 21, 1846.

DEAR BRO. JACOBS:—

"The Day-Star Extra" is received. We are suited. It, however, has several typographical errors, some of which need to be corrected. The σ is long in Hagion, being in the Greek Omega, which shows that the word is in the gen. pl.—The word "contradiction" pa. 38, first column and 70th line should be "contradistinction." Expunge "on" in the next column, last paragraph and 5th line. Read "David" for "Daniel" 4th line, same paragraph. "Desired" for "designed," next column 20th line. Analogy" for "analysis" pa. 39, first column, 62nd line. "Admonition" for "administration" next column, 58th line. "Transgressions" for "transgressors" next column 5th line from the bottom. "Defuses" for "affirms," pa. 40, first column, 9th line from the bottom.—"Being" for "leaving" next column, 43rd line.—"On" for "of" next column 2nd line. "Imputed" for "imparted". pa. 42, first column 7th line. 141