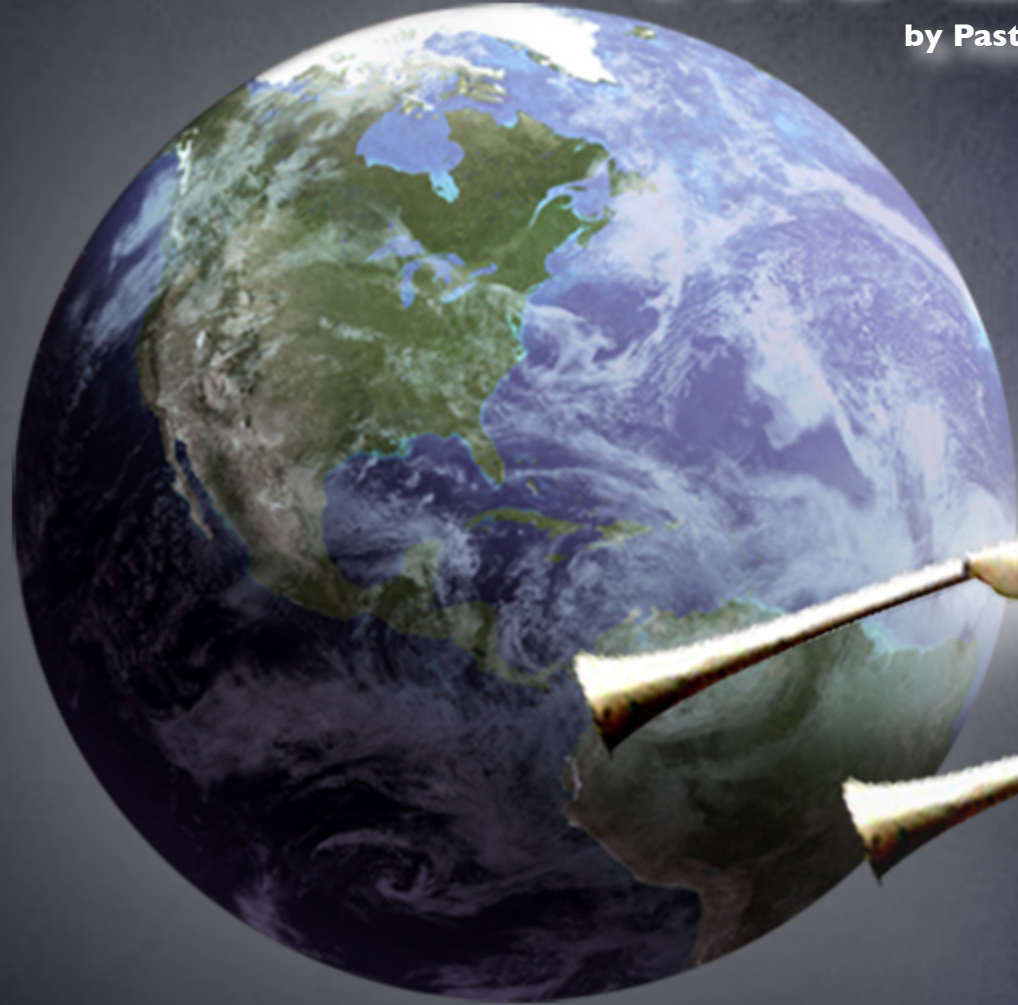


The Loud Cry

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- **Introduction: There are a number of Bible truths that are assigned technical titles such as Armageddon; Investigative judgement and many others.**
- **This lesson focuses on one such topic and the title is “The Loud”.**
- **When these technical titles are mentioned, at times we get scared and think that they are mysterious and hard to understand.**
- **In this study we will discover that an intent study of the Bible opens the eye to their true meaning.**
- **We need to allow the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy to explain to us what the Loud cry is.**

Our text for consideration is Revelation 18:1-4

- **After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his glory.**
- **² And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, “Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird!**
- **³ For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her luxury.”**
- **⁴ And I heard another voice from heaven saying, “Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues.**

- **Rev 18:1–24. presents the truth about Babylon’s Fall: God calling His People out of Babylon; the mourning of Kings and Merchants of the Earth Mourn, “While the Saints Rejoice at Her Fall.”** (Jamieson, R.,

Fausset, A. R., & Brown, D. Commentary Critical and Explanatory on the Whole Bible Vol. 2 Oak Harbor, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc. 1997); 593).

