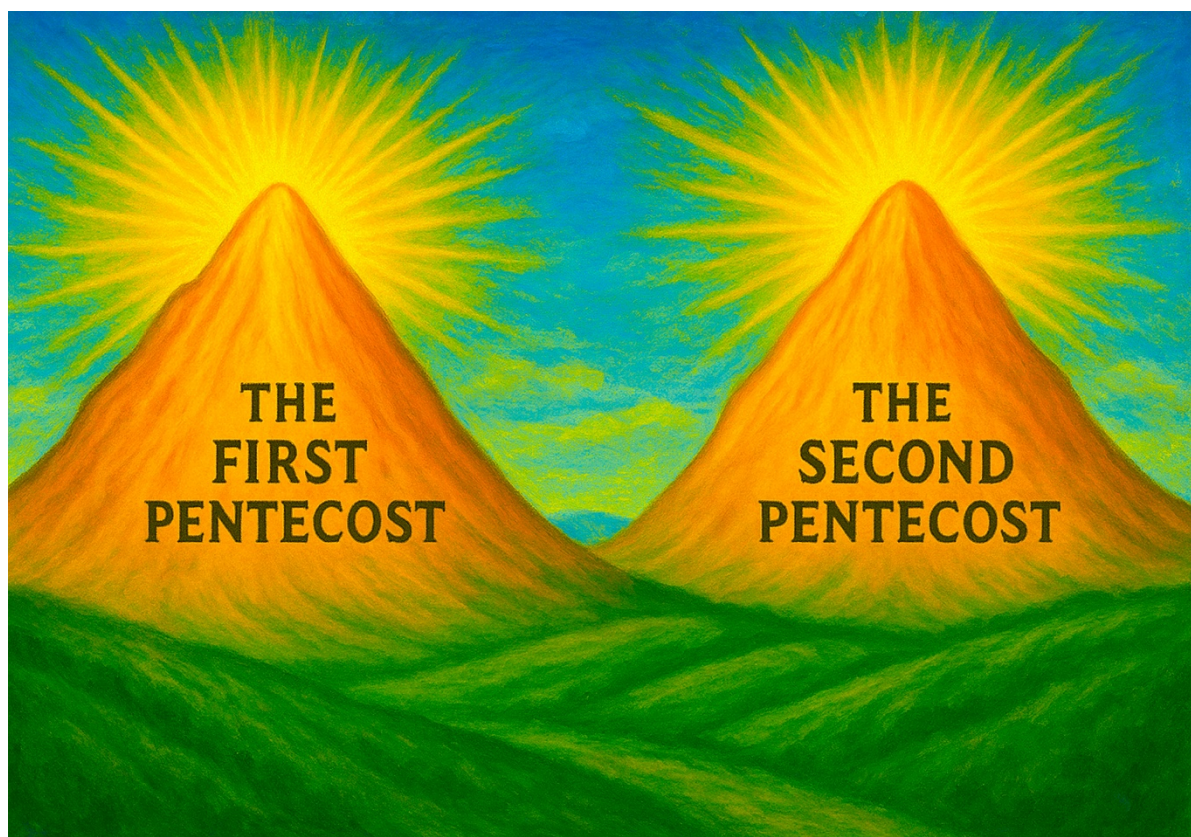


THE TWO PENTECOSTS COMPARED



INTRODUCTION: “**The Lord will work to purify His church.** I tell you in truth, the Lord is about to turn and overturn in the institutions called by His name. **Just how soon this refining process will begin I cannot say, but it will not be long deferred.** He whose fan is in His hand will

cleanse His temple of its moral defilement. **He will thoroughly purge His floor.**”(Pastoral Ministry 170.2)

The Lord has never lost any battle. He always does what He says(Isa 55:11). And since it's His purpose that the “**gospel of the kingdom**” will be “**preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations**”(Matt 24:14) to bring about the end, then it matters not how Satan tries to oppose this work, this inspired word will surely come to pass. And though things at the moment seem to indicate that it's impossible, the Lord will turn the tables and finish His work, so that His people may go and rest in the kingdom eternal.

The Day Of Pentecost.

