

“Many who went forth to meet the Bridegroom under the messages of the first and second angels, refused the third angel’s message, the last testing message to be given to the world. . . .

“The parable of the ten virgins was given by Christ Himself, and every specification should be carefully studied. **A time will come when the door will be shut.**” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 16, 270.

“Both the parable of the tares and that of the net plainly teach that there is no time when all the wicked will turn to God. The wheat and the tares grow together until the harvest. The good and the bad fish are together drawn ashore for **a final separation.**

“Again, these parables teach that there is to be **no probation after the judgment.** When the work of the gospel is completed, there immediately follows the separation between the good and the evil, and the destiny of each class is forever fixed.” *Christ’s Object Lessons*, 123.

“Let both tares and wheat grow together until the harvest. Then it is **the angels that do the work of separation.**” *Selected Messages*, book 2, 69.

“I then saw **the third angel.** Said my accompanying angel, ‘Fearful is his word, awful is his mission. **He is the angel that is to select the wheat from the tares, and seal or bind the wheat for the heavenly garner.**’ These things should engage the whole mind, the whole attention. Again I was shown the necessity of those who believe we are having the last message of mercy, being separate from those who are daily receiving or imbibing new error. I saw that neither young nor old should attend the assemblies of those who are in error and darkness. Said the angel, ‘Let the mind cease to dwell on things of no profit.’” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 5, 425.

Acts 1:20–26

“The disciples assembled in the upper chamber, uniting in supplications with the believing women, with Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren. These brethren, who had been unbelieving, **were now fully established** in their faith by the scenes attending the crucifixion, and by the resurrection and ascension of the Lord. The number assembled was about **one hundred and twenty.** While they were awaiting the descent of the Holy Ghost, they supplied **the office left vacant** by Judas. Two men were selected, who, in the careful judgment of the believers, were best qualified for the place. But the disciples, distrusting their ability to decide the question farther, referred it to One that knew all hearts. They sought the Lord in prayer to ascertain which of the two men was more suitable for the important position of trust, as an apostle of Christ. The Spirit of God selected Matthias for the office.

“Both men who had been selected were considered to be persons of stern integrity, and **in every way worthy of the vacant position**; but notwithstanding the disciples were intimately acquainted with them, they felt that their own judgment was imperfect, and trusted the selection only to the Lord, whose eyes could read the hidden secrets of the heart. There is a lesson for our time in this occurrence. Many who are apparently well qualified to labor for God, are urged into the ministry, without a proper consideration of their case, and at length become a grievous burden to the church instead of burden-bearers. If the church of the present time would act as cautiously and wisely as did the apostles in filling the **vacancy** among them, much perplexity and serious injury might be saved the cause of God. The work has often suffered much by putting persons forward to do that which they were not capable of doing.

“**After filling the vacancy in the apostolic number**, the disciples gave their time to meditation and prayer, being often in the temple, testifying of Christ, and praising God. The Pentecost was a feast celebrated seven weeks after the Passover. Upon these occasions the Jews were required to repair to the temple and to present **the first-fruits** of all the harvest, thus acknowledging their dependence on the great Giver of all good, and their obligation to render back to God, in gifts and offerings to sustain his cause, that which he had intrusted to them. On this day of divine appointment, the Lord graciously poured out his Spirit on the little company of believers, who were **the first-fruits of the Christian church.**” *Spirit of Prophecy*, volume 3, 264, 265.

Genesis 19:6–10; Exodus 32:26, 27

DAVID’S FOUR ANOINTING’S

First: 1 Samuel 16 (ToE/1989)

David was hidden as was Saul at his anointing

The Spirit leaves Saul comes upon David—Daniel 12:3, 4, 9, 10; 1989

Begins a time of a noise (David’s harp), and a shaking (Saul’s hatred) Ezekiel 37:7, 8; Daniel 11:40–45

Second: 2 Samuel 1:1; 2:1–4 (9/11)

Saul dies; David anointed as king of Judah

David reigns in Hebron 7 or 7 ½ years—2 Samuel 2:11; 5:5; 1 Kings 2:11; 1 Chronicles 3:4; 29:27

Third: 2 Samuel 5:1–7, 17–25 (M/C)

David takes Jerusalem; reigns 33 years at Jerusalem; image of the beast test illustrated

Verse 17: Rephaim: valley of giants, to make whole, to mend, to cure (two sticks coming together)

Verse 19: the Inquiry

Verse 20: Baalperazim: the broken husband (marriage issue)

Verse 21: burn their images (image test)

Verse 22: Philistines gather second time in valley of Rephaim (verse 18) (the doubling)

Verse 23, 24: David’s second inquiry; the mulberry trees: weeping (weeping for Tammuz)

Verse 25: Geba: the cup (cup is full at Sunday law) Gazor: portion cut off (probation closes)
1 Chronicles 14:17—same historical narrative, but here the image of the beast test spreads
and is recognized by all lands

Fourth: 2 Samuel 12:20 (S/L)

1. First Month, David is anointed where the spirit of jealousy enters Saul. (False messengers are jealous of the true)

2. Second Month, Saul dies due to him going to the witch of Endor whereupon David is anointed over Judah (Children of 911). (There is a separation over false and true doctrine and the true messenger begins to receive greater light)

3. Third Month (Midnight), He is now thirty years old and is anointed over all of Israel. This is marking the beginning of his priesthood which is August 11, 1840, marking a glorious manifestation of the Power of God. This is the point where the Lord has selected His Priests and is anointing them with the latter rain. (Those false disciples fall away typified by Judas and the Lord begins to bind together the true messengers)

4. Fourth Month (Midnight), When David (Christ) anoints himself. Christ anoints those who represent Himself (The First Fruits). This would represent the Priests who are anointed by the Double measure at the Midnight Cry and their apparel is changed as was Daniel's when he was given Royal apparel. This is the conclusion of the work of the third angel.

Daniel 10:3, 9–19