

THE LORD MAKING ORDER OUT OF CHAOS



INTRODUCTION: “..For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”(2 Corinthians 4;6)

In view of the fact that **“God is light and in Him is no darkness at all”**(1 John 1:5), we can confidently say that **He’s the only one who**

can cause light to shine out of darkness, good out of evil, order out of chaos. He's capable of turning the tables, **changing sinners to saints, disobedience to obedience**. Yes, "the light of the knowledge of the glory of **God in the face of Jesus Christ**" is able to dispel all the darkness that there is, and end all the confusion, apostasy and divisions caused by the Prince of darkness.

Looking at the present state of things and confusion among the churches, it's important to know how the Lord is going to turn the tables and finish his work, **so that the present heavens and the earth can forever pass away, and the new ones forever ushered in**. To clearly understand this important lesson, let's begin by looking at

The Prophecy of God and the Futility of Idols



Prophecy, you know, is the ability to predict the future. While God **accurately tells** what will happen and when it will happen beforehand (Isaiah 46:9,10), **the Idols in an attempt to tell the future only end up spouting gibberish and hallucinations.**

Now the Living God challenges them, “**Present your case,**” says the Lord. **‘Bring forth your strong reasons,’** says the King of Jacob. **‘Let them bring forth and show us what will happen;** Let them show the former things, what they were, That we may consider them, And know the latter end of

them; **Or declare to us things to come. Show the things that are to come hereafter, That we may know that you are gods;** Yes, do good or do evil, That we may be dismayed and see it together.”(Isaiah 41:21-23).

Indeed these idols (**be they graven images or the men that speak**) are “**nothing**” and so is their work, **and whoever chooses them is an abomination** (Isa 41:24). Now is the time to gain confidence in the One true God and to have zero hope in the graven idols and the human idols. **The words of these idols are futile, incapable of imparting any saving knowledge or any true prophecy.** Those who trust them are but digging their own graves for the second death, the death where there’s no resurrection. Indeed “**It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man. It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in princes.**”(Psalms 118:8,9)

True Prophecy



“ I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure.”(Isaiah 46:9,10)

God alone, you see, is capable of declaring the end of the beginning, for He lives outside the timeline and therefore sees the past, present and future **all at once.**

True prophecy, you must remember, always comes to pass. Though this is the case, It's

imperative to understand that **Some prophecies or promises are conditional**, that is they only come to pass when certain conditions are met (**They are the “If” prophecies**, Like in Jeremiah 18:7-10, 1 Kings 9:4-5, 1 Chronicles 28:7) **while others are not, that is they come to pass regardless** (Like Daniel 2,7, Ezekiel 36, Rev 13, Messianic prophecies e.t.c) .

Some have a single fulfillment, **that is they just happen once** (Like in Daniel 8:14, 9:26) while others have a double fulfillment, **that is they have two applications** (Like in Zechariah 14:3-5, Ezk 9, Joel 2:28).

But it's also important to understand that history repeats itself, and while a prophecy may have a single fulfillment or application, **yet the events of that prophecy may later be repeated in a similar fashion**. For example, the Papacy was to persecute the saints until “a

time and times and the dividing of time”(Dan 7:25, Rev 12:6,13:5) or 1260 years from AD538 to AD1798. This prophetic time period cannot have a double fulfillment, yet the events of that period of the Dark Ages will be repeated in a similar fashion, when Babylon the Great shall rule the world during the Mark of the Beast Decree (Compare with Revelation 13:11-18)

Having thus discovered this truth, let’s see how prophecy predicts the events connected with the finishing of the gospel work, how the scriptures stand clear,

Foreshadowing the Judgment and War in the Last Days



One important thing to remember is that, “**The prophecy of Isaiah 3**” has been presented “**as applying to these last days..**”(1T 270.1), and since this is the case, then we shall endeavor to consider some key points of this chapter, for it is for our own good at this late hour.

Beginning at verses 13 and 14, we read, “**The Lord stands up to plead, And stands to judge the people. The Lord will enter into judgment With the elders of His people And**

His princes: ‘For you have eaten up the vineyard; The plunder of the poor is in your houses.’

Notice that here the Lord stands up **“in court”** as the NIV puts it, **to judge the “ancients” or the “elders” and “princes” of His people**, and the reason He is doing it is because they have **“eaten up the vineyard”** or destroyed it, and spoiled the poor. Since the **“vineyard”** is but the **“house of Israel”**(Isa 5:7) - **the church**, then these elders and princes are those who’ve been given the charge over God’s own church. They are like the faithful servant whom his master **“made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season”** but have acted like an **“evil servant”** (Matthew 24:45,48). **They preach smooth things and peace, without warning the members of what’s soon to transpire.** Indeed they are like the angel of the Church of the Laodiceans (Revelation 3:14-18).