The Bible records that the nucleus of the

Apostolic Church only had 120 members (Acts 1:15) harvested from the Jewish Church by Christ and His message. “And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, **they were all with one accord in one place.** And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And **they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.**”(Acts 2:1-4).

The fact that “**they were all with one accord**” and “**had all things common**”(Acts 2:44) shows that this was a pure movement. Indeed “**During the lives of the apostles the church remained comparatively pure..**”(GC88 384.5) . After receiving the outpouring of the Holy Spirit,

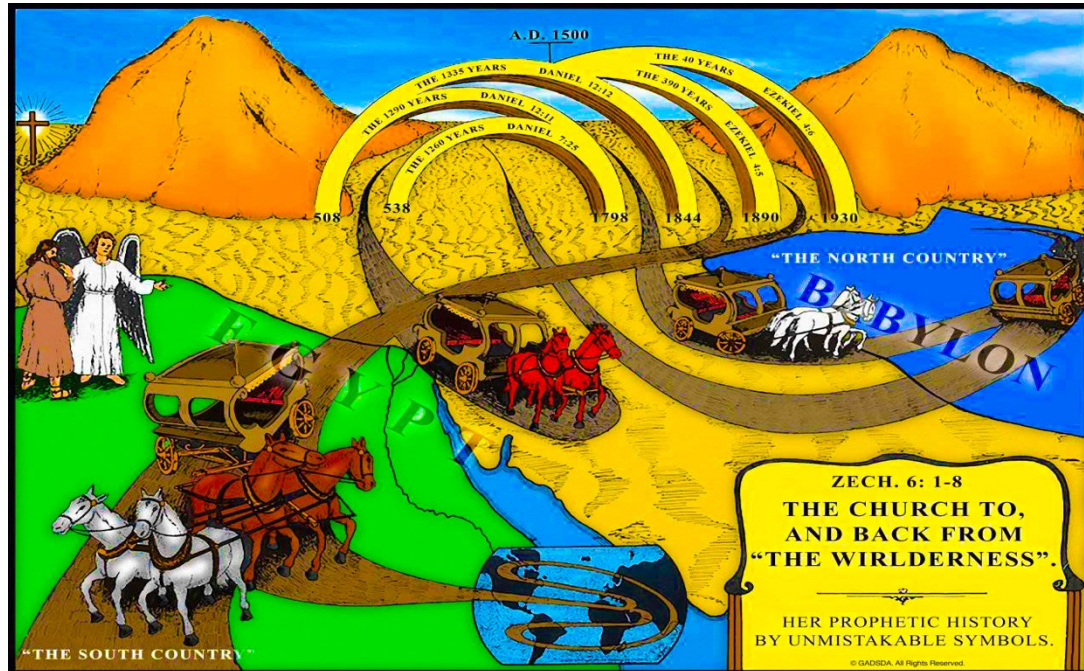
“The glad tidings of a risen Saviour were carried **to the uttermost parts of the inhabited world.** As the disciples proclaimed the message of redeeming grace, hearts yielded to the power of this message.” and **“The church beheld converts flocking to her from all directions.** Backsliders were reconverted. Sinners united with believers in seeking the pearl of great price. Some who had been the bitterest opponents of the gospel became its champions.”(AA 48.1, see also Acts 2:37-41). **Notice the Pattern:** The spirit filled saints, **120 in number,** harvested from the larger Jewish Church by Christ, and through their ministry multitudes were saved.

To understand this time period, and also ascertain whether there will be another such period, let's turn to Zechariah 6, and

look at

The Mountains of Brass.

“And I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and, behold, **there came four chariots out from between two mountains**; and the mountains were mountains of brass.”(Zech 6:1)



In this vision Zechariah beheld two

maintains of brass. **Since a mountain represents God's church** (Zech 8:3, Isa 56:5-7) and since throughout history God has had **only one true Church** (Rev 12), then we can't escape the fact that the two mountains **represent two separate periods somewhere in the history of the Church.**

In order for us to know the exact time when these mountains appear, it's imperative first to realize that **they are made of brass.** Brass is Bright yellow-gold, sometimes reddish or silvery depending on the copper-to-zinc ratio. **It's Metallic and shiny when polished. It's Smooth and can be highly reflective. It has Excellent resistance to corrosion,** and Forms a protective oxide layer that prevents further oxidation.

