

# Earth's Last War 7 of 12

## *Two Revivals—Loud Cry / Satan's Work*

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Revelation 12:17. Together:

“And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ” Revelation 12:17.

This is the soon-coming conflict, earth's last war. You remember yesterday we were studying the two inspirations: the inspiration of the army of Heaven, the inspiration of the host of hell. Revelation 16:13–14 pictures the inspiration from beneath—three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon, the beast, and the false prophet:

“...they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty” Revelation 16:14.

Wicked spirits gathering all the earth to battle; while on the other hand the testimony of Jesus gathers His people and brings them to that place where they are like Him.

Now friends, this battle that we keep studying about: there're really 3 phases to it. There is the battle itself. Then there is a preliminary battle before that. And then before that, there is the preparation for the battle. Each side must get its forces in shape. I repeat, each side must get its forces in shape. That means they must be recruited, and organized, and trained, and infused with a devoted enthusiasm, which inspires to all-out action. For this, for each side, is the crucial battle. Everything depends on this. It's win everything or lose everything.

This calls for power, unusual power, and there is a vast reservoir of power on each side. The world has yet to see what Satan can do, my friends. He has never been turned loose yet. And there is yet to be revealed what God can do.

Oh, my friends, it is impossible to give any idea, we're told, of the experience of the people of God who shall be alive upon the earth, when celestial glory and a repetition of the persecutions of the past are blended. Yes, friends, the display of heavenly glory on the one side, and the revelation of the wrath of the dragon and the power of hell on the other—both of these are beyond the power of our imaginations

to grasp. We can behold, but these are subjects which it is impossible to exaggerate. We are dealing with great issues, with great power.

Let us turn to Revelation 18, beginning with the first verse and notice what God's provision for this time is; how God purposes to provide the power and the glory, which closes the work of the third angel, which prepares His people so that they will be fully ready to meet the final onslaughts of the dragon hosts:

"After these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having..."

What?

"...Great power..."

This is it, friends

"...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" Revelation 18:1–2.

Then in the fourth verse:

"...Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues"  
Revelation 18:4.

Notice the expressions, in these verses, that indicate just what we are looking for, this mighty manifestation. First, in Revelation 18:1, the angel comes down with what? Great power. Then notice the next expression. The earth was lightened with his glory. Then next, he cried mightily; then the next, with a strong voice. All four of these expressions indicate something unusual, a mighty manifestation of the divine glory, a wonderful display of the power of Heaven. This is what we are looking for.

Now, notice, this is an angel or messenger. But like the angels of Revelation 14, this angel represents the people of God who give God's message for this hour. Oh friends, can it be that poor, little, weak people such as you and I are, can ever be brought to the place where, as a group, as a movement, we can be represented by this mighty angel, which comes down from Heaven having great power? I'll tell you this, friends. To make that possible, there must be a wonderful pouring out of the Spirit of God upon this people. And God has promised that.

Let us go to Acts 2:17:

"And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh..." Acts 2:17.

Heaven is going to open up and pour out its blessings in an unprecedented way. On the day of Pentecost, as Christ was enthroned in the Holy Place of the Heavenly Sanctuary, ah, my friends, what rich drafts of power, what a mighty manifestation of glory there was. But, ah, all that God did on Pentecost He's going to do in double measure today. This is the climax.

Again, Acts 3:19:

“Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you”  
Acts 3:19–20.

Here are the times of refreshing.

In the book *Early Writings*, you will notice this interesting expression on the timing of this outpouring:

“At the commencement of the time of trouble, we were filled with the Holy Ghost as we went forth and proclaimed the Sabbath more fully.

“‘The commencement of that time of trouble,’ here mentioned, does not refer to the time when the plagues shall be poured out, but to a short period just before they shall be poured out, while Christ is in the sanctuary”  
*Early Writings*, page 85.

Is there more than one time of trouble then? Yes. There's the great time of trouble that begins with the close of probation. That's when the plagues are poured out. But before that, there's a short period just before they are poured out. And where is Jesus at this time? He is still in the sanctuary, in the Most Holy Place. He's finishing up His work. But there's a little period in there, which is spoken of as a time of trouble and it is marked by something called the commencement of the time of trouble:

“At that time, while the work of salvation is closing, trouble will be coming on the earth, and the nations will be angry, yet held in check so as not to prevent the work of the third angel. At that time the ‘latter rain,’ or refreshing from the presence of the Lord, will come, to give power to the loud voice of the third angel, and prepare the saints to stand in the period when the seven last plagues shall be poured out” *Ibid.*, pages 85–86.

That page, that paragraph, friends, needs your special study line by line, word

by word. It's full of meaning.

Notice that there is a special time for the pouring out of the Latter Rain. Now, in a sense, the Latter Rain has been available for years, and there is a certain sense in which the Latter Rain has been with us. But the fullness of the outpouring that this is talking about awaits us.

It is coming in connection with this coming crisis at the commencement of the time of trouble, when the dragon, beast and false prophet, are marshaling their forces for the final onslaught; when by decree enforcing the institution of the papacy in violation of the law of God, our nation disconnects herself fully from righteousness; when the saints are plunged into those times of perplexity which persecution brings. Thank God, friends, we'll not be left alone. God meets the challenge of new power from beneath by new power from above. The angel comes down from Heaven having great power, and the earth is lightened with his glory.