Plainly, then, the judgement brought about in these verses takes place in the church, among His people, beginning with “the ancients” or “the elders” before the house of the sanctuary (Ezekiel 9:6). Indeed “...**the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God.**”(1 Peter 4:17).

And if the entire church has to be judged “**in the last days**” before the world is judged, then it’s not just the leaders who are to be judged, **the “daughters of Zion”,** too, are to be judged for their foolish actions.

Says the Lord, “ **Because the daughters of Zion are haughty, And walk with outstretched necks And wanton eyes, Walking and mincing as they go, Making a jingling with their feet, Therefore the Lord will strike with a scab** The crown of the head of the daughters of Zion, **And the Lord will uncover their secret parts.**’ In that day the

Lord will take away the finery: The jingling anklets, the scarves, and the crescents...”(Isaiah 3:16-18)

It's important to understand that The word **“day”** in the Old Testament is mostly the Hebrew word **“yom”**, which, unless the context is clear, means **“age”** or **a period of time, not just a single 24 hour day**. In Genesis 1, the six days of creation are qualified with **“the evening and the morning”**(Gen 1:5,8) to show that **they are literal 24 hour days**. But in prophecy or other instances where the context isn't qualifying them to be 24 hour days, **they mean long periods**. For example you might say, **“Martin Luther was a powerful preacher in his day”** to mean in his lifetime, not just a single day.

Thus The phrase **“In that day”**(verse 18 of Isa 3) **points to the last days (the last ages), the days in which this judgement takes place**

and in which the Lord takes away the honor or finery of the daughters of Zion.

The Church thinks she's a queen. She's haughty because her daughters have cherished all kinds of showy and proud things, whether rings, necklaces , jewelry, changeable suits of apparel e.t.c. They know not what it means to be adorned **“in modest apparel”**(1 Tim 2:9,10).

The Lord, however, promises not only to punish the elders who've failed to feed the flock with meat in due season, and who are **idolized** by the laity as spiritual guardians, but also to **“strike”** the daughters of Zion when he arises in Judgment. He will humiliate them by uncovering “their secret parts.” And don't forget that Zion is God's church (Isa 51:16). What a momentous moment we've come to, brother, sister. **Are you cherishing the worldly spirit or the Christian spirit?**

Then, too, the prophet recorded, **“Your men shall fall by the sword, And your mighty in the war. Her gates shall lament and mourn, And she being desolate shall sit on the ground.”**(Isaiah 3:25,26)

From this chapter all the way up to the last 2 verses, you can see that **“the reproofs are given to the daughters of Zion who have thought only of appearance and display. Read verse 25: ‘Thy men shall fall by the sword, and thy mighty in the war.’** I was shown that **this scripture will be strictly fulfilled.** Young men and women professing to be Christians, **yet having no Christian experience,** and having borne no burdens and felt no individual responsibility, are to be proved. **They will be brought low in the dust and will long for an experience in the things of God, which they have failed to obtain. War lifts his helmet to his brow; O God, protect Thy people now.”**(1T 270.1.2).

In this judgment, while Zion's elders and daughters are being judged, **Zion's men and mighty men will also fall by the sword during the war.** And since verse 25 will be **“strictly fulfilled”**, then we can confidently say that **this war is to be fought in the last days, during which** God will bring down the sword among His people, to separate the faithful (those who oppose the worldly spirit) and the unfaithful (the elders, the daughters and men of Zion). (See Isaiah 34:1-6, 1T 189.2, Zechariah 14:1,2)

What will be the result of this judgment and its purpose, we shall endeavor to see in a moment, but are you prepared, brother, sister, for the coming judgment among the living members of the church, **and the war? “War lifts his helmet to his brow; O God, protect Thy people now.”**

The statement **“Her gates shall lament and mourn, And she being desolate shall sit on the ground”** Proves that when the proud daughters of Zion are punished, **no longer will the Church ever think she’s a queen who sits on the throne**, she shall be humiliated and **“will be brought low in the dust”** to the ground. What a loss!

The Great Apostasy Precedes Glory

“And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, ‘We will eat our own food and wear our own apparel; Only let us be called by your name, To take away our reproach.’”(Isaiah 4:1)



“In that day”, that is in the day Zion’s men fall by the sword and her mighty in the war, in the day the judgment takes place in the house of God, in the last days, this condition herein brought forth shall appear. Bearing in mind that “a woman” symbolizes a church, whether apostate or otherwise (See Jeremiah 6:2, 2 Cor 11:2, Rev 12, 17, GC88 380.3), and that the number 7 “indicates completeness”(AA 585), then these seven women symbolize seven churches (the whole of Christendom) in the last days, the day the judgment takes place.