- **The Loud Cry by the Angel declaring Babylon’s fall and calling people out of her is the one that is referred to as the Loud Cry**
- **The loud cry is the message and the latter rain is the power that makes the message effective.**

- **Its worth noting from the very onset that the title "loud cry" is "not strictly a Biblical expression.**
- **It is used often in the writings of the Spirit of prophecy, and is based on a description of the final warning message during the latter rain as set forth in Rev. 18:1-4.**
- **Because the angel from heaven had "great power," he "cried mightily with a strong voice" and "the earth was lightened with his glory."**
- **Here is pictured the final announcement of the fall and demon possession of Babylon, accompanied by the divine call, "Come out of her, My people."**
- **The separation from Babylon is necessary in order to be emancipated from her sins and to escape her plagues.**

- **According to Bible prophecy the loud cry will come “just before the close of probation and the falling of the seven last plagues...”**
- **The purpose of the loud cry is to call people out of Babylon, it calls all those who had not previously made that separation.**
- **Question: Who does the Angel of Revelation 18:1-4 represent?**
- **Answer: The Angel represents faithful followers of Christ who will participate in the proclamation of the message**
- **It represents “those who are already in Zion and who are the instruments in the proclamation of the message to escape from the doomed spiritual city.** (Ministry Magazine | “The Loud Cry”

- **Babylon includes the mother and the large family of daughters, all of whom have fallen and been taken possession of by Satanic agencies.**
- **Its worth noting that the loud cry is not in itself the latter rain.**
- **It is rather the final message of salvation during the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the fullness of divine power, a call which will bring every human being to a final and irrevocable decision.**
- **The latter rain furnishes the power so that the message can be quickly finished and "cut short in righteousness."**
- **As a result, "every truly honest soul will come to the light of truth."**

- **EGW states that "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*."—*Early Writings*, p. 86.**
- **"I saw angels hurrying to and fro in heaven, descending to the earth, and again ascending to heaven, preparing for the fulfilment of some important event. Then I saw another mighty angel commissioned to descend to the earth, to *unite his voice* with the third angel, and *give power and force* to his message. . . .**
- **The work of this angel comes in at the right time to join in the last great work of the third angel's message, *as it swells to a loud cry*. . . . I saw a great light resting upon them [God's people], and they united to fearlessly proclaim the third angel's message. . . .**
- **This message seemed to be an addition to the third message, joining it as the midnight cry joined the second angel's message in 1844. *Early Writings* p. 277,**

- **The Spirit of Prophecy tells us that there are many who will come out of Babylon during the loud and join the true Church of God**
- **"Notwithstanding the spiritual darkness and alienation from God that exist in the churches which constitute Babylon, *the great body of Christ's true followers* are still to be found in their communion.**
- **There are many of these who have never seen the special truths *for* this time. . .**
- **The time will come when those who love God supremely can no longer remain in connection with such as are 'lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God ; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof...**
- **This message is the last that will ever be given to the world ; and it will accomplish its work. . . . Then the light of truth will shine upon all whose hearts are open to receive it, and *all* the children of the Lord that remain in Babylon will heed the call, 'Come out of her My people.'**"

- **Those called out will be a great multitude**
- **Micah 2:12 "the remnant of Israel" will be a "multitude of men" ; and Zechariah 2:11 says "many nations shall be joined to the Lord in that day."**
- **"many people and strong nations shall come to seek the Lord of hosts," and will say to God's people, "We will go with you : for we have heard that God is with you."Zech.8:22, 23.**
- **The latter rain will be "much more abundant" than the former rain, and therefore we can expect as great results, if not greater.**
- **There will be "a great ingathering of souls by the last message, and especially under the loud cry phase of its proclamation.** (Ministry Magazine | "The Loud Cry" www.ministrymagazine.org › archive › 1949/07)

- **Those who will join God's true church will be coming out from false churches**
- **EGW States that "In vision I saw two armies in terrible conflict. One army was led by banners bearing the world's insignia; the other was led by the blood-stained banner of Prince Emmanuel. Standard after standard was left to trail in the dust, as company after company from the Lord's army joined the foe, and tribe after tribe from the ranks of the enemy united with the commandment-keeping people of *God*."—*Testimonies, vol. 8, P. 45.***

