

DANIEL 11:44 “But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many.”

Tidings → announcement, report, news, rumor

Isaiah 40:9 “O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!”

Isaiah 52:7 “How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!”

1. True Tidings of the East announced the glorious coming of the King:

Matthew 2:1, 2 “Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.”

Luke 1:19 “And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to show thee these glad tidings.” (See also Luke 2:10)

“The magi learned with joy that His coming was near, and that the whole world was to be filled with a knowledge of the glory of the Lord.” (DA, p. 60)

Wise men were from the East & their message troubled Herod & Jerusalem

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2. True Tidings from the East brought God’s people out of Egypt:

Exodus 4:19, 20 “And the LORD said unto Moses in Midian, Go, return into Egypt: for all the men are dead which sought thy life. And Moses took his wife and his sons, and set them upon an ass, and he returned to the land of Egypt: and Moses took the rod of God in his hand.”

Exodus 25:1, 2, 5, 6 “Then again Abraham took a wife, and her name was Keturah. And she bare him Zimran, and Jokshan, and Medan, and Midian, and Ishbak, and Shuah. . . . And Abraham gave all that he had unto Isaac. But unto the sons of the concubines, which Abraham had, Abraham gave gifts, and sent them away from Isaac his son, while he yet lived, eastward, unto the east country.”

Exodus 5:1 “And afterward Moses and Aaron went in, and told Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Let my people go, that they may hold a feast unto me in the wilderness.” (See also Hosea 12:13)

Why from the east?

Matthew 24:27 “For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.”

Psalms 97:4 “His lightnings enlightened the world: the earth saw, and trembled.” (See also Psalm 77:18)

Jeremiah 10:13 “When he uttereth his voice, there is a multitude of waters in the heavens, and he causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth; he maketh lightnings with rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of his treasures.” (See also Psalm 135:7 & Jeremiah 51:16)

Hosea 10:12 “Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the LORD, till he come and rain righteousness upon you.” (See also Isaiah 41:2)

What is the effect of the rain?

Isaiah 55:10, 11 “For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

Joel 2:23, 24, 28-32 “Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month. And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with wine and oil... And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh... And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth, ... And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.”

This is the latter rain message

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Jeremiah 5:24 “Neither say they in their heart, Let us now fear the LORD our God, that **giveth rain, both the former and the latter,** in his season: he reserveth unto us the **appointed weeks of the harvest.**”

“**The work will be similar to that of the day of Pentecost.** As the ‘former rain’ was given, in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at the opening of the gospel, to cause the upspringing of the precious seed, so the ‘latter rain’ will be given at its close, for the ripening of the harvest...The great work of the gospel is not to close with less manifestation of the power of God than marked its opening. **The prophecies which were fulfilled in the outpouring of the former rain at the opening of the gospel, are again to be fulfilled in the latter rain at its close.**...Servants of God, with their faces lighted up and shining with holy consecration, will hasten from place to place to proclaim the message from Heaven. By thousands of voices, all over the earth, the warning will be given...Satan also works with lying wonders, even bringing down fire from heaven in the sight of men. (Revelation 13:13). Thus the inhabitants of the earth will be brought to take their stand.” (GC88, p. 611-612)

“As the members of the body of Christ **approach the period of their last conflict,** ‘the time of Jacob's trouble,’ they will grow up into Christ, and will partake largely of his Spirit. As the third message **swells to a loud cry,** and as **great power and glory** attends the closing work, the faithful people of God **will partake of that glory.** It is the latter rain which revives and **strengthens them** to pass through the time of trouble. **Their faces will shine with the glory of that light which attends the third angel**” (4bSG, p. 112)

Where do we see this latter rain message?

Revelation 7:2, 3 “And I saw another angel ascending **from the east,** having **the seal of the living God:** and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.”