Since it is the Lord who, in antiquity, told one woman, Israel, that **“I am married unto you”**(Jer 3:14), then while the Church is the wife, the husband has to be the Lord himself. He’s the one man, **“the man Christ Jesus”**(1 Timothy 2:5). But the fact that **Isaiah here presents a multiplicity of churches (seven women)**, shows that this prophecy cannot refer to the Old Testament, when there was only one woman professing to be married to the Lord, or even in the early centuries of the Christian era, **but rather all the way down to our time, the time when different sects of Christianity profess to be married to Christ, including the SDA movement.**

The husband, you must remember , gives his name to the wife, and supplies her food and raiment. In telling Christ that, “We will eat our own food” the churches want neither Inspired Truth nor additional truth. They want

to fetch their own doctrines (food) which the Bible never teaches. They want to build their confidence on the theories of uninspired men. The church of the Laodiceans even thinks she's **“in need of nothing”** when she really needs everything.(Rev 3:15-17)

And by saying, we will **“wear our own apparel”**, these churches **don't want Christ's righteousness and want their own, which is but “as filthy rags”**(Isa 64:6). They think they are clothed, yet they are naked and miserable. That the SDA movement is among this category, is evident in that God even counsels her to buy from Him a **“white raiment”**(Rev 3:18) which is Christ's righteousness that she may be clothed. They all just want to be called **“Christians”** and not be Christlike.

This great hypocrisy and apostasy, you see, is going to plunge many professed Christians into hell, for Christ only promises

to take unto himself “the Bride” that’s committed to Him, not those who try to fetch their own doctrines and righteousness. **But if the World is to be saved through Christianity, and if she has apostatized, wherein then lies the hope of the world?** Because if the conditions remain the same, then both Christianity and the Unserved world will be plunged into hell. What a forbidding thought!

The Turning Point

“In that day the Branch of the Lord shall be beautiful and glorious; And the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and appealing For those of Israel who have escaped.”(Isa 4:2).



“In that day”, that is in the same period these events we are studying take place, **the days of “the Branch.” But Who’s the Branch?** Let’s turn to Jeremiah..

“Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, **‘That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness;** A King shall reign and prosper, And execute judgment and righteousness in the earth. **In His days Judah will be saved, And Israel will dwell safely;** Now this is **His name** by which He will be called: **THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.**”(Jeremiah 23:5,6, Isa 11:1).

This righteous Branch, you see, is called **“THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS”**. It is Christ Himself **after His incarnation, after being born from the lineage of David**. Clearly this is in the Christian Era, not before. But how can Christ, **the Branch**, be beautiful and glorious in the day all the Christian churches seek their own righteousness and doctrines and not the Lord’s? And if during the days of the Branch, Judah and Israel (God’s church) call Christ **“The Lord Our righteousness”** doesn’t that create a paradox since they are part of the entire Christendom that seeks her own righteousness? What brings about this great change, from seeking their own righteousness to calling the Lord their righteousness?.

Notice that it says that the Branch becomes beautiful and glorious when **“the fruit of the**

earth shall be excellent and appealing For **those of Israel who have escaped.**” Yes, some in Israel (the Church) do escape. **But they escape from what?** It’s clear from the context of these verses **that they escape from the sword that kills Zion’s men, and from the judgment that sifts out the daughters of Zion and the elders.**

The next verse confirms this point: “**And it shall come to pass that he who is left in Zion and remains in Jerusalem will be called holy** — everyone who is recorded among the living in Jerusalem.”(Isa 4:3)

By doing away with the unfaithful and proud ones in Zion, **those who remain therein will be called holy.** Their names are recorded among the living members of the church. **And when does this work of purification take place?** The next verse gives a clear answer..

“When the Lord has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and purged the

blood of Jerusalem from her midst, by the spirit of judgment and by the spirit of burning.”(Isa 4:4).

By washing away **the filth** of the daughters of Zion and purge the blood [life] of the people in Jerusalem, **the Lord will purify His Church, only the holy ones will remain.** And since no **filth can be washed away after the close of Human probation**, for we read that **at that time** the pronouncement is made, **“He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him be righteous still; he who is holy, let him be holy still.”**(Rev 22:11), and that shortly after, the Saviour comes (Rev 22:12, **then this Purification of the Church takes place before the close of Human probation.** This is Bible Truth, you see, not fables of men.