Having such firm and eternal qualities, these two mountains of brass **can only**

represent the Church triumphant, the church purified (at two different times). This is true especially when we realize that being resistant to corrosion can only mean being intolerant to wickedness like in the case of the Apostolic church (Acts 5:1-11).

And since the children of Israel in the OT testament were ever rebellious, and cherished the “abominations” even before they came out of Egypt (Ezk 20), then the two mountains can only find their fulfillment in the Christian dispensation.

The facts already brought forth here show that **the first mountain represents none but the Apostolic Church**, the church that conquered the world at that time through the message.

But Paul predicted that the Apostolic Church was not going to continue upholding the Christian standards. Said He

“...for that day shall not come, **except there come a falling away first**, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition”(2 Thess 2:3).

Indeed as soon as the apostles retired to their graves, this “falling away” from the faith, **dropping from the top of the first mountain of brass into the valley as it were**, took place. Yes, “toward the latter end of the second century most of the churches assumed a new form, the first simplicity disappeared..” and “**a pagan flood, flowing into the church, carried with it its customs, practices, and idols..**”(GC88 384.5)

Thus the Church since that time has not been meeting the expectations of her redeemer. The enemy sowed tares among the wheat. But since there are two mountains of brass, **it follows that there's to be another Church movement like**

that of the apostles before the **Second coming**, that the Church will again lift up the banner of Christ's righteousness like on the day of Pentecost. **Manifestly, then, the valley between the two mountains points to the period between the two Pentecosts.**

The Symbolism of the Horses and Chariots.

“Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; but we will remember the name of the Lord our God.”(Ps 20:7) **“The horse is prepared for the day of battle, but deliverance is of the Lord.”**(Proverbs 21:31). Notice that horses and chariots are used in warfare, and when they are used by God, they obviously point to His message through the Church against error(Zech 14:20), though many Christians act like “untrained horses”(9T

258.2). Thus when the prophet asked “What are these, my lord?” The angel said “**These are the four spirits of the heavens, which go forth from standing before the Lord of all the earth**”(Zechariah 6:4,5). And the horses pulling the chariots represent leadership leading the laity as the “four spirits”(four messages) are being proclaimed.

The First Chariot.

“**In the first chariot were red horses**”(Zech 6:2). The color, pointing to the experience or condition of the Church at a particular time, and **red color** being the symbol of **bloodshed**, the chariot pulled by **red horses** points to the period of martyrdom after the apostles(that is, the first mountain of brass) and before 538AD. The Christians were slain. And the fact that

while this prophecy shows the final destinations of the other three chariots(Zech 6:6,7) it doesn't mention were this chariot with **red horses** went proves that the people of God didn't go anywhere, for they were martyred.

The Second Chariot.

“..and in the second chariot **black horses**”(Zech 6:2). **Black**, being the symbol of **Bondage or Spiritual darkness**, the Second Chariot logically depicts God's people from 538AD to 1798AD, the time when Rome switched **off** the lights of the Bible. And the fact that the angel said, “The **black horses** which are therein go forth into the north country” proves this interpretation to be true, for the “north country” where this chariot went is a symbol of Babylon (Ezekiel 26:7). This

prophecy being in the Christian era, **it follows that this is Antitypical Babylon of the dark ages.**

The church went to the north country in the sense that her work was directed to Babylon, the very reason there was reformation and Protestantism during that time.

The Third Chariot.