*Early Writings*—Let us see some of the wonderful results of this outpouring of the Latter Rain and the giving of the Loud Cry:

"I heard those clothed with the armor speak forth the truth with great power. It had effect. Many had been bound... [But now] all fear of their relatives was gone, and the truth alone was exalted to them... 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'" *Ibid.*, page 271.

Friends, I want to see those chains broken, don't you? I want to see the honest in heart who have been prevented from hearing the truth, now eagerly laying hold of it, thousands accepting the message.

Again, we have a wonderful picture of the closing up of the work:

"Mighty miracles were wrought, the sick were healed, and signs and wonders followed the believers... I saw that this message will close with power and strength far exceeding the midnight cry...

That was in 1844.

"...Servants of God, endowed with power from on high, with their faces lighted up, and shining with holy consecration, went forth 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"  
*Ibid.*, page 278.

My friends, it's going to mean something to make the last call in these cities, isn't it? We're going to have to have our hearts somewhere else. We're going to have to be so attached to Heaven, so full of that magnetic pull of things away from this world, that as we come in contact with men and women, if there is anything in their hearts that answers to the heavenly magnet, they will feel, pulling through us, that divine attraction. Oh, God give us that power.

Now, you notice it says the sick are going to be healed and mighty miracles wrought. You know how it was in apostolic days, that man that had been lame all his life, got up and walked, just like that. Dorcas was raised from the dead. The blind saw, the deaf heard, the lepers were cleansed. And all that God did at Pentecost, and after, in the early church, He's going to do on a wider scale today. We're going to see those things. They're just ahead of us.

Take this book *Great Controversy*. In this picture of the closing work, pages 611–612, have a wonderful description of the mighty miracles and the ingathering of souls. Read those two pages. They'll thrill your hearts.

At the top of page 611, notice that under this work of the Latter Rain, as the Loud Cry is given, the final warning, it says, will arrest the attention of leading men in the nation, in the government, and some of them will accept it and will stand with the people of God through the time of trouble. Won't it be a thrilling thing to see some Senator right there in the United States capitol at Washington, stand up right there on the floor of the Senate and make a defense of the people of God, and advocate the third angel's message? And perhaps as a consequence, have to leave his place and go out with those who are reproached and despised. Let me tell you, friends, we're going to see some wonderful things.

On page 464, we have, what to me is one of the most precious things about this whole future. Listen:

“Before the final visitation of God's judgments upon the earth there will be among the people of the Lord such a revival of primitive godliness as has not been witnessed since apostolic times” *Great Controversy*, page 464.

Oh, thank God. Thank God there will be a revival such as has not been witnessed since apostolic times; a revival of what? Primitive godliness. What does primitive mean? Oh, it means the early, original. It means that God's people down here in the closing hours will be like they were at the beginning of the work, on the day of Pentecost. That means, friends that they will have the same love that bound heart to heart back then. Nobody will say that what he has is his own and act selfishly about it. All will be held dedicated to the finishing of the work. It means that there'll be no more worldliness; no more running after the entertainments and amusements of this wicked world. It means, friends, that every heart will beat in unison with Christ, and all will work together in the sweetest fellowship.

Ah friends, I'd rather see that than the healing of the sick. Wouldn't you? There's no wonder that compares with that, in my mind. I thank God it is coming.

"Before the final visitation of God's judgments upon the earth there will be among the people of the Lord such a revival of primitive godliness as has not been witnessed since apostolic times. The Spirit and power of God will be poured out upon His children" *Ibid.*

Yes, friends, I say, I want a part in that. Don't you?

Now, let's look at the false revival and the false power, the power from hell, as it is moved from beneath. You see, this book of Revelation reveals God's plans, and unmask the Devil's plans. God's plans are revealed so we can cooperate with Him. Satan's plans are unmasked so that they can be futile, as far as hurting us is concerned.

Revelation 13:13–14. This is speaking of the two-horned beast which, as you know, is a symbol of Protestant America:

"...he doeth great wonders..." Revelation 13:13.

Right here, my friends, in this land we're going to see these mighty miracles:

"...he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live" Revelation 13:13–14.

What is it that is going to inspire the people of this country to make an image to the beast, to restore in this land the power of the papacy, to enforce the mark upon the minds and consciences of men in rebellion against the law of God? What is it that's going to cause that? It is the doing of mighty miracles:

"...he doeth great wonders..." Revelation 13:13.

...even bringing fire down from Heaven on the earth in the sight of men.

Now there's a timing here that is very interesting. Let me put with this a statement:

"By the decree enforcing the institution of the papacy in violation of the law of God, our nation will disconnect herself fully from righteousness. When Protestantism shall stretch her hand across the gulf to grasp the hand of

the Roman power, when she shall reach over the abyss to clasp hands with spiritualism, when, under the influence of this threefold union, our country shall repudiate every principle of its Constitution as a Protestant and republican government, and shall make provision for the propagation of papal falsehoods and delusions, then we may know that the time has come for the marvelous working of Satan and that the end is near" *Testimonies for the Church, Volume 5, page 451.*

Ah, then the setting up of the image in opposition to the law of God, the enforcement of the mark in rebellion against God—that is a signal that the time has come for the marvelous working of Satan and that the end is near.