Indeed the time is coming, when **“the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the**

righteous.”(Ps 1:5). “While the investigative Judgment is going forward in Heaven, while the sins of penitent believers are being removed from the sanctuary, **there is to be a special work of purification, of putting away of sin, among God ’ s people upon earth..**”(GC88 425.1), “The great issue so near at hand will weed out those whom God has not appointed and **He will have a pure, true, sanctified ministry prepared for the latter rain.....**”(3SM 385.3), “**But the days of purification of the church are hastening on apace.** God will have a people pure and true. In the mighty sifting soon to take place we shall be better able to measure the strength of Israel. The signs reveal that the time is near when the Lord will manifest that His fan is in His hand, and **He will thoroughly purge His floor...** Those who have rendered supreme homage to ‘science falsely so called’ **will not be the leaders then.** Those who have trusted to intellect, genius, or talent **will not then stand**

at the head of rank and file. They did not keep pace with the light. **Those who have proved themselves unfaithful will not then be entrusted with the flock..”(5T 79.4,80.1).**

Never again will Zion, the Church, ever try to be proud and to think she’s a queen by practicing worldliness and seeking her own doctrines and righteousness. She shall indeed be desolate and be brought down to the ground. **The ministry of the Church will then be pure, with new leadership...**

Zephaniah, looking down to this same time and purification said, **“In that day** you shall not be shamed for any of your deeds In which you transgress against Me; **For then I will take away from your midst Those who rejoice in your pride, And you shall no longer be haughty In My holy mountain.** I will leave in your midst A meek and humble people, And they shall trust in the name of the Lord. **The**

remnant of Israel shall do no unrighteousness And speak no lies, Nor shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth; For they shall feed their flocks and lie down, And no one shall make them afraid.”(Zephaniah 3:11-13).

When the Lord takes away all that make the Church to foolishly think she sits as queen on the throne, then it is that she shall no longer be haughty again. **Then it is that the remnant (the meek and the humble), those who remain after this purification work, shall not do unrighteousness or speak lies. A deceitful tongue shall not be found in their mouth, “for they are without fault before the throne of God.”(Rev 14:5).** These shall dwell safely and none will make them afraid, for **“they shall trust in the name of the Lord”**
As their only righteousness and throw away their own.

This single event, the purification of the church, you see, is what brings about this complete transformation during the latter days of the Branch. **From seeking their own righteousness (apparel), God's people will start proclaiming "THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS", and from sinners who trust in themselves, they will become saints who trust in the Lord, and who will be called "holy" and will therefore do no unrighteousness, and from preaching their own theories (seeking their own food), they will preach the "everlasting gospel" to every creature under the sun.** All these events, you see, take place before the close Human of probation.

Finishing the Gospel Work

Thus it is that with this purified movement, **"this gospel of the kingdom shall be**

preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.”(Matt 24:14) **It is in this way that Christ , the Branch, will become beautiful and glorious in the person of His faithful people.** “ And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, **Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.** For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.”(Rev 18:4,5) “Clad in the armor of Christ’s righteousness, the church is to enter upon her final conflict. **‘Fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners’** (Song of Solomon 6:10), she is to go forth into all the world, conquering and to conquer.”(PK 725.2)

“.. then the Lord will create above every dwelling place of Mount Zion, and above her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day

and the shining of a flaming fire by night. For over all the glory there will be a covering. And there will be a tabernacle for shade in the daytime from the heat, for a place of refuge, and for a shelter from storm and rain.”

With such a mighty movement appearing **“terrible as an army with banners”**(compare with EW 34.1), with **“a cloud and smoke by day and the shining of a flaming fire by night”**, the gospel message will penetrate every part of the world and consequently **“Large numbers will be admitted who in these last days hear the truth for the first time.”**(LDE 182.2). **“ For he will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth.”**(Romans 9:28).

Now you see clearly **that the present chaos of spiritual apostasy (depicted by seven women) is to give birth to a great spiritual rival**

world wide. Thus will the Lord finish his work and Probation will close to the whole world. Thus will the Lord create order out of chaos beginning from within the Church, all the way to the time sin and sinners will be completely removed from the earth.

The Final Dwelling Place of the Remnants...



“Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with

them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.”(Rev 21:3-5). “...he will make an utter end: affliction shall not rise up the second time.”(Nahum 1:9).

The prophecy of Isaiah 4:3 is probationary, yet its conditions of having only the holy ones left in the Church, **will be repeated in a similar fashion but on a greater scale after the millennium, when no sinners or sin will ever appear in the entire universe.** Then the remnants, the holy ones will have joy eternal, and the Lord will be their God. **“And there shall be no more curse:** but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his

servants shall serve him: And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads. And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.”(Rev 22:3-5)

God, you see, is the God of order and of peace. He can change even the chief of sinners into a saint, He can help you discard your own righteousness and cling to His righteousness, He can help you strive to be one of or one with the 144,000, **a mighty group of saints that will finish the gospel**, and even more so to come and enjoy eternal peace and joy in the new Earth with the Saviour.

May the Lord Help His People.

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