- **Shaking Time: While the Loud cry will be going on; there are some who will live the true Church.**
- **“There will also be a shaking among God’s people caused by the straight testimony of the True Witness to Laodicea and the introduction of false theories. Many Adventists will ultimately leave the church because they are not fully converted and have come to view religious matters “in nearly the same light” as the world. (Ellen G. White, *Early Writings*, 270; idem, *Testimonies to Ministers*, 112; idem, *Testimonies for the Church*, 4:89; idem, *The Great Controversy*, 608.)**

- The seed sowing in preparation for the Loud cry “will be accomplished largely through the scattering of the printed page “like the leaves of autumn.”
- "Our publications are now sowing the gospel seed, and are instrumental in bringing as many souls to Christ as the preached word. Whole churches have been raised up as the result of their circulation." —*Christian Service*, p. 146.
- "'God will soon do great things for us, if we lie humble and believing at His feet. . . . More than one thousand will soon be converted in one day, most of whom will trace their first convictions to the reading of our publications.' "—*Review and Herald*, Nov. to, 1885.
- "In a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from heaven with great power, and who lightens the earth with his *glory*." —*Testimonies*, vol. 7, P. 140.

- **What an incentive for our colporteurs and people who faithfully distribute our truth-filled literature everywhere "in season and out of season." The returns in souls saved are often long delayed; and therefore the temptation to become discouraged is greater than in some other lines of missionary activity ; but in the end the harvest will be abundant and certain and the reward great. "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." (Ps. 126:6) (Ministry Magazine | "The Loud Cry" www.ministrymagazine.org › archive › 1949/07)**

- **WE NEED TO INTENSIFY OUR EFFORTS IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF LITERATURE.**

- **What should we be doing now?: It is now that we must keep ourselves and our children unspotted from the world. It is now that we must wash our robes of character and make them white in the blood of the Lamb. It is now that we must overcome pride, passion, and spiritual slothfulness. It is now that we must awake and make determined effort for symmetry of character. "Today if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts." We are in a most trying position, waiting, watching for our Lord's appearing. The world is in darkness. "But ye, brethren," says Paul, "are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief." It is ever God's purpose to bring light out of darkness, joy out of sorrow, and rest out of weariness for the waiting, longing soul. {5T 215.4}**

What should we be doing now

- **keep ourselves and our children unspotted from the world;**
- **wash our robes of character and make them white in the blood of the Lamb.;**
- **make determined effort for symmetry of character.**
- **Eagerly accept light from heaven**
- **RESIST TEMPTATIONS FIRMLY;**
- **Suffer without Quitting**

- **In this life we must meet fiery trials and make costly sacrifices, but the peace of Christ is the reward. There has been so little self-denial, so little suffering for Christ's sake, that the cross is almost entirely forgotten.**
- **We must be partakers with Christ of His sufferings if we would sit down in triumph with Him on His throne. So long as we choose the easy path of self-indulgence and are frightened at self-denial, our faith will never become firm, and we cannot know the peace of Jesus nor the joy that comes through conscious victory.**
- **The most exalted of the redeemed host that stand before the throne of God and the Lamb, clad in white, know the conflict of overcoming, for they have come up through great tribulation. Those who have yielded to circumstances rather than engage in this conflict will not know how to stand in that day... {5T 215.1}**

Summary

- **the Loud Cry is a final decisive message to all the nations, after which God will close the judgment in heaven, and will send Jesus to execute judgment upon the earth's inhabitants, and take His rightful place as King of kings and Lord of lords.**
- **the loud cry is the message and the latter rain is the power that makes the message effective.**
- **The purpose of the loud cry is to call out of Babylon all who had not previously made the separation.**
- **The loud cry will come just before the close of probation and the falling of the seven last plagues;**
- **The Angel represents Christ's followers who will participate in task the of calling people out of Babylon**
- **While believers from false church will join God's church some will be shaken out of the church before and during the loud.**

Question?

- **Have you kept yourself and our children unspotted from the world**
- **Have you washed your robes of character and made them white in the blood of the Lamb**
- **Have you made a determined effort for symmetry of character**
- **Do you “count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience” (James 1:2,3)**
- **Better late than never!**
- **Now is the time to seriously engage in work of preparation.**