

“The Lord gave me the following view in 1847, while the brethren were assembled on the Sabbath, at Topsham, Maine.

“We felt an unusual spirit of prayer. And as we prayed the Holy Ghost fell upon us. We were very happy. Soon I was lost to earthly things and was wrapped in a vision of God’s glory. I saw an angel flying swiftly to me. He quickly carried me from the earth to the Holy City. In the city I saw a temple, which I entered. I passed through a door before I came to the first veil. This veil was raised, and I passed into the holy place. Here I saw the **altar of incense**, the **candlestick with seven lamps**, and the **table on which was the shewbread**. After viewing the glory of the holy, Jesus raised the second veil and I passed into the holy of holies.

“In the holiest I saw an **ark**; on the top and sides of it was purest gold. On each end of the ark was a **lovely cherub**, with its wings spread out over it. Their faces were turned toward each other, and they looked downward. Between the angels was a **golden censer**. Above the ark, where the angels stood, was **an exceeding bright glory, that appeared like a throne** where God dwelt. Jesus stood by the ark, and as the saints’ prayers came up to Him, the incense in the censer would smoke, and He would offer up their **prayers with the smoke of the incense** to His Father. In the ark was **the golden pot of manna**, **Aaron’s rod that budded**, and **the tables of stone** which folded together like a book. Jesus opened them, and I saw the Ten Commandments written on them with the finger of God. On one table were **four**, and on the other **six**. The four on the first table shone brighter than the other six. But the fourth, the Sabbath commandment, shone above them all; for the Sabbath was set apart to be kept in honor of God’s holy name. **The holy Sabbath looked glorious—a halo of glory was all around it.**” *Early Writings*, 32.

“Korah, the leading spirit in this movement, was a Levite, of the family of Kohath, and a cousin of Moses; he was a man of ability and influence. Though appointed to the service of the tabernacle, he had become dissatisfied with his position and aspired to the dignity of the priesthood. The bestowal upon Aaron and his house of the priestly office, which had formerly devolved upon the first-born son of every family, had given rise to jealousy and dissatisfaction, and **for some time Korah had been secretly opposing the authority of Moses and Aaron**, though he had not ventured upon any open act of rebellion. He finally conceived the bold design of overthrowing both **the civil and the religious authority**. He did not fail to find sympathizers. Close to the tents of Korah and the Kohathites, on the south side of the tabernacle, was the encampment of the tribe of Reuben, the tents of **Dathan and Abiram**, two princes of this tribe, being near that of Korah. These princes readily joined in his ambitious schemes. Being descendants from the eldest son of Jacob, they claimed that the civil authority belonged to them, and they determined to divide with Korah the honors of the priesthood.” *Patriarchs and Prophets*, 396.

“An earthquake marked the hour when Christ laid down His life, and another earthquake witnessed the moment when He took it up in triumph. He who had vanquished death and the grave came forth from the tomb with the tread of a conqueror, amid the reeling of the earth, the flashing of lightning, and the roaring of thunder. When He shall come to the earth again, He will shake ‘not the earth only, but also heaven.’ ‘The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, and shall be removed like a cottage.’ ‘The heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll;’ ‘the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.’ But ‘the Lord will be the hope of His people, and the strength of the children of Israel.’ Hebrews 12:26; Isaiah 24:20; 34:4; 2 Peter 3:10; Joel 3:16.” *Desire of Ages*, 780.

“As Christ arose, He brought from the grave a multitude of captives. The earthquake at His death had rent open their graves, and when He arose, they came forth with Him. They were those who had been co-laborers with God, and who at the cost of their lives had borne testimony to the truth. Now they were to be witnesses for Him who had raised them from the dead.” *Desire of Ages*, 786.

“Then Jesus’ silver trumpet sounded, as He descended on the cloud, wrapped in flames of fire. He gazed on the graves of the sleeping saints, then raised His eyes and hands to heaven, and cried, ‘Awake! awake! awake! ye that sleep in the dust, and arise.’ Then there was a mighty earthquake. The graves opened, and the dead came up clothed with immortality. The 144,000 shouted, ‘Alleluia!’ as they recognized their friends who had been torn from them by death, and in the same moment we were changed and caught up together with them to meet the Lord in the air.” *Early Writings*, 16.