Ezekiel 43:2 “And, behold, the **glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east:** and his voice was like a noise of many waters: **and the earth shined with his glory.**” (See also Ezekiel 9:1-4; 10:19; 43:4)

Revelation 18:1, 2a “And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; **and the earth was lightened with his glory.** And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen...” (See also Hosea 6:1-3; Acts 15:14-17; Matthew 5:45)

“Revelation 18 points to the time when, as the result of rejecting the threefold warning of Revelation 14:6-12, the church will have fully reached the condition foretold by the second angel, and the people of God still in Babylon will be called upon to separate from her communion. This message is **the last** that will ever be given to the world.” (GC-1911, p. 390)

“...**God still has a people in Babylon; and before the visitation of his judgments, these faithful ones must be called out,** that they ‘partake not of her sins, and receive not of her plagues.’ Hence the movement symbolized by the angel coming down from Heaven, lightening the earth with his glory, and crying mightily with a strong voice, announcing the sins of Babylon. In connection with his message the call is heard, ‘Come out of her, my people.’ These announcements, uniting with the third angel's message, constitute **the final warning** to be given to the inhabitants of the earth.” (GC88, p. 604)

The result of this latter day Pentecost is a harvest of souls and a ripening of the harvest

Leviticus 26:4 “Then I will give you **rain in due season,** and the land shall **yield her increase,** and the trees of the field shall **yield their fruit.**”

James 5:7 “Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for **the precious fruit of the earth,** and hath long patience for it, until **he receive the early and latter rain**”

Matthew 4:29 “But **when the fruit is brought forth,** immediately he putteth in the sickle, because **the harvest is come.**”

“Christ is waiting with longing desire for the **manifestation of Himself** in His church. When the character of Christ shall be perfectly reproduced in His people, then He will come to claim them as His own. It is the privilege of every Christian not only to look for but to hasten the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, (2 Peter 3:12, margin). Were all who profess His name **bearing fruit** to His glory, how quickly the **whole world would be sown with the seed of the gospel.** **Quickly the last great harvest would be ripened,** and Christ would come to gather the precious grain. (COL, p. 69)

From the North: (message of glory and destruction)

Jeremiah 3:12 “Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, Return, thou backsliding Israel, saith the LORD; and I will not cause mine anger to fall upon you: for I am merciful, saith the LORD, and I will not keep anger for ever.” (See also *Zechariah 2:6-13*)

Jeremiah 46:20 “Egypt is like a very fair heifer, but destruction cometh; it cometh out of the north.” (See also *Jeremiah 50:2,3; 51:48*)

Jeremiah 50:41-42 “Behold, a people shall come from the north, and a great nation, and many kings shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth. They shall hold the bow and the lance: they are cruel, and will not show mercy: their voice shall roar like the sea, and they shall ride upon horses, every one put in array, like a man to the battle, against thee, O daughter of Babylon.”

These Tidings troubled the wicked--both in the church and the world:

“I was pointed down to the time when the third angel's message was closing. The power of God had rested upon His people; they had accomplished their work and were prepared for the trying hour before them. They had received the latter rain, or refreshing from the presence of the Lord, and the living testimony had been revived. The last great warning had sounded everywhere, and it had stirred up and enraged the inhabitants of the earth who would not receive the message.” (*EW*, p. 279)

“Satan will excite the indignation of apostate Christendom against the humble remnant who conscientiously refuse to accept false customs and traditions. Blinded by the prince of darkness, popular religionists will see only as he sees, and feel as he feels. They will determine as he determines, and oppress as he has oppressed. Liberty of conscience, which has cost so great a sacrifice, will no longer be respected. The church and the world will unite, and the world will lend to the church power to crush out the right of the people to worship God according to His Word.” (*ST*, November 8, 1899)

“I saw that God had children who do not see and keep the Sabbath. They have not rejected the light upon it. And 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. SEE PAGE 85. This enraged the churches and nominal Adventists, SEE ALSO APPENDIX. as they could not refute the Sabbath truth. And at this time God's chosen all saw clearly that we had the truth, and they came out and endured the persecution with us...” (*EW*, p. 33)

What is the final effect of these east & north messages after it has done its work among God's people?

Proverbs 25:23 “The north wind driveth away rain: so doth an angry countenance a backbiting tongue”

Genesis 41:27 “And the seven thin and ill favoured kine that came up after them are seven years; and the seven empty ears blasted with the east wind shall be seven years of famine.” (See also *Ezekiel 19:12; Hosea 13:15*)

Amos 8:11, 12 “Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD: And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find it.”