But notice what I read in Revelation 13. It is the doing of mighty miracles that prepares the way for that image to be set up. In other words, my friends, while there is a most wonderful manifestation of Satan's power after the image is set up, there is a preliminary work of power which prepares the way for that.

You will see that here in *Great Controversy*. God allows the Devil, in a sense, to have the first chance. Study carefully page 464. After speaking about this great revival among the people of God, which is the Loud Cry, then it says:

"The enemy of souls desires to hinder this work; and before the time for such a movement shall come he will try to prevent it by introducing a counterfeit" *Great Controversy, page 464.*

Before the Loud Cry comes, the Devil is going to try to prevent it by what? By introducing a counterfeit:

"In those churches which he can bring under his deceptive power he will make it appear that God's special blessing is poured out; there will be manifest what is thought to be great religious interest. Multitudes will exult that God is working marvelously for them, when the work is that of another spirit. Under a religious guise, Satan will seek to extend his influence over the Christian world" *Ibid.*

Now friends, there's something about this that needs careful study on our knees. I suggest that you study this page on your knees because Satan is a wily foe. While he's working tremendously today, through things that are right out in the open called spiritualism, where the spirits of the dead, so-called, are appearing, and we studied that yesterday, and you know that is from beneath, he has other more subtle ways.

Take this matter of hypnosis. In the *Life* magazine of this week, there's page

after page on the rapid progress of hypnosis. Hypnosis is being accepted today in medical and scientific circles. It's being used to put people into a sleep so they can perform surgical operations, so the doctor can without any drugs. It's being used—and this is a most subtle thing—to put suggestions into the mind of the person who is hypnotized, of something that he is going to do afterward when he wakes up. It may be days, and weeks, and even years later, and at the time that he finally does them, he doesn't remember where he got the idea at all.

For example, they tell here about a hypnotist suggesting to a certain person that she was going to read a certain poem of Tennyson's a year after that suggestion was made in a hypnotic trance. And, sure enough, as that time drew near, there came into her mind a great urge to read poetry. She went to the library and searched through, and got a volume of Tennyson's, and when that particular day came, she was reading that particular poem.

Do you see, my friends, the possibilities, not merely for what people may be led to do while they are under the influence of the hypnotist, but from there on out? Ideas can be planted into their minds. Tastes can be changed.

Here they took—the doctors did scientific work, reported in the medical journal in New York—patient after patient that was overweight, and put them under the hypnotist. They were told what to eat, you understand. After they wake up and go on, why, every one of them loses weight. In fact, among these few patients that were treated, the doctor boasted that among them, they had lost over a half-ton of weight. Think of it, friends.

Now, listen. Do you see the possibilities of the Devil working in that? But, ah, there's something even more subtle than that. You and I, knowing what the Spirit of Prophecy has told us about hypnotism, I trust, friends that we wouldn't even think of meddling with that sort of thing. But, ah, there's something, I repeat, more subtle than that. It is these popular revivals.

Oh, I pray that God shall impress our hearts with this, friends. There is danger in our thinking that God is going to give light and glory to this people through some other channel than His appointed one. I read:

“If God has any new light to communicate He will let His chosen and beloved understand it without their going to have their minds enlightened by hearing those who are in darkness and error” *Early Writings*, page 124.

I heard one of the leading officers of this denomination, in a workers' meeting, raise this question. He said, "People ask me about a certain popular evangelist. Don't I think that he's working under the mighty power of God?" And his answer was. "No, I don't. He has heard, and has not accepted the light on the law of God and the Sabbath."

Now, I'm not naming names, friends. It is not our business to judge men. We



must leave that with God. But I want to tell you something, friends. If we understand this subject this morning, we'll not be looking to Babylon to get light.

Let me tell you, there's power there, but I don't want it. There're healings there, and will be more and more, but I don't want that kind of healing. I'd rather be sick and wait on God, than I would be healed by the Devil, wouldn't you? Yes, I would. I would rather wait on God, and look to the sanctuary for God's true revival, than to have such a great longing to get some light, some power, that I'd go out here to these popular religious movements, and allow my soul to be infused with an inspiration from beneath, instead of waiting God's time for the outpouring from above.

Do you know why, my friends, we need to wait? Ah, because there is an experience we need to possess that is mentioned in Revelation 14:12:

“Here is the patience of the saints. Here are they that keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus”  
Revelation 14:12.

If you and I will turn from Babylon, and fix our minds on the glorious sanctuary, and unite, as the apostles did before the day of Pentecost, with God's truehearted children, in His remnant church, we shall soon see the revelation of that glory which lightens the earth with the message of God, and we shall see all the power and might of God manifested. Let us let God have His way in our lives that it may be so.

Our Father, seal to our hearts the things we have studied from Thy book. And may we share the glory of love which closes the work of the Gospel, for Christ's sake, amen.

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