

THE PROPHETIC EXPERIENCE

AS ONE DEAD

“True holiness and humility are inseparable. The nearer the soul comes to God, the more completely is it humbled and subdued. When **Job** heard the voice of the Lord out of the whirlwind, he exclaimed, ‘I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes.’ It was when **Isaiah** saw the glory of the Lord and heard the cherubim crying, ‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts,’ that he cried out, ‘Woe is me, for I am undone!’ **Daniel**, when visited by the holy messenger, says, ‘My comeliness was turned in me to corruption.’ **Paul**, after he was caught up into the third Heaven and heard things that it was not lawful for a man to utter, speaks of himself as ‘less than the least of all saints.’ It was the beloved **John**, that leaned on Jesus’ breast, and beheld his glory, who fell **as one dead** before the angel. The more closely and continuously we behold our Savior, the less shall we see to approve in ourselves.” *Review and Herald*, December 20, 1881.

DEATH

“You know, just as soon as the heavenly Messenger came from heaven and revealed Himself to **Daniel** he said, ‘My comeliness was turned in me into corruption’ [Daniel 10:8]. He had such a view of the glory of God that **he fell as one dead**. He could not talk; he could not see; but the angel took him and set him upon his knees, and yet he could not look at Him.” *Sermons and Talks*, volume 1, 104.

THE MIDNIGHT CRY

“When the angel was about to unfold to Daniel the intensely interesting prophecies to be recorded for us who are to witness their fulfillment, the angel said, ‘**Be strong, yea, be strong**’ (Daniel 10:19). **We are to receive the very same glory that was revealed to Daniel, because it is for God’s people in these last days**, that they may give the trumpet a certain sound.” *Selected Messages*, book 3, 390.

1 CORINTHIANS 14:32

“Let God’s workmen study **the sixth chapter of Isaiah, and the first and second chapters of Ezekiel**.

“To the prophet **the wheel within a wheel, the appearances of living creatures connected with them, all seemed intricate and unexplainable**. But the hand of Infinite Wisdom is seen among the wheels, and perfect order is the result of its work. Every wheel works in perfect harmony with every other. . . .

“Please read carefully **the third chapter of Ezekiel**.” *Testimonies to Ministers*, 213, 214.

“**The sixth chapter of Isaiah has a deep and important lesson for every one of God’s workmen. Study it with humility and earnest prayer. The first and second chapters of Ezekiel should also be carefully studied**. The wheels within wheels represented in this symbol was confusion to the finite eye. But a hand of infinite wisdom was revealed amid the wheels. **Perfect order is brought out of the confusion**. Every wheel works in its right place, in perfect harmony with every other part of the machinery.” *Christian Leadership*, 213.

ISAIAH 6:1–3 (9/11)

“As they [the angels] see the future, **when the whole earth shall be filled with His glory**, the triumphant song of praise is echoed from one to another in melodious chant, ‘**Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of Hosts.**’ They are fully satisfied to glorify God; and in His presence, beneath His smile of approbation, they wish for nothing more. In bearing His image, in doing His service and worshiping Him, their highest ambition is fully reached.” *Review and Herald*, December 22, 1896.

THE MANIFESTATION OF GOD’S POWER

“Isaiah had a wonderful view of God’s glory. He saw **the manifestation of God’s power**, and after beholding His majesty, **a message came to him to go and do a certain work.**” *Review and Herald*, June 4, 1889.

“The angel who unites in the proclamation of the third angel’s message is to lighten the whole earth with his glory. A **work** of world-wide extent and unwonted power is here foretold. The advent movement of 1840–44 was **a glorious manifestation of the power of God . . .**

“The **work** will be similar to that of the Day of Pentecost.” *The Great Controversy*, 611.

LAODICEAN

“Isaiah had denounced the sin of others; but now he sees himself exposed to **the same condemnation he had pronounced upon them**. He had been satisfied with a cold, lifeless ceremony in his worship of God. He had not known this until the vision was given him of the Lord. How little now appeared his wisdom and talents as he looked upon the sacredness and majesty of the sanctuary. How unworthy he was! how unfitted for sacred service! His view of himself might be expressed in the language of the apostle **Paul**, ‘O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?’

“But relief was sent to Isaiah in his distress. [Isaiah 6:6, 7 quoted.] . . .

“**The vision given to Isaiah represents the condition of God’s people in the last days.** They are privileged to see by faith the work that is going forward in the heavenly sanctuary. ‘**And the temple of God was opened in heaven**, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament.’ **As they look by faith into the holy of holies, and see the work of Christ in the heavenly sanctuary**, they perceive that they are a people of unclean lips,—a people whose lips have often spoken vanity, and whose talents have not been sanctified and employed to the glory of God. Well may they despair as they contrast their own weakness and unworthiness with the purity and loveliness of the glorious character of Christ. **But if they, like Isaiah, will receive the impression the Lord designs shall be made upon the heart, if they will humble their souls before God, there is hope for them.** The bow of promise is above the throne, and **the work done for Isaiah will be performed in them.** God will respond to the petitions coming from the contrite heart.” *Review and Herald*, December 22, 1896.

EXTERNAL (SEALS), INTERNAL (CHURCHES)

“In the visions given to Isaiah, to Ezekiel, and to John, we see how closely heaven is connected with the events transpiring upon the earth. We see the care of God for those who are loyal to him. The program of coming events is in the hands of the Lord; the world is not without a ruler. The Majesty of heaven has **the destiny of nations**, as well as **the concerns of his church**, in his own hands.” *Testimonies*, volume 5, 753–754.

THE MARAH

DANIEL 10:4–19—MARAH

H4759—Feminine of **H4758**; a *vision*; also (causatively) a *mirror*: - looking glass, **vision**. **H4758**: mar’eh—From **H7200**; a *view* (the act of seeing); also an *appearance* (the thing seen), whether (real) a *shape* (especially if handsome, *comeliness*; often plural the *looks*), or (mental) a *vision*:—X apparently, appearance (-reth), X as soon as beautiful (-ly), countenance, fair, favoured, form, goodly, to look (up) on (to), look [-eth], pattern, to see, seem, sight, visage, vision.

CHAZON

H2377—From **H2372**; a *sight* (mentally), that is, a **dream, revelation, or oracle**:—**vision**. **H2372**: A primitive root; to gaze at; mentally **to perceive**, contemplate (with pleasure); specifically **to have a vision** of:—behold, look, prophesy, provide, see.

THREE TOUCHES

Verses 10, 16, 18

FIRST MENTION

Genesis 46:2; 28:10–22 (the Gate of Heaven)

THE LOOKING GLASS

Exodus 38:8; 1 Corinthians 13:9–13; 2 Corinthians 3:18; James 1:22–25

THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY

Numbers 12:6; 1 Samuel 3:15

FOURTH DAY IN THE FIFTH MONTH (JULY 21ST 1844)

Ezekiel 1:1; 8:3; 40:2; 43:3