Jeremiah 8:20 “The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.”

“Satan, the chief of the fallen angels, once had an exalted position in heaven. He was next in honor to Christ. The knowledge which he, as well as the angels who fell with him, had of the character of God, of His goodness, His mercy, wisdom, and excellent glory, made their guilt unpardonable.

There was no possible hope for the redemption of those who had witnessed and enjoyed the inexpressible glory of heaven, and had seen the terrible majesty of God, and, in presence of all this glory, had rebelled against Him. There were no new and wonderful exhibitions of God's exalted power that could impress them so deeply as those they had already experienced. If they could rebel in the very presence of glory inexpressible, they could not be placed in a more favorable condition to be proved. There was no reserve force of power, nor were there any greater heights and depths of infinite glory to overpower their jealous doubts and rebellious murmuring.” (*ABC*, p. 1163)

Lessons that can be learned from the Loud Cry:

Revelation 7:2-4, 9 “And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God; and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads. And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel. After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands”

“Their warfare is ended, their victory won. They have run the race and reached the prize. The palm branch in their hands is a symbol of their triumph, the white robe an emblem of the spotless righteousness of Christ which now is theirs. (GC, p. 665)

John 12:12, 13 “On the next day much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord.”

“The people, in their darkness and oppression, and the rulers, thirsting for power, longed for the coming of One who would vanquish their enemies and restore the kingdom to Israel. They had studied the prophecies, but without spiritual insight. Thus they overlooked those scriptures that point to the humiliation of Christ's first advent, and misapplied those that speak of the glory of His second coming. Pride obscured their vision. They interpreted prophecy in accordance with their selfish desires.” (DA, p. 30)

“I saw that none could share the ‘refreshing’ unless they obtain the victory over every besetment, over pride, selfishness, love of the world, and over every wrong word and action. We should, therefore, be drawing nearer and nearer to the Lord and be earnestly seeking that preparation necessary to enable us to stand in the battle in the day of the Lord. (EW, p. 71)

The Tidings is a call to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles/Booths

Nehemiah 8:15, 16 “And that they should publish and proclaim in all their cities, and in Jerusalem, saying, Go forth unto the mount, and fetch olive branches, and pine branches, and myrtle branches, and palm branches, and branches of thick trees, to make booths, as it is written. So the people went forth, and brought them, and made themselves booths, every one upon the roof of his house, and in their courts, and in the courts of the house of God, and in the street of the water gate, and in the street of the gate of Ephraim.” (See also *Leviticus 23:40-43*)

Leviticus 23:40-42 “And ye shall take you on the first day the boughs of goodly trees, branches of palm trees, and the boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook; and ye shall rejoice before the LORD your God seven days. And ye shall keep it a feast unto the LORD seven days in the year. [It shall be] a statute for ever in your generations: ye shall celebrate it in the seventh month. Ye shall dwell in booths seven days; all that are Israelites born shall dwell in booths”

“The forces of the enemies are strengthening, and as a people we are misrepresented; but shall we not gather our forces together, and come up to the feast of tabernacles?...” (*BEcho*, December 8, 1893)

“It {**The Feast of Tabernacles**} occurred just after the great Day of Atonement, when the assurance had been given that their iniquity should be remembered no more.” (*PP*, p. 540)

“The Feast of Tabernacles was the closing gathering of the year...The sun and rain had caused the earth to produce her fruits. From the valleys and plains of Palestine the harvest had been gathered...This feast was not only the harvest thanksgiving, but the memorial of God's protecting care over Israel in the wilderness. In commemoration of their tent life, the Israelites during the feast dwelt in booths or tabernacles of green boughs. These were erected in the streets, in the courts of the temple, or on the housetops. The hills and valleys surrounding Jerusalem were also dotted with these leafy dwellings, and seemed to be alive with people.” (DA, p. 447-448)

If they do not heed the call to come out what will happen?

Zechariah 14:16-19 “And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles. And it shall be, that whoso will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain. And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, that have no rain; there shall be the plague, wherewith the LORD will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles. This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all nations that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.”