“And in the third chariot white horses”(Zech 6:3). White being the opposite of **Balck, it is a symbol of spiritual liberty. And as the light did not shine until after the papacy was imprisoned in 1798AD, then this third Chariot finds its application just after **that** year. The Lord raised up none but the Millerites at that time to proclaim the 1st and 2nd Angel’s**

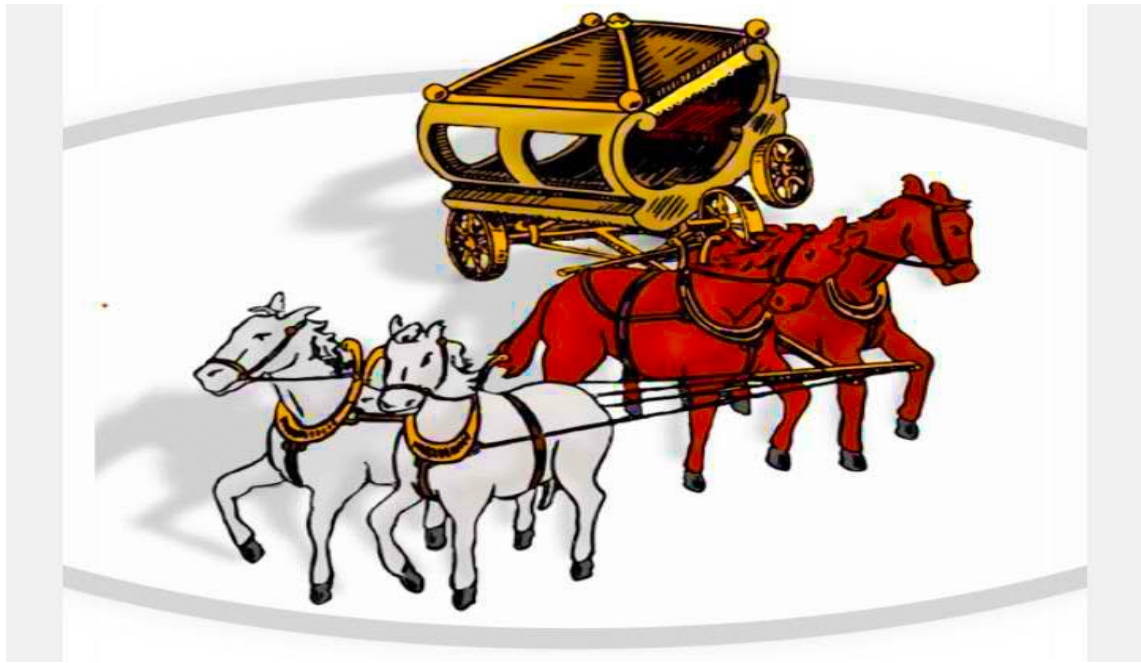
messages of Revelation 14. That Movement, named Philadelphia(brotherly love), having no condemnation (Rev 3:7-13), **is therefore symbolized by the chariot with white horses.** Their message extended to distant lands. “Of all the great religious movements **since the days of the apostles, none have been more free from human imperfection and the wiles of Satan than was that of the autumn of 1844.** Even now, after the lapse of nearly half a century, all who shared in that movement and who have stood firm upon the platform of truth, **still feel the holy influence of that blessed work, and bear witness that it was of God.**”(GC88 401.1)

The text says that when the back horses went to the north country, “the white” also went “forth after them”(Zech 6:6) with the messages of heaven. But since the churches

rejected the message, the words “Behold, these that go toward the north country have quieted my spirit in the north country”(Zech 6:8) came true. And the message was proclaimed “Babylon is fallen, is fallen”

The Fourth Chariot.

“..and in the fourth chariot grisled and **bay horses.**”(Zech 6:3) After the millerite Movement, the last Movement to exist before the Second Mountain of brass, the second Pentecost, **proves to be none other than The Seventh Day Adventist Church.** It is the very last church of God, the Laodecean movement, the church declaring the judgment message from 1844. What makes it different from other chariots is that in this one, two sets of horses (leaders) are pulling one chariot.



Bay is a **reddish-brown** or rich brown body color. The bay horses are “strong *steeds*”.

“*Grisled*” or “Grizzled” refers to a **mixture of dark and white or gray hairs**. Being a mixture of black and white, these horses perfectly symbolize lukewarm Christian (neither hot nor cold). Thus Inspiration says “There are **two opposing influences continually exerted on the members of the church**. One influence is working for the purification of the church,

and the other for the corrupting of the people of God.”(TM 46.1) Where do you belong, brother, sister? Are you working for the good of the church by teaching and living the truth as it is in Jesus or are you helping the enemy of all unrighteousness by living like worldly people?

Difficult times we’ve come to, beloved. Nonetheless, the wheat and the tares are to grow together until the harvest. Then it is that the holy angels will do the work of separation (Matthew 13:30,38-43).

It says “and the **grisled** go forth toward the south country.”(Zech 6:6). Egypt is indeed south of Israel, so in a literal, geographical sense, Egypt is the “south country”. And it being the symbol of the world(Rev 11:8), the grisled horses are therefore pulling the Church toward worldliness (see 5T 217) while the bay(strong) horses want to “**go**

that they might walk to and fro through the earth”(verse 7).

So one group is pulling the church to worldliness, the other is pulling it toward perfection for the completion of the gospel message. One group is fostering the abominations in the church, the other is signing and crying for all the abominations that are practiced in the church. One group will fail to get a seal, the other will get it. Now is the time to choice, between right and wrong, truth and error, light and darkness.

The Second Mountain - The Second Pentecost.

Since the two horses are pulling the same chariot, nothing really can be done unless they are untied. What a paradox! Who’s

going to win? Since the time is fast approaching when “**he that is left in Zion, and he that remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, even every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem**”(Isa 4:3) then this Paradox is only going to be sorted out in the purification of the church, the day when “**the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.**”(Ps 1:5)

Writes the messenger of the Lord, “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.** “(5T 79.4)

When the Church is thus purified, the chariot is taken from the unrepentant grisled horses and given to **the bay(strong) horses** - the 144,000 who are to stand with the Lamb on Mount Zion. “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 80.1)

None but the 144,000 servants of God will form **the Church triumphant**

represented by the Second Mountain of Brass. “The third angel’s message is to lighten the earth with its glory; **but only those who have withstood temptation in the strength of the Mighty One will be permitted to act a part in proclaiming it when it shall have swelled into the loud cry.**”(RH November 19, 1908, Art. A, par. 9)

All who entertain sin and unrighteousness will certainly fail to make it to the Church triumphant, the church that will clad herself in a complete armor of Christ’s righteousness as she will be entering “**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)

“In immediate connection with the scenes of the great day of God, the Lord by the

prophet Joel has promised a special manifestation of His Spirit. Joel 2:28. **This prophecy received a partial fulfillment in the outpouring of the Spirit on the Day of Pentecost; but it will reach its full accomplishment in the manifestation of divine grace which will attend the closing work of the gospel.**”(HF 11.3)

“It is with an earnest longing that I look forward to **the time when the events of the day of Pentecost shall be repeated with even greater power than on that occasion. John says,** ‘I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.’ Then, **as at the Pentecostal season, the people will hear the truth spoken to them, every man in his own tongue.**”(6BC 1055.5, see also GC88 611).

Thus we learn that there's to be another

Pentecost in these last days.

As the Holy Spirit(the former rain of power) was poured upon the praying members of the apostolic church, **so the the latter rain of power will be poured out even more upon the survivors of the Purification of the Church.**

As the 120 disciples were harvested by Christ from the Jewish Church, **so the 144,000 will be harvested by Christ from the SDA church.**

And as the first fruits of the dead were numbered (120) and through their ministry the unnumbered second fruits of the dead were harvested, **so the first fruits of the living will be numbered(144,000) and through their ministry, “the great multitude which no man could number”, the second fruits of the living, will be**

harvested.

These escaped ones will be sent “unto the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, that draw the bow, to Tubal, and Javan, to the isles afar off, that have not heard my fame, neither have seen my glory; and they shall declare my glory among the Gentiles. And they shall bring all your brethren for an offering unto the LORD out of all nations upon horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and upon mules, and upon swift beasts, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, saith the LORD, as the children of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel into the house of the LORD.”(Isa 66:19,20)

“Jehovah declared to the prophet that He would send His witnesses ‘unto the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, ... to Tubal, and Javan, to the isles afar off.’
Isaiah 66:19. “(PK 374.2) “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).

Your goal, therefore, should be to strive for the seal of God's deliverance and be numbered among or with the 144,000. Make sure your name is in the book of Life, for when Micheal stands up, only those whose names are written in the book of life will be delivered. None others will.

May the Lord help His